



February 2020



THE MEDFORD MESSENGER

“What’s Up in Medford”

Above Photo—snowing on Birchwood Lake

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Gold Medal Environmental of NJ -
856-784-5050

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Presidents’ Day Holiday/Township Office Hours:

The Township Offices, including the Township DPW Yard (aka the Dump) will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2020 in observance of Presidents’ Day. Trash will be collected as scheduled.

1st Quarter 2020 Tax Bills -

Taxes are due February 1st, there is a grace period through the 10th of the month.

NSAC SURVEY:

The Neighborhood Services Advisory Committee is conducting a survey to ask residents what additional information they would like to see in the monthly newsletter and how residents feel it could be improved. Please [click here](#) to participate in the survey which will be live on Friday, January 31st.

FREE SHREDDING EVENTS SCHEDULED:

March 21, June 20, and Oct 3rd, 2020
Saturdays from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon

FOR MEDFORD TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY!!!! ABSOLUTELY NO BUSINESSES WILL BE PERMITTED

Protect yourself and your family from identity theft and financial fraud while taking steps to help the Township's Recycling Program.

The shredding truck will be available from **8:00 am until 12:00 noon** at the Municipal Garage, located at 2 Commonwealth Drive. (Off of Gravelly Hollow Road behind Bob Meyer Park)



Residents may bring up to 5 boxes or bags of files (no exceptions) to be shredded on site. An experienced operator will be present in a highly secure, mobile shredding unit where your confidential materials will be shredded as you watch. Please bring paper only; plastic bags, metal, binders and binder clips cannot be shredded. (Paper clips and staples are acceptable)

100% of the paper is recycled and is applied to Medford's recycling totals, for which we obtain grants from the State of NJ under the Clean Communities Program and Recycling Tonnage Grant.

****The Garage will be open from 8:00 am till 1:00 pm to accept all other waste and recycling materials.****

Dog Licenses:

Dog licenses were due for renewal by January 31, 2020. A late fee of \$15.00 will be charged for licenses received after January 31, 2020. There is no late fee for new dogs or new residents registering their dogs.

The license may be purchased at the Municipal Building, located at 17 North Main Street, Monday through Friday from 8:30AM to 4:30PM. Proof of rabies vaccination is required and must be valid until November 2020 in order to acquire a 2020 dog license.

Licensing may also be completed by mail by using the form located on our website at www.medfordtownship.com under the Documents & Forms tab. If you have any questions, please call the Clerk’s Office at 609-654-2608 ext. 334 or 328.

TREE CUTTING/CLEARING:

The Environmental Affairs Advisory Committee has submitted a draft Tree Ordinance to the Council to establish rules to govern the removal of trees on residential properties.

As the Council refines the draft Ordinance, residents are reminded that Chapter 527 of the Land Development Ordinances currently regulates tree removal/clearing as follows: [Ord. No. 1992-1 § 2; Ord. No. 1997-16 § 47]

*****NO TREE CUTTING OR CLEARING IS PERMITTED IN WETLANDS, WETLANDS BUFFER AREAS OR DESIGNATED CONSERVATION EASEMENT AREAS & SCENIC CORRIDORS.*****

A. Clearing Standards.

1. All clearing and soil disturbance activities shall be limited to that which is necessary to accommodate an activity, use or structure which is permitted by the Township's Land Development Ordinances;
2. Where practical, all clearing and soil disturbance activities associated with an activity, use or structure, other than agriculture, forestry and resource extraction, shall:
 - a.) Avoid wooded areas, including New Jersey's Record Trees as published by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in 1991 and periodically updated; and
 - b.) Revegetate or landscape areas temporarily cleared or disturbed during development activities.
3. In areas other than the Pinelands Area of the Township, clearing shall be permitted only where necessary for the physical construction of roads, improvements and buildings and only in conformance with a detailed landscaping plan submitted by the applicant and approved by the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment, as the case may be.

Further, the Pinelands Commission Comprehensive Management Plan regulations limit tree clearing to **1,500 square feet** on wooded/vacant lots that are proposed to be developed. See Medford Land Development Ordinance Section 802-E (f).

We recommend that you contact the Planning & Zoning Office at 609-654-2608 x315 if you are planning to clear an area and/or remove a large number of trees so they may advise if your property is subject to any of the above standards.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: On January 1, 2018 the State Tree Expert and Tree Care Operators Licensing Law was adopted. This new law permits the New Jersey Board of Tree Experts to fully implement the Act to reduce the number of fatalities and injuries in the tree care profession, and promote proper industry and tree care practices and standards while providing consumer protection against unscrupulous tree care. Residents are highly encouraged to insure any tree contractor working on private property meets these new requirements. For more information, visit: www.njtreeexperts.org.

A licensed and insured arborist (a professional who is trained and licensed to care for trees and other woody plants by pruning, fertilizing, monitoring for insects and diseases) consults on tree related issues and makes recommendations on the need to remove trees or selectively prune them. Many unlicensed "fly-by-night" companies may offer a lower cost, but often clear cut properties rather than selective removal of dead, diseased and dying trees and/or limbs. If a violation is found, please remember the property owner is held responsible, not the tree company!

As trees have the power to increase property values, improve air quality, reduce household energy costs, improve water quality, both the Pinelands Commission and Medford Township insure their protection through education and active enforcement. Trees of the right variety (i.e. Pinelands native species) placed properly and cared for professionally provide enormous benefits and have significant economic and environmental value.



Municipal Center Address: 17 North Main Street, Medford,

NJ Phone: (609) 654-2608 // Fax: (609) 953-4087

Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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