



Eastampton Township News

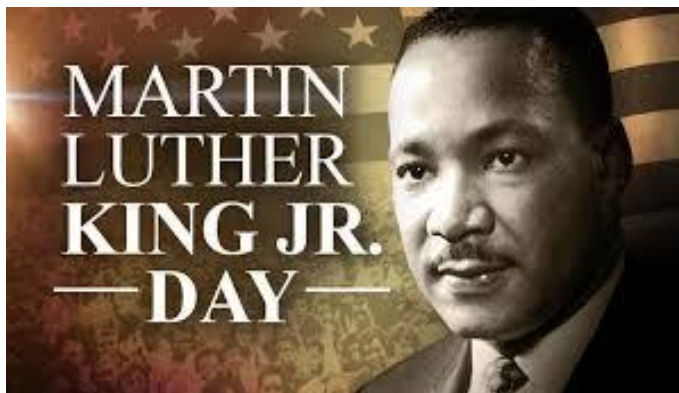
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*Mayor Dominic F. Santillo, Deputy Mayor Anthony Zeno,
Council Member Rob Apgar, Council Member Eddie Besko
and Council Member Jay Springer*

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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, January 18, 2021 in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Township Council Reorganization Meeting was held on **Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7pm**. Congratulations to Dominic F. Santillo who will be serving as Mayor, and Anthony Zeno who will be serving as Deputy Mayor during 2021. Also congratulations to Rob Apgar, Jay Springer and Anthony Zeno on their re-election as Eastampton Township Council Members. Best wishes to our 2021 Eastampton Township Council: Mayor Santillo, Deputy Mayor Zeno, Council Member Apgar, Council Member Besko and Council Member Springer.



Dominic F. Santillo with his three children, Dominic Jr., Kaitlyn and David following his swearing in as the 2021 Eastampton Township Mayor on January 4, 2021.

Fellow Eastampton Residents,

Happy New Year 2021, I hope this message finds you and your families in good health and in good spirits. Thank you for the trust and confidence you all have bestowed on me as a member of township council, I am honored to serve as your Mayor. Along with my fellow council members, we seek to provide quality services to all residents at an affordable cost. We will continue to do this through fiscal responsibility, sound leadership and by continuing the progress of our business development for a stronger Eastampton Township. The coming year will continue to bring progress to town, from new playground equipment for Buttonwood Park (secured through a grant from Burlington County), to road improvements and infrastructure repairs (partially funded through NJ state grants). While many of the challenges of the 2020 coronavirus pandemic remain, there is hope and optimism ahead for all of us.

Eastampton Township is a great place to work and live. Whether you are passing through for duty, or settled for the long haul to raise a family, we hope you will find our local parks, walking trails, community school and small businesses as sources of pride. Whether you're getting your car or bike serviced, in need of a style or haircut, a quick bite, healthy shake, or a full meal, Eastampton offers one-of-a-kind small businesses. One thing is apparent: these local businesses need your support. Please continue to shop local as we help our friends and neighbors to the other side of these challenging economic times.

I am proud to call Eastampton Township my home. My wife and I made the decision to raise our three children here in our great K-8 school, near local parks and amongst the safe streets. We have been fortunate to meet many of you along the way who have the same mindset. So whether you're engaging with our knowledgeable administrative and construction staff in the Manor House, seeing our hard-working public works staff on the streets, or passing Eastampton's finest, our local police department, I hope you will continue to find the same experience my family and I have found these past 8 years. We look forward to re-emerging from this pandemic with stronger friendships and a stronger sense of community. On a personal note I want thank my fellow council members for placing their trust in me, thank you Anthony, Rob, Jay and Eddie for your support and mentorship. I want to thank my mother, brother and sister for their love and support through the years. Additionally, I have been blessed to have inspiring people from many aspects of my life, many on tonight's call. I am grateful and thankful to each of you. So, thank you to my in-laws, extended family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, mentors and boys state family for all you have done for me and my family through the years. Finally, I want to thank my beautiful wife Beth for her love and support, and my three amazing children Dominic, Kaitlyn and David for allowing me serve on council.

In closing, to continue to strengthen our community I encourage each of you to get involved as time allows. Whether as a volunteer with the fire department, a coach for youth sports, or simply attending a township council or school board meeting. Feel free to visit our new website eastampton.com to find ways to get involved in committees and events. The staff and council are here to serve you and help you navigate local government. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me personally at dsantillo@eastampton.com .

Best wishes for a happy, safe and healthy 2021.

Dominic F. Santillo
Mayor, Eastampton Township



2021 Eastampton Township Council pictured left to right: Council Member Jay Springer, Council Member Eddie Besko, Deputy Mayor Anthony Zeno, Council Member Rob Apgar and Mayor Dominic F. Santillo

Deputy Mayor Anthony Zeno

Anthony became a resident of Eastampton when he moved to his home in Carriage Park in 2008 with his wife Michelle and their 4 children, Anthony Jr., Angela, Dominique and Michael. Anthony Jr. is a member of the United States Air National Guard and a graduate of Penn State University with a Masters Degree from George Washington University. He is a detective with the Baltimore Police Department as he resides in Maryland with his wife Ali and their son Vincent. Angela resides in Burlington Township with her husband Isaac and their three children, Gabriella, Anthony and Alaina. Dominique attends Rancocas Valley Regional High School and Michael attends the Eastampton Community School.

Shortly after moving to town Michelle joined the Eastampton Community School PTA, and the Eastampton Township Recreation committee. Anthony became a volunteer on the Eastampton Recreation Committee and was elected to the Eastampton Township Council in 2012. Since his election, he has served as Deputy Mayor (2014, 2016, and 2021), Mayor (2015 and 2019), on the Recreation Committee (2012-2014), on the Land Use Planning Board (2014-2015, and 2019-2020), on the Finance Committee (2015-2016 and 2018-2019), and on the Economic Development Advisory Committee (2016-2020).

Anthony has spent many years volunteering his time with Youth organizations. He was the Treasurer of North Brunswick Youth Baseball, President of North Brunswick Pop Warner, and Vice President of Central Jersey Pop Warner, which governed all Pop Warner Football teams in Central and North Jersey. Anthony has spent the last 30 years around children making sure activities and sports were provided, keeping children off the streets and helping them grow into involved community members. Anthony was one of the founding members of Eastampton's first girls softball team, The Eastampton Knights, which has now evolved into the Central Burlington Knights Softball Organization. He formerly served as the Head Coach of the Lady Patriots Softball Team, which includes many girls that are Eastampton residents, as well as others from the RV sending district.

Anthony has been employed for the past 36 years by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 456. He attended Middlesex County College for 2 years, followed by a 5 year Apprenticeship at MCVTS, graduating with High Honors. Anthony has been the Electrical General Foreman on various large projects throughout New Jersey, including Princeton University Hospital, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Seton Hall University, Rutgers University, and major data centers. He is currently employed with EleanorHawkeye as Supervisor of Underground Electrical Transmission working with PSE&G and other utility companies updating the electrical infrastructure throughout the state.

Anthony, Michelle, Dominique and Michael love to call Eastampton home. Anthony is dedicated to the Youth in the community and to providing quality programs and services to the residents of Eastampton Township to continue advancing the efforts of various paths of progress.

Council Member Rob Apgar

Rob has been a resident of Eastampton since 2010. He lives with his wife Ally, a public school teacher, and their two children in Eastampton Farms. His daughters attend the Eastampton Community School.

Currently employed by the State of New Jersey, Rob is a grants administrator with experience in the non-profit and public sectors. Rob has also taught courses in sustainable development and environmental history at Rowan College at Burlington County (formerly BCC) and The College of New Jersey.

Rob earned a Bachelor of Arts in history from The College of New Jersey in 2005, graduating with highest honors, and a Master of Environmental Studies degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 2010, with a concentration in environmental policy.

While on Council, Rob has served as a member of the Environmental Advisory Committee, a member of the Land Use Planning Board, Council's liaison to the Eastampton Community School, and as Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Council Member Eddie Besko

Eddie has been a resident of Eastampton since 1989, and has completed his education here from preschool through the eighth grade. After graduating from Rancocas Valley Regional High School in 2004, Eddie then graduated from DeVry University where he had been awarded a partial scholarship. He completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and was one of the first to graduate with a concentration in Business Information Systems. Taking courses throughout the summers enabled Eddie to accelerate his graduation date seven months earlier.

Eddie has been and continues to be actively involved in Scouting, attaining the prestigious Eagle Scout rank and for his Eagle Scout project he led the beautification of Veterans Memorial Park. Eddie is currently serving as a troop committee member. He also had been a team member in the Eastampton Youth Soccer Association and later became a soccer referee in 2001 and continues refereeing to this day.

Eddie joined the Eastampton Recreation Committee in 2017 and became Co-Chair in 2018. In 2019, he began serving on the Veterans & Military Affairs Committee. Eddie was elected as Councilman in 2018, serving his first year on town council in 2019. He is proud to be part of a community that is focused on growth and community efforts to work together for a better future.

Council Member Jay Springer

Jay has been a resident of Eastampton Township since 1991. For 10 years he lived in Eastampton Mews and served as President on the board of the Eastampton Mews Homeowners Association. In 2001 he and his family moved to the Lakeview section of town. Prior to his election to Eastampton Township Council, he was active on the Township's Environmental Commission and was Vice Chair of the Township's Land Use Planning Board.

Jay and Kim, his wife of 31 years, have two children, Joshua and Jenna, who both attended the Eastampton Community School. Jay has been very active in the community for many years. He coached youth baseball and softball and currently volunteers much of his time in support of the performing arts programs at Rancocas Valley Regional High School. He also serves as a Chief Steward with the Communications Workers of America Local 1036 and is a New Jersey AFL-CIO endorsed labor candidate.

For the past 32 years Jay has been employed as an environmental professional at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and has a diverse background in several clean water programs working on initiatives such as watershed restoration, sustainability and controlling water pollution. He also represents the State of New Jersey on the federal Delaware Estuary Program, working with partners from around the region in the corporate, public and non-profit sectors.

He attended Rowan University, where he met his wife Kim and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology in 1988. In 2017, he earned a Certified Public Manager (CPM) from the Rutgers University School of Public Affairs and Administration. He has also been an Instructor at Rutgers University teaching Continuing Professional Education courses on Wetlands, Stormwater and Floodplain Management and has been a guest speaker on environmental issues at classes and seminars at the University of Pennsylvania, Yale University, Montclair State University, Stevens Institute of Technology and at several environmental, professional and governmental organization events.

Jay was first elected to Township Council in 2008 and served as Deputy Mayor in 2009 and 2019; and as Mayor in 2010 and 2017. He currently represents Township Council on the Environmental Advisory Committee and has previously represented the Township Council on the Land Use Planning Board and Economic Development Advisory Committee.



Township Council Meeting is Monday, January 25th at 7 pm.
Land Use Planning Board Meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 20th at 7:30 pm.**

PLEASE NOTE: Meetings will be held virtually/telephonically until further notice. Log on information will be posted on our website with the Agenda.

Christmas Tree Collection. The Department of Public Works collects Christmas trees as part of the Township's brush collection program. Trees should be placed curbside for collection and all lights, decorations and tree stands must be removed. Trees which are chemically treated or "flocked" will be collected with regular trash as they cannot be recycled. Collection will begin on January 13, 2021. If you have any questions about collection, please call 609-267-5723, extension 210.

Eastampton Township Encourages Residents to Volunteer for Township Boards and Committees. We are looking for volunteers for our Recreation Advisory Committee, which sponsors programs for children and adults throughout the year. There are approximately 10 sponsored events per year, including painting parties, an Easter Egg hunt, Eastampton Day, and Trunk or Treat. The Recreation Advisory Committee meets the 1st Tuesday each month at 7:00 pm in the Recreation Building located at 7 Knightsbridge Road in Buttonwood Park.

Are you Active Duty, Guard or Reservist? Or the spouse of a current or former service member? The mission of the VMAAC is to celebrate and recognize our service connected families and act as a liaison between the town and Joint Base MDL. The VMAAC sponsors the Memorial Day celebration and the annual Boots vs. Badges basketball game. The VMAAC meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Council Room of the Eastampton Municipal Building located at 12 Manor House Court.

The Economic Development Advisory Committee is a seven member board, and meets as needed in the Council Room of the Eastampton Municipal Building located at 12 Manor House Court. The EDAC makes recommendations to the Land Use Planning Board on the economic development of Eastampton Township.

The Land Use Planning Board is a nine member board and meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm. in the Council Room of the Eastampton Municipal Building located at 12 Manor House Court.

The Environmental Advisory Committee is a seven member board and meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm. in the Recreation Building located at 7 Knightsbridge Road in Buttonwood Park or in the Council Room of the Eastampton Municipal Building located at 12 Manor House Court.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of our committees please fill out our Citizen Leadership form, which can be found through the following steps on our website:

- Documents & Forms
- Find Municipal Forms
- Clerk's Office
- Volunteer Application for Board or Commission

The completed form can be dropped off at 12 Manor House Court, or emailed to the Township Manager's Secretary Christina Lucas at clucas@eastampton.com.

Dog Licensing



Residents Are Reminded That All Dogs over 6 Months of Age Are Required to be Licensed Each Year. Dog licensing began on January 4, 2021. The cost for the month of January is \$10.00 for a neutered/spayed dog and \$13.00 for a non-neutered/spayed dog. A \$2.00 per month additional fee will be assessed for each dog registered after January 31. 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, clucas@eastampton.com or Rupi Swaitch at 609-267-5723 x200, rswaitch@eastampton.com for assistance. Animal Control personnel are permitted to inspect current licenses for all dogs residing within the Township.

NJ Residents can Now Pre-register for the Vaccine

More than 600,000 New Jerseyans have registered for the COVID-19 vaccine. Go to <https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/covid-19%20vaccine/> to register now. Although the state is currently only vaccinating health care workers and residents of long-term care facilities, the public is now able to pre-register for the COVID-19 vaccine. For more information regarding the vaccine please visit the [State's COVID-19 Vaccine page](#). And please encourage others to register, too!

Single-Use Paper and Plastic Bags Ban

On November 4th, 2020, Governor Murphy signed S864, the nation's strictest single use plastics and paper ban. Beginning in May 2022, both plastic and paper single-use bags, as well as disposable food containers and cups made from polystyrene foam, will be banned statewide. This bill is a significant step to reduce harm and pollution that these products cause to our environment. For more information about the law, please click [Office of the Governor | Governor Murphy Signs Legislation Banning Single-Use Paper and Plastic Bags in New Jersey \(nj.gov\)](#)

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.



Retrievr Program is Now Available! Retrievr is an on-demand doorstep collection service program to recycle used clothing and electronics. Unwanted clothing, shoes and electronics are collected and recycled for you, and a truck comes to your home on a date you choose. This service is provided at no cost for clothing and shoes, and there are some fees associated with select electronics. Please go to Retrievr's website for a full list of fees, accepted items, frequently asked questions and how to get started.

Please note this program will be in addition to our Bulk Pickup program, so there is one more way to clear out the closets!

Please go to Retrievr's website at [Eastampton, NJ - Clothes & Electronics Recycling Pickup – Retrievr](#)

Online Payments Now Accepted



A Service Convenience Fee will apply to Cardholders who will not pay via credit card. This fee will be disclosed to Cardholder prior to the transaction being processed, and Cardholder will be given the option to choose a different payment method (cash or check) to avoid this fee.



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

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 link below: [Subscribe to Email Alerts | Eastampton New Jersey](#)

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. You can subscribe to receive email alerts for: Council Agendas, Eastampton Township Newsletter, Emergency Notifications, General News, Recreation Activities, Tax Quarter Reminders, or all six alerts! To register for the email notification system, “control and click” on the following: [Subscribe to Email Alerts | Eastampton New Jersey](#)

OTHER EVENTS AND DATES

Martin Luther King, Jr. and His Connection to Burlington County Thursday, January 14, 2021 from 3:00-4:00 pm.

Most people are familiar with Martin Luther King Jr., but did you know that he has a direct connection to Burlington County? In 1950, at the age of 21, King’s experience at a local diner would change his path forever. It began his journey to become a leader in the Civil Rights Movement. Hear the story of Martin Luther King Jr.’s life focused on his time locally, here in Burlington County. The presentation will take place on Zoom. Registration is required. A Zoom link will be provided upon registration. Please “control and click” on the following: [Catalog - Burlington County Parks \(rec1.com\)](#)