



MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP

Newsletter

December 2024

2024 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Al Ferro - Mayor

Chris Morris - Deputy Mayor

Eric Davis, Tara Zabrosky, Jeff Ziner

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK'S OFFICE:

2025 DOG LICENSES: All dogs 7 months or older are to be licensed each year. The 2025 Dog Licenses can be purchased at the Municipal Building between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Municipal Clerk's Office, Room 105 starting January 2, 2025. Pet license applications and renewals are accepted online through the GovPilot portal (see page 2) or mail your fee along with proof of rabies and neutering/spaying to 470 Stage Coach Road, Millstone Twp., NJ 08510. Neutered/Spayed dog fee is \$12.00 and Non-Neutered/Non-Spayed dog fee is \$15.00. A late fee of \$10.00 PER DOG goes into effect May 1, 2025 for all residents who have not renewed their dog's license for the current year.

CHECK OR CREDIT CARD ONLY *

**SERVICE FEES APPLY FOR CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS*

The Township will hold a free Rabies Clinic on January 18, 2025.
Wagner Farm Park, 4 Baird Road, Millstone Twp., NJ 08535 from 1pm - 2pm.

RECYCLING DATES: December 13 & 27; January 8 & 22

MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSED:

December 24th & December 25th in Observance of Christmas

January 1st in Observance of New Year's

January 20th - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**Happy
Holidays**

**Township Committee Reorganization Meeting will be held on
January 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at 215 Millstone Road.**

A NOTE FROM MAYOR AL FERRO:

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we prepare to close the book on 2024, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible accomplishments we have achieved together and share my optimism for the year ahead.

This year has been marked by growth, resilience, community spirit and lowered taxes. From the successful ongoing progress of our road program to the vibrant community events that brought us all closer together, 2024 has been a year of progress. None of this would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our residents, local organizations, and township employees. In particular, I am proud of our collective efforts to strengthen our emergency preparedness, enhance public spaces, and support local businesses. These initiatives not only improve our quality of life but also reinforce the bonds that make our community so special.

Looking ahead, 2025 promises to be another exciting chapter. With plans to expand recreation opportunities, invest in sustainable development, and further improve town services, I am confident that we are on a path toward an even brighter future.

As we celebrate the holidays and welcome the New Year, let us continue to support one another and remember the values that define our town: kindness, hard work, and unity. Together, we can overcome any challenge and embrace every opportunity.

Thank you for making this community such a wonderful place to call home. Wishing you and your families a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Al Ferro, Mayor



FREE RABIES CLINIC



SPONSORED BY THE MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Millstone Township will be holding a free rabies clinic on:

DATE: Saturday, January 18, 2025

TIME: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

NEW LOCATION: **Wagner Farm Park**
4 Baird Road



For more information call
732-446-7414



To promote the spirit of giving

**Millstone Recreation is accepting
new unwrapped toys
for children ages 2 to 15**

Collecting thru Dec. 13th

**Donations will be collected at the
Millstone Municipal Building
(Box in Hallway near Room #103)
470 Stage Coach Road
Monday – Friday 9AM – 3:30PM**

*All toy donations will be distributed to local
area children.*

**For more information, please contact
the Recreation Dept. at 732-917-2954.**

TOYS FOR TOTS SM

Make a Donation



MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP PRESENTS

Winter Wonderland

HOLIDAY SEASON CELEBRATION
AT MILLSTONE PARK
4 RED VALLEY RD

FRIDAY

DEC 6, 2024
5-9 PM

LIVE HOLIDAY MUSIC & DANCE
FOOD TRUCKS
CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
PICTURES WITH SANTA
CRAFTS AND INFLATABLES FOR THE KIDS
& MUCH MORE



BROUGHT TO YOU BY
MILLSTONE TWP RECREATION, SPONSORS AND KIND VOLUNTEERS



INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COUNCILS

If interested, please complete the Talent Bank Application and submit to the Township Administrator, KevinAbernethy at twpadm@millstonenj.gov.

The Talent Bank Application can be found on the Township website at <http://www.millstonenj.gov/forms.html> (under Office of the Clerk).

If interested in being an athletic coach for our recreation sports programs, please contact Mike Balkovic, Recreation Coordinator, at 732-917-2954.

Millstone Township is Online with GovPilot

Save time and go online for:

- Construction Permit UCC Module
- Dog License Module
- Mercantile/Food License Module
- Zoning Permit Module
- Land Use Module
- OPRA Request Module
- Report-A-Concern Module
- Tree Removal Permit Module

<https://eforms-main.govpilot.com/NJ/millstonetownship>



CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP Please have trees out PRIOR to January 13th

- No artificial trees, wreaths, trimmings or lights
- Please place the tree at curbside, next to your driveway
- Only one pass will be made on each road

NO EXCEPTIONS!

**For more information,
please call the
Department of
Public Works
at 732-446-6774**



SPRING BRUSH DROP OFF DATES FOR 2025

DATES: 4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10

**LOCATION: 15 Baird Road
(across from Wagner Farm Park)**

TIME: 8am - 1pm

*Site will be supervised by the
Department of Public Works.*

**Residents will be allowed to drop off
unlimited quantities and larger sized
pieces (excluding briars, stumps, vines,
leaves, grass or any other material).**



RECYCLING

Official Notice: To Residents and Businesses of Millstone Township

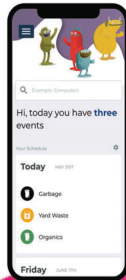
Recycling is mandated by the State, County and Municipal Statutes.

All residents will separate newspapers, glass bottles and jars, tin and bi-metal cans, plastic containers, aluminum cans, corrugated cardboard for collection and ultimate recycling of materials.

Curbside Recycling Guidelines:

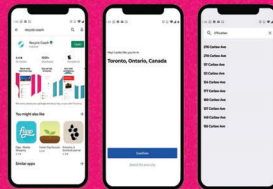
- Residential recycling is to be placed curbside on recycle days only before 6:00 AM. Recyclables should be placed loose in container 32 gallons or smaller. **Please do not place your recyclables in a plastic bag, as they will not be picked up.**
- Recycling complaints / missed pick-up: Call Interstate Waste Service at 732-727-0247.

 **recycle coach**
in Millstone
Download now.

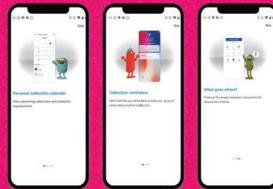


Install & setup

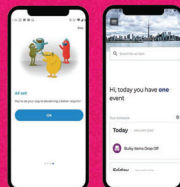
1. Locate Recycle Coach in iTunes App or Google Play Store. Set up your address.



2. Learn the staple features of the app.



3. You're on your way to becoming a better recycler! All things recycling and waste is at your fingertip.



MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP

2025 Recycling Collection Dates

Every 2 weeks beginning 01/08/2025	WEDNESDAY
JANUARY	8
	22
FEBRUARY	5
	19
MARCH	5
	19
APRIL	2
	16
MAY	30
	14
JUNE	28
	11
JULY	25
	9
AUGUST	23
	6
SEPTEMBER	20
	3
OCTOBER	17
	1
NOVEMBER	15
	29
DECEMBER	12
	26
	10
	24

What you get:

- ✓ A personalized collection schedule
- ✓ Custom pick-up reminders
- ✓ Sort your waste correctly. With the "What Goes Where?" search tool
- ✓ Boost in your recycling knowledge and more!

Okay Google, ask Recycle Coach if I can recycle this chip bag?

amazon alexa

works with the Google Assistant



THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE

For the convenience of the residents, the Recycling Center located at the Department of Public Works, 899 Perrineville Road, is open during the week and will continue to be open on weekends.

Wednesday: 11a.m. - 3 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

MANDATED RECYCLABLES



Glass bottles & jars



#1, #2 & #5 Plastic bottles, jars, and jugs



Aluminum, metal food, & beverage containers



Loose metal jar lids & steel bottle caps



Paperback books



Junk mail, envelopes, post it notes, greeting cards, etc.



Newspaper, magazines, circulars, brochures, inserts, etc. (no bags, do not tie & bundle)



Telephone books



File folders, office paper



Corrugated cardboard & paper bags



Paperboard boxes (cereal, pasta, tissue, etc.)



Paper towel roll inserts

For more information visit:

www.millstonenj.gov/recycling

AIM FOR
MAXIMIZED
RECYCLING



NO



- NO** Plastic bags
- NO** Plastics other than #1, #2 and #5 (identified above)
- NO** Plastic (or paper) to-go containers, cups, straws, or utensils
- NO** Plastic film, wrap, or bubble wrap
- NO** Pizza boxes
- NO** Styrofoam of ANY kind
- NO** Frozen food, ice cream, or frozen juice containers
- NO** Organic material or food waste
- NO** Hoses or hangers

DID YOU KNOW?

Many times residents concerned with the environment want to recycle properly. However, items such as window glass, plastics that hold personal hygiene products, or other products that manufacturers print with the "recycling triangle", can't be recycled. Placing even a small amount of these items in our recyclables can cause the entire truck load to be rejected. When this occurs the truck is sent to the landfill and none of it is recycled. This is the leading reason recycling costs are going up.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP GREEN AND CLEAN!
DON'T PLACE ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE RECYCLING LIST IN YOUR RECYCLING!



Stars and Stripes Ag Fair

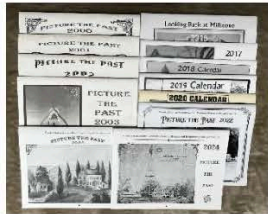


The Thomas Baird Homestead was once again the site where families from five states gathered on June 30, 2024 to exhibit their animals. Kicking off the New Jersey Ag Fair season, this fair is free to the public and gives them a glimpse into the world of farming.

For 23 years, this event has offered exhibits on current research on managing crops and livestock. Youth are given feedback on their animals while they get a chance to demonstrate how well they trained them. No child is too old or young to participate. Two three-year old cousins from Delaware entered the ring together with their lambs to compete for the blue ribbon. Meanwhile, Millstone resident Kindergartener, Nuzi Bertolino was answering poultry questions, as she showed her pet hen to our Poultry Judge, Fred Wiedau who also resides in Millstone. Another hometown girl, Elizabeth Mooney was running from the Dairy Goat ring to the rabbit table. In all, 98 cattle, sheep, goats, chickens, donkeys, mini horses, rabbits, guinea pigs competed along with a corn snake and a gecko. 244 youth age 3 to 21 competed.

This year, a new event was added – Showman for a Day. Youth with physical, mental and social challenges were welcomed to try their hand at showing an animal. As far as we know, there is no other event like this in the United States. We hope that more will crop up as the magic that an animal can provide all children is given the attention that it deserves. If you would like to be involved with the 2025 Fair, call 609-290-8229.

The History of the Historic Calendars and why Friends need your help!



It all started way back in the year of 2000 when the Historic Commission printed the first of four calendars to share the vast history of our Township with the community. In 2016 we, the Friends of Millstone Township Historic Registered Properties, brought back the same idea, this time using this avenue to introduce ourselves, for those who don't know us, and use this much needed platform as a fundraiser.

We love creating the calendar, and everyone looks forward to getting it every year, but have you ever given it a thought to the work that goes into making it?

The Township Historian starts in January (no exaggeration) of each year researching the towns past. A great deal of hours, that includes interviews, state and county archival deposits, libraries, newspapers, and researching the internet, tracking down photos and stories.

The calendar itself takes 40 plus hours on the computer designing, creating the ads and contents and traveling the Township, visiting businesses for their support. We rely on our sponsors to help deflect the cost of printing. The list of steps it takes to produce the calendar are many. It's hard work, many hands, miles, time, and gas all done by volunteers.

The reality is all the calendars we created over the years, we received only one most appreciated \$25 dollar donation! Please community, *we could use some help*. A donation, or few hours of volunteering, would go a long way.

Right now, we need a *volunteer* to manage our website. savinghistorywithfriends.org. This person needs to have a strong knowledge of computer technology. Along with the mechanical side, we also need someone that has the technical knowledge. Some duties would be maintenance of the site work, site contents, blogs content, creating buttons, visual effects, links, QR codes and photos. For an experienced person this might be 15 minutes a month.

The Friends of Millstone Township is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to the furthering of public interest in the conservation, preservation, and appreciation of the history of Millstone Township and Monmouth County. It provides the community with educational activities, exhibitions, and hands-on programs. The restoration and care of our historic properties in the Township takes great effort and extensive fundraising. We can only achieve our goals with volunteers and donations from members of the community. Although these are township-owned properties, we are responsible for utility bills and program costs. We fundraise all year to raise enough money to match available grants. You don't need to know history, or even love it, we all learn as we go! Please donate your time to help us save the past. Visit us at www.savinghistorywithfriends.org.

In the end, we hope our calendars brought an enjoyable journey into the Township's past for you. The 2025 calendars will be available the first week of January at the Municipal Building, Vesuvio's and both post offices. Please consider a donation. Checks can be made out to MTHRP and mailed to PO Box 216, Perrineville, NJ 08535. Your donation is tax deductible. Thank You! Questions on how to volunteer or stories you would like to share, please call Doreen Polhemus, 609-578-8966.





All Meetings Take Place In The Court Room At The Municipal Building, 215 Millstone Road unless noted on the agenda posted on the Township website at www.millstonenj.gov. or listed below.



Members of the Public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

December 2024						
1	2 Municipal Court Virtual 1:30 pm Recreation Commission 7:30 pm	3	4 Township Committee 8:00 pm	5	6 Winter Wonderland 5-9 pm Millstone Park 4 Red Valley Road	7
8	9 Environmental Commission 7:30 pm Fire Commissioners Fire House @ 8:00 pm	12 Agricultural Advisory Council Zoom 7:30 pm	11 Planning Board 7:30 pm Shade Tree Commission Zoom 7:30 pm	12 Zoning Board of Adjustment 7:30 pm	13	14
15	16 Municipal Court In Person 1:30 pm OEM Community Center 7:30 pm	17	18 Township Committee 8:00 pm	19 Historic Preservation Commission Zoom 7:30 pm Open Space Preservation Council 7:30 pm Veterans Memorial Council Community Center 7:30 pm	20	21
22	23 Fire Commissioners Fire House @ 8 pm	24 All Municipal Buildings are Closed in Observance of Christmas	25 All Municipal Buildings are Closed in Observance of Christmas	26	27	28
29	30	31				

To contact the 2024 Township Committee



Mayor: Al Ferro..... 732-446-4249 x 3202
 Deputy Mayor: Chris Morris 732-446-4249 x 3204
 Committeeman: Eric Davis 732-446-4249 x 3200
 Committeeman: Tara Zabrosky..... 732-446-4249 x 3201
 Committeewoman: Jeff Ziner..... 732-446-4249 x 3203



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**Millstone Township Municipal Building
 470 Stage Coach Road, Millstone Twp., NJ 08510
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