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By Edgewater Park Township

Edgewater Park

Mayor's Monthly Message - #Communicate2Elevate

In the last days of spring, all Americans commemorate those who died in the military service. We celebrate Memorial Day on the last Monday of May, which also marks the beginning of a vacation season.

What is Memorial Day?

- The history of Memorial Day goes back to the 19th century. People who lost their friends and relatives in the Civil War started to decorate the graves of their dead with flowers, wreaths, and flags. That is why the initial name of the holiday was Decoration Day.
- After World War I, all Americans adopted this remembrance tradition of the Southern states and devoted it to all those who died in any military action. We are honoring men and women who gave their lives for our country up to now.
- Today people go to cemeteries to decorate the graves and pay homage to their dead. Many Americans spend Memorial Day getting together with their family for a picnic or sports event.
 - What is the Difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day?
- If you are one of those asking "is Memorial Day not for veterans?" it is time to learn the answer. Since a lot of us still confuse Veterans Day and Memorial Day, you should know the difference to avoid any misunderstanding.

These two holidays have different origins. The official observance of Memorial Day started in 1868 at Arling-

- ton National Cemetery where people decorated the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers with flowers. This tradition was extended to commemorate all military men and women who died in all American wars. Veterans Day dates back to the early 20th century when Armistice Day was declared after World War I to
- honor the heroism of the American soldiers and their contribution to the world peace. After World War II, the name of the holiday was changed to "Veterans." Ever since then Veterans Day is observed on November 11 to celebrate the veterans of all American wars.

What Do You Say To a Veteran on Memorial Day?

- To express noble Memorial Day sentiments, you should remember that this is the time to commemorate those who gave their lives in service to our country. That is why you should not thank the living veterans on Memorial Day but show respect to their fallen comrades in arms, friends, and family.
- Although we cannot be together in person this year and honor those fallen soldiers with our Memorial Day parade, on behalf of the entire Township Committee, we simply say Thank You!! Take care, and be well all...

Bulk Pick-up – Thurs, June 4; Thurs, June 18 (First, Call the Municipal Bldg. to schedule an

ALL MEETINGS ARE AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING UNLESS OTHERWISE LISTED Office hours are Monday –Thursday 8:30AM to 4:30PM and Friday 8:30AM to 12:30PM

Mayor Amutah









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appointment 609-877-2050)



Notice: New Jersey's primary election is postponed from from June 2 to July 7 because of the coronavirus pandemic.

UNTIL WE ARE OPEN AGAIN

Until that time, we ask everyone that if you need to make any type of payment or have a ticket or violation that needs to be paid, please place it in the Drop Box out front. If you give us your contact information (email) and/or phone number, we will gladly contact you and confirm we have received it.

Also, should you need to contact the staff for any reason, here are the numbers for the various departments. We ask your patience in getting a response as our staff is currently working from home.

Township Administrator 609-877-2050 x350

Jim Bernard – Public Works 609-877-2050 x400 option 5

Tax office 609-877-2062

Inspection office 609-877-2217 (inspections and permits)

Municipal Court 609-877-7645 Police Department 609-877-4404

Sewer Authority 609-877-1411

South Jersey Sanitation 609-561-0441 (Issues related

garbage pick-up)

Tax Assessor 609-877-3838

Clerk office 609-877-2050 x313

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CENSUS 2020

We need everyone to participate in the CENSUS for 2020. Should you be questioning why, all of our Federal Aid and Services are linked to our population. Not accurately showing our population, robs us of Millions of Dollars in Federal Funds and programs we desperately need.

More importantly, it dictates how many representatives we have fighting for us in Washington DC.

Everyone should have received a notification with a code that corresponds to your household. The questions take all of (5) minutes to answer.

By not filling out the census, we are giving up Millions of Dollars that would be allocated to communities for hospitals, fire departments, school lunch programs and other critical programs and services. For our community, it affects the Schools Lunch program, funds for highways, support for our firefighters, and families in need.

To get access to the Census online go to govthub.com. There is an application to download and you can then fill out the Census. If you have your notification that you received in the mail, the code provided in that mail piece is what you place in the Census.

Please take the time to complete the Census as it benefits not only you, but also the entire community.

Tom Pullion

Deputy Director Burlington County Freeholders

Edgewater Park Police April Report

Submitted by: Robert D. Hess, Chief of Police	Office 609.877.4404
24 hours 609. 877.4440 Fax 609.877.639	06
Calls for Service	<u>691</u>
Reports Taken:	<u>30</u>
Cases Cleared	<u>20</u>
Arrests:	1
Accidents Investigated:	<u>11</u>
Motor Vehicle Summonses Issued	<u>404</u>

Arbor Day 2020 in Edgewater Park – Planting One Tree at a Time!

Arbor Day celebrates planting and resolution through the Nebraska state nurturing trees and all the ways trees legislature in that year. enrich our lives and stabilize our environment. Arbor Day first appeared in ognized how much trees could do the United States in 1872.

J. Sterling Morton is credited with embraced Morton's vision. guiding this country's first Arbor Day

Residents of the Great Plains recfor them, and they enthusiastically

It is typically celebrated on the last

Friday in April here in the United States. This year, with social distancing in mind, Edgewater Park still celebrated this wonderful holiday! In this most uncertain time, what is certain is Edgewater Park Township Committee's commitment to our environment.

On Friday April 24th, we planted a tree at the McGowan Elementary School here are a few pictures of Mayor Amutah along with Deputy Mayor Lauren Di Filippo on that wonderful day.





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Dear Valued Business Owner,

As we work as a nation to combat the COVID-19 virus that is impacting our daily lives, we want you - particularly our small business owners - to know that assistance is available in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) Board, approved a suite of new programs designed to support businesses and workers facing economic hardship due to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19.

The package of initiatives includes a grant program for small businesses, a zerointerest loan program for mid-size companies, support for private-sector lenders and Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs), funding for entrepreneurs, and a variety of resources providing technical support and marketplace information. Taken together, they will provide more than \$75 million of State and private financial support, with the opportunity to grow to more than \$100 million if additional philanthropic, State, and federal resources become available. The initiatives will support between 3,000 and 5,000 small and midsize enterprises and are meant to complement recently announced federal economic recovery initiatives.

More information about the programs is available here: https://cv.business. nj.gov.

The new NJEDA initiatives focus on businesses that have been hit hardest by the novel coronavirus outbreak: local small businesses, mid-size businesses that have had to close or drastically reconfigure operations, and new businesses who were just getting on their feet before the crisis hit. The programs provide a suite of compatible offerings that address these businesses' varied needs and include mechanisms to provide funding and assistance as quickly as possible.

Many of the resources are designed to be scalable with the addition of federal and philanthropic resources if they become available. Philanthropic partners interested in donating to support the NJEDA's small business grant program should reach out to: donations@ njeda.com.

Small- and medium-sized enterprises are the heartbeat of New Jersey's economy and it is crucial that we do what we can to provide the resources and assistance they need to withstand the outbreak of novel coronavirus," said NJEDA Chief Executive Officer Tim Sullivan. "In coordination with our partners throughout State government, we are undertaking an unprecedented effort to

support these businesses and the New Jersey residents who rely on them for their livelihoods. These are challenging times, but New Jerseyans are resilient, and together we will get through this and rebuild our economy."

The suite of new initiatives includes:

Small Business Emergency Assistance Grant Program - A \$5 million program that will provide grants up to \$5,000 to small businesses in retail, arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, food service, and other services such as repair, maintenance, personal, and laundry services - to stabilize their operations and reduce the need for layoffs or furloughs.

Small Business Emergency Assistance Loan Program - A \$10 million program that will provide working capital loans of up to \$100,000 to businesses with less than \$5 million in revenues. Loans made through the program will have ten-year terms with zero percent for the first five years, then resetting to the EDA's prevailing floor rate (capped at 3.00%) for the remaining five years.

Community Development Finance Institution (CDFI) Emergency Loan Loss Reserve Fund - A \$10 million capital reserve fund to take a first loss position on CDFI loans that provide low interest working capital to micro businesses. This will allow CDFIs to withstand loan defaults due to the outbreak, which will allow them to provide more loans at lower interest rates to microbusinesses affected by the outbreak.

Emergency Assistance Grant Program – A \$1.25 million program that will provide grants of up to \$250,000 to CDFIs to scale operations or reduce interest rates for the duration of the outbreak.

NJ Entrepreneur Support Program - A \$5 million program that will encourage continued capital flows to new companies, often in the innovation economy, and temporarily support a shaky market by providing 80 percent loan guarantees for working capital loans to entrepreneurs.

Small Business Emergency Assistance Guarantee Program – A \$10 million program that will provide 50 percent guarantees on working capital loans and waive fees on loans made through institutions participating in the NJEDA's existing Premier Lender or Premier CDFI programs.

Emergency Technical Assistance Program - A \$150,000 program that will support technical assistance to New Jersey-based companies applying for assistance through the U.S. Small Business Administration. The organizations contracted will be paid based on SBA

application submissions supported by the technical assistance they provide.

Additional details on the NJEDA's new programs, including complete eligibility requirements are available here: https://cv.business.nj.gov. Comprehensive information about New Jersey's response to the novel coronavirus outbreak is available here: https://covid19. nj.gov/.

In closing, Edgewater Park Township Committee and our entire staff would like for you to know that we are thinking about you all during this trying time. Please check our Township website at http://edgewaterpark-nj.com/ for more information regarding updates and other important links that might be beneficial to you all. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to our Administrator Tom Pullion at (609) 877-2050 (x350) or tpullion@edgewaterpark-nj.com.

Warm Regards,

Edgewater Park Township Committee



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County Clerk Urges Voters to Vote By Mail

The potential spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID19) has made it necessary to prepare and plan for a variety of situations, including the election process. Burlington County Clerk Joanne Schwartz suggests residents to vote by mail, instead of voting in person at the polls on Election Day.

"Voting by mail ensures all residents can vote without traveling to a polling location in a safe and secure way," stated County Clerk Joanne Schwartz. "This will allow that the election process to continue without interruption." Encouraging voters to vote by mail is also in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines (www.cdc.gov) to minimize direct contact with other people and reduce crowd size at polling locations.

"I have always been an advocate for vote by mail, but now it is even more important due to the recent public health concerns," said Schwartz. Vote by Mail applications are available on the County Clerk's webpage

:http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/192/County-Clerk

or can be obtained by calling the County Clerk's Office at 609-265-5229 to be mailed an application.

Please contact Burlington County Clerk Joanne Schwartz with any questions or concerns at countyclerk@co.burlington. nj. us.



Your everyday activities can affect water quality. Help reduce the amount of pollution that flows into our waterways by following the tips below.

- Pick up after your pet. Properly dispose of pet waste into the trash or toilet. Animal waste contains coliform bacteri which is harmful to our health and, when washed into swimming waters, can result in beach closings.
- Carry a newspaper or plastic bag to pick up the waste allowing your pet's waste to remain on private or public
- When treating your pet and yard for fleas or ticks, check with your veterinarian for safe substitutes. Never dispose of flea dip liquid on the ground or in the storm drain. It should be disposed of as a household hazardous waste. Visit www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/rrtp/hhwcps.htm for a list of county household hazardous waste disposal centers.



Do not feed wildlife such as geese, pigeons, ducks and deer. Feeding results in more pollution from

