



August 2022



# THE MEDFORD MESSENGER

## “What’s Up in Medford”

*Above Photo—Horse Farm in Medford.*

### \*ADDITIONAL SPECIAL EVENTS

*(\*please check the Twp. website or Facebook page for updates during the COVID-19 restrictions)*

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Please contact Republic Services directly at 856-234-4000

### OTHER IMPORTANT LINKS

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### August 2022 Events

**National Night Out:** Tuesday, August 2, 2022 from 6:00—9:00 pm in Freedom Park, 86 Union Street. Event sponsored by the Medford Township Police Department.

**Medford First Friday & Art Walk** along Main Street, Friday, August 5th from 3:00—8:00 pm. Sponsored by the Main Street Merchants & the Medford Arts Center. Visit Medford Main Street on Facebook.

**Main Street Farmer’s Market** to be held on Saturday, August 13th & 27th in Medford Village (Gazebo) Park, 16 North Main Street from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Medford Main Street Merchants sponsors.

**Food Trucks on Main Street,** Thursday, August 18th from 5:00—9:00 pm along Main Street. [Click here](#) for a list of food trucks.

**Tours of Kirby’s Mill,** offered every Sunday afternoon from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm by the Medford Historical Society.

### September 2022 Events

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**Main Street Farmer’s Market** to be held on Saturday, September 10th & 24th in the Medford Village (Gazebo) Park, 16 North Main Street from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Medford Main Street Merchants sponsors.

**Food Trucks on Main Street,** Thursday, September 15th from 5:00-9:00 pm along Main Street. Please check the Twp. website for the list of food trucks.

**Medford Historical Society Annual Flea Market,** Saturday, September 17th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at Kirby’s Mill, 275 Church Road.

**Medford OktoberFest Music & Food Truck Festival,** Friday, September 16th from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm and Saturday, September 17th from 12:00 noon to 7:00 pm at Freedom Park. Medford Business Association and ShopRite sponsor this event.

**Shredding Event,** Saturday, September 17th from 8:00 am to Noon at the Municipal Garage, 2 Commonwealth Drive, Medford. Sponsored by the Township of Medford’s Clean Communities & Recycling program.

**Tours of Kirby’s Mill,** offered every Sunday afternoon from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm by the Medford Historical Society.

## TAX BILLS

The Township has received the tax rate from Burlington County and is in the process of preparing the tax bills. The figures for the third quarter taxes should be available on the WIPP system by this Friday, August 5, 2022; (<https://wipp.edmundsassoc.com/Wipp/?wippid=0320>) and the tax bills will be mailed during the week of August 8th. There will be a twenty-five (25) day grace period from the date the bills are mailed. Information regarding the grace period date will be posted to the Township website once the tax bills are mailed. Visit the News Feed on the Twp. website homepage [www.medfordtownship.com](http://www.medfordtownship.com) or call 609-654-2608, ext. 307 or 308 for more information.

## Assessment Maintenance Program Update/Facts

- The program is designed to avoid costly Revaluations.
- Assessments will remain at 2012 levels (last year of revaluation) until all properties are visited and data analyzed.
- It is anticipated the property visits will take another 2-3 years to complete.
- Visits were suspended during COVID and reconvened in March 2022.
- Township personnel from the Assessor's office conduct the property visits.
- Township personnel wear photo identification. Photos of personnel are also on the Medford Township website on the Assessor's page.
- Medford Township Police are aware of the areas personnel are working.
- Residential property owners are noticed by postcard ahead of property visits.
- Commercial property owners are noticed by letter ahead of property visits.
- Door hangers with further instruction are left on or near front door when property owner is not available during the initial visit.
- An online appointment system is available @ [medfordtownship.timetap.com](http://medfordtownship.timetap.com).
- Photographs are taken of the exterior front, rear and outbuildings only (**no interior photos**).
- Adjustment of assessed value to market value will be accomplished after all properties are visited and data analyzed (anticipate 2-3 years from now).
- After the first-year adjustment to market levels, adjustments will be made annually to market levels.
- Regulations require properties be visited once every 5 years to cross-check/update data.
- The program is designed to maintain uniformity and equal assessment levels.
- Assessment and other information is available @ [www.medfordtownship.com](http://www.medfordtownship.com), select the **Department & Services** tab and select **Assessor's Office**.

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## NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS TO BE BUILT IN FREEDOM PARK

The Township Council awarded a contract to Thor Construction Group on June 21st to construct four new pickleball courts in Freedom Park. The construction work is anticipated to start the week of August 1st. Stay tuned for updates on the construction and opening dates.



## UNION STREET SIDEWALK & ADA RAMP IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Medford Township was awarded \$75,000 in federal Community Development Block Grants funds, as administered by the Burlington County Community Development & Housing Office, in order to make sidewalk improvements and provide ADA compliant handicapped curb cuts along Union Street and Allen Avenue between Jones Road and Main Street.

This funding will allow Medford Township to construct Phase I of this project, which is intended to improve pedestrian safety in Medford Village, and linking the new Town Hall & Library complex to Allen School, the Haines Fifth Grade Center, Memorial Middle School, Medford/Tomlinson Park, Bunning Field, Freedom Park and Main Street.

A contract was awarded by the Council on July 19th to Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC. Work is expected to commence in mid-August and should be completed by the start of school in early September.

No traffic detours are anticipated. Homeowners will be notified by the contractor when work is scheduled in proximity to their property.

## ANNUAL SUMMER/FALL BRUSH COLLECTION TO COMMENCE AUGUST 8th

The Summer/Fall schedule is as follows:

**Zone 4: Week of August 8**

**Zone 2: Week of August 22**

**Zone 1: Week of September 5**

**Zone 3: Week of September 19**

**Zone 15 Week of October 3**



Brush shall include the pruning of trees, shrubs, bushes or vines, but exclude grass clippings, flowers, weeds, tree trunks, stumps, and leaves. **If the excluded items are mixed with the brush, the material will not be collected.** All brush must be piled neatly at the edge of the property and cannot be placed in any roadway or sidewalk. Brush should not exceed 4-6 feet in length, and should not be any larger than 12 inches in diameter. **As a reminder for those residents who utilize a private contractor, the contractor is responsible for the removal of the brush from the property.**

For more information, visit [www.medfordtownship.com/brushandleaf](http://www.medfordtownship.com/brushandleaf) or contact the Department of Neighborhood Services at 609-654-6791 between the hours of 7:00 am thru 3:00 pm.



**Town Hall Address: 49 Union Street, Medford, NJ 08055-2432**

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

**Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

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