



# EASTAMPTON NEWS

JUNE 2023

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Deputy Mayor Dominic F. Santillo  
Council Member Ricardo J. Rodriguez  
Council Member Jay Springer  
Council Member Anthony Zeno

Eastampton Township

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Eastampton News provides information, helpful tips and reminders related to Eastampton Township and the surrounding areas. The Township is continually working to help keep residents informed about our community.



Father's Day is Sunday, June 18th

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## PROCLAMATION CORNER

At the May 8<sup>th</sup> Township Council meeting Mayor Apgar and Township Council presented a Proclamation to **Patrolman Brandon Picou** for **2022 Officer of the Year** in recognition of outstanding service as a member of the Eastampton Township Police Department. Congratulations Patrolman Picou!



*Pictured left to right: Council Member Jay Springer, Council Member Ricardo Rodriguez, Patrolman Brandon Picou, Mayor Rob Apgar, Deputy Mayor Dominic F. Santillo, and Council Member Anthony Zeno*





# *Proclamation*

*WHEREAS, Patrolman Brandon Picou served in the United States Marine Corp. for four years; and*

*WHEREAS, Brandon graduated from the Gloucester County Police Academy and began his career with Eastampton Township as a Police Officer in 2019; and*

*WHEREAS, Brandon handled numerous calls for service during 2022, including: arrests, domestic violence situations, motor vehicle collisions, assaults, burglaries, investigations, and mental health crisis, all while maintaining a professional and courteous demeanor; and*

*WHEREAS, Brandon has taken on several additional duties to include Animal Control Officer (ACO) and participation in the "Adopt A Cop" program at the Eastampton Community School; and*

*WHEREAS, Brandon has demonstrated extraordinary characteristics of a Patrolman, which has resulted in letters of recognition from both his supervisors and residents for his professionalism, rapid response, compassion and investigative skills.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Appgar, Mayor of the Township of Eastampton, County of Burlington, in the State of New Jersey, do hereby congratulate*

## **BRANDON PICOU 2022 OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

*in Eastampton Township, and recognizes Brandon Picou's dedicated efforts and commitment as an asset to the Township of Eastampton Police Department and proclaims him as "2022 Officer of the Year".*

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of Eastampton Township this 8th Day of May 2023.

ATTEST:

*KIM-MARIE WHITE*  
KIM-MARIE WHITE  
Municipal Clerk

*ROBERT APGAR*  
ROBERT APGAR  
Mayor



## COMMUNITY CORNER

Eastampton Township was awarded a federally funded grant for the Safe Routes to School Pedestrian Multi-Use Path and Walking Route Improvements in connection with the Eastampton Community School. Eastampton Township applied for the grant to create a safe walking and bicycling environment to school. The multi-use path connected existing paths from the Manor House, school parking lots and the path to Nottingham Way. The path provides links to multiple destination points in the area, including Cliver Park, residential areas, the Manor House, Student Drive and Woodlane Road. The project also addressed damaged sections of sidewalk and installed ADA compliant curb ramps and crosswalks to enhance walkability in the residential area between Knightsbridge Road and the Eastampton Community School. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on May 23, 2023 to celebrate completion of the project.



*Pictured left to right: Council Member Anthony Zeno, BOE Member Eddie Besko, Samuel Adeleke, Elijah Price, Superintendent Ambrose F. Duckett, III, Sierra Apgar, Mayor Robert Apgar, Katie Douglas, BOE President Kerry Douglas, David Santillo, and Deputy Mayor Dominic F. Santillo*



## MEETING CORNER

The Township Council meetings will be held on **Monday, June 12th and 26th at 7:00 pm.**

The Land Use Planning Board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 21st at 7:00 pm.** The meetings will be held in the Council Room at the Manor House

## VOTING CORNER



The Primary Election is **Tuesday, June 6, 2023, polls are open 6:00 am – 8:00 pm.** In-person early voting will be Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm and Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. *No appointment is necessary at the below early voting locations.*

\*EVC- Chesterfield Township. Chesterfield Municipal Bldg. – Dist1, 295 Bordentown Chesterfield Rd. Chesterfield, NJ 08515

\*EVC- Medford Township. Medford Township Municipal Bldg.- 49 Union St. Medford, NJ 08055

\*EVC- Pemberton Township. Pemberton Library, 16 Broadway Browns Mills, NJ 08015

\*EVC- Shamong Township. Lenape Regional High School District Headquarters, 93 Willow Grove Rd. Shamong, NJ 08088

\*EVC Evesham Township. Gibson House- Basement, 535 Main St. Evesham, NJ 08053

\*EVC- Mt. Laurel Township. Rowan College at Burl. C.- Student Success Center Executive Conference Room 138, 1500 College Circle, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054

Become a Poll Worker, New Jersey citizens needed! Go to: [NJ DOS - Division of Elections - Poll Worker Application](#)

Visit [New Jersey Department of State - Division of Elections - NJ Voter Information Portal](#) to reach the New Jersey Voter Information Portal, or call 1-877-NJ-VOTER (1-877-658-6837) with any voting questions.



## Here are the 3 ways you can vote in the upcoming Primary Election...

### 1. AT YOUR POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY



**Vote in person** at your polling place, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. **on Election Day, June 6.** Accommodations will be made for voters with disabilities.

Go to **VOTE.NJ.GOV** for your polling place, listed on the Polling Locations page.

### 2. IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING



This option enables all registered voters to cast their ballot **in person, using a voting machine, during a three-day period prior to Election Day.** You can choose to vote, in person, when it's most convenient for your schedule.

No matter where you live in the county, you can vote your specific ballot at any of **your** county's designated in-person early voting locations. Find your county's locations at **VOTE.NJ.GOV**.

In-person early voting locations will be open **Friday, June 2 through Sunday, June 4.** Hours will be **Friday–Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. and Sunday, 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.**

No appointment is necessary. Accommodations will be made for voters with disabilities.

### 3. VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT



Registered voters can apply for a **vote-by-mail ballot** by following the instructions found at **VOTE.NJ.GOV** or contacting their County Clerk.

Then, VOTE and RETURN your ballot one of the following ways...

- **Mail:** Your vote-by-mail ballot **MUST** be postmarked on or before **8:00 p.m. on June 6** and be received by your county's Board of Elections on or before June 12.
- **Secure Ballot Drop Box:** Place your vote-by-mail ballot in one of your county's secure ballot drop boxes by 8:00 p.m. on June 6. Drop box locations can be found at **VOTE.NJ.GOV**.
- **Board of Elections Office:** Deliver your vote-by-mail ballot in person to your county's Board of Elections Office by 8:00 p.m. on June 6. County Election Officials' contact information can be found at **VOTE.NJ.GOV**.

**NOTE: Vote-by-mail ballots CANNOT be returned to your early voting location or polling place.**



Governor Phil Murphy  
Secretary of State Tahesha Way

**1-877-NJ-VOTER (1-877-658-6837)**  
**Vote.NJ.Gov**



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## IMPROVEMENTS CORNER



Burlington County has contracted with Earle Asphalt to mill and pave Monmouth Road (Rt. 537) between Woodlane Road and Rt. 206. This work is scheduled to begin on June 1, 2023 and end on or around June 22, 2023. The roadwork will take place Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7am and 5pm. Traffic will be held to one lane of travel with the traffic either being alternated or detoured. During this time period portions of Monmouth Road may be shut down to traffic in both directions. Detours will be set up in the area with signage directing motorists throughout the detour route. The roadwork and detour routes may add additional time to your travels so please plan accordingly. There will be several Eastampton Township police officers in the area providing traffic safety and assisting motorists through and around the construction area. Trash/Recycling pickup, school transportation, and mail delivery will not be affected by the construction. Updates will follow as they become available.

## RESIDENT CORNER

**Curfew.** As the school semester ends, please be advised of the Township Code regarding Curfews of juveniles, defined as individuals under the age of 18 years.

**Township of Eastampton- Chapter 213-2.** *It shall be unlawful for any juvenile to be on or remain on or upon any public place within the Township between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., unless accompanied by the juvenile's parent or guardian.*



## ANNIVERSARY CORNER



Eastampton Township, Mayor and Council would like to thank you for your continued years of service!

June 1	Zachary Browne	2 years	Police Department
June 14	Carol Stone	24 years	Police Department
June 15	Richard Maerten	7 years	Police Department
June 20	Michael Mulhern	12 years	Police Department
June 21	Jeffrey Reeve	2 years	Construction Department
June 23	Kim-Marie White	15 years	Administration Department
June 30	Thomas Reed	37 years	Police Department

## EMPLOYMENT CORNER

**Full-Time Police Evidence Technician Position Available:** The Eastampton Township Police Department seeks a qualified individual for the full-time position of Police Evidence Technician. The Township Manager shall hire a Police Evidence Technician. Qualified applicants must successfully pass a background investigation with the Police Department and successfully pass a Class I Police Academy. Responsibilities include: authority and duties of Police Evidence Technician; manage all evidence which is retained by the Police Department; log all said evidence in its appropriate location; the Evidence Technician shall transport narcotics to and from the State and local laboratory for examination; the Evidence Technician shall assist the Police Administrator with any tasked duties assigned to them; the Evidence Technician shall enter police reports into the New World system and assist the Police Administrator with discovery requests, firearms applications and daily paperwork. Benefits are available through the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program. The Township of Eastampton is an equal opportunity employer and reserves the right to interview candidates prior to the deadline. Salary range is **\$30,000 to \$50,000** and shall be negotiated with the Township Manager. Interested candidates are encouraged to forward a cover letter and resume to [recruiting@eastamptonpolice.nj.us](mailto:recruiting@eastamptonpolice.nj.us) or mail or drop off to the Eastampton Township Police Department located at 1380 Woodlane Road, Eastampton, NJ 08060. The application deadline is **June 9<sup>th</sup> 2023**.



**Part-Time Police Class I Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Police:** Seeks qualified individual for the part-time position of Police Class I Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Police. This position is being posted in anticipation of an upcoming retirement. Qualified applicants must successfully pass a background investigation with the Police Department and successfully pass a Class I Police Academy. Responsibilities include: Shall be in charge of the front office of the Police Department; prepare purchase orders and requisitions and enter same into the system for the approval of the Chief of Police; coordinate with the Evidence Technician Officer to assure that all discovery requests are met in a timely manner; handle all OPRA requests that are received by the Eastampton Township Police Department and return same in a timely manner; assure that all Operating Expenditures are done within the confines of the annual Police Budget; maintain all Police Records and assure that they are properly logged; enter reports which are received in the New World System; shall be responsible for typing and transcribing all confidential matters, preliminary to and subsequent to determination, for the Department's administrative staff including, but not limited to, departmental disciplinary matters, hearings, interviews, memos, materials and internal affairs investigations and shall maintain the security and confidentiality of all such material; shall access, collect, coordinate, assemble and prepare materials, data and information requested by the Chief, Deputy Chief or Township Manager in connection with preparation of disciplinary matters, preliminary disciplinary recommendations and determinations, complaint or grievance assessments, recommendations and determinations, interest arbitration assessments, recommendations and materials related to the Department's position in anticipation of such proceedings, and for collective negotiations, including but not limited to various information pertinent to proposals and negotiations strategy and preparation of confidential memoranda, records and files related to the foregoing and shall maintain the security and confidentiality of all such material; shall access, collect, coordinate and assemble all materials, data and information as requested by the Chief, Deputy Chief or Township Manager to assist in preparation of the Department's annual budget and shall maintain the security and confidentiality of all such material. The Township of Eastampton is an equal opportunity employer and reserves the right to interview candidates prior to the deadline. **Salary range is \$45,000 to \$65,000** and shall be negotiated with the Township Manager. Interested candidates are encouraged to forward a cover letter and resume to [recruiting@eastamptonpolicenj.us](mailto:recruiting@eastamptonpolicenj.us) or mail or drop off to the Eastampton Township Police Department located at 1380 Woodlane Road, Eastampton, NJ 08060. The application deadline is **June 9<sup>th</sup> 2023**.

## Month of June

June 4- Native American Day

June 6- D-Day

June 14- Flag Day

June 18- Father's Day

June 19- Juneteenth

**Eastampton Township Hosted Memorial Day Ceremony.** Mayor Apgar and Township Council hosted a Memorial Day Ceremony with the Veteran's and Military Affairs Advisory Committee on **Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.** The event was held at the Veterans Park pavilion, featuring Presentation of Colors by the Rancocas Valley Regional High School ROTC, Invocation by Chaplain Erik Jarvis, and songs performed by the Eastampton Community School Choir. Remarks were made by Mayor Apgar, Master of Ceremonies James Warwick and Special Guest Colonel Rob McAllister- 87<sup>th</sup> Air Base Vice Wing Commander. There was also laying of wreaths to commemorate the men and women who died while serving our country. Thank you to everyone that participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony, and to the Public Works Department for all their hard work in preparation! **Thank you to Vintage Oceans Florist for the generous donation of three floral wreaths!**







*Pictured top to bottom: Master of Ceremonies James Warwick, Chaplain Erik Jarvis, Mayor Rob Apgar*





Eastampton Township Police Department and Eastampton Fire-Rescue Department

Special Guest  
Colonel Rob McAllister  
87<sup>th</sup> Air Base  
Vice Wing Commander











**Rancocas Valley Regional High School NJROTC**  
*Pictured left to right: Josleen Rodriguez, Katerine Soltesz, Kira Marks, Lily Merva*



**Patrolman Brandon Picou and Sergeant Michael Shepard**







**ECS Select Chorale**



***Pictured left to right: Council Member Jay Springer, Mayor Rob Apgar, Colonel Rob McAllister, and Master of Ceremonies James Warwick***



## EVENTS CORNER.



**Smithville Park & Smith's Woods**  
803 Smithville Road  
Eastampton, NJ 08060

### **Fitness Flow. Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm**

Fitness Flow is an exciting 60-minute interval group fitness class. This class incorporates a variety of cardio, muscular strength, and endurance activities. This class is geared toward all fitness levels wanting strength and flexibility. Join us outdoors at Smithville Park in our event tent on the beautiful grounds of Smithville mansion, 803 Smithville Rd., Eastampton, from 4:30 to 5:30. Please bring your mat. This event is FREE; registration is required. [Catalog - Burlington County Parks \(rec1.com\)](http://Catalog - Burlington County Parks (rec1.com))

### **Chalk the Walk at Smithville Park. Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.**

Join us on June 4th for a fun-filled family outing by Chalking the Walk at Smithville Park. You don't have to be an artist to get creative and enjoy this event! The "Fun DJ" will spin the tunes and play exciting interactive games. The event is FREE along Park Avenue in the Village section of Smithville Park (Behind the Mansion). Chalk is provided. Rain will postpone this event! Snacks will be on hand for purchase. You don't want to miss out!

### **Hogwarts is Here: the Science of Harry Potter. Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am.**

Get your wands ready! If you ever wished you could be a Hogwarts student, this is your chance. Participants will rotate between 4 stations: Herbology, Transfiguration, Creatures, and identifying wand woods for Mr. Ollivander. This program is a fantastic and fun way to learn about the real animals and plants in Smithville Park with a Harry Potter theme! For ages 8 and up. Costumes are welcome and encouraged but not required! Maximum of six people per party. Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge will have live animals, so pets are strictly forbidden. Registration is required. NO WALK-INS allowed. [Catalog - Burlington County Parks \(rec1.com\)](http://Catalog - Burlington County Parks (rec1.com))

**Art Class, Explore Drawing. Perspective with Pencil. Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm.** This summer in our June Drawing class we will explore drawing with pencils. Gain skills by completing a drawing using our materials or bring your own. Any artistic level is welcomed. Feel free to drop-in anytime during this 1.5-hour Tuesday 5:30-7pm evening class. Register for both! Instructor: Leeannwyn Stoner. Register for Art Classes at: [Catalog - Burlington County Parks \(rec1.com\)](http://Catalog - Burlington County Parks (rec1.com))



June 25<sup>th</sup>. 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

**Learn to care for nature, plants, the land, and yourself, and, be educated as you are entertained by musicians, storytellers, presenters and artists.**

Historic Smithville Park will once again be transformed into a sanctuary of recycling, gardening, health, and wellness for Earth Fair 2023.

Find ways to care for nature, plants, the land, and yourself, and, be educated as you are entertained by magicians, musicians, and presenters, such as acclaimed naturalist, Pat Sutton.

Enjoy guided walks through Historic Smithville Park and the Mansion. Presenters and demonstrators will share the latest healthy and green practices in the Sustainable Living and Demonstration tents. Visit Artisan Row, featuring upcycled and recycled goods and listen to live music in the Performance Tent and at the Beer Garden.

Burlington County Recycling will bring the Spinning Trivia Prize Wheel to test your recycling knowledge. You can drop your small electronics, such as ear buds, computer mice, tablets, cell phones and power cords to be recycled.

Have you ever wanted to power a household appliance with a bicycle? New this year, you can pedal your way to a delicious beverage with Wheelie Good Smoothies!

This event is all about recycling and reusing in the home and in the garden. You can drop off your plastic flowerpots on your way into the event. Have too many

plants at your house? Bring some healthy plants to share in our Plant Swap tent and take home something new. In our Recycling & Clean Communities Tent you can view our new “Recycling Center Virtual Tour” video. You can also bring small e-waste items (mice, cables and keyboards) to our tent and we will also have a girl scout troop will be collecting gently used, clean reusable bags to donate to a food pantry.

In our Sustainable Living Tent, in addition to learning about solar installations, visitors can get a good look at new electric vehicles including motorcycles and bicycles. Visitors can pick up a free native tree sapling and look at sustainable electric yard care equipment. REI will showcase sustainable outdoor gear and their outdoor adventure programs. The NJ School of Conservation, a fair newcomer, will preview their family friendly outdoor programs, such as Searching for Salamanders. The Tri-County Sustainability Alliance will offer tips on how to institute “green changes” in your community. You can also see special “glass rocks” that are made from recycled bottles and jars collected in Burlington County.

Children’s activities at the Earth Fair will include a rock-climbing wall, live animal presentations by Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge and Burlington County 4-H groups, a Pop-up Nature Center and a recycled art-making activity and parade with Spiral Q Puppet Theater.

### **Introduction to Printmaking, Linoleum Block Prints**

**Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> .5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.**

Block printing is the oldest form of printmaking. It’s a great way to make bold, graphic illustrations that can be repeated. We will be working with linoleum which makes this process an affordable and approachable medium. We will talk about transferring images to your block, carving techniques, and mark making. Students will leave with a small edition of prints which can be used to make book covers or greeting cards, and the skills to work on their own at home. No previous experience required. Instructor: Nicole Eiland. Registration is required: [Catalog - Burlington County Parks \(rec1.com\)](#)

**SAVE THE DATE: Eastampton’s 2023 Community Day and Car Show. Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Rain Date, September 30<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. See the below flyers for details.**

**You're  
Invited!**

Please join us!

**Eastampton's 2023 Community Day and Car Show**

**September 23, 2023, at Buttonwood Park**

**10:00am – 3:00pm**

**(Rain date: September 30, 2023)**

Vendors and community groups are invited to display their wares.

This will be a fun, community-wide event which includes family activities such as Touch a Truck, Bouncy Houses, Face Painting, Food Trucks, Corn Hole Competition and the 2023 Eastampton Car Show

**Registration Fee:**

Not for Profit: No fee

Eastampton Resident businesses: \$15

All others: \$30.00

**Registration deadline September 1, 2023**

Space will be 10' x 10'

Tent/Canopy is permitted

(Tables and chairs will not be provided)

For questions or more information, please contact [clucas@eastampton.com](mailto:clucas@eastampton.com)

Submit Registration Form and fee to:

Eastampton Township

Attention: Recreation

12 Manor House Court, Eastampton, NJ 08060

\*Check payable to Eastampton Township w/Recreation in the memo field



**2023 Eastampton Township Community Day**

**Vendor Registration Form**

Event date: September 23, 2023 Rain Date: September 30, 2023	Fee: Not for Profit: No fee Eastampton Resident businesses: \$15 All others: \$30.00	
Location: Buttonwood Park – Knightsbridge Road, Eastampton Township 08060		
Event Time: 10:00am – 3:00pm	Set up: 9:00am	Take down: 3:00pm

Name	Phone
Address	
Business/Group Name	
Describe your business/group and what you intend to display.	

For more information, contact: Deputy Municipal Clerk Christina Lucas at [clucas@eastampton.com](mailto:clucas@eastampton.com)

Return your registration form to Deputy Municipal Clerk Christina Lucas with the appropriate fee no later than **September 1, 2023**.

**I hereby agree to hold harmless the Township of Eastampton and/or its participants, and further agree the Township of Eastampton cannot be held liable for any damages or injuries incurred during this event. I am fully insured and truthfully disclose same.**

Signature of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

2023 Eastampton Car Show  
Buttonwood Park  
7 Knightsbridge Road, Eastampton, NJ 08060

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2023**

Rain Date: September 30, 2023

10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Registration: 9:00 AM

Registration fee: \$20.00 per car and truck  
\$10.00 per motorcycle  
Trophies awarded

For more information please contact Deputy Municipal Clerk Christina Lucas at  
[clucas@eastampton.com](mailto:clucas@eastampton.com)



## We are looking for new members to join the Fire Department!

There are many roles available to fill. No experience is required. Candidate must be at least 18 years of age:

### Positions

- Interior Firefighter (Certified)
- Fire Police (Traffic Control)
- Administrative

### Benefits

- Free training and certification
- College credits from training
- Up to \$2,400 towards college
- Pay-per-call incentive program
- No shift schedule required



#### Contact us

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#### Find Us on Social Media!

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 [Eastampton Fire-Rescue Department](https://www.facebook.com/Eastampton-Fire-Rescue-Department)