

## Eastampton Township News

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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.

- 1. Annual Tree Lighting and Arrival of Santa Claus. This popular holiday event, coordinated by the Recreation Advisory Committee, is scheduled for <u>Friday</u>, <u>December 9</u> at the Manor House at 7pm. Enjoy cookies, hot chocolate and holiday music performed by the Eastampton Community School Choir. Santa Claus will be available for photos for one hour so please bring your camera! Residents also may bring their ornament to hang on our new holiday tree.
- 2. Eastampton Fire-Rescue Department Sponsors "Welcome Santa to Town" Event on Sunday, December 18. Santa Claus will be traveling throughout the community beginning at 11:00am. Contact the Fire-Rescue Department at (609) 267-5224 for additional information.
- 3. PSE&G Announces Burlington County Gas Pipe Replacement Project Will Begin On or About Monday, December 5. The project,

which includes the replacement of approximately 9 miles of older gas pipes throughout various Burlington County municipalities, will directly impact the entire span of Woodlane Road in Eastampton Township. Work will be conducted Monday through Saturday from 8am to 5pm. Additional project information can be found by visiting <a href="www.pseg.com/gaswork">www.pseg.com/gaswork</a> or by contacting PSE&G at (973) 430-7734.

- 4. Burlington County Sheriff's Department Annual Toy Drive. Residents and businesses can donate toys for children of families in need at over 50 drop off sites throughout the County, including the Eastampton Township Police Department, located at 725 Smithville Road. Last year, the toy drive collected over 1,000 toys and continues to provide grow each year.
- 5. Fieldstone Associates, LLC Continues Site Work on Eastampton Place West on Woodlane Road, the Former Gregory's Furniture Site. Fieldstone Associates, LLC received Land Use Planning Board approval for a mix-use project on the site. "Eastampton Place West" consists of 7 buildings totaling approximately 383,000 square feet, including over 12,000 square feet of commercial space, a 4,300 square foot clubhouse and 240 market-rate luxury apartment units ranging from 800 to 1,400 square feet each. The property is located adjacent to the existing Dunkin Donuts on Woodlane Road. Construction is scheduled to begin in February of 2017 and occupancy is scheduled to begin in February of 2018. Progress and timelines will be provided throughout the project via all Township information outlets.
- **6.** Public Works Department Leaf Collection Reminders. The information outlined below is intended to familiarize residents with Township procedures for the collection of bagged and loose leaves:
- The Township will continue to pick up leaves until all leaves are collected (typically late December).
- Leaves may not be placed in household trash.
- Please keep bagged leaves away from regular trash.
- If you use a lawn mower to cut your grass and collect large amounts of leaves at the same time, please place these bags away from your regular trash. Bagged grass will not be collected with regular trash from mid-October through March. The leaf vacuum will collect grass mixed with leaves and will save disposal fees at the landfill. Collecting bagged grass with the leaf vacuum will also increase our Recycling Tonnage Grant.

- Leaves may be raked to the curb or bagged. Leaves should not contain any trash or debris.
- Loose leaves should not be placed within (10) ten feet of a storm drain.
- Leaf piles should be kept away from sign posts, mailboxes, utility poles, basketball hoops and other obstructions. Placing leaves near obstacles make collection efforts more difficult, as the hose on the vacuum needs to swing freely in all directions to collect leaf piles.
- Leaves raked to the curb should have all branches, sticks, vines and other debris removed from the pile. Mixed piles of brush and leaves will not be collected.
- Pick-up begins on Monday and continues through the week completing ONE sweep of the area. Every effort is made to complete one pass through each area. However, the volume of leaves and weather conditions may delay collection.
- If you live on a busy road, keep in mind the vacuum hose can extend five feet past the curb.
- The schedule is subject to change based upon weather conditions.
  - The complete schedule is available on the Township web site at <a href="https://www.eastampton.com">www.eastampton.com</a> on the front page under "Public Works." If you have any questions about collection, please call 609-267-5723, extension 210.
- 7. Eastampton Seniors Group Hosting "Holiday Tea" at the Smithville Mansion on Tuesday, December 20. The event includes a tour of the Smithville Mansion and begins at 1pm. Cost is \$25.00. This growing group of seniors began meeting in April, 2009 and meets monthly at the Recreation Building in Buttonwood Park on Knightsbridge Road. All Eastampton residents ages 50 and up are welcomed to join. Activities include guest speakers, luncheons, holiday parties, trips and other special programs. Please contact 267-5723, ext. 200 for additional information regarding the Holiday Tea or other programs.
- 8. Holgate Development, LLC Continues Site Work on Eastampton Village II and III on Woodlane Road. The project, consisting of 8 market-rate single family homes and 55 market-rate townhomes, received Land Use Planning Board approval in 2014 and is located adjacent to the existing Sharbell development. Work is

scheduled to be performed on weekdays, weather permitting, from 7am to 6pm. Work will occasionally be conducted on Saturdays during the same hours. Although vehicular traffic may be impacted in this area, roads will remain open throughout the project. Construction work is being performed by Blenheim Construction of Sicklerville and Township Engineer Environmental Resolutions is managing project oversight. Progress and timelines will be provided throughout the project via all Township information outlets.

## 9. Tips for Residents to Follow During Winter Weather Advisories and Storms:

- Be aware of parking regulations and once snow has begun, remove all vehicles from roadways to enable plow trucks to clear the roads. In general, it is helpful to park vehicles in garages and driveways wherever possible and not on the street during a storm to improve street snow clearing.
- Remove accumulated snow from abutting sidewalks to assist neighbor and school student safety. When clearing snow, be mindful not to shovel snow into roadways or adjoining properties.
- o **Shoveling out neighborhood fire hydrants** is encouraged to allow for quick location and access in event of an emergency. Residents should be aware of fire hydrant locations and street address signs that could become inaccessible due to snow accumulation.
- Unless officially authorized, residents should never assume that frozen ponds or lakes are suitable for skating or other recreational activities.
- For changes in Township schedules, including municipal office hours, trash collection and other important updates, visit the Township website at <a href="https://www.eastampton.com">www.eastampton.com</a>, or call (609) 267-5723, ext. 200.
- 10. Fieldstone Associates, LLC Continues Site Work on Eastampton Place on Woodlane Road, next to CVS. "Eastampton Place" consists of 5 buildings totaling approximately 199,000 square feet, including 5,600 square feet of commercial space and 140 market-rate luxury apartment units ranging from 1,000 to 1,350 square feet each. The 3-parcel property, most of which was formerly a junkyard, is located adjacent to the existing CVS pharmacy. Site clearing is near completion, construction is scheduled to begin later this month and occupancy is scheduled to begin in May of 2017. Residents should expect some traffic delays due to utility work in this area. Progress and timelines will be provided throughout the project via all Township information outlets.

- 11. Burlington County Sponsors Candlelight Tour of the Smithville Mansion on Thursday, December 15. See the Historic Smithville Mansion fully lit up at night during the holiday season. Each room is fully decorated in a Victorian Holiday theme. The guided tour will lead you through the decorated mansion, room by room. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the tour. For additional information call (609) 261-3295.
- 12. 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:

  <a href="http://www.eastampton.com/content/85/87.aspx">http://www.eastampton.com/content/85/87.aspx</a>

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