

EASTAMPTON NEWS

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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. Eastampton Township

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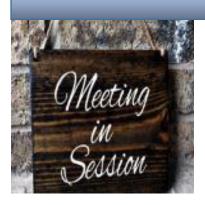
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Municipal Offices are closed on Friday, March 29, 2024 in Observance of Good Friday. We will reopen on Monday, April 1st at 8:30 am.

TRASH COLLECTION CORNER

Due to the Good Friday holiday on **March 29**th Venue at Smithville Greene (Lennar) **trash** will be collected on **Monday**, **April 1**, **2024**.



MEETING CORNER

The Township Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 11th and March 25th at 7:00 pm.

The Land Use Planning Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 pm. The meetings will be held in the Council Room at the Manor House.



DOG LICENSING CORNER

Residents Are Reminded That All Dogs over 7 Months of Age Are Required to be Licensed Each Year. Dog licenses are valid for the current calendar year, and expire annually on December 31st.

Dog Licensing began on January 1st and the cost for the months of January and February was \$10.00 for a

neutered/spayed dog, and \$13.00 for a non-neutered or non-spayed dog.

A \$10.00 additional fee is assessed for each dog beginning on March 1st as per Ordinance 2021-5. Please note that the rabies vaccination must be valid through November 1, 2024 by NJ State Law to obtain the dog license.

Payments are made online, or you can also drop off or mail your dog license application and payment **along with a self-addressed stamped envelope** to 12 Manor House Court to receive your license by mail.

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.

Introduced: March 8, 2021 Adopted: March 22, 2021

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-5

TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON BURLINGTON COUNTY

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 145-14 (D) OF THE EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP CODE REGARDING FEES; RENEWAL AND EXPIRATION

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Eastampton, in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION I.

The Township Council hereby amends Chapter 145-14 (D) of the Township Code regarding "Fees; Renewal and Expiration" to now read as follows:

<u>Chapter 145-14 (D)</u>

D. Any person who shall fail to apply and secure a license for any dog required to be licensed by statute within the time required shall pay, in addition to the license fee and the registration tag fee, a late charge which shall be in the amount of \$10 for each such dog beginning on March 1st of any year.

SECTION II. Repealer, Severability and Effective Date.

Repealer. Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.

Severability. In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the Township Council hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Township to meet the goals of the Ordinance.

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect on March 1, 2022 and upon proper passage in accordance with the law.

Adoption: March 22, 2021

FIRE MARSHAL CORNER

A Local Enforcing Agency (LEA) is the term used by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Division of Fire Safety to designate the agency responsible for enforcement of the New Jersey life safety (fire) code in a municipality. The LEA was previously administered by the Eastampton Fire District, and is now administered by Eastampton Township and the Fire Marshal's office is at the Manor House.

The Fire Official is the person designated to head the LEA and enforce the life safety code. The Fire Marshal heads the Fire Prevention Bureau. While the Fire Official and Fire Marshal can be different individuals, in Eastampton Township, both roles are filled by **Yunus Boduroglu**, and the titles are used interchangeably.

Message from Fire Marshal Yunus Boduroglu:

Since 1966, most states have been changing the clocks twice a year in order to save an hour of daylight. Love it or hate it, daylight saving time is coming up again. **When you spring forward on March 10th**, the Eastampton Fire Prevention Bureau wants you to think about important ways to move fire safety forward.



Be Sure to Change Your Batteries on your smoke alarms and check to make sure they are not older than 10 years old. It is recommended you replace smoke alarms every 10 years unless specified otherwise by the manufacturer.

Smoke Alarms Are a Vital Component of Fire Safety: they are only effective when properly installed, maintained, and

utilized. Your proactive approach to fire prevention can make a significant difference in safeguarding lives and property. If you hear your smoke alarm activate, evacuate immediately and call 9-1-1! If you need assistance with proper locations to place smoke alarms, do not hesitate to contact the Fire Marshal for guidance.





Regular Maintenance is Key: Test smoke alarms monthly by pressing the test button. If the alarm emits a weak sound or no sound at all, replace the batteries immediately. Additionally, clean smoke alarms regularly to prevent dust accumulation, which can interfere with their functionality.

Business Owners in Eastampton Township: You are encouraged to visit https://www.eastampton.com/fm/page/fire-inspection-documents for a Pre-Fire Inspection checklist of some of the more common fire violations in preparation for your annual fire inspection.

Please visit www.Eastampton.com/fm for contact information and future updates.

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 <u>Eastampton</u> <u>Township</u>, <u>NJ Online Application Forms (govpilot.com)</u>), 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.

BRUSH COLLECTION

During the months of December through March <u>brush will</u> not be collected. Please do not put any brush out for collection during these winter months.

LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf collection has ended for this season, <u>and will not be collected</u>. Collection will resume the first week of October. Please do not put any leaves out for collection from February through September.

BULK PICKUP

Beginning the first Friday in January 2024 the changes adopted in Ordinance 2023-11 are in effect. Please see the below flyer and visit our website at www.eastampton.com for further details.





ANNIVERSARY CORNER

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

March 6	Guiseppe Ferrara	Public Works	7 years
March 20	Matthew Tippin	Police Dept.	7 years
March 27	Fred P. Rodi, Jr.	Public Works	1 year

EVENTS CORNER

Mt. Holly St. Patrick's Parade and 5k Run & 1 Mile Family Fun Walk Saturday, March 2nd 11:00 am- 4:00 pm
High Street & Washington Street
Mount Holly, NJ 08060

St. Patrick's Parade begins at 1pm.





2024 Burlington County Teen Arts Festival

March 13th (Featuring Middle School)

March 14th (Featuring High School) *Times to be determined*RCBC

900 College Circle

Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

An educational and inspirational festival featuring the creative talents of students and instructors from Burlington County Schools! The Teen Arts Festival has promoted the importance of arts education in schools and encouraged creative young artists to celebrate their work in visual art, theater, film, music, poetry media, and other mediums for nearly two decades in Burlington County.

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

The Burlington County Spring 2024 Program Guide can be found at 2024 Spring Program Guide Final Online (burlington.nj.us) There is something for everyone! Health & Fitness (shown below), Outdoor Adventures, Nature, History, Art Exhibits, Classes & Events, Burlington County Agricultural Center, Rancocas Nature Center and Festivals (shown below).

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

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. Register Here

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)

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sequence we are offered the chance to be in the present
moment to recenter ourselves and find gratitude. This
class will take place outdoors on the front lawn of the
Farmhouse at the Burlington County Agricultural Center,
500 Centerton Rd., Moorestown. Bring a yoga mat.

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. Register Here

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.





Historic Smithville Park 803 Smithville Road Eastampton, NJ





Made possible by funds from the Burlington County Board of County Commissioners, a partne of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts













WWW.CO.BURLINGTON.NJ.US/PARKS



PAPER SHREDDING EVENTS

MAR 24 and MAY 5

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.

- "For this year's spring cleaning, the
 Burlington County Board of
 Commissioners is pleased to offer
 two free paper shredding events to
 help you properly and safely dispose of
 old financial paper and sensitive documents.
 Please save the dates and take advantage of this
 great County service!"
 - Commissioner Tom Pullion,
 liaison to the Department of Solid Waste
 and Recycling



- ☑ 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.

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