

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE & FARMLAND PRESERVATION COUNCIL
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COUNCIL



Spring 2009



**GREEN
BOUGH FARM**

Millstone Township's most recent addition to the Farmland Preservation Program is Green Bough Farm located on Stage Coach Road. This beautiful farm encompasses more than 50 acres and is owned by equine veterinarian Jim Kenney, his wife Beverly, and their



family. Other residents include retired thoroughbred horses, donkeys, sheep, and family pets. While the majority of the farm's acreage is tilled and currently planted in rye straw, a large portion of the farm is dedicated to permanent pasture.

Green Bough Farm is a historic property dating back to the early 1900s. Long time residents, the Kenney's have always been concerned with conservation and preserving the rural atmosphere of Millstone Township.

The addition of Green Bough Farm brings the total land preserved in Millstone Township to 6,077 acres.

Photo: Steve Morelli

**CORZINE REQUESTS OPEN SPACE BOND REFERENDUM QUESTION
FOR NOVEMBER BALLOT**

Governor Corzine's January State of the State address included a proposal that the NJ Legislature place an interim bonding question on the November 2009 ballot. He stated that he recognizes that open space preservation is, "an area of vital importance and concern" to the citizens of NJ. Ideally a long term funding solution will be found, and in fact two bills are already in the Legislature to address long term funding solutions. However, in lieu of that, another interim bond will at least help communities continue their preservation efforts.

Although currently out of money, NJ open space land preservation has historically been funded through The Garden State Preservation Trust. Voters last approved an additional \$200 million in bonds in 2007, as a stop-gap funding measure for the trust. The Governor's 2009 proposed bonding question would extend the financing that was approved in 2007.

New Jerseyans have repeatedly, even in tough economic times, voted in support of continued open space land preservation. In fact, according to a recent article by Angela Delli Santi of The Associated Press, no statewide open space funding question (of which there have been over a dozen) has ever failed in New Jersey, dating back decades.

To learn more about open space preservation, visit www.njkeepitgreen.org or www.monmouthconservation.org.

MILLSTONE TO CELEBRATE OPENING OF TRAIL WITH A PLEASURE RIDE

Millstone's Open Space and Farmland Preservation Council and the Millstone Trailblazers will host a pleasure ride on Sunday, September 27, 2009, to celebrate the grand opening of 10 ½ miles of multi-use trails, which will be known as the Millstone River Loop. This, the first of five interconnecting multi-use trail loops to be completed, was primarily funded by a grant awarded to the Trailblazers by the State of New Jersey. The five trail loops will comprise the Millstone Trail Network.

This event, The Millstone River Inaugural Ride, will not be a timed competitive pace, but rather a pleasure trail ride so that participants may enjoy the scenery and acquaint themselves with the trail which connects Wagner Farm Park to Charleston Springs Golf Course. Teams for the event will be comprised of two or three riders and space will be limited to fifty teams. Pre-registration for start times (from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM) will be required along with a negative coggins for each horse and a signed release for each rider. Registration forms will be available soon at the Municipal Building on 470 Stage Coach Road or by contacting Millstone Trailblazers at 732-446-6863.



MILLSTONE'S NEW COMMUNITY PARK

Millstone Township is moving forward with its plans to develop a 160 plus acre site formerly known as the Lee Farm off of Red Valley Road. The site is to be developed in phases over years, and intends to be a future community hub that will accommodate many of the towns needs for recreational uses, while providing a host of passive and non passive activities for all residents. Some of the possible uses include baseball fields, football fields, field hockey, soccer, and lighted turf fields for multiple sport use, as well as an indoor facility that could serve the community for a variety of needs such as basketball, tennis and racquet ball courts, as well as hosting other activities that an indoor facility can accommodate. Other uses for the site include walking trails, horse trails, and a pavilion area for spring and summer entertainment, fishing, boating and an area designated for various plant life.

Fiore J. Masci, chairman of the Lee Farm ad hoc committee said, "This recreational and park facility will serve as an anchor and hub in our community for all residents." Recently the site had 5 acres of all purpose fields graded and seeded for use as early as the fall of 2009. The new fields will help with over-usage and allow rest for many of the existing fields in the town. Discussions are currently underway on naming the new site.



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WANTED!



**MILLSTONE FARMERS
AND
MILLSTONE FARM PRODUCTS
FOR THE
MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY FARM MARKET**



The Millstone Township Agricultural Advisory Council will be sponsoring the community farm market again this year and welcomes your participation. The Council is accepting applications from Millstone Township farmers to sell their farm products. Vendors selling baked goods must prepare items in a New Jersey State qualified kitchen and follow all Board of Health guidelines. This year the farm market will operate as follows:

- The farm market will be held at Wagner Farm Park at the corner of Baird and Woodville Roads
- Hours of operation will be Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- **Opening day will be Saturday, May 30th**
- Vendors will be charged a nominal table fee
- All vendors must pre-register and complete the registration package which is available from Council Secretary, Lori Maher at:

Agricultural Advisory Council Secretary
470 Stage Coach Road
Millstone Township, NJ 08510

E-mail: L-Maher@millstone.nj.us

Fax: 609.208.2139

Phone: 732.446.4249 x 1103



REMINDER

FARMING SEASON IS HERE.
PLEASE EXERCISE CAUTION AND BE
COURTEOUS OF FARM VEHICLES SHARING
OUR ROADS.





Save the Date!

Sunday
June 7, 2009

For the 3rd Annual
Open Space &
Farmland Preservation
Clambake Fundraiser

To purchase tickets contact
Lori Maher at (732) 446-4249 x 1103
Adults \$25.00 Children \$10.00 (*doesn't include lobster*)
First Seating 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Second Seating 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Limited tickets available

Clean water. It's in YOUR hands.

Help celebrate 60 years
of protecting and
preserving water and
the natural environment
in central New Jersey.

Do your part to keep the
headwaters of the Millstone River clean.
Join the Stony-Brook Millstone Watershed
Association for the 3rd Annual Watershed-wide
Stream Cleanups!

Saturday April 25, 2009
9 AM to Noon
Rain or Shine

Volunteers should meet at the Millstone
Township Municipal Building, 215 Millstone
Road next to the United Presbyterian Church.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Wear boots, long sleeves.

Bring work gloves, if you have them.

Contact to RSVP or for more information:

Rick Anthes at americorps@thewatershed.org
or 609-737-3735 x 30

Free T-shirts and refreshments provided.

*Cleanup sponsored by the Millstone Township Environmental
Commission and the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed
Association with support from the Nymex Charitable
Foundation.*



DISCOVER PERRINEVILLE LAKE PARK

Join one of Monmouth County Park System's naturalists
on a walk through newly constructed trails in Perrineville
Lake Park. The 1 1/2 hour tour of plants and animals
living in the park will take place on Saturday, April 25th,
and again on Saturday, May 2nd. Pre-registration is
required at a cost of \$8.00/person per session and is
restricted to participants age 17 and up. Registration
information is available online at

www.monmouthcountyparks.com

by phone at (732) 842-4000 x 1

or by mail: **Monmouth County Park System**

805 Newman Springs Road
Lincroft, NJ 07738-1695

OPEN SPACE PHOTO DOCUMENTATION FOR STEWARDSHIP

Members of the Open Space and Farmland Preservation
Council are in the process of **photographing Township-
owned properties** for the open space stewardship
program. Council members will be carrying photo
identification while they document the status of properties
listed on the Township's Recreation and Open Space
Inventory. Questions about the open space stewardship
program should be directed to the Council Secretary:

Lori Maher

Phone: (732) 446-4249 x 1103

E-mail: L-Maher@millstone.nj.us

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