



# *Eastampton Township News*

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## **July 2020**

Eastampton Township News is generally published on a monthly basis to provide residents with pertinent information and reminders related to Eastampton Township and the surrounding area. The Township views this as another important means of keeping residents informed about our community.

### **Observed Holidays**



**Municipal Offices are closed** on Friday, **July 3, 2020** in Observance of Independence Day. We will reopen on Monday, **July 6, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.**

As we approach the **July 4th** holiday weekend, we wanted to send out a message to our residents in regards to fireworks. We encourage the residents of Eastampton Township to enjoy the holiday weekend in a responsible way while celebrating and spending time together. With many venues cancelling fireworks displays this year, we also understand that some will take it upon themselves to engage in setting off fireworks at their own residences.

We would like to remind everyone of **Township Ordinance 343-1**. *It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue or cause to be made or continued any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise or any noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others within the limits of the Township.* Respectfully, **Title 21** (Explosives and Fireworks) of **New Jersey State Code**, specifically **21:2-6 Dangerous fireworks prohibited**, states: *it shall be unlawful to manufacture, sell, transport, or use dangerous fireworks within the state. "Dangerous fireworks" include:*

- Toy torpedoes containing more than 5 grains of an explosive composition.
- Paper caps containing more than .35 grain of explosive composition.
- Firecrackers or salutes exceeding 5 inches in length or 3/4 inch in diameter.
- Cannons, canes, pistols or other devices designed for use otherwise than with paper caps.
- Any fireworks containing a compound or mixture of yellow or white phosphorous or mercury.
- Any fireworks that contain a detonator or blasting cap.
- Fireworks compositions that ignite spontaneously or undergo marked decomposition when subjected for 48 consecutive hours to a temperature of 167 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Fireworks that can be exploded en masse by a blasting cap placed in one of the units or by impact of a rifle bullet or otherwise.
- Fireworks, such as fuses, containing a match tip, or head, or similar igniting point or surface, unless each individual tip, head or igniting point or surface is thoroughly covered and securely protected from accidental contact or friction with any other surface.
- Fireworks containing an ammonium salt and a chlorate.

We ask that everyone please be considerate of your fellow neighbors and their animals. Many residents have young children and animals that may become anxious and frightened at the sound of fireworks. Please also remember that fireworks are dangerous explosive devices that can lead to severe injuries and even lead to death.

On behalf of the Township of Eastampton we wish you a happy and healthy **4<sup>th</sup> of July**. Please enjoy it responsibly!

## **Municipal Building Reopening to the Public July 6, 2020**

**Face coverings are mandatory** for anyone to enter Eastampton Municipal buildings. Once entering the Manor House M-F from 8:30-4:30 **check in is required** with the Office Assistant Rupi Swatch at the 1<sup>st</sup> floor window. Social distancing recommendations of 6' must be adhered to. Please note that due to New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy's Executive Order No. 152 the maximum capacity for the building is 25%, which is a total of 12 people including staff members. If the capacity has been met you will be required to wait outside until someone exits. Please see the following list of staff members and hours of operation for assistance:

Township Manager/Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White  
Tax Collector Kijona Thompson  
M-F from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Building/Construction Official Gene Blair  
Zoning Officer Kathy Newcomb  
Monday and Thursday from 5:30 pm-8:00 pm.

Land Use Planning Board Administrator Jill Torpey  
Tax Assessor Michael Bernardin  
Thursday from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm.

## **Free Cooper Face Masks**

Free face masks are still available for pick-up. Please call Christina Lucas at 609-267-5723 x201 or email [clucas@eastampton.com](mailto:clucas@eastampton.com) to verify availability prior to coming to the building.





## Primary Election

Residents can check their voter registration status online by using the “Registration Resources” link on the County Clerk’s Burlington County Clerk's website page.

<http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/1725/Registration-Resources>

Reminder, residents who are currently age 17 can sign up now to automatically register to vote when you turn 18. Seventeen-year olds who sign up for automatic registration on or before June 16th, and who will turn 18 by July 7th, are eligible to participate in the Primary Election.



*July 7, 2020*

*Polls open 6:00 am- 8:00pm*

- In direct response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and in accordance to Executive Order 144 the 2020 Primary election will be held on July 7, 2020
- Election will primarily be VOTE-BY-MAIL
- If you go to a polling location you will **ONLY** be allowed to do a **PROVISIONAL BALLOT**
- All voters will receive a vote by mail ballot and return postage paid envelope
- All active Republicans and Democrats will receive a vote by mail ballot and return postage paid envelope
- All Unaffiliated and Inactive voters will receive a vote by mail application and return postage paid envelope
- Ballots **CANNOT** be returned to polling locations
- **ONLY VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES** preventing them from vote using a paper ballot will be able to vote on ADA-accessible machines at polling location
- There will be limited polling locations available
- **The Deadline to Register to vote was June 16, 2020**



**Township Council Meeting** will be held on **Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**. **Land Use Planning Board Meeting** is **Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m.  
**PLEASE NOTE:** Meetings will be held telephonically until further notice. Log on information will be posted on our website along with the Agendas.

**Attention Residents:** All outdoor work for new or replacement fencing, sheds, driveways, pools etc. needs to have zoning and/or construction approvals. Even if the municipal building is closed to the public the Zoning and Construction offices are still operating and enforcing.

**Resident Reminder:** We need everyone's cooperation to help keep Eastampton neat and tidy. Please adhere to the schedule for your area for brush or bulk pick-up. Anything is to be placed out **only on the night before your scheduled pickup day**. Please note that as per Ordinance 2019-17 no house clean outs will be accepted for bulk pick-up by the Public Works department.

#### **Ordinance 2019-17. 444-2 Section D.**

The Township will collect bulk trash on a monthly basis. Bulk shall consist of items such as old furniture, bedding, carpeting, pool covers and metal items such as bicycles. No waste materials of any kind that are generated from commercial activities or businesses, including handyman, repair services, retail store, offices, real estate agencies, landlords, contractors, agricultural enterprises. Residents doing minor repairs to the primary residence may put out small amounts of debris on their bulk day. **No house/rental clean outs will be accepted.**

**Burlington County Reminds Residents That Electronic Waste such as Computers and TV's are Banned from Landfills.** Detailed information regarding electronic waste disposal can be found at FAQ's for Recycling Electronic Waste or by contacting (609) 499-1001.

<http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/.../Ewaste-Recycling-Crisis-In...>

**SIGN UP**



**Burlington County Recycling Program.** Get the latest recycling updates on shredding events, schedule changes due to inclement weather and more with the free **Recycle Coach** smartphone application. The application is available on iTunes and Google Play app stores for Burlington County residents.

Register to Receive All Eastampton Township Announcements. The Township will continue to notify residents of pertinent information through our website, Facebook page and email notification system. To register for the email notification system, “control and click” on the link below:

<http://www.eastampton.com/content/85/87.aspx>



**Bulk Pickup**

Public Works will resume bulk pickup starting June 26<sup>th</sup> for Area 1, July 10<sup>th</sup> for Area 2, and July 17<sup>th</sup> for Area 3. Please see the below schedule for your area.

**AREA 1 – FIRST FRIDAY**

Vista’s/Lakeview

Bedford Court	Berwick Court	Brook Run Road	Buckingham Drive
Cambridge Court	Carol Court	Cedar Mill Lane	Darby Circles
Dawn Drive	Durham Terrace	Essex Court	Farmdale Road
Gloucester Court	Hampton Drive	Jennifer Court	Juniper Street
Kent Court	Kingsley Road/Court	Lakeview Terrace	Lancashire Drive
Meadow Lane	Northumberland Drive	Nottingham Way	Oxford Court
Parkview Drive	Prince William Court	Shelter Rock Road	Stafford Court
Stonegate Drive	Suffolk Court	Surry Court	Tollhouse Road
Warwick Road	Worcester Court	York Circle	

## AREA 2 – SECOND FRIDAY

### Eastampton Farms

Ariel Drive	Aspen Court	Butternut Court	Cedarwood Court
Chestnut Drive	Christopher Lane	Cypress Drive	Dewberry Drive
Elderwood Drive	Elm Tree Lane	Gerber Ln.	Honey Locust Lane
Jessica Way	Knotty Oak Court	Laurelwood Lane	Liat Drive
Linden Tree Lane	Mahogany Court	Manor House Court	Mulberry Lane
Peachtree Court	Poplar Court	Red Bud Court	Red Oak Court
Rochelle Drive	Willowbrook Way	Woodcrest Drive	Woodhurst Court
Woodhurst Drive	Woodstone Court		

### Carriage Park

Bennington Lane	Carriage Drive	Chelsea Road	Coventry Road
Danbury Court	Kensington Drive	Knightsbridge Road	Manchester Road
Newbury Lane	Nottingham Way	Strathmere Road	Wellington Court
Westover Court	Wexford Court	Windham Drive	

### Outside Areas

Ella Drive (Ryan Homes)	Jacksonville Road	Mill Creek Road	Monmouth Road
Oak Street	Oxmead Road	Powell Road	Smithville Road
Star Drive (Ryan Homes/Sharbell)	Woodlane Road	Parker Blvd.	

**AREA 3 – THIRD FRIDAY**

Gordon Heights/Fenimore Village/Private Roads/  
Venue at Smithville Greene (Lennar)

Birch Lane	Dunham Lane	East Railroad Avenue	Fir Lane
Goodman Lane	Gordon Road	Hardwood Lane	Hys Lane
Jade Court	Jess Court	Jill Court	Joe Road
Koa Court	**Lake Drive	Lee Street	Limetree Lane
Maple Road	**Paducah Road	Park Road	Route 206
Rusty Lane	West Railroad Avenue	Worthams Lane	

\*\*Limited access private roads

Bulky waste consists of items such as old furniture, bedding, carpeting, pool covers and metal items such as bicycles. No waste materials of any kind that are generated from commercial activities or businesses, including handyman, repair services, retail store, offices, real estate agencies, landlords, contractors, agricultural enterprises.

Residents doing minor repairs to the primary residence may put out small amounts of debris on their bulk day.

Concrete/cinder blocks, bricks and stone are considered construction debris and will not be accepted.

If a building permit was required for the work that generated waste then it is considered construction debris. Absolutely no contractors or landlords will be permitted to dispose of construction or demolition debris. If you have any questions please call/email Rupi Swaitch at 609-267-5723 x200 [rswaitch@eastampton.com](mailto:rswaitch@eastampton.com) or Mark Philpot 609-267-5723 x210 [publicworks@eastampton.com](mailto:publicworks@eastampton.com)





## BRUSH RECYCLING SCHEDULE

### **AREA 1** Begins the first full week of the month

#### *VISTA/LAKEVIEW*

Buckingham Drive	Farmdale Road	Surry Court
Gloucester Court	Brook Run Road	Kent Court
Northumberland Drive	Dawn Drive	Cambridge Court
Durham Terrace	Meadow Lane	Jennifer Court
Worcester Court	Nottingham Way	Lakeview Terrace
Essex Court	Lancashire Drive	Juniper Street
Oxford Court	Darby Circles	Hampton Drive
Stonegate Drive	Kingsley Road/Court	Carol Court
Tollhouse Road	York Circle	Prince William Court
Warwick Road	Suffolk Court	Cedar Mill Lane
Bedford Court	Shelter Rock Road	Berwick Court
Parkview Drive	Stafford Court	

### **AREA 2** Begins the second week of the month

#### *EASTAMPTON FARMS*

Woodcrest Drive	Linden Tree Lane	Elderwood Drive
Woodhurst Court	Red Oak Court	Woodhurst Drive
Willowbrook Way	Laurelwood Lane	Chestnut Drive
Peachtree Court	Red Bud Court	Aspen Court
Cypress Drive	Ariel Drive	Poplar Court
Woodstone Court	Mahogany Court	Liat Drive
Elm Tree Lane	Cedarwood Court	Honey Locust Lane
Dewberry Drive	Mulberry Lane	Christopher Lane
Rochelle Drive	Jessica Way	Butternut Court
Knotty Oak Court		

#### *CARRIAGE PARK*

Knightsbridge Road	Windham Drive	Danbury Court
Carriage Drive	Westover Court	Manchester Road
Coventry Road	Wellington Court	Kensington Drive
Nottingham Way	Strathmere Road	Chelsea Road
Newbury Lane	Wexford Court	Bennington Lane

#### *OUTSIDE AREA*

Powell Road	Jacksonville Road	**Mill Creek Road
Woodlane Road	Smithville Road	Monmouth Road
Oxmead Road	Oak Street	Star Drive (Ryan Homes/Sharbell)
Ella Drive (Ryan Homes/Sharbell)		Parker Road (Sharbell)

### **AREA 3** Begins the fourth week of the month

#### *GORDON HEIGHTS / TRAILER PARK / PRIVATE ROADS/VENUE AT SMITHVILLE GREENE (LENNAR)*

Park Road	Gordon Road	Maple Road
Route 206	Joe Road	Jess Court
Lee Street	Jade Court	Jill Court
Rusty Lane	Worthams Lane	Fir Lane
Hys Lane	Koa Court	Limetree Lane
East Railroad Avenue	Hardwood Lane	West Railroad Avenue
Birch Lane	Goodman Lane	Dunham Lane
Dunham Lane	**Paducah Road	**Lake Drive

**\*\*DUE TO THE LIMITED ACCESS OF THE PRIVATE ROADS, THE BRUSH CHIPPER WILL ONLY RESPOND WHEN LEAVES ARE KNOWN TO BE OUT FOR COLLECTION.\*\***

## 2020 Holiday Trash Schedule

Please note changes to the trash collection schedule for the following Holidays:

- Good Friday- April 10<sup>th</sup>  
Venue at Smithville Greene (Lennar) will be collected on **Thursday, April 9, 2020.**
- Independence Day Observed- July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Venue at Smithville Greene (Lennar) will be collected on **Thursday, July 2, 2020.**
- Thanksgiving & Day after Thanksgiving- November 26-27<sup>th</sup>  
All areas normally collected on Thursday (Eastampton Farms and Carriage Park) or Friday (Lennar) will be collected on **Monday, November 30, 2020.**
- Christmas Eve & Christmas Day- December 24-25<sup>th</sup>  
All areas normally collected on Thursday (Eastampton Farms and Carriage Park) or Friday (Lennar) will be collected on **Monday, December 28, 2020.**
- New Year's Day- January 1, 2021  
Venue at Smithville Greene (Lennar) will be collected on **Thursday, December 31, 2020**



### **Eastampton Township's New Website**

Township Council authorized the design of a new website for our community. We have been working with Municode to develop our newly designed website. The focus has been to make the new website faster, easier to navigate, and more user-friendly. After months of hard work we will be able to officially announce the launch of our newly improved website coming soon!

Eastampton Township has been chosen as a Case Study on the success of GovPilot for our community.



Eastampton Twp, NJ



Population  
6,000

System Replaced  
Manual Paper

GP Modules Deployed by  
Eastampton Township

- Business Registration
- CCO
- GIS Map
- Landlord Registration
- Report-a-Concern

For more information  
Call 800-491-6732 or  
visit [www.govpilot.com](http://www.govpilot.com)

## CUSTOMER CASE STUDY: CERTIFICATE OF CONTINUED OCCUPANCY INSPECTION

Certificate of Continued Occupancy Inspection  
Eastampton Township is a growing community that transitioned from a paper-based CCO application and inspection system to GovPilot's cloud-based digital platform.

### Challenge

Eastampton Township relied on paper-based application, inspection, and record-keeping to administer the town's CCO process. As the township grew, the inefficient process led to redundant communication with residents, excessive phone calls and walk-ins, lost paperwork, an expansive filing system in the basement of the municipal building, a decrease in employee productivity, and frustrated constituents.

### Solution

Officials from Eastampton engaged GovPilot to provide a digital process. Now, residents and local real estate agents can request records and apply for CCO, directly through a digital form accessed via the township's website. Automated status emails keep applicants informed through every step of the process, and employees can search records instantly. Today, the township inspector uses a tablet to inspect properties, eliminating cumbersome paperwork and the need to travel back and forth to the office for filing.

### Results

#### 50% to 1% of Day

With GovPilot's cloud-based digital forms the Clerk's department reduced time spent on phone and email communication with residents from half of their day to just a few minutes per day.

#### 30 mins to 30 sec.

Prior to GovPilot, employees had to search for paper records filed in the basement and relay that information to a colleague or resident. Now, digital records are accessible in seconds by city employees, from any device at any time.

#### 5 hrs per week

Replacing paper based inspections with GovPilot's cloud-based inspection app accessible via mobile devices has saved the inspector five hours per week in travel, paperwork, and communication with staff.

#### Zero Disruptions

Since adopting GovPilot, Eastampton has maintained business continuity through snowstorms and a global pandemic.

“ GovPilot is the perfect partner to work with a growing Township. ”

Christina Lucas, Township Manager's Secretary

“ The level of service is by far the best customer support I've ever received. ” Kim-Marie White, Township Manager/Municipal Clerk

## NJDCA Rental Assistance

### **NJDCA Rental Assistance Enrollment Period**

Please remind your constituents that the enrollment period for the Department of Community Affairs's COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (CVERAP) is approaching. The COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (CVERAP) will provide temporary rental assistance to low- and moderate-income households that have had a substantial reduction in income or became unemployed due the COVID-19 pandemic. Please see the information below and the **attached** FAQ guide about the program. Please share this information with your constituents.

### **The COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (CVERAP)**

For complete details and information please

visit: <https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/cverap.html>

Applicants may be eligible for a maximum of up to six months of emergency rental assistance. CVERAP Pre-applications will only be accepted online.

The Enrollment Period is **Monday, July 6, 2020, at 9:00 am until Friday, July 10, 2020, at 5:00 pm**

All participants will be reviewed at the three-month interval to see if they are still in need of assistance. Persons applying must meet all applicable CVERAP income and eligibility requirements. You must be eighteen (18) years of age or older to apply or be an emancipated minor. **Only one (1) pre-application per household will be accepted.** All participants will be selected through an online lottery process.

**Anyone selected for the program must meet the following requirements:**

- Have a gross, annual household income that is at or below the maximum income limits for the county where they are residing
- Be a New Jersey resident and rent a unit in New Jersey
- Rent must be current as of March 2020; this program will not assist with arrears
- Have a substantial reduction in income or are currently receiving unemployment due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Have a lack of assets and savings to pay rent
- Will pay a minimum of 30 percent of their income towards the rent
- Anyone currently receiving a subsidy from another rental assistance program or living in Public Housing is ineligible

For more information, dial 609-292-4080 or 551-249-2687. You can also visit <https://www.nj.gov/dca/vouchers.html> , which includes information on the Maximum Income Limits and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for this Program.



[Please Support Our Local Businesses](#)

At this time Open for take-out only. Please contact the business for questions on available menu items and days that they are open.

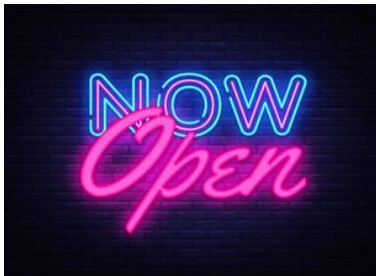
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**Bella Bar Salon and Spa  
1302 Monmouth Rd.  
Mart's Shopping Center  
609-667-7962**

New Eastampton Business is Now Open!

Hours of Operation:

Monday –Friday 9:00 am-8:00pm

Saturday 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am-4:00pm

*\*Services are available by appointment only\**

Services include: Hair, Barbering, Nails, Makeup, Lash Extensions, Airbrush Tanning, Skincare, Facials and Massages

Please see the following article from the Burlington County Times for further details.

# Burlington County Times

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## New salon and spa opening in Eastampton

By Jarrad Saffren

Posted Jun 23, 2020 at 4:00 PM

A new business, the Bella Bar Salon and Spa, is ready to open in Eastampton this July.

EASTAMPTON — Josie Russo is a full-time nurse, but she has always wanted to open her own salon.

Now, with the upcoming opening of the Bella Bar Salon and Spa, Russo will get to realize her dream.

This July, Russo and two co-owners, her brother Jack Russo and their associate, Denise Blattenberger, will open the new salon and spa at 1302 Monmouth Road in the township.

The Russos and Blattenberger will set up shop inside a roughly 1,400-square-foot space in Mart's Shopping Center.

When it opens, the salon will have between six and eight full-time hairdressers, Josie Russo said. Eventually, she added, the owners are hoping to hire four more staff members for skin, nails, massages and tanning.

All of the hairdressers live in Burlington County, besides one who lives in Philadelphia.

Eastampton's newest salon is only waiting on one more inspection, from the state Board of Cosmetology, before it can open for business.

But the board has been closed due to the coronavirus pandemic, and it still has not reopened, even though the state allowed barber shops and salons to reopen on Monday.

Josie Russo is hoping the board reopens soon, so the Bella Bar Salon can hit its July target.

“We just finished construction a couple weeks ago,” Russo said in early June. “But we can’t open without that inspection.”

No matter how long it takes for the inspectors to come, the co-owners are willing to wait. They all have other jobs and incomes they can depend on in the meantime.

“I’ve been working as a nurse,” Josie Russo said. “Thank goodness I’ve had a job and I’ve been able to pay the bills.”

Russo plans on continuing to work as a nurse even after the salon opens. But she also wants to be the type of small business owner who is available 24/7, and present at the location during her off hours.

Once the salon opens, between working as an essential employee during the pandemic and establishing a small business with social distancing restrictions, Russo may literally be working 24/7. But she is OK with that, because she’s committed to making her dream work.

She’s dedicated because she has always prided herself on empowering other women. That’s why she always wanted to run a salon. It offers female workers the chance to build up their own customer bases.

As a nurse, Russo has always been the one to encourage female co-workers to go back to school or keep plugging away for that promotion.

So when the space in Mart’s Shopping Center became available, Russo noticed because her family’s business, Russo’s Pub & Italian Restaurant, is in the same shopping center.

She recognized that the space offered her a chance to do more than just encourage other women.

“I always take the opportunity to help,” she said. “The opportunity presented itself.”

As a full-time nurse who lives in a different town, Cream Ridge in Monmouth County, Russo will only be able to physically watch over her business on a limited basis.

That's where Blattenberger comes in.

The co-owner, who also works for Russo's Pub & Italian Restaurant, has been working in the salon industry for more than 20 years, including as a manager.

Blattenberger even grew up in the industry. As a young girl, she would help out at her aunt's salon in Wildwood, sweeping the floors, cleaning the towels and watching her aunt, Barbara Ann Flacco, "do her thing," as Blattenberger put it.

"It's all about the inspiration that when someone sits in their chair, you can make their day," she said. "You can make them feel beautiful."

Russo is confident that, with Blattenberger in charge day to day, the salon will thrive.

"It's her expertise," Russo said. "She has been doing this for over 20 years."

Together, the co-owners are bullish about the business because of the area, too.

"Eastampton is doing a great job building up the township with the apartments, the condos," Blattenberger said.