



MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION &
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COUNCILS

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2026

Letter from the Chair

Welcome to the Spring Edition of our newsletter created by the volunteer members of the Agricultural Advisory Council and Open Space Preservation Council, who have a passion for the preservation of farmland and open space for the greater good. Within an hour to the major metropolitan areas of New York City and Philadelphia, Millstone Township is truly unique with its rural character and abundance of natural and cultural resources. To date, approximately 50% of land in Millstone Township continues to be actively farmed today, land which boasts some of the best prime soils across the Garden State for agricultural viability.

Preserving land is a paramount goal in Millstone Township as we continue to find initiatives to add land to our preserved and protected inventory. At the start of 2026, we closed on the farmland preservation of the Sage Farm & Rebecca's Sheep Farm located at 50 Agress Road, an almost 10 acre farm known for its rolling hills, grazing heritage sheep and an incredible crop of raspberries. The family was dedicated to preserving the scenic property and prime agricultural ground to continue its meaningful legacy. With much gratitude, we take a moment to say...

Congratulations Sage Farm & Family
On Your Farmland Preservation!

The benefits of farmland and open space preservation correlate with a healthy environment, control of urban sprawl, support of public recreation projects, protection of water quality and natural resources, and simply providing a superior quality of life. We ask our residents to continue in their support of the important work of the volunteer members of both respective Councils. Please consider joining us at our Annual Clambake Fundraiser for an afternoon of great food and fellowship on Sunday June 7th. We would love to see you!

As we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our nation, there is no better time than the present to preserve our farmland and open space for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations.



Amy Lynn Butewicz, Chairperson, Agricultural Advisory Council

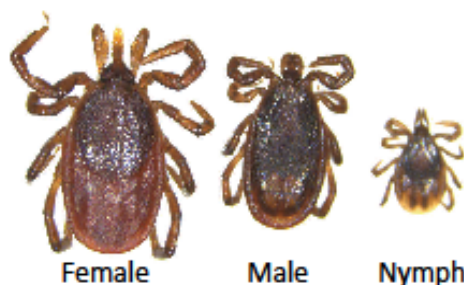


KNOW YOUR TICKS!

Monmouth County is home to 3 kinds of ticks that can cause disease:

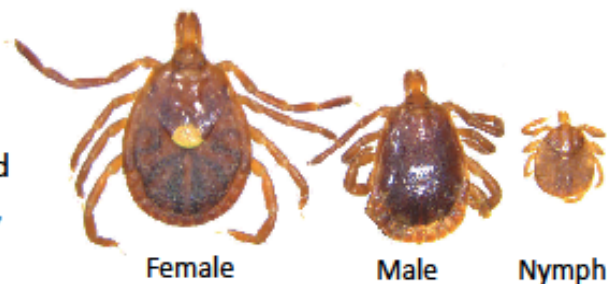
Blacklegged (Deer) Tick

- Diseases: Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis, Babesiosis, Powassan virus
- Habitat: Woods and wood edges
- Natural Hosts: Small mammals like mice and chipmunks, birds, deer
- Season: Year round



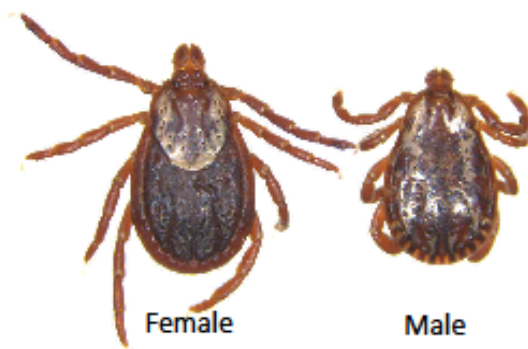
Lone Star Tick

- Diseases: Ehrlichiosis, STARI
- Habitat: Woods and wood edges
- Natural Hosts: Deer, medium sized mammals like raccoons and foxes, wild turkeys
- Season: April-Oct



American Dog Tick

- Diseases: Spotted fever rickettsia
- Habitat: Grass fields, wood edges, meadows
- Natural Hosts: Small and medium-sized mammals
- Season: April-July



Questions? Contact the Monmouth County Mosquito Control Division

1901 Wayside Road, Tinton Falls
732-542-3630

www.visitmonmouth.com/mosquito
ticks@co.monmouth.nj.us



HUZZAH! HUZZAH!



GEORGE WASHINGTON ENCAMPMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

THOMAS BAIRD HOMESTEAD, 24 BAIRD ROAD, MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP NJ

Free and open to the public!

Family friendly with activities for people of all ages!

Come join Millstone Township as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution!

- Meet George and Martha Washington
- Converse with Washington's enslaved cook Hannah Till
- Observe the 1st NJ Regiment conduct drills
- Participate in a musket drill
- Learn about Millstone's role in the American Revolution
- Visit a field hospital
- Discover 18th-century field cooking, laundry and food rations.
- Listen to 18th-century music
- Visit with farm animals
- Receive an Encampment Passport, track activities and win a prize! (Children grades K-8 only)

Food and drink will be available for purchase from food trucks on site.

Free parking will be available across from the Baird Homestead at the Millstone Township Middle School

Rain location: Millstone Township Middle School



Contact:

Patricia Butch
 Friends of Millstone Township
 Historic Registered Properties
 The Baird Homestead
 24 Baird Road
 P.O. Box 216
 Millstone Township NJ 08535
 609-915-3444





Take a minute to visit our newly preserved farm property, **The Sage Farm, at 50 Agress Road.**

Their seasonal roadside produce stand features their famous raspberries and heirloom vegetables. Spend a moment to enjoy the views of sheep and goats grazing peacefully on lush pastures. Thank you Sage family for your commitment to farmland preservation!



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JUNE
7
SUNDAY

AT WAGNER FARM PARK
4 BAIRD RD. WAGNER BLDG.
 Eat In or Take Out

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| 1 st seating 1:00PM - 3:00PM | 2 nd seating 3:30PM - 5:30PM |
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TICKETS
 Adult - \$60
 choice of 4
 Child - \$15
 choice of 2
 EXCLUDES LOBSTER

LOBSTER WITH EAR OF CORN
 6 SHRIMP COCKTAIL
 6 ROASTED CLAMS**
 6 CLAMS ON 1/2 SHELL**
 BEEF KABOB
 HOT DOG
 HAMBURGER
 BBQ PORK SANDWICH WITH COLE SLAW



Choice of 1 Dessert Item

COOKIES
 WATERMELON
 CAKE



Complimentary Beverages

ICED TEA
 LEMONADE
 WATER

**Locally Sourced from Bayshore



TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE by May 29th.
 TO PURCHASE TICKETS CONTACT:

JULIANNA TESAR, SECRETARY OF OPEN SPACE/AGRICULTURE
 470 STAGE COACH ROAD PHONE: 732 446 4249 X1401
 MILLSTONE TWP, NJ 08510 EMAIL: SECRETARY@MILLSTONENJ.GOV

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "MILLSTONE TWP OPEN SPACE TRUST"



New Jersey Farm Bureau
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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEW JERSEY FARM BUREAU URGES MOTORISTS TO SAFELY SHARE THE ROAD WITH FARM EQUIPMENT

Trenton, March 31, 2026 – The New Jersey Farm Bureau (NJFB) is issuing a strong reminder to motorists across the state: slow down, stay alert, and never pass farm equipment on double yellow lines. As spring fieldwork begins and agricultural vehicles become more common on rural and suburban roads, the need for heightened driver awareness has never been more critical.

Farmers throughout New Jersey continue to report dangerous encounters on public roads, including illegal passing, tailgating, and motorists ignoring slow-moving vehicle signs. In one recent incident, a farmer operating a tractor with his son experienced multiple near-misses as drivers attempted to pass on both sides of the road despite clear double yellow lines. These situations are not isolated. Rather, they reflect a growing safety concern for both farmers and the driving public.

NJFB reminds all New Jersey drivers:

- Passing farm equipment on double yellow lines is illegal and dangerous.
- Where passing is legal, slow down to the speed of the farm vehicle when approaching them, before attempting to pass.
- Watch for turn signals; be reminded that large equipment makes wide turns.

To address these growing concerns, NJFB is launching a comprehensive road safety campaign. The initiative will include banner postings around the state on roads with high equipment traffic, brochures, and social media outreach. The goal is also to get these educational materials into driving schools.

The campaign aims to reduce preventable roadway accidents involving agricultural vehicles and to build greater understanding between motorists and the farming community.

More details about the campaign will be released in the coming weeks.

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FORMAL RELEASE DATE MARCH 31, 2026

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LOCAL POSTAL CUSTOMER

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Pat Butch, Vice Chairperson
George Asprocolas Kate Posten
Randy Peck
Chris Morris Twp. Committee Liaison

Millstone Township Committee

Al Ferro, Mayor
Chris Morris, Deputy Mayor
Eric Davis
Tara Zabrosky
Jeff Ziner

Open Space Preservation Council

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Newly preserved Sage Farm pictured above at 50 Agress Road