

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.

Observed Holidays



Municipal Offices are closed on Monday, February 15th in Observance of President's Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, February 16th at 8:30 am.

Fun President Facts:

President Andrew Jackson hated paper money...and he ended up on the \$20 bill!

President Gerald Ford could have become an NFL player, and received offers from the Detroit Lions and the Green Bay Packers when he graduated from the University of Michigan.

President Ronald Reagan was partially deaf in one ear when a gun went off accidentally next to his head on a movie set.

Township Council Meetings are on Monday, February 8th and February 22nd at 7p.m. Land Use Planning Board Meeting is Wednesday, February 19th at 7:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Meetings will be held virtually/telephonically until further notice.

Log on information will be posted on our website with the Agenda.

Tax Payments are due February 1st. For your convenience we have a lockbox that you may drop your payment in anytime, located next to the back doors of the Manor House. Eastampton Township Now Accepts Online Tax Payments. Residents can make payments online via ACH, e-check, credit card or debit card by visiting https://wipp.edmundsassoc.com/Wipp/?wippid=0311. An administrative fee will be assessed by the company processing the transactions. The grace period to pay without penalties is 2/10/21. Please note that Tax Sale notices will be going out very soon. All unpaid 2020 taxes and 2019 MUA delinquent payments are subject to the Tax Sale on March 19, 2021, For additional information, contact the Tax Collector's Office at 609-267-5723, ext. 213.

Eastampton Township Encourages Residents to Volunteer for Township Boards and Committees. Residents can apply to serve on the Economic Development Advisory Committee, Environmental Advisory Committee, Land Use Planning Board, Recreation Advisory Committee and the Veterans and Military Affairs Advisory Committee. Residents interested in volunteering please "control and click" on the following: citizen leadership form application for board committee.pdf (eastampton.com) to

<u>citizen leadership form application for board committee.pdf (eastampton.com)</u> to obtain an application form from the Municipal Clerk's Office.

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 following: Subscribe to Email Alerts | Eastampton New Jersey

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. Licensing may be done by mail with a self-addressed stamped envelope included for return of your license, or by use of the Drop Box at the Manor House. The cost is \$12.00 for a neutered/spayed dog and \$15.00 for a non-neutered/spayed dog for the month of February. Please note that the rabies vaccination must be valid through November 1, 2021 by NJ State Law to obtain the dog license. As the Manor House is closed to the public we have several ways to process your 2021 dog license application:

- Online payments are now accepted! To make an online payment click here to be redirected to a secure page. If you would like your dog license mailed to you please mail or drop off a self-addressed stamped envelope to 12 Manor House Court. If you are a new resident, you have a new animal to be licensed, or your rabies vaccination has expired there will be a delay in your licensing.
- You may mail or drop off the dog license application at 12 Manor House Court. If you would like the license mailed back to you please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. If one is not provided it will be available for pickup at the Drop Box at the Manor House.
- If you pay online or drop off the application your license will be ready for pickup within three business days at the Drop Box at the Manor House.

Please ensure your dog's rabies vaccination does not expire before November 1, 2021 or the dog license cannot be issued as per NJ state law.

Please contact Christina Lucas at 609-267-5723 x201, <u>clucas@eastampton.com</u> or Rupi Swaitch at 609-267-5723 x200, <u>rswaitch@eastampton.com</u> for assistance.

Animal Control personnel are permitted to inspect current licenses for all dogs residing within the Township.

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.
- 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
- 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 following link: Subscribe to Email Alerts | Eastampton New Jersey

Groundhog Day: Have you ever wondered how accurate Punxsutawney Phil's Groundhog Day forecasts have been, or when he began to predict the weather? It's a good thing the Punxsutawney Goundhog Club of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania love the little guy as he's only correct 39% of the time. He began his spring/winter predictions in 1887, and the process and tradition has remained mostly unchanged.

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. Please "control and click" on the following: Recycle Coach | Burlington County, NJ - Official Website

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

Burlington County Animal Shelter:

Free Pets for Vets- BCAS offers free pet adoptions for county veterans. Military ID or copy of DD-214 required. Shelter animals can offer companionship, unconditional love, loyalty, respect, and joy. For photos and information about available pets please visit http://www.petango.com

Seniors Adopt for Free- BCAS offers free pet adoptions for county residents 60 years of age or older. (Maximum of two.) For photos and information about available pets please visit http://www.petango.com

Save a Senior Program- adopt an older pet from the BCAS. Adoption fee is paid for by the Friends of the BCAS, or you can make a tax-deductible donation to sponsor the adoption of a cat or dog. Please visit www.FriendsofBCAS.org Please call the shelter at 609-265-5073 for information on any of the above programs.



Burlington County Lyceum of History and Natural Sciences Trivia Night- Monday, February 8, 2021 from 7:00-8:30pm.

Join us live via Zoom for trivia. Each week, three rounds will be played featuring Burlington County history, world events, general history, pop culture, and many others. Throughout the month, each trivia night will feature a round about African-American history and culture in the U.S. It is sure to be a fun time! You will receive a Zoom link prior to the event. Please register online using the following link: Catalog - Burlington County Parks (rec1.com)

Eliza Gurney: Pen Pal to President Lincoln Thursday, February 11, 2021 from 3:00-4:00pm

Eliza Gurney, a Quaker minister from Burlington Township, was against the violence of the Civil War. She took her passion for peace and caring for others all the way to President Lincoln in a series of letters. This presentation will focus on the life of Eliza Gurney and how she came to build a relationship with President Lincoln. The presentation will take place on Zoom. Registration is required. A Zoom link will be provided upon registration. Please register online using the following link: Catalog - Burlington County Parks (rec1.com)

Burlington County also has a list of **Virtual Programs** that you can visit by going to the following: <u>Virtual Programs</u> | <u>Burlington County</u>, NJ - <u>Official Website</u>

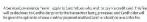














Online Payments Now Accepted!

Eastampton Township has a new way to pay! We can now accept online payments for:

- CCO for Resales/Rental Applications
- Construction Permits
- Dog Licenses
- Food License Applications
- Marriage License Applications
- Raffle/Bingo Applications
- Tax Assessor 200' Property List
- Trash or Recycling Carts
- Vital Requests (Certified Copy)
- Zoning Permits



New Buttonwood Park Playground Equipment Coming Soon!

Eastampton Township applied for and was awarded a grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 through the Burlington County Municipal Park Development Program. This grant will be utilized to install new playground equipment at Buttonwood Park. The following 3D images provide an indication of what the finished playground will look like once the project is completed. Look for more information and updates in upcoming newsletters!





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