

EASTAMPTON NEWS

MAY 2024

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

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.



Municipal Offices are closed on Monday, May 27, 2024 in Observance of Memorial Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, May 28th at 8:30 am.

Eastampton Township

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COMMUNITY CORNER

Eastampton Township Hosts Memorial Day Ceremony. Mayor Santillo and Township Council are hosting a Memorial Day Ceremony on **Friday, May 24th at 5:00 pm**. The event will be held at <u>Veterans Park</u>, directly in front of 12 Manor House Court. The ceremony will feature comments from Council Members and songs performed by the Eastampton Community School Chorale. There will also be laying of wreaths to commemorate the men and women who died while serving our country.



TAX COLLECTORS CORNER

The second quarter property tax payment is due on May 1st, and there is a 10-day grace period. Payments made after the close of business on May 10th will accrue interest dating back to the original due date.

Eastampton Township Accepts Online Tax Payments. Residents can make payments online via ACH, e-check, credit card or debit card by visiting <u>WIPP</u> (edmundsassoc.com). An administrative fee will be assessed by the company processing the transactions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the Tax Collector at 609-267-5723 ext. 213 or email <u>kthompson@eastampton.com</u>.

For your convenience, you may also view accounts for updated information on the Township's website at <u>WIPP (edmundsassoc.com)</u>.



You Asked We Heard You Pay Property Taxes online at Tax Office | Eastampton New Jersey

Setup automatic payments Pay with e-checks (\$1.95 fee) Pay with credit/debit cards (2.95% fee)

Due February 1st Pay without penalty through February 12th

Questions, please contact Tax Collector Kijona L. Thompson at 609-267-5723 ext. 213

or email <u>kthompson@eastampton.com</u>



MEETING CORNER

The Township Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 13th and Tuesday, May 28th at 7:00 pm.

The Land Use Planning Board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 15th at 7:00 pm.** The meetings will be held in the Council Room at the Manor House.

PROCLAMATION CORNER

At the April 22nd Township Council meeting Mayor Santillo and Township Council presented a Proclamation to **Patrolman Kelsey Knudsen** for 2023 Officer of the Year in recognition of outstanding service as a member of the Eastampton Township Police Department. Congratulations Patrolman Knudsen!



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



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Patrolman Kelsey Knudsen graduated from the Camden County Police Academy and began her career with Eastampton Township as a Police Officer in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Kelsey has taken on several additional duties to include Domestic Violence Liaison Officer (DVLO), and she has participated in the 'Adopt A Cop" program at the Eastampton Community School; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2020 Kelsey received a life-saving Proclamation for actions while rendering aide to a suicidal male, as her quick thinking and skills were beneficial to saving a life; and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2023 Chief of Police Joseph Iacovitti received a letter from a resident involved in a motor vehicle collision that wished to express her gratitude for the professional, sympathetic manner in which Kelsey had conducted herself during their interaction; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 Kelsey handled numerous calls for service, including: arrests, domestic violence situations, motor vehicle collisions, assaults, burglaries, investigations, and mental health crises, all while maintaining a professional, courteous demeanor; and

WHEREAS, Kelsey has consistently exemplified extraordinary characteristics of a police officer, which has resulted in letters of recognition from her supervisors and residents for her work performance throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dominic F. Santillo, Mayor of the Township of Eastampton, County of Burlington, in the State of New Jersey, do hereby congratulate

KELSEY KNUDSEN 2023 OFFICER OF THE YEAR

and recognizes Kelsey Knudsen's dedicated efforts and commitment as an asset to the Township of Eastampton Police Department and proclaims her as "2023 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 22^{nd} day of April 2024.

ATTEST:

Kim-Marie White Kím-Maríe White MUNICIPAL CLERK Dominic F. Santillo Domíníc F. Santíllo MAYOR

RESIDENT CORNER

Help our Community Celebrate Earth Day!

Every year on April 22nd people from across the globe join to celebrate our planet and raise awareness about ways to protect it. One of the things our residents love most is easy access to parks and open spaces. As citizens of Eastampton, what can you do to be good stewards of our planet? This year, the Eastampton Township Council is inviting students at our Community School to work with their classmates to create a poster that highlights the ways they can protect our local environment.

Contest Rules:

- The homeroom teacher's last name and the class's grade level should be displayed in the bottom right-hand corner of the poster. Do not include the last names of any students. (Poster designs must be appropriate for public posting.)
- Posters should highlight at least one action the students can take to help protect our local environment. Examples include: recycling, conserving resources, walking/biking, etc.
- The poster designs may be shared in the May edition of our community newsletter, on the Township website, and/or Township Facebook page.
- Residents will be asked to vote for their favorite design online.
- Voting will close on May 10th, 2024 and the winners will be announced shortly after.
- The top three classes will be awarded Amazon gift cards to assist with future lessons on the environment. First place wins \$50. Second and third place each win \$25.

Please visit our website <u>www.eastampton.com</u> or go to <u>ECS Earth Day Poster</u> <u>Contest!</u> | <u>Eastampton New Jersey</u> to cast your vote for the following posters submitted by ECS classrooms for the Earth Day poster contest.



We Promise to keep the Earth Healthy-Mrs. Forsyth, Pre-K



Seeds to Help Our Earth Bloom! Ms. Corn, Kindergarten Class



Let's Use Our Hand's To Save Our Land! Mrs. Hancock, Pre-K



We will get this place cleaned up! I brought reinforcements! Mr. Moore, Kindergarten Class



We Recycle Mrs. Greer, Pre⁻K



We Can Touch The World! Ms. Kraml, 2nd Grade Class



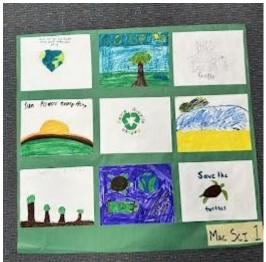
Take Care of Our Earth. We All Live Here! Mrs. Bergen, 3rd Grade Class



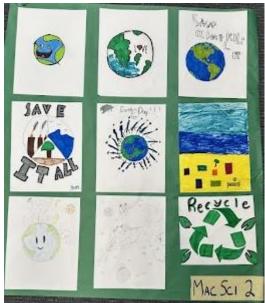
We need Kindness Ms. Horn, 4th Grade Class



Earth Day Further Your Education Mrs. Scheuerer, 5th Grade Class



Collage 1 Mr. MacCarthy



Collage 2 Mr. MacCarthy



What Could Be VS Future Mrs. Pintinalli, 3rd Grade Class



Earth Day Every Day Ms. Converse, Kindergarten Class



Collage 3 Mr. MacCarthy



VOTING CORNER

The last day to register to vote for the Primary Election on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 is on **Tuesday, May14**, **2024**. Visit the NJ Voter Information Portal to check your registration status, or fill out your voter registration application online at <u>NJ</u> <u>DOS - Division of Elections - Register to Vote! (state.nj.us)</u>.



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, Tuesday, June 4**. Accommodations will be made for voters with disabilities.

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

. IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING



This option enables all registered voters to cast their ballot **in person, using a voting machine, during a five-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 sites. Find your county's sites at **VOTE.NJ.GOV**.

In-person early voting sites will be open **Wednesday, May 29, through Sunday, June 2**. Hours will be **Wednesday–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



Registered voters can apply for a **mail-in 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...

- Secure Ballot Drop Box: Place your mail-in ballot in one of your county's secure ballot drop boxes by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4. Drop box locations can be found at **VOTE.NJ.GOV**.
- Board of Elections Office: Deliver your mail-in ballot in person to your county's Board of Elections Office by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4. County Election Officials' contact information can be found at **VOTE.NJ.GOV**.
- Mail: Your mail-in ballot **MUST** be postmarked on or before **8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4** and be received by your county's Board of Elections on or before Monday, June 10.

NOTE: Mail-in ballots CANNOT be returned to your early voting site or polling place.

To learn more, access our Voter Education Video Series at Vote.NJ.gov or scan here.





Governor Phil Murphy Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of State Tahesha Way



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<u>RV Devil Dash...the Ultimate Obstacle Course</u>

Rancocas Valley Regional High School will host the 10th annual fundraiser on Friday, May 31, at 3:00 PM

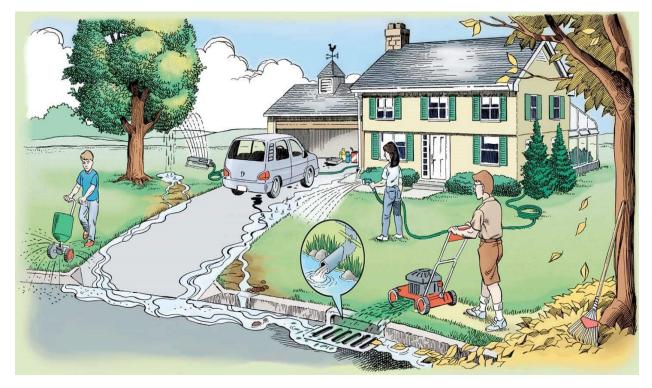
Come participate or sponsor the *RV Devil Dash* ...*RV's Ultimate Obstacle Course* to benefit the **Pat Tillman Foundation**, awards for RV seniors entering the armed services and funding for veteran causes. We have donated a PTSD dog named Echo to a marine veteran! In addition, this Health and Wellness event raises awareness to healthy life choices, and living an emotionally, socially and physically healthy and satisfying life. It also promotes alternatives to unsafe and unhealthy choices of alcohol or substance use and a sedentary life. Students, staff, military, emergency responders and community members will participate in a fun and challenging short race obstacle course. Last year, we had over 440 racers, 150+ volunteers and received over \$25,000 in donations! The past 9 years we have donated over \$195,000 to our service people and Veterans. Form a team from 2- 6 people, male, female or co-ed. Receive a free t-shirt and swag bag! Community donation is \$20 per racer.

Shaun Bradley from the Philadelphia Eagles will be there! And a Black Hawk helicopter will be landing to kick off the event!

To register for the event please visit: <u>www.rvrhs.com</u>...click on the Student Activities Tab up top, then <u>RV Devil Dash</u>, then forms to register and waiver! Any questions: email <u>daromando@rvrhs.com</u> or call 609-267-0830, ext. 3253.



STORMWATER CORNER



We need your help to reduce the following major pollutants in stormwater that are reaching our streams and creeks. Check out these tips to see what you can do to help prevent stormwater runoff and water pollution.

Oil and engine fluids - Oil and engine fluids left on roads and driveways are washed away during rain and flood events. These chemicals are highly toxic to aquatic plants and animals. It only takes four quarts, or about one oil change, of used motor oil to foul 1 million gallons of water. Fix leaks and absorb automotive fluid spills with kitty litter before sweeping the litter into the trash bin.

Soap and residues from car washing - When you wash your car in a driveway, dirty water and soap ends up in storm drains, bringing pollutants with it. Soap and vehicle residues can severely damage fragile aquatic ecosystems. Wash your car on the lawn or at a commercial car wash. If you don't have a grassy spot or a wash bay connected to sanitary sewer, the next best way to protect waterways is to redirect all that dirty water away from the storm drain where it can be absorbed into the ground. Choose biodegradable soaps by looking for the <u>EPA Safer Choice</u> label.

Litter - During storms, rainwater carries litter from our streets and sidewalks into storm drains, which lead directly to the nearest stream. Litter can be toxic as it breaks down and can suffocate turtles, birds and other aquatic life. Place trash and recyclables in the appropriate bins. **Pet waste** - Pet waste can contain harmful bacteria or parasites that can last up to 10 years. If these organisms get into our stormwater, they can spread disease to wildlife, other pets, and even people. Scoop the poop in your yard and on walks with your pet.

Household hazardous wastes and products - Household hazardous wastes include leftover cooking oil, paint, batteries, drain openers, and much more. If these products are improperly used, stored, or disposed of, they can be released into stormwater and cause great environmental harm. Properly dispose of household hazardous waste on special collections at Gloucester County Improvement Authority.

Fertilizers - As rainwater flows across land, it picks up fertilizers and carries them to storm drains, which lead to the nearest stream. Nutrients from fertilizers feed algae blooms, which can make our lakes and ponds ugly and smelly. When the algae die and decompose, the oxygen level in the water drops, killing aquatic organisms. Test your soil before fertilizing and choose native plants that require less fertilizer to thrive.

Pesticides, herbicides and insecticides - These chemicals are designed to kill a variety of pests. During storms, rainwater washes these chemicals from plants and the soil and into the storm drains. When pesticides are released into the environment, they can kill or severely harm native plants, animals and insects. Use the least toxic pesticides and herbicides and follow label directions. Learn how to prevent pest problems and weed problems without pesticides and herbicides.

Yard waste - Throwing or blowing yard waste (leaves, tree branches, etc.) into the gutter or street adds to stormwater pollution and can clog storm drains, possibly increasing localized flooding. Compost, mulch leaves and grass clippings back into your lawn or bag yard waste for collection. Sweep driveways and sidewalks instead of hosing them down.

Soil erosion and sediment – Sediment is the loose sand and other soil particles that settle at the bottom of a body of water. Soil and sediment caused by erosion settles in storm drains and clogs them, possibly increasing localized flooding. Sediment that is carried through the storm drain destroys natural habitats in steams, prevents natural vegetation from growing and can kill aquatic organisms. Reduce sediment runoff by seeding bare spots.

Only rain down the drain – Remember that stormwater that enters the drain flows untreated into our local waterways. Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams. Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider installing a rain barrel or rain garden to capture stormwater on your property. Treat pool water before draining and do not drain it directly into the street.

IMPROVEMENTS CORNER



American Asphalt Company, Inc. has been contracted by Eastampton Township for the 2023 Road Improvements Program to Willowbrook Way and various other roads including: Chestnut Drive, Cypress Drive and Redbud Court.

On or about May 6, 2024 concrete work will begin, followed by stormwater system upgrades, milling and paving. Work will take place during the hours of **7am-5pm.** *The contractor is responsible for notifying all residents within 48 hours prior to construction, and if construction is delayed a new notice will be given out.*

During hours of construction, please be advised traffic will be limited. Thru traffic to all homes/businesses will be available, although there will be no direct parking in the designated construction areas. Please follow all signage while operating your vehicle, and use complete caution while walking and driving through all work areas.

The contractor is required by law to call for utility mark-outs prior to the start of construction. Property owners are strongly encouraged to notify American Asphalt Company, Inc. of any underground sprinkler systems, underground dog fencing or any other utility that may be unique to your property and not covered by utility mark-outs prior to the start of construction.

The anticipated date for project completion is 4-6 weeks. *Please note all work will be done with weather permitting, and each day work is canceled due to weather will result in a delay to the schedule.*

If you should have any questions please call the Township Engineer's Office, Environmental Resolutions Inc. at (856) 235-7170 or Frank Aquilante, American Asphalt Company, Inc. at (856) 456-2899. Your patience, understanding and cooperation is gratefully appreciated.



ANNIVERSARY CORNER

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

May 1	Michael Vannoy	9 years	Police Department
May 7	Daniel Snyder	17 years	Police Department
May 14	Darren Diloreto	6 years	Police Department
May 20	Michael Shepard	17 years	Police Department
May 26	Dennis Shepard	16 years	Police Department

EVENTS CORNER

Historic Smithville Park & Smith's Woods 803 Smithville Road Mt Holly, NJ 08060 609-265-5858

Please go to the following link for all activities at Historic Smithville Park & Smith's Woods for the month of May: <u>Calendar • Smithville Park & Smith's Woods</u> (burlington.nj.us)

SAT JUN 1 TABLETOP 4 - 8 PM EVENING **BOARD GAMES 4 HOURS OF** PUZZLES TABLETOP **CARD GAMES GAMING FUN Also: Electronic** : - -**Open Mic.** Burlington County Lyceum 307 High Street | Mt. Holly ART & COFFEE Second Thursdays Mar 14 GALLERY EXHIBIT. May 9 MUSIC, ART ACTIVITY **Jul 11** Stop In, See, Hear, Create **Sep 12** ANNEX GALLERY Nov 14 5:30 PM-8PM HISTORIC SMITHVILLE PARK 803 SMITHVILLE ROAD EASTAMPTON, NJ Jan 9



Live Music & Entertainment
Mad Hatters Tree Party Wonderland Wandering Characters
Kids Crafts Craft Market & Demonstrations
History Organizations Storytelling
Croquet
Lawn Chess
May Pole Morris Dancers
Horse & Carriage Rides Antique Bicycles
19th Century Baseball Game

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Health & Fitness



TOBATA by Toby

Burlington County Lyceum Tuesdays | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Mar 5, 12, 19, 26 | Apr 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 May 7, 14, 21, 28

FREE — Registration required. <u>Register Here</u> Tobata by Toby is an exciting interval class focused on improving cardiovascular fitness and muscle endurance with featured movements done in intervals followed by a rest period. Students are encouraged to go at their own pace, and will be encouraged to increase one's fitness level as they progress. This class meets at the Burlington County Lyceum, at 307 High St., Mt. Holly. Bring an exercise mat. Exercise resistance bands and dumbbells strongly urged.

Zumba

Burlington County Agricultural Center Tuesdays | 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Mar 5, 12, 19, 26 | Apr 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | May 7, 14, 21, 28

FREE — Registration required. Register Here

Get a fantastic Zumba workout with fitness instructor Aldona. Zumba incorporates a variety of dance moves, promotes a healthy heart and a healthy dose of aerobic activity, is a great way to build and tone muscles, improves cardio, promotes flexibility, and, best of all, decreases stress. This class is 60 minutes and takes place at the Agricultural Center barn at 500 Centerton Rd., Moorestown.

Yoga

Burlington County Lyceum Tuesdays | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mar 5, 12 & 19

FREE - Registration required. Register Here

Slow down your week with Holly Carrington with a vinyasa flow yoga class. Self care is extremely important. Yoga provides an opportunity for you to tune into the mind and body and to find moments on your mat that can easily translate into moments of your life. Through breathing techniques, a calming and uplifting environment, an inclusive community and a flowy sequence we are offered the chance to be in the present moment to recenter ourselves and find gratitude. This class meets at the Burlington County Lyceum, at 307 High St., Mt. Holly. Bring a yoga mat.



Yoga (Outdoors)

Burlington County Agricultural Center Tuesdays | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Mar 26 | Apr 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | May 7, 14, 21, 28 FREE — Registration required <u>Register Here</u>

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Health & Fitness

Country Line Dancing

Burlington County Agricultural Center Wednesdays | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Mar 6, 13, 20, 27 | Apr 3, 10, 17, 24 May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

FREE - Registration required. Register Here

Country Line Dancing is in full swing! Did you ever want to learn Country Line Dances? Now is your chance! Show off your skills or learn the basics! Instructor Jeremy Duncan will be giving lessons throughout the day. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Each class takes place at the Agricultural Center barn at 500 Centerton Rd., Moorestown. The dancing begins at 11 and continues until 2 pm. Make sure to bring a chair.





Lunchtime Fitness Walk

Historic Smithville Park Thursdays | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Mar 14, Apr 18 & May 16 FREE — Registration required. <u>Register Here</u>

Walking outdoors is an excellent opportunity to exercise, appreciate nature and meet new friends. Join us for a moderately paced, one hour fitness walk. The route is approximately 2.5 miles with some elevation and stairs. Make sure to wear comfortable walking/hiking shoes and bring some water. Meet Naturalist Gina outside the Smithville Visitor Center and let's get moving! Miles: 2.5 Difficulty: moderate; includes stairs/slight elevation and our floating walk-way. Age 8+

Outdoor Adventures

Overnight Camping with the Rangers

Historic Smithville Park

Friday, April 5 | 6:00 PM Register Here

Crystal Lake Park

Friday, April 19 | 6:00 PM Register Here

Join our Park Rangers for an overnight camping experience in the park. Go for a sunset hike with the sights and sounds of the seasonal night life in our park followed by a campfire under the moonlight.

Bring your own tent and camping gear. Severe weather will postpone the event, registrants will be notified. Special instructions will be emailed to all registrants. Free—Registration required. Be sure to register all members of your party.



PAPER SHREDDING EVENTS

For this year's spring cleaning, the

help you properly and safely dispose of old financial paper and sensitive documents.

- Commissioner Tom Pullion,

Please save the dates and take advantage of this

liaison to the Department of Solid Waste

Find Paper Shredding

dates and more!

Download the FREE app today!

App Store

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Burlington County Board of Commissioners is pleased to offer two free paper shredding events to

great County service!"

and Recycling

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Both events are from 9 AM until 1 PM* RAIN OR SHINE

Burlington County Resource Recovery Complex (Landfill)

22000 Burlington-Columbus Road Florence, NJ 08518 (Exit 52A off I-295)

*EVENTS MAY END PRIOR TO 1PM IF SHREDDING TRUCKS REACH CAPACITY.

🗳 Remain in your car.

Put paper in your trunk or truck bed; our staff will remove it from your vehicle.

Confidential files ONLY - ABSOLUTELY NO MAGAZINES/JUNK MAIL!

Limit of 4 bags/boxes of unshredded paper weighing no more than 10 lbs. each. Shredded paper is also accepted.

☑ No businesses or non-profits.

SPECIAL PLASTIC COLLECTION AT SHRED EVENTS Bag up separately and bring clean and dry plastic bubble wrap, plastic shipping mailers, and plastic wrap from cases of water and paper products.

BURLINGTON COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY. IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED.

Questions? Call (609) 499-1001 ext. 4309 or email recycle@co.burlington.nj.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:



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Positions

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