



EASTAMPTON NEWS

DECEMBER 2023

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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.



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Municipal Offices are closed on Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th in Observance of the Christmas holiday. Offices will reopen on Wednesday, December 27th at 8:30 am.

TRASH COLLECTION CORNER

There will be a trash collection schedule change due to the Christmas holiday. All areas normally collected on **Tuesday, December 26th** (Vista's/Lakeview) trash will be collected on **Wednesday, December 27, 2023**.



MEETING CORNER

The Township Council meeting will be held on **Monday, December 18th at 7:00 pm.**

The Land Use Planning Board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00 pm.** The meetings will be held in the Council Room at the Manor House.

TAX COLLECTORS CORNER

Tax Sale Notices have been mailed out. All unpaid property taxes or other municipal charges **which remain unpaid as of November 11, 2023** are subject to the annual Municipal Tax Sale scheduled for **December 28, 2023**. All outstanding charges **must be paid by December 27, 2023 to be removed from the tax sale.**

Payments can be made by exact cash or certified funds only. NO PERSONAL OR BUSINESS CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED! Contact the Tax Collector's Office at (609) 267-5723 ext. 213 for additional information.



ANNIVERSARY CORNER

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

December 3	Paul Buchhofer	16 years	Construction Department
December 3	Kathy Newcomb	16 years	Zoning Department
December 23	Daniel Graham	12 years	Police Department
December 30	Kelsey Knudsen	4 years	Police Department

PROCLAMATION CORNER

Mayor Apgar and Township Council presented a Proclamation to **Ryan Stutzenburg** at the November 13, 2023 Township Council meeting.

Ryan started his scouting journey as Cub Scout, Wolf rank in Troop 32 in his Elementary years. As he bridged over to Boy Scouts, he took on various leadership roles, and is currently on the Model UN Committee for RVHS as Secretary. He attended weeklong leadership scout summer camps, and the Troop Leader indicated Ryan is very helpful training and encouraging the upcoming scouts on their path. He has been Senior Patrol Leader for a year, and will continue to support his troop via meetings and trips after graduation as time permits on his college journey working towards an Engineering degree. Ryan was fortunate to be guided by long-time scout leaders.



Left to right: Council Member Jay Springer, Council Member Ricardo Rodriguez, Ryan Stutzenburg, Mayor Rob Apgar, Deputy Mayor Dominic F. Santillo, Council Member Anthony Zeno



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Ryan Stutzenburg of the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 32, has progressed through the ranks of Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and has progressed to earn the rank of “Eagle Scout”, scouting’s highest award; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Stutzenburg has been an active scout demonstrating outstanding leadership, and has contributed many community service hours during his years of scouting; and

WHEREAS, to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, a scout must have a minimum of twenty-two months tenure, have earned at least seven skill awards, logged a minimum of eighteen hours community service time, served at least sixteen months as a troop leader in three of eleven leadership positions, and have amassed at least twenty-one merit badges (eleven of which are required by the Boy Scouts of America National Committee); and

WHEREAS, Ryan Stutzenburg’s Eagle Scout candidate service project involved the construction of a retaining wall around the sign at the Mt. Holly Moose Lodge, along with rebuilding and repainting the lengthy fence across the front; and

WHEREAS, before receiving final approval for the rank of Eagle Scout, a scout’s achievements must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Review with the Council District Advancement Chairman and if approved by said Board, then all paperwork is sent to the National Headquarters in Texas for approval. All of these requirements must be completed prior to a scout’s 18th birthday.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Robert Apgar, Mayor of the Township of Eastampton, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, on behalf of myself and the Township Council congratulate Ryan Stutzenburg for achieving this accomplishment, which symbolizes the American ideal of good citizenship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Township Council wishes Ryan Stutzenburg much success in all his future endeavors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Township of Eastampton in the State of New Jersey to be affixed the 13th day of November, 2023.

ROBERT APGAR
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Mayor

ATTEST:
KIM-MARIE WHITE
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Municipal Clerk

COMMUNITY CORNER

The Veterans and Military Affairs Advisory Committee hosted the Boots vs Badges basketball game on Wednesday, November 8th at the Eastampton Community School gym. Active members of our military (Boots) and the Eastampton Township Police Department (Badges) participated. It was close, but Boots won with a final score of 66-59! Congratulations to the players on the Boots team, and we would like to thank all players of both teams for an exciting game!



JB-MDL Basketball Team Players (Boots): Cobe Curry, Donovan White, Antwan White, Joshua Jackson, Malique Hughes, Marcell Hughes, Michael Morales, Nicholas Molina, Kyle Lime, Alex Griffin, Chris Moore, Eli Effley and SSgt Bryan Johnson (Coach)



(Boots): Cobe Curry, Donovan White, Antwan White, Joshua Jackson, Malique Hughes, Marcell Hughes, Michael Morales, Nicholas Molina, Kyle Lime, Alex Griffin, Chris Moore, Eli Effley and Coach SSgt Bryan Johnson.

(Badges): Officer Darren DiLoreto, Corporal Danny Graham, Detective Tracy, Officer Zachary Browne, Corporal Casey Horton, Officer Carlos Cruz and Officer Craig Thompson

RECYCLING CORNER

Household Battery Recycling. Do Not Recycle Alkaline Batteries, such as AA, C, D, or 9 Volt. Put them in your household trash. Rechargeable batteries come in the same sizes and are used for laptops and toys.

Rechargeable batteries include Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Lithium Ion (Li-Ion) and Small Sealed Lead Acid (SSLA/Pb). Recycle these at Home Depot, Lowes, Staples and other locations listed at

www.Call2Recycle.org.



****Never put batteries in your recycling!
Batteries have caused fires at recycling centers!***



DOG LICENSING

Residents Are Reminded That All Dogs over 6 Months of Age Are Required to be Licensed Each Year. Dog licenses are valid for the current calendar year, and expire annually on December 31. Dog Licensing for 2024 begins on January 1st and the cost for the months of January and February is \$10.00 for a neutered/spayed dog, and \$13.00 for a non-neutered/spayed dog. A

\$10.00 additional fee will be assessed for each dog **beginning on March 1st** as per Ordinance 2021-5. In addition to online payments, you can also drop off or mail your dog license application and payment **along with a self-addressed stamped envelope at 12 Manor House Court to receive your license by mail.**

Please note that the **rabies vaccination must be valid through November 1, 2024 by NJ State law** to obtain the dog license. It is recommended to review your dog's rabies vaccination expiration date now to avoid any delays in your 2024 licensing.

Animal Control personnel are permitted to inspect current licenses for all dogs residing within the Township. Licensing information may be obtained by calling (609) 267-5723 ext. 200.

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

Each year, the Sheriff's Department solicits donations of toys for underprivileged children in our county, to help make each child's holiday a happy and memorable one. The County Consumer Protection Department checks all toys for safety before they are released to the various human service agencies for distribution. Donated toys are distributed between the social service agencies listed below for underprivileged children throughout Burlington County.

These are the charities that receive donated toys.

Christian Caring Center

Delaware House Health Services

Department of Children and Families, Division of Child Protection and Permanency

Foster and Adoptive Family Services

House of God Outreach


Oaks Integrated Care - Aspire Youth

Providence House Shelter

Servicios Latinos

Sisterhood

Eastampton Township is participating in the Holiday Toy Drive sponsored by the Burlington County Sheriff's Department. A collection box is located on the 1st floor of the Manor House near the Council Room, and will be picked up by the Burlington County Sheriff's Department in mid-December. To contact the Community Services Unit regarding the Holiday Toy Drive please call 609-265-3788.




**BURLINGTON COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

**PLEASE DONATE NEW
UNWRAPPED TOYS TO BE
DISTRIBUTED TO BURLINGTON
COUNTY CHILDREN IN NEED
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

 **SHERIFF JAMES H. KOSTOPLIS**
UNDERSHERIFF ODISE A. CARR
COMMUNITY OUTREACH UNIT
609-265-3788 



SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRATION

The Eastampton Police Department is seeking voluntary emergency contact information for any person (of any age) that are affected by any form of altered mental status including *Autism, Dementia, Bi-Polar Disorder, Schizophrenia*, or other illness, condition, or "Special Need" that may cause them to become impaired.

Police Officers receive specific training to follow protocols when they contact persons with "Special Needs". It would greatly help if The Eastampton Police Department was able to understand who the person is prior to making contact. This prior knowledge will aid in better communication which will lead to a safer resolution for all involved parties.

"Please be advised that New Jersey's Open Public Records Act defines information sent to a public agency as a public record and makes public records subject to public disclosure. New Jersey does exempt from disclosure any "information relating to medical, psychiatric or psychological history, diagnosis, treatment or evaluation." So it is the Township's opinion that any information submitted here will be exempt from public disclosure, and the Township will not release this information, however please be advised that the Government Records Council and the Superior Court are the only parties with final authority to determine whether a public record must be released."

The Eastampton Police Department can enter specifics such as:

- Noise, Sound, Touch sensitivities
- Medication they may be taking
- Places they frequent
- Topics to easily discuss to put the individual at ease

Furthermore, after the individual's needs are registered (go to [Eastampton Township, NJ Online Application Forms \(govpilot.com\)](http://EastamptonTownship.NJOnlineApplicationForms.govpilot.com)), they will be provided with an Identification Card, which if kept on their person, can assist an Officer in identifying the individual or contacting a family member/guardian.



LEAF COLLECTION. Residents, please rake leaves and place in the grass strip between the curb and sidewalk for collection. Leaves should not be placed in the street or near fire hydrants, sign posts, portable basketball hoops, or telephone poles. Leaves must be free of all trash, sticks, branches, vines, rocks, dirt, and debris. **Mixed material**

will not be collected. Additional information, including your areas scheduled collection week, can be found at our website www.eastampton.com.

BRUSH COLLECTION

During the months of December through March brush will not be collected. Do not put any brush out for collection during these winter months, or you will receive a letter to remove, followed by a Notice of Violation. If you have brush that needs disposal of you may take it to the Burlington County Resource Recovery Complex located at 2000 Burlington Columbus Rd. Columbus, NJ 08022. You may visit them at [Facilities | Burlington County, NJ - Official Website](#)

BULK PICKUP

Beginning the first Friday in January 2024 the changes adopted in Ordinance 2023-11 will be in effect. Each household will be permitted a maximum of two large items, such as furniture or bicycles, and 5 bags. Please visit our website at www.eastampton.com for further details.

BULK PICKUP CHANGES STARTING 1/1/2024

Per Ord. 2023-11 there will be a maximum of two (2) large items and 5 bags allowed per household per bulk trash collection.



Please contact the Public Works Department with any questions at 609-267-5723 ext. 210 or email publicworks@eastampton.com

HOLIDAY CORNER



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

Your Eastampton volunteer firefighters will be escorting Santa Claus on **Sunday, December 17th starting at 11:00am**. Listen for the sirens and have your families ready to greet Santa as he passes through with the Eastampton Township fire engines. The EFD members will be distributing candy canes to everyone to help celebrate the holidays.

You can follow them on Facebook [@eastamptonfire](#), as they will be posting updates throughout the journey. Please contact the Fire District with any questions at [Eastampton Fire District](#). We are all very excited to see Santa Claus, but please know the visit will be subject to weather and any emergencies.



EASTAMPTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

**VOLUNTEER
WITH US!**

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

Phone: +1 609-267-5224

Email: chief@efc34.org

Find Us on Social Media!



EVENTS CORNER



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

For the full listing of art exhibits, classes and events at Historic Smithville Park in Eastampton Township please go to the Burlington County Parks System Fall 2023 Program Guide [Parks | Burlington County, NJ - Official Website](#)



Saturday, December 9th from 1:00pm-7:00pm.

Welcome the holiday season with a celebration of all things winter that will warm your heart. It's a magical setting on the grounds of Historic Smithville Park. You will find wandering carolers dressed in Victorian attire, holiday activities for all ages, including live entertainment, a beer, wine and mulled cider tent, a Holiday Marketplace, ice skating, ice carving, art exhibits curated for the season, and, of course, Victorian Santa!

- Wandering carolers dressed in Victorian attire
- Performance of "A Christmas Carol" by [The Pirates of Fortune's Folly](#)
- Join the Elf Hunt and help Buddy the Elf gather his friends in the Mansion Maze so they can get back to the North Pole in time for Christmas.

- Musical Performances of Holiday favorites
 - ❖ Navasink Brass Band
 - ❖ School of Rock Cherry Hill
 - ❖ Jersey Sound Chorus
 - ❖ Pine Barons Chorus
 - ❖ Cinnaminson School Choir

- Victorian Santa

- Winter Crafts for Kids

- Face Painting

- Trackless train rides

- Human snow globe

- Wandering characters: Buddy the Elf, Elsa & Olaf from Frozen.

- Marvel at Ice Sculptures

- Lace-up a pair of skates and take a lap around the synthetic ice-skating rink

- Bonfire & S'mores

- Blacksmith Demo

- Find that special gift for someone in the Holiday Marketplace

- Art Exhibits

- Tours of Historic Smithville Mansion fully decorated for the holidays

- Village Tours

- Beer, Wine and Mulled Cider Tent

- Food Trucks and more...

For more information visit the Burlington County Parks website at www.co.burlington.nj.us/parks.