

THE

# STRATFORD TIMES

digital edition



IN MEMORY OF MANY,  
IN HONOR OF ALL,  
THANK YOU.  
YOUR BRAVERY AND SERVICE WILL  
NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.

PLEASE JOIN  
THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD  
FOR OUR ANNUAL  
MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY  
MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025  
10:00AM  
MEMORIAL PARK (NEXT TO THE FIRE DEPT.)



Spend Summer at the  
Stratford Swim Club

SWIM TEAM, DOLPHIN SCHOOL  
LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM, SUMMER  
CAMP AND MORE!

Summer is better as a  
Stratford Dolphin!

## HOLIDAY TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE



### Week of April 14th

No change in trash or recycling.

### Memorial Day Week

No Trash or yard waste pick up on  
5/26/25.

Monday's trash will be picked up on  
Tuesday, 3/27/25.

No yard waste pick up 3/27/25.



Mark your calendars Saturday  
April 5th is Opening day

Details to follow

We would like to know what you think  
of our town newspaper.  
Please email to [info@stratfordnj.org](mailto:info@stratfordnj.org) your  
thoughts and ideas that can be used for  
future issues, this includes information from  
any Stratford Civic Organizations.  
Next Issue **June 2025**  
all submissions must be received by  
**May 23rd** to be included in the next issue.

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THE

SPECIAL EDITION February 2025

# STRATFORD TIMES

## Mayor's Message



### LAUREL MILLS SHOPPING CENTER UPDATE

On Tuesday February 11, 2025 a Case Management Conference was held in the Camden County Superior Court in the *Matter of Laurel Mills LLC*. As anticipated, an agreement was ratified between the owner (Laurel Mills LLC) to sell the property to D.R. Horton "America's Home Builder" who will complete the project. Consequently, the litigation with Laurel Mills LLC has been terminated, with rights reserved by the Borough.

We are extremely pleased to have D.R. Horton as the new developer. Please see the following hyperlink for more information regarding D.R. Horton.  
<https://www.drhorton.com/>

On behalf of Mayor & Council, we thank you for taking the time to review this update, as we welcome a reputable builder to Stratford.

*Mayor Linda Hall*



# BOROUGH BITS & Helpful Hints



**FEES**

## DOG

Spayed/Neutered \$15.00  
Non Spayed/Non Neutered \$20.00

## CAT

Spayed/Neutered \$10.00  
Non Spayed/Non Neutered \$15.00

Spayed/Neutered (Proof Required)

All licenses are subject to renewal beginning January 1st thru March 31st 2025.

Late Fees started on April 1st 2025



**DOG AND CAT LICENSING/PET ORDINANCES** All licenses should be renewed by the end of January. If you no longer have your pet, please call the Borough at 783-0600 to let us know. If you have called, thank you. A reminder that there is an ordinance for your pet/pets wandering beyond your property without a leash; and for disturbing the peace and quiet, with habitual barks or cries. Please take note to be considerate of your neighbors. Any new dogs or cats 6 months of age or older must be registered, please stop by the Borough Hall.

## PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOGS

Please remember when walking your dog, there is a “pooper scooper” law in Stratford. Please be considerate of other residents’ yards, as well as your own.

## BOROUGH CODE - CHAPTER 6.04 – DOGS AND CATS

The Borough of Stratford would like to give a friendly reminder regarding pet regulations.

- Running at large prohibited. No person owning, keeping or harboring any dog, cat or other domestic animal shall suffer or permit it to run at large upon the public streets, public sidewalks, public parks or in any public building or in any other public place or on any private property without the consent of the owner.
- Leash requirement. No person owning, keeping or harboring any dog shall suffer or permit it to be upon the public streets or in any public places of the borough unless such dog is accompanied by a person over the age of twelve (12) years and is securely controlled and confined by an adequate leash not more than six (6) feet long.



## STORM DRAINS

The Borough of Stratford has a Storm Water Management Plan and a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan to help reduce flood damage and soil erosion, and to minimize pollution

runoff into our water supply. We need your help to ensure the protection of our water through the storm drain system.

Please remember:

- Limit your use of fertilizers/ pesticides
- Properly use and dispose of hazardous products
- Keep pollution out of storm drains
- Clean up after your pet
- Don't feed wildlife
- Don't litter- Don't throw discarded items into woods or ravines
- Dispose of yard waste properly- Use our Green Waste Collection!

For more information about storm water visit:

**Borough of Stratford Stormwater Information Center**

<http://stratfordnj.org/stormwater-information>

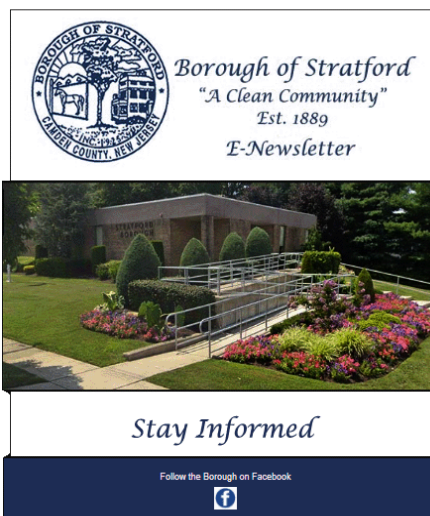
**NJ .gov Stormwater In**

<https://www.nj.gov/dep/stormwater>



## Disability and Mobility Aids

If you have used handicapped equipment such as commodes, walkers, canes, wheelchairs, etc. you may drop them off at Borough Hall. Many residents cannot afford such equipment and depend on the inventory at the Borough Hall. Thank you for your kind donations.



## E-Newsletter

Visit the Borough webpage at [www.stratfordnj.org](http://www.stratfordnj.org), to sign-up for the E-Newsletter. There are multiple links throughout Borough's website to sign-up for this service.

Please **NOTE** the E-Newsletter service is a **NO-REPLY** service and if you have any questions about a specific E-Newsletter Blast, please contact the Borough Hall during normal hours of operation.

## MEDICATION DISPOSAL

The Borough of Stratford has a medicine disposal bin located at the Public Safety Building 315 Union Avenue. Accepted items for bin include:

- Prescription
- Prescription patches
- Prescription medication
- Prescription ointments
- Over-the-counter medications
- Vitamins
- Samples
- Pet Medication





**TAKE  
YOUR KEYS**



**BRING  
YOUR VALUABLES**



**LOCK  
YOUR VEHICLE**



### CHIPPING

The DPW chips branches for residents as a courtesy service every two weeks. Please check the website, or your town calendar. Have your items out for chipping the Sunday prior of the chipping week.

Place them neatly at the curbside and untied. We can not chip items which may have vines or root balls attached. We do not accept excessive amounts such as whole trees. If you are having tree work done, your contractor should be chipping the material.

The DPW has begun chipping and due to volume sometimes it can take a few days to chip the whole town. See borough calendar for chipping weeks.



### Help Support Our Troops

*For 18 years, the Military Support Group of New Jersey Inc., a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, has Collected, Packed and Shipped*

*out Care Packages to U.S. Active Duty Military Troops who are Deployed out of the USA. We also Collect Non-Perishable Food Items for Military Families at Joint Base McGuire/Dix/Lakehurst and Pomona Air Base.*

*If you would like to share the Name & APO or FPO address of your deployed Military person (any Branch of the Military) - please Email that info to Karen Jennings at KarenJJennings@aol.com*

*If you would like to Donate to this worthy cause go to Our website [www.themilitarysupportgroupofnj.com](http://www.themilitarysupportgroupofnj.com) to see the ITEMS that we collect (beef Jerky, Sunflower seeds, hard candy, gum, cookies, crackers, etc.) or to make a donation towards Postage Costs. for shipping.*

*Any questions, please Contact*

*Marine Mom, Karen Jennings at 856-783-1953, or cell*

*609-206-2015 Thank you. Serving the Military and their Families since 2004!*

*Karen Jennings, Marine Mom*

*Military Support Group of NJ*

*P.O. Box 118*

*Stratford, NJ 08084*

*O: 856-783-1953 C: 609-206-2015*

*Email: KarenJJennings@aol.com*

*Website: [www.TheMilitarySupportGroupofNJ.com](http://www.TheMilitarySupportGroupofNJ.com)*



### Stratford Swim Club

Please visit our website at [www.stratfordswimclub.org](http://www.stratfordswimclub.org) for information about membership, swim team.

**Dolphin School for young swimmers, and summer camp information.**

**Opening day is Saturday, May 24th.**

**Questions?**

**Please email: [SSCSwimInfo@gmail.com](mailto:SSCSwimInfo@gmail.com).**





**STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
AND MAYOR HALL  
WOULD LIKE TO INVITE RESIDENTS  
TO THE  
2025  
MISS AND LITTLE MISS STRATFORD  
PAGEANTS**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025  
YELLIN SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
111 Warwick Road, Stratford**



**5th**

**Annual**

**Little Miss**

**Stratford**

**Pageant**

**11:00 am**



**68th**

**Annual**

**Miss**

**Stratford**

**Pageant**

**2:30 pm**

**2024 Little Miss Stratford, Carly DeHaven**

**2024 Miss Stratford, Briana Schwartz**

For more information, please contact Stratford Borough Hall at  
(856) 783-0600 or email Director of Public Events,  
Councilwoman Dawn Martin: [dawnmartin@stratfordnj.org](mailto:dawnmartin@stratfordnj.org)





# Stratford Senior Events

## April 2025



@ the Stratford Community Center: 302 Union Ave. Stratford, NJ 08084

### APRIL EVENTS

**APRIL 2: 1-2 P.M. CATERED LUNCH**

Free Catered Lunch

Sponsored by: Bruce Associates

**APRIL 9: 1 TO 2 P.M. FLOWER ARRANGING**

Create your own floral arrangement

**APRIL 12: 1-2 P.M. TRIVIA WITH PRIZES**

Hosted by: Student Doctors from  
Rowan-Urtua School of Medicine

**APRIL 16: 1 TO 2 P.M. BINGO WITH PRIZES**

Free Bingo and gift card prizes!

Hosted by: Laurel Manor

**APRIL 23: 1-3 P.M. NO BAKE CHEESECAKE**

Make a cheesecake - no oven required!

Hosted by St. Mary's Assisted & Independent Living

**APRIL 30: 1-3P.M. WREATHS & BUNDT CAKE**



Make a seasonal wreath; eat some cake!

Sponsored by: Residence of Cherry Hill

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 1 to 2 P.M. Catered Lunch	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 1 to 2 P.M. Flower Arranging	10	11	12 1 to 2 P.M. Trivia with prizes
13	14	15 	16 1 to 2 P.M. Bingo with prizes	17	18	19
20 	21	22 	23 1 to 3 P.M. No Bake Cheesecake	24	25	26  9 A.M. to 2 P.M. Red Cross Blood Drive
27	28	29	30 1 to 3 P.M. Wreaths & Bundt Cake			

Senior Residents from Stratford, Hi-Nella, Laurel Springs, Somerdale, and Magnolia are welcome to attend!  
**TO JOIN OUR MAILING LIST, email:**  
StratfordSeniorCenter@Outlook.com

We are so  
"HOPPY"  
to have such  
amazing  
VOLUNTEERS  
AND SPONSORS!

 **MUST RSVP for these Senior Center Events:**   
PLEASE USE THESE QR CODES OR THE INTERNET LINKS ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA



4/2 Catered Lunch



4/9 Flower Arranging



4/12 Trivia Game



4/16 Bingo



4/23 Cheesecake



4/30 Wreaths & Bundt





Laurel Manor  
REHABILITATION & HEALTH CARE CENTER

Hello Spring

Drive Thru Hyacinth Giveaway

Wednesday, April 9th 3:00-5:00

18 W. Laurel Rd. Stratford, NJ

Please RSVP by 4/7  
Call or text Jenna: (856) 298-0118



STRATFORD FIRE  
LADDER 64 SQUAD  
ENGINE  
DUTY-COURAGE-HONOR

ANNUAL FLOWER SALE

Hours of Operation

Thursday, April 17th: 4 pm. to 9 pm  
Friday, April 18th: 12 pm to 9 pm  
Saturday, April 19th: 9 am to 9 pm







STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESENTS

*Stratford's Annual*  
**EGG HUNT  
& LUNCH**

**For Stratford Children up to 3rd Grade**



**Meet The Easter Bunny and  
participate in an  
Egg Hunt.**

**Lunch will be provided  
compliments of NutriServe.**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH AT 12:00 PM**

**EGG HUNT WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 12:15 PM**

**LOCATION: FIELDS BEHIND PARKVIEW SCHOOL**

**\*PLEASE BRING A BAG OR BASKET  
TO GATHER THE EGGS YOU COLLECT.**

**RAINDATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH AT 12:00 PM**

**If you have any questions, please contact  
Councilwoman Dawn Martin:  
[dawnmartin@stratfordnj.org](mailto:dawnmartin@stratfordnj.org)**







# Hometown Heroes

## BANNER SUBMISSION FORM



**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please fill out this form, attach a photo of your veteran, and a copy of their DD-214 (discharge papers) if available.

**INCLUDE A CHECK for \$195 made out to "HISTORICAL PRESERVATION TRUST"**

Please drop off at or mail to: Stratford Borough Hall, 307 Union Ave, Stratford, NJ 08084

If emailing submission, please send to: [heroes@stratfordnj.org](mailto:heroes@stratfordnj.org)

**Cost per Banner: \$195 • Deadline: March 28, 2025**

### Veteran Information

**Full Name:** (First, M.I., Last; or as you would like it printed)

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**Branch:** (Army, Navy, etc.)

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**Dates of Service:** (i.e. May 1969 - May 1973)

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**Prestigious Medals & Other Information:** (optional)

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### Sponsor Information

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_





## Stratford Fire Department "Station 64"

### \*Membership Drive\*

Residents: The Stratford Fire Department is currently seeking residents 16 years of age and older to volunteer. Young men and women between 16-17 years of age will become a part of our Junior Firefighter program. Applicants 18 years of age and older will be trained as Active Firefighters. Free training and schooling. If interested, please stop by the Firehouse any Tuesday evening at 730 PM for a tour and to pick up an application.

### \*House & Building Numbers\*

Please ensure your house number is visible from the street. This will assist emergency personnel when responding to assist our residents during times of emergencies. We have observed several homes in town that do not have house numbers properly affixed. Please pass this important information on to your neighbors as well. The boro code is attached for reference

#### Chapter 15.08 - Building Numbering System 15.08.010

Size of numbers—Acceptable materials.

All house numbers must be at least two and one-half (2½) inches high and made of metal, wood or plastic.

**(Prior code § 78-1) 15.08.020 - Color and visibility.** Each house number shall be of such a color as to contrast with the immediate background so that said number will be clearly visible from the opposite side of the street.

#### **(Prior code § 78-2) 15.08.030 - Location and maintenance**

All house numbers shall be placed on or over the front door, front transom glass or front of window or on either side of the entrance. In those instances when the house is not clearly visible from the opposite side of the street, the assigned numbers shall be clearly displayed on the curb or on a sign placed at the entrance driveway or walkway. After the number has been displayed or affixed to any home or building, it is unlawful to cover or conceal the number or to permit it to be covered or concealed either by natural growth or foliage or otherwise. Said number must be properly maintained so as to be clearly visible at all time.



## Stratford Police Department \*NIXLE ALERT\*

**PLEASE REGISTER TO JOIN THE OTHER 2100 STRATFORD RESIDENTS WHO RECEIVE OUR VERY IMPORTANT COMMUNITY TEXT MESSAGES - EMAIL ALERTS**

This service delivers trustworthy and important neighborhood-level public safety and community event notifications by web, e-mail, and mobile phone text messaging. For example, this system could be utilized to broadcast a description of a missing child, notify the public of a serious crime or announce major traffic detours or accidents.

**UPCOMING ROAD DETOURS AND TRAFFIC PATTERN CHANGES WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE STRATFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT USING NIXLE**

Nixle by Everbridge is a completely FREE & trusted Community Information Service dedicated to helping you stay connected to the information that matters most to you. Stratford residents, school officials and business owners, can register in just minutes at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) or Text 08084 to 888777 to opt-in or sign-up to stay informed on critical events that directly affect you.

Only representatives of the Stratford Police Department are able to issue alerts and messages via the Nixle System, therefore you can be assured that no spam or commercial advertisements will be sent to your inbox or mobile phone. Please take a moment to register and remind your family and friends to do so as well.

**[WWW.NIXLE.COM](http://WWW.NIXLE.COM) or TEXT 08084 to 888777**







# BOROUGH OF STRATFORD DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

315 Union Avenue • Stratford, New Jersey 08084

Phone: (856) 783-8616 • Administration: (856) 783-8621

Fax: (856) 782-7046



Ronald M. Morello  
Chief of Police

**April 1, 2025**

On behalf of the Stratford Police Department, I would like to take this opportunity to invite our citizens to view the Department's Annual Police Report, published on the borough website.

The administration of the Stratford Police Department recognizes the benefit of keeping our citizens informed of matters that relate to crime and general public safety.

The annual report is an important resource to help guide the police department and municipal officials regarding crime trends and other societal harms that may affect the safety and security of all Stratford residents. The below hyperlink will take you directly to the 2024 Annual Police Report.

Please accept my invitation to learn more about the law enforcement function of Stratford Borough, I hope you find the report enlightening.

<https://stratfordnj.org/pdf/pd/Annual-Report-24.pdf>

Regards,

Ronald M. Morello  
Chief of Police

COURAGE

INTEGRITY

DEDICATION





### **ON-LINE POLICE REPORTING SERVICE**

*The Stratford Police Department would like to remind our residents* of the availability of filing a police report online from your home or office. The online portal to the Stratford Police Department should only be used for matters that require reporting to the Stratford Police Department. Fraud, suspicious activity, or minor offenses that may not necessitate the immediate response by a Stratford Police Officer. The public is invited to follow the below link and file the report online if you so desire. Within 24 hours, an officer will review the submission for validity and make any follow up referral that may be warranted. If accepted for filing, a Stratford Police Department case number will be generated for future reference.

As a reminder, the non-emergency number for the police department is 856-783-8616, but keep in mind the police department offices are only staffed during normal business hours.

A link to the online police report portal may also be found on the Stratford Borough Police Department website. <https://reports.csitech.com/OnlineReport.aspx>

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### **What is Emergency Management?**

The Stratford Office of Emergency Management is a municipal public safety department that functions under the authority of the Office of the Mayor during times of emergencies, and under the Director of Emergency Services or Public Safety Director on a day-to-day basis.

The office of Civil Defense was originally formed under the authority of the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950, and amended (P.L.81-920) and the New Jersey State of Emergency Management Act of 1942. In 1978, the federal government established the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and in 1986, New Jersey adopted the "emergency management" format by virtue of the NJSP Directive No. 61 when the authority of civilian defense activities was transferred from the New Jersey Department of Defense to the New Jersey State Police by way of executive order. The New Jersey State Office of Emergency Management is charged with providing for the health, safety, welfare of the people of the state of New Jersey and to aid in the prevention of damage to and the destruction of property during emergency. This is essentially the mission and duties of the Stratford Office of Emergency Management.

### **What does Emergency Management Do?**

Emergency Management coordinates resources, response, and recovery activities and provides an orderly plan during emergencies such as bad weather, fire, hazardous material incidents, mass casualty events, and other emergency situations or police incidents to better protect our citizens and their property.







**PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY**

**8:00AM – 10:00AM**

**Saturday April 26, 2025**

**STRATFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**315 UNON AVENUE**

**STRATFORD, NJ 08084**

Drop off will occur at the front door of the police department

**As a reminder, we cannot accept sharps, sprays,  
creams, inhalers or epi-pens**

**OPEN TO STRATFORD RESIDENTS ONLY**



Jefferson Stratford Hospital  
Monthly Community Wellness Programs | April 2025

Engage in health-focused events and workshops designed to support your well-being, fitness, and healthy living in a supportive environment.

For more information or to register, click or scan the QR code.



Events in the Community

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays

Circle of Knitting & Crocheting  
Noon - 2:30 p.m.  
Gloucester Twp. Senior Center  
1261 Chews Landing Road

Jefferson Stratford Hospital  
18 E. Laurel Road, Stratford, NJ 08084

Thursday, April 24

Senior Dinner Club, Café  
4 - 6 p.m.  
Enjoy early dining for \$10 per person. Includes entrée, two sides, small soup, cookies or pie, small coffee, and small fountain beverage.  
*Must present registration.*

Tuesday, April 29

The Memory Challenge, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Room Large  
2 - 3 p.m.



# Yard Sale

## **STRATFORD TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE**

Saturday, May 3, 2025

8:00 am – 3:00 pm

*Rain date: Saturday, May 10, 2025*

**STRATFORD RESIDENTS:** Have your address listed on the town map by sending a \$10 donation.

**NON RESIDENTS:** Participate in the Stratford yard sale at the Stratford Swim Club parking lot by sending a \$10 donation.

This donation will help to support the Stratford Dolphin Swim Team !

Deadline for registration is 5:00 PM on Monday, April 28, 2025.

The Town-Wide Yard Sale will be advertised to encourage foot traffic. We encourage each participant to share information as well to help us increase foot traffic and make the sale a success for all!

By the end of day on Friday, May 2nd, we will deliver a packet to you with the following:

- (1) a sign to display at your yard sale to acknowledge your \$10 donation and
- (2) maps of yard sale participants for you to give to shoppers. Maps also will be available starting on Friday, May 2nd, at the municipal building (307 Union Ave), various locations around town, and on the Stratford Swim Club's Facebook.

*If the sale needs to be postponed because of weather, we will post that information by 6:00 am on the day of the yard sale on Stratford Swim Club's Facebook page or [www.stratfordswimclub.org](http://www.stratfordswimclub.org).*

**If both dates are rained out, no further rain dates will be scheduled.**

Information/Questions—contact Dee at 609-707-4044 or e-mail  
**StratfordTownWideYardSale@gmail.com.**

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Make checks payable to: **SSC Booster Club** and drop off at borough hall or send to: **SSC Booster Club, Yard Sale Event, 307 Union Avenue, Stratford, NJ 08084 .**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address with nearest intersection: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please be sure to write neatly and clearly.  
Thank you!



Stratford School District

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES



Please be advised that regularly scheduled meetings of the Stratford Board of Education will be held at the Samuel S. Yellin School Media Center, 111 Warwick Road, Stratford, NJ 08084, at 6:30 pm

- April 28, 2025
- May 19, 2025
- June 16, 2025
- August 18, 2025
- September 15, 2025
- October 20, 2025
- November 17, 2025



Parkview School  
PK-3rd



Yellin School  
4th-8th

Poll workers make elections work.

Serve your community on Election Day.

Reach out today, if you:

- are a registered voter living in Camden County,
- have transportation,
- want to help your neighbors vote, and are
- ready to get paid \$300 for your service!

We provide all the training you'll need to help your community vote.

Call 856-401-8683 or scan this code for more information or to sign up.







Help your Spanish-speaking neighbors vote

Ayude a sus vecinos hispanohablantes a votar este año electoral

Call today if you:

- are a registered voter living in Camden County;
- have transportation;
- read, write and speak both Spanish and English; and are
- ready to get paid \$300 for your service!

Sign up as a bilingual poll worker today.

Llame hoy si:

- es un votante registrado que vive en el condado de Camden;
- tiene transporte;
- lee, escribe y habla tanto español como inglés; y está
- ¡Listo para recibir un pago de \$300 por su servicio!

Inscríbete hoy mismo como trabajador electoral bilingüe.



We provide all the training you'll need to help our community vote.

Call 856-401-8683 for more information or to sign up.

Brindamos toda la capacitación que necesitará para ayudar a nuestra comunidad a votar.

Llame al 856-401-8683 para obtener más información o registrarse.



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# New Jersey Property Tax Relief

For Senior Homeowners  
and Renters Age  
65 and Over

**Three Programs, One  
Combined Application**

**Based on 2024 Residency,  
Income, and Age**

**File by October 31, 2025**

Eligibility requirements, including income limits, and benefits available for all property tax relief programs are subject to change by the State Budget.



For program details, scan  
the QR code or visit:  
[bit.ly/NJPropTaxRelief](https://bit.ly/NJPropTaxRelief)

## SENIOR FREEZE

NJ residents born before 1959 or permanently disabled residents receiving Social Security disability payments as of 12/31/23 may be eligible if you:

- Owned and lived in your home (or leased a site in a mobile home park and lived in your mobile home) in 2020 and through December 31, 2024;
- Paid property taxes by June 1 (site fees by Dec 31); and
- Meet the 2023 and 2024 income limits

## ANCHOR

**Affordable NJ Communities for  
Homeowners & Renters**

**Property Tax Relief For:**

- Homeowners Earning \$250K or Less
- Renters Earning \$150K or Less

## Stay NJ

**For Senior Homeowners**

- 🏠 **Age 65 or over in 2024**
- 🏠 **2024 income below \$500,000**
- 🏠 **Owned and lived in your home for all of 2024**

Stay NJ benefits are calculated after ANCHOR and Senior Freeze benefits are determined. If you qualify for all three programs, the Stay NJ benefit will be 50% of your property taxes (up to \$13,000) minus any payments received through ANCHOR and Senior Freeze (2024 benefit cap of \$6,500).





# NOTICE TO BOROUGH OF STRATFORD HOMEOWNERS!

The Borough of Stratford Affordable Housing Program Is Accepting Applications from Homeowners for the Borough's Housing Rehabilitation Program for Home Repair Loans To Low- and Moderate-Income Homeowners



## TYPE OF LOAN & TERMS

Loans are issued in the form of “deferred loans”. Loan funds are secured by a mortgage note held by the Borough of Stratford. Under most circumstances, **WHEN THE DEED OF THE PROPERTY IS TRANSFERRED FROM THE ORIGINAL APPLICANT, THE LOAN IS REPAID TO THE BOROUGH.** At no time are monthly payments required or interest added.

## ELIGIBLE REPAIRS

The purpose of the program is to address code related items & weatherization needs. The types of repairs covered are **roofing, heating systems, electric, plumbing, structural issues, windows, doors, handrails, steps, smoke detectors, and CO detectors.** Items are addressed by priority starting with major systems.



**ADDITIONS AND INTERIOR DECORATING ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.**

## HOMEOWNER ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for a Housing Rehabilitation Loan, the applicant must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Must Be an Owner Occupant (Full-Time Resident)
- Real Estate Taxes, HOA Fees, And Municipal Utilities Must Be Current
- Homeowner's And Flood Insurance Must Be Valid (If Applicable)
- Gross Annual HOUSEHOLD Income Must Be Less Than 80% Of The Median Income Limits (see table below).



AFFORDABLE HOUSING ANNUAL GROSS MAXIMUM INCOME GUIDELINES 2024								
PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD								
LOW - INCOME	1 Person	2 People	3 People	4 People	5 People	6 People	7 People	8 People
80%	\$64,232	\$73,408	\$82,584	\$91,760	\$99,101	\$106,442	\$113,782	\$121,123

## PARTICIPANT PORTAL LINK:

<https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/TRIAD/Participant>



# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

## 2025 COLLECTION EVENTS\*

CAMDEN COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY

**NO BUSINESSES OR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

**HOURS: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM - RAIN OR SHINE**

- \*MARCH 29: **CHERRY HILL** PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX 1 PERINA BOULEVARD
- \*APRIL 26: **COLLINGSWOOD** PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX 713 N. ATLANTIC AVE.
- \*MAY 17: **ATCO** PARKING AREA AT THE CORNER OF ATCO AVE. AND RARITAN AVE.
- \*JUNE 7: **LINDENWOLD** CAMDEN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX 2311 EGG HARBOR ROAD
- \*SEPTEMBER 27: **PENNSAUKEN** SANITARY LANDFILL 9600 N. RIVER ROAD
- \*OCTOBER 18: **LINDENWOLD** CAMDEN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX 2311 EGG HARBOR ROAD

### WHAT TO BRING

#### Automotive

Antifreeze  
Brake Fluid  
Car Batteries  
Car Wax and Polish  
Carburetor Cleaner  
Degreasers  
Diesel Fuel  
Engine Starting Fluid  
Gasoline  
Grease  
Lead-Acid Batteries  
Motor Oil  
Power Steering Fluid  
Transmission Fluid



#### Paint-Related

Products cont.  
Resins  
Shellac  
Solvent-Based Paint  
Spray Paint  
Stains  
Turpentine  
Varnish  
Water Sealer

#### Household

Cleaners  
Aluminum Cleaners  
Bleach  
Cesspool Cleaners  
Disinfectants  
Drain Opener  
Dry-Cleaning Solvents  
Floor Wax  
Furniture Polish  
Lye  
Metal Polish  
Oven Cleaner  
Rug & Upholstery Cleaner



#### Pesticides/

Lawncare  
Baygon  
Chlordane  
Diazinon  
Dursban  
DDT  
Fertilizers  
Flea Collars/Spray  
Fungicides  
Herbicides  
Insecticides  
Lindane  
Malathion  
Moth Balls/Crystals  
Mouse & Rat Poison  
Pyrethrins  
Strychnine  
Stump Killer  
Weed Killer  
Wood Preservatives



#### Fuels

Camping Fuel  
Gasoline  
Kerosene  
Lighter Fluid



#### Personal Care

Fingernail Polish  
& Remover  
Hair Coloring  
Hydrogen Peroxide  
Iodine  
Mercury Thermometers



#### Home and Hobby

Chemistry Kits  
Cutting Oil  
Fluorescent Bulbs  
Glues and Adhesives  
Gun Cleaning Solvents  
Mercury Thermostats  
Pool Chemicals  
Propane Tanks  
(25 LB & under)



### QUESTIONS?

Call (856) 858-5241  
for more information

### WHAT NOT TO BRING



**ACETYLENE/CO<sub>2</sub> TANKS**  
**AIR CONDITIONERS**  
**CEMENT/CEMENT MIX**  
**COOKING OIL**  
**EMPTY CONTAINERS**  
**FIBERGLASS INSULATION**  
**HEATING OIL TANKS**  
**HELIUM/OXYGEN TANKS**  
**JOINT COMPOUND**  
**LANDSCAPE TIMBERS**  
**MEDICATIONS**  
**SCRAP METAL**  
**SMOKE DETECTORS**  
**TIRES**

### \* INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DAY(S) OF EVENT(S):

- All residents must show proof of residency.
- All residents must remain in their vehicles throughout the event.
- All materials to be dropped off should be placed in the rear cargo area of the vehicle (not in the passenger seating area).

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# The Spring Cluckletter

A Seasonal Guide for Our Feathered Friends



Spring is in the air, and that means it's time to start thinking about baby chicks! If you've ever dreamed of having your own backyard flock, now is the perfect time to get started.

## Why Spring is the Best Time to Get Chicks

- **Warmer weather:** Chicks are delicate creatures and need to be kept warm and dry. Spring provides the perfect conditions for them to thrive.
- **Longer days:** More daylight hours mean more time for your chicks to eat, grow, and explore.
- **Stronger chicks:** Chicks hatched in the spring are generally healthier and more robust than those hatched in other seasons.

## What You Need to Prepare:

Before you bring your new chicks home, you'll need to make sure you have everything they need to be happy and healthy. Here's a checklist:

- **Brooder:** A brooder is a warm, safe space for your chicks to live in until they are old enough to move outside. You can use a cardboard box, plastic tub, or even a spare room.
- **Heat lamp:** Chicks need a heat lamp to stay warm, especially in the early weeks.
- **Bedding:** Pine shavings, straw, or newspaper make great bedding for your brooder.
- **Feeder and waterer:** You'll need a feeder and waterer that are designed for chicks.

• **Chick feed:** Make sure you get a chick feed that is appropriate for the age of your chicks.

• **Grit:** Grit helps chicks digest their food.

• **Gravel:** Gravel is used to make a run for your chicks.

• **Coop:** Once your chicks are old enough to move outside, they'll need a coop to live in.

• **Run:** A run is an enclosed outdoor space where your chickens can roam and get some exercise.

## Suggested Books

- "The Chicken Chick's Guide to Backyard Chickens" by Kathy Shea-Smith
- "Storey's Guide to Raising Chickens" by Gail Damerow
- "The Backyard Chicken Keeper's Bible" by Andy Sharpe

## Example Coop with Eight Chickens

- **Coop:** 8' x 8' coop with a run
- **Cost:** \$1,000 - \$3,000 (depending on materials and labor)
- **Tractor supply coops** are also a source to look at the wide range of coops.



### Cost to Own Eight Chickens

- Chicks: \$50 - \$100
  - Feed: \$50 - \$100 per month
  - Bedding: \$20 - \$40 per month
  - Grit: \$10 - \$20 per month
  - Gravel: \$50 - \$100
  - Heat lamp: \$30 - \$50 (not for coop)
  - Electricity: \$10 - \$20 per month
  - Veterinary care: \$50 - \$100 per year
- Total cost: \$1,310 - \$3,610 (first year)**

### Tips for Raising Chicks

- Keep them warm and dry.
- Provide them with fresh food and water.
- Give them plenty of space to roam.
- Protect them from predators is a must
- Be patient and enjoy the process!
- Know what to do if you accidentally get a Roo! Ask if they can be returned or find a place to rehome. No Roos are permitted.

### Sources

- "Getting Ready for Spring Chicks" by Backyard Poultry
- "Best Time of Year/Month to Get Chicks?" by BackYard Chickens
- "Fall in Love with Spring Chicks" by Miller Manufacturing Company

### Conclusion

Raising chicks is a fun and rewarding experience. With a little preparation, you can have a flock of happy and healthy chickens in no time. Please remember that you will need to obtain a license to have a backyard flock and attend a class.

### Call to Action

If you're ready to get started, contact your local hatchery or farm supply store to order your chicks today! We also have recommendations for local chicken tenders (🍗) for a place to get high-quality chicks.

I hope this newsletter is helpful. Please know if you have any questions or would like to discuss getting started. Reach out to us to help.

Thank you!

Lynn





## Stratford Backyard Hens

Following ordinance 23:04, residents are permitted to keep backyard hens provided that they complete the licensing process. All licenses require that residents complete:

- An approved class on keeping chickens
- A site visit by the Stratford Hen Advisory Commission for their coop and run
- An application with payment submitted to the borough

All licenses must be renewed annually on March 1st.

For more information, email [StratfordHens@gmail.com](mailto:StratfordHens@gmail.com) or visit Borough Hall.

# Backyard Chicken Coop Safety

Raising chickens as a hobby is popular. Hobby farmers enjoy raising hens as pets or livestock. Protect people, property, and your flock from the tragedy of fire.

## SAFETY TIPS

- Make sure that heat lamps are properly secured. This will keep them from being knocked over.
- Keep heat lamps away from anything that can burn.
- Keep space heaters away from anything that can burn.
- Place space heaters on a sturdy surface so they won't be knocked over.
- Brush cobwebs and dust from light fixtures and outlets. Do this regularly.
- Choose light bulbs that have covers. This will protect them from dirt, moisture, and breaking.
- Do not use extension cords in the coop.
- Choose electrical equipment for agricultural or commercial use.
- Be careful with electrically heated poultry waterers. Make sure the cord and plug are properly grounded.
- Check all wiring for damage.
- Have electrical work done by a qualified electrician.
- Choose outlets and switch boxes designed to keep out dust and water.

## SAFE HAY AND BEDDING STORAGE

Store baled hay away from livestock. Hay and bedding storage should not be near anything that can burn. Check with your community for safety rules on animal housing facilities. Talk to your local fire department for any fire concerns.

GO TO  
[WWW.NFPA.ORG/FARMS](http://WWW.NFPA.ORG/FARMS)

to learn  
more about  
fire safety  
on the farm.



**NATIONAL FIRE  
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**

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on fire, electrical and related hazards



# Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

## Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

### A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey’s greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that’s why we’re all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it’s dirty.

As part of New Jersey’s initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.



**As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.**

### Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.



Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

### Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.



As required by NJDEP regulations, the Borough of Stratford would like to give all pet owners a friendly reminder regarding pet regulations. According to Borough Code – Chapter 6:04 – Dogs and Cats:

*Removal of feces.* No person owning, keeping or harboring a dog, cat or other domestic animal shall cause or allow such dog, cat or other domestic *Defecation* animal to soil, defile, defecate on or commit any other nuisance on any public street, public walkway, public park, public building or any other public property, or upon any private property without the consent of the owner. Any persons, excluding a blind person with a guide dog, owning, keeping or harboring any dog, cat or other domestic animal which soils, defiles, defecates on or commits any nuisance on any public street, public walkway, public park, public building or any other public property, or upon any private property without the consent of the owner, shall immediately remove all feces deposited by any such dog, cat or other domestic animal in a sanitary manner.

*“Proper disposal”* of pet solid waste is placement in a designated waste receptable, or other suitable container, and discarded in a refuse container which is regularly emptied by the municipality or some other refuse collector, or disposal into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal.

*Running at large prohibited.* No person owning, keeping or harboring a dog, cat or other domestic animal shall suffer or permit it to run at large upon the public streets, public sidewalks, public parks or in any public building or in any other public place or on any private property without consent of the owner.

*Leash requirement.* No person owning, keeping or harboring a dog, cat or other domestic animal shall suffer or permit it to be upon the public streets or in any public places of the borough unless such dog is accompanied by a person over the age of twelve (12) years and is securely controlled and confined by an adequate leash not more than six (6) feet long.

Thank you for your consideration of your neighbors and for your care for our public spaces!





# Our Places of Worship

**Stratford Presbyterian Church:** 41 Warwick Road **Phone:** (856) 435 - 0892 **Website:** stratfordpres.org



**Sunday Services**  
Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Service 7:30 p.m.  
Everyone is welcome.  
Pastor Rev. Martin L. Dawson (856) 784-0674

**Word Life Center (formerly Word Fellowship Church):** 10 West Laurel Road **Phone:** (856) 435-1771 **Website:** wordlifecenter.com



Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Kidz Church (preschool-gr. 6) - Sunday	10:25 a.m.
Mid-Week Service – Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
Kid’s Club (gr K-5) – Wednesday	6:30 p.m.
Small Groups – M,T,Th	6:30 p.m.
Prayer Walk – 2nd & 4th Saturdays	9:45 a.m.
Heaven in Business – every 3rd Saturday	8:45 a.m.
Praise & Worship Night	6:00 p.m.
(last Sunday of month	

**Community  
Prayer & Worship**  
Monday - Saturday  
See our website for times.

**Healing Room of Camden County ~ Candlelight Prayer House:** 2 W Laurel Road **Website:** candlelightph.org



We minister using the power of God to bring about healing in the body and spirit.  
Open 1st Friday of the month 7 - 9 pm.  
All are welcome!

**Web links**  
Heaven in Business: hibs.org  
Prophetic Art: wfcpropheticart.com

**St. Luke R.C. Church:** 55 Warwick Road **Phone:** (856) 627-2222 **Website:** dioceseofcamden.org



**Buddhist Temple Duc Me Hien Mother of Grace Temple:** 317 Princeton Avenue **Phone:** (856) 783 - 2327



**Pureland Buddhist Society:** 122 Union Avenue **Phone:** (856) 344 - 2248 **Website:** amtb.org





# IMPORTANT BOROUGH CONTACT INFORMATION

## EMERGENCY 911

Police / Fire / Ambulance / Sewerage Problems 784-4900

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

BOROUGH HALL	783-0600
BOROUGH FAX	783-7949
POLICE	783-8616
COURT	547-0712
FIRE	783-1649
AMBULANCE	784-4466
SEWERAGE	783-0601
LIBRARY	783-0602

## SPECIAL SERVICES

Assessor in Wednesdays	9:30 - 10:30 am
Construction Official	By Appointment
Electrical Inspector Tuesday & Thursday	By Appointment
Plumbing Inspector in Tuesday & Thursday	By Appointment



### COUNCIL MEETINGS

begin at 6:30 pm

April 10th Council Chambers  
May 8th Council Chambers  
June 12th Council Chambers

Council Meetings will be held **in-person** on the  
**Second Thursday** of each month.  
Meetings are held at the Public Safety Building  
located at 315 Union Avenue.

## MAYOR & COUNCIL

### Mayor Linda Hall

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### Councilwoman Dawn Martin

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### Councilman Bob Bove

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Director of Ordinance and Property

## HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSINGS

Friday, April 18th offices will be closed for Good Friday

Monday, May 26th offices will be closed for Memorial Day

Friday, July 4th offices will be closed for Independence Day

## SCHOOLS

Parkview School - 123 Parkview Road	783-2876
Samuel S. Yellin School - 111 Warwick Road	783-1094
John Paul II Regional School - 55 Warwick Road	783-3088
Under the Sun Learning Center - 44 Berlin Avenue	783-9715
Sterling High School (Somerdale) - 501 S. Warwick Road	784-1333

## ORGANIZATIONS

Get your event featured in the next Issue of the Stratford Times scheduled for **June 2025**  
Contact the Borough Office at 856 - 783- 0600  
Email - info@stratfordnj.org  
All submissions must be received by **May 23rd** to be included in the next issue.