**VIRTUAL TOWN HALL – Thursday 8/20 at 4:00pm**

**Host - Mayor LaChapelle**

**Moderator – Ryan Arnold**

Easthampton Media

Information on meeting access can be found on the Easthampton Media Facebook page or [HERE](#).

**If you have ideas for a future Town Hall, or would like to be involved, please contact the Mayor’s Office via email at:**

mayor@easthamptonma.gov

Watch live on Charter Channel 193 or streaming on [YouTube](#)

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**CALL: 211** for MA coronavirus information, resources & SafeLink

**TEXT: COVIDMA to 888-777** to get coronavirus updates in English;

**COVIDMAESP** for updates in Spanish

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### Easthampton Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation Awareness Report

If you would like a copy of the Situation Awareness Report emailed to you directly, please contact the Mayor’s Office at mayor@easthamptonma.gov.

**Bond Bill to Improve IT, Public Safety, and Food Security:**

Governor Baker signed a $1.8 Billion bond bill to invest in the areas of information technology, public safety, and food security. This includes funding for programs that will enhance the security of the Commonwealth’s IT assets, improve the delivery of state and local services, and continue responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information, please see the full Press Release [HERE](#).

**Paycheck Protection Program:** Revised information on the loan forgiveness application for the Paycheck Protection Program was released on August 11th.

For all information on the Paycheck Protection Program, please click [HERE](#).

For Frequently Asked Questions surrounding loan forgiveness, please click [HERE](#).

**Early Voting Information:** Early Voting will be available for the September 1st State Primary. Voting will be held at the Municipal Building at 50 Payson Avenue on the second floor.

Early Voting will be available from Saturday August 22nd until Friday August 28th. For further details on the times, please click [HERE](#).

August 22nd is also the last day to register to vote for the State Primary.

**Vote by Mail** information can be found on the City website [HERE](#).

Questions concerning Early Voting/Vote by Mail should be directed towards the City Clerks office at 413-529-1400, Ext. 460.
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**Travel Order**: The latest Travel Order went into effect on August 1st. Announced today, Hawaii has been removed from the list of low risk states.

For full information on this order, please visit: [https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order)

**Easthampton City Arts Artist Grants**: Announced August 7th, there will be another phase of grants given to local artists through ECA. Phase II will award 15 artists with $500 grants. Additional artists will be supported through Phase III of the Relief Program.

The deadline to apply for Phase II of this program is **August 24, 2020 at 11:59pm**. All applicants will be notified on September 4th.

For more information please visit the official ECA website: [https://www.easthamptoncityarts.com/artists/eca-artist-grants-initiative/](https://www.easthamptoncityarts.com/artists/eca-artist-grants-initiative/)

## Additional Resources

- **Massachusetts Testing Information**: Includes information on symptoms, contact tracing, and quarantining.
  

- **MEMA Map of COVID-19 Resources**:
  
  [https://memamaps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=5867d881a9324121839605c56a3d7cc9](https://memamaps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=5867d881a9324121839605c56a3d7cc9)

- **Small Business Strong**: Small Business Strong is a partnership formed to assist women and minority owned small businesses. For more information, please visit their website: [https://www.smallbstrong.com/](https://www.smallbstrong.com/)

- **MassSupport**: Free and confidential counseling services during COVID pandemic
  
  - PHONE: 1-888-215-4920 (Phones answered Mon.-Fri. from 9:00am to 6:00pm)
  - EMAIL: MassSupport@riversidecc.org

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**August 14, 2020**

All Easthampton public buildings remain closed until further notice.

Working remotely, staff are monitoring voice mail and email, prioritizing pandemic related matters. Many staff are working a limited schedule. Thank you for your patience.