

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.



Township Council Meetings are on Monday, March

8th and March 22nd at 7p.m. Land Use Planning Board Meeting is Wednesday, March 17th 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.

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: <u>Subscribe to Email Alerts |</u> <u>Eastampton New Jersey</u>



Burlington County Recycling Program. Get the latest

recycling updates on shredding events, schedule changes due to inclement weather and more with the free <u>Recycle Coach</u> smartphone application. The application is available on iTunes and Google Play app stores for Burlington County residents.



NJDEP Air Quality, Energy and Sustainability

To reduce confusion about recycling, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection purchased the Recycle Coach information system for the entire state. Recycle Coach provides specific information about local recycling program requirements through a weblink and more importantly through a cell phone app that enables users to have this information at their fingertips.

Visit your municipal recycling website or https://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/rc/index.html to see if your municipality is taking advantage of this helpful and convenient educational tool that is available to New Jersey municipalities at no cost. If your municipality is not actively participating in the Recycle Coach system, please contact your local elected officials and let them know that you would like your municipality to participate in the Recycle Coach system. Learn more about recycling at recycle.nj.gov.



Burlington County Recycling Rejection Notifications.

Eastampton Township has been notified by Burlington County Recycling regarding rejection of non-acceptable items in residents' recycling collection. Some common rejections are: Styrofoam, loose trash and trash in bags, recycling is bagged in plastic bags, yard waste, large piles of boxes, construction materials, metal poles, wood, plastic wrap, and pizza boxes.

Please note the residents' address and reason for rejection are submitted to Eastampton Township. Burlington County reserves the right to refuse to collect from addresses that continue to place rejected materials in their recycling.

Recycling Product of the Day- Bottle openers made from baseball bats that were used by professional MLB players. For more information go to: <u>https://www.uncommongoods.com/product/mlb-game-used-baseball-bat-bottle-openers</u>.

2021 Holiday Trash Schedule

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

Good Friday- <u>April 2nd</u> Venue at Smithville Greene (Lennar) will be collected on Monday, March 29, 2021.

Thanksgiving & Day after Thanksgiving- <u>November 25-26th</u> All areas normally collected on **Thursday**: Eastampton Farms and Carriage Park or **Friday**: Venue at Smithville Greene (Lennar) will be collected on <u>Monday</u>, <u>November 22, 2021</u>.

Christmas Eve- <u>December 24th</u> Venue at Smithville Greene (Lennar) will be collected on Monday, December 20, 2021.

New Jersey American Water Information and Assistance

- Report an emergency: directly at <u>emergency.amwater.com</u> or through the "<u>Report Emergency</u>" button at the top of the company's website.
- Here is a video link about our H20 Help to Others Program for bill paying assistance <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zcg-wjI5k4g&feature=youtu.be</u>
- In addition to New Jersey American Water's H2O Help to Others Program, there are a number of energy and heating bill assistance programs and government programs for those who qualify. For a full list of local community resources, New Jersey residents can search the online database at www.nj211.org and view a comprehensive listing of the state's <u>energy</u> programs. Customers may also dial "2-1-1" 24 hours a day, seven days a week for help in finding available assistance services.

Burlington Community Action Partnership Utility Assistance

- Go to <u>www.bccap.org</u> for the application
 Click on Home Energy
 Scroll down and click on the Home Energy Application
- Email your application to <u>Homeenergy@bccap.org</u>
- Mail or drop off your application to: Burlington Community Action Partnership, 1 Van Sciver Parkway, Willingboro, NJ 08046. If you are dropping off please place in the MAIL SLOT facing the parking lot.
- The following documents must be provided with your application:
 - 1. Copies of Social Security Cards for each individual residing in the household.
 - 2. Income Verification for the last 30 days: Weekly/biweekly wages, Unemployment and/or SSI/SSD/SS
 - 3. Residential Lease including the first page, utility page and signature page. If you own your home please provide the mortgage statement and the current property tax bill.

The 2021 Maximum Income Limits		
Household Size	HEA Monthly Gross Income	USF Monthly Gross Income
1	2127	1967
2	2873	2658
3	3620	3349
4	4367	4039
5	5113	4730
6	5860	5421
7	6607	6111
8	7353	6802
9	8100	7493
10	8847	8183
11	9072	8874
12	9257	9565
Amount for each additional member for households greater then 12	185	691

4. All pages of your current utility bill.

Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2021		
First Person	Each Additional Person	
12760	4480	





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 <u>Eastampton, NJ - Clothes & Electronics Recycling Pickup</u> <u>– Retrievr</u>

Bulk Pickup

We need everyone's cooperation to help keep Eastampton neat and tidy. Please adhere to the schedule for your area for 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. "Control and click" on following: <u>Bulk Pickup | Eastampton New Jersey</u>

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 singleuse 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 <u>Office of the Governor | Governor Murphy Signs Legislation Banning Single-</u> <u>Use Paper and Plastic Bags in New Jersey (nj.gov)</u>



NJDEP Air Quality, Energy and Sustainability

To reduce litter, prevent waste and better protect our environment, single use disposable plastic and paper bags will no longer be provided by New Jersey grocery stores and food service businesses starting in May of 2022. Get ahead of the curve and bring your own reusable bags when you shop...starting today!

Learn more about this hot topic at the "Choose to Reuse NJ" website https://choosetoreusenj.com/ - and be part of the solution.



The Month of March

March 8^{th:} International Women's Day celebrates progress made towards women's rights and the achievements of women. It is also a day that brings attention to the global struggle for equality.

March 14^{th:} Start of Daylight Saving Time at 2:00 am. It is also a good time to check and/or change all of your smoke detector and carbon monoxide batteries while setting your clocks back one hour.

March 17th: St. Patrick's Day

March 20th brings about the March equinox, also called the vernal or spring equinox, which marks the beginning of spring.

The brown buds thicken on the trees, Unbound, the free streams sing, As March leads forth across the leas The wild and windy spring. –Elizabeth Akers Allen (1832–1911)





New Eastampton Business is Now Open! Charged Up Dance Fitness 1307 Woodlane Road 856-571-3933

Ciji Carr-McManus is an instructional designer and curriculum writer for the Rutgers School of Social Work in New Brunswick. She has been teaching her dance fitness class for more than six years, but her space at Eastampton is her first brick and mortar location. She signed her lease on Nov. 1st and opened on Dec. 19th. The up tempo dance fitness routine is set to music from a live DJ behind her every week night between 5pm and 9pm. Her class is also offered by Zoom to any client unwilling or unable to attend a live session during the pandemic. Both Zoom and in-person sessions with Charged Up cost \$10 per class.

"It's my dream. It's my passion," Carr-McManus said. "It's everything."



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Buttonwood Park Playground Equipment Arriving in March or April!

In the February newsletter we discussed the arrival of the new playground equipment coming soon. We have received an update from the playground equipment manufacturer of a targeted completion for March or April, weather permitting. Sorry snow lovers, hoping for no more snow this season!







Story of Dr. Seuss (Virtual)

Thursday, March 4th from 3:00-4:00pm. In honor of Read Across America week, learn about Theodor "Dr. Seuss" Geisel who is known for his children's stories but there is more to him than rhymes and illustrations. This presentation will talk about the life of Geisel and how some of his most beloved stories and characters came to be. The presentation will take place on Zoom. Please "control and click" on the following link to register and receive the Zoom link: <u>Catalog - Burlington County Parks (rec1.com)</u>

Burlington County Fairgrounds Country Line Dancing, Early Spring Series

March 5, 12, 19, 26th from 1:00-4:00pm. Country Line Dancing is BACK! Ever wanted to learn Country Line Dances? Now is your chance! Put on your boots and head out to the Burlington County Fairgrounds for the return of the Country Line Dancing Series. The free series will be offered each Friday in March at 1 PM. Each session will take place in the beautiful pavilion at the Fairgrounds and opened to all ages! The dancing begins at 1PM and will be done by 4PM. Registration is required, space is limited. Drop-ins will not be permitted. Each week, registration will open every Monday for the Friday event. Series will move into the evenings when weather warms up! Please "control and click" on the following link to register: Catalog - Burlington County Parks (rec1.com)

Smithville Park & Smith's Woods Lunchtime Walk

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31st from 12:00-1:00pm. Let's get motivated in 2021! This new series is a great opportunity to exercise, explore nature, and get to know the parks that are right in your own backyard. Walking has so many health benefits. This healthy, one-hour lunchtime walk will take place at Smithville Park each week in March. Online registration is required. Attendance is limited to 10 people. Masks and social distancing are required and no dogs allowed. Rain will cancel walk. Meet outside the Visitor Center. Please "control and click" on the following link to register: <u>Catalog - Burlington County Parks (rec1.com</u>)