



January 2022



THE MEDFORD MESSENGER

Above Photo—snowing on Birchwood Lake

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Trash Related Issues:
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Please contact Republic Services directly at 856-533-5270 or email Roberta Young at: ryoung5@republicservices.com

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“What’s Up in Medford”

MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY/TOWNSHIP OPERATING HOURS:

The Township Offices, including the Township DPW Yard (aka the Dump) will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2022 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Trash will be collected as scheduled.

ANNUAL DOG LICENSES

Renewal notices were mailed on December 30, 2021 and the renewal period is from January 1 to January 31, 2022. A late fee of \$15 will be charged for licenses purchased after January 31, 2022. Dog license fees are \$12 plus an additional \$3 for any dog that has not been spayed or neutered. Proof of rabies vaccination is required and must be valid until at least November 1, 2022 in order to acquire a 2022 dog license.

License renewals may be done in person or by mail at/to the Clerk’s Office, 49 Union Street, Medford. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Clerk’s Office at 609-654-2608 ext. 334 or 341.

A Rabies Clinic for both Dogs and Cats will be held on Saturday, January 15, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon at Cranberry Hall, 88 Charles Street. (behind the former Municipal Building) Licenses may also be obtained that day at the Clerk’s Office, located in the new Town Hall at 49 Union Street. Masks are required at both locations.



CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

The Dept. of Neighborhood Services will be collecting Christmas trees the weeks of Monday, January 24th and 31st, 2022. Trees should be placed at the street on your regularly scheduled trash days with all lights, ornaments, and stands removed.

Trees that are flocked or treated with artificial snow cannot be recycled and should be brought to the DPW yard during regular hours.

Questions about Christmas Tree collection should be directed to the Department of Neighborhood Services at 609-654-6791.

Please note that inclement weather may impact collections.

NJDEP wants to remind everyone that it is not permissible to dispose of Christmas trees through open burning or bonfires. NJDEP suggests more sustainable methods of disposal, such as chipping, mulching, donations to animal farms, and/or dune construction. [Click here](#) for more information.

SUMP PUMP DISCHARGE ON SIDEWALKS AND INTO ROADWAYS

As we begin the Winter season, residents are reminded that water discharges onto sidewalks and roadways can create hazardous icing conditions. If your sump pumps or other household equipment and appliances are draining to the outside of the property, and water is flowing onto your sidewalks and/or the street in front of your property, it is your responsibility to clear any resulting ice or other hazards, as per Ordinance 2018-7 (Sidewalks). It is permissible to use ice melt and/or sand to treat the icy areas.

If and when the Township is required to treat an icy condition as a result of these discharges, the Township will pursue a tax lien on the responsible property to recover any and all costs associated with de-icing the sidewalk and/or roadway.

We appreciate your cooperation so as to ensure the safety of all who use our sidewalks and roadways.

LEAF COLLECTION UPDATE

The Department of Neighborhood Services continues to collect leaves in Zone 5. Once Zone 5 is collected, crews will move into Zone 4. Zones 1 and 2 will be collected after Zone 4. Zone 3 has received their second collection and is complete for the 2021 leaf collection. Collection efforts may be affected by inclement weather. Residents who have leaves at the street after their second collection are in violation of Township Code and risk formal citations. Residents with leaves can bring them to the *DPW yard any Monday through Friday, between 7 am and 2 pm, and every third Saturday of the month. (*check website for operating hours, as they have been reduced in January to allow more staff to be assigned to leaf collection efforts).



WINTER WEATHER RESPONSE UPDATES

The Department of Neighborhood Services switches to winter weather operations when a storm approaches our region. Crews prepare the trucks and equipment for the weather based upon forecasters' predictions. Roads are brined when the precipitation is expected to start as snow. As many know, forecasts are tricky and can change quickly. This Department monitors the forecast in collaboration with the Office of Emergency Management and Police Department reports of road conditions, and will work around the clock to keep roads clear. We ask that residents utilize off street parking whenever a snowfall is forecast to bring accumulating snow. Residents are encouraged to postpone any unnecessary travel when winter weather is expected.

Residents who live in neighborhoods without curbing are encouraged to place reflective markers to indicate the edge of the roadway. The Township is not responsible for any damage in the right of way if the area is not clearly marked.

[Click here](#) to view the Township's Snow Removal & Ice Control web page.

PINELANDS LIBRARY IS OPEN!



The Pinelands Library has moved from its former location at 39 Allen Avenue to the new Town Hall & Library Complex at 49 Union Street. The Library occupies the entire first floor of the building. [Click here](#) for the library's website for additional information on operating hours, resources available, and more.

COVID-19 // RATEPAYER RELIEF MEASURES

As part of the COVID-19 Ratepayer relief measures, the Township has to mail out a notice monthly unless it is announced and/or posted at the Council Meetings.

To eliminate the need and reduce an unfunded mandate for mailing the notice to all ratepayers on a monthly basis, this notice will be posted in the courtroom at Council Meetings. The notice discusses the service shutoff moratorium, late payment penalty, lien enforcement moratorium and bill assistance and arrearage forgiveness programs. In addition to posting the message in the courtroom during Council Meetings, the Township is also posting the message in this E-newsletter below.

SERVICE SHUTOFF MORATORIUM

BE ADVISED that, Executive Order 229 currently prohibits a local government from shutting off water or electric service to a residential customer, or to accounts primarily serving residential customers, due to nonpayment of water, sewer, or electric charges unless the disconnection is to prevent or ameliorate a risk to public health or safety. **This shutoff moratorium remained in effect until January 1, 2022.**

LATE PAYMENT PENALTY AND LIEN ENFORCEMENT MORATORIUM

BE ADVISED that, **until January 1, 2022**, Executive Order 229 places a moratorium on local governments enforcing late payment charges and penalties on water or electric accounts, or referring a delinquent water or electric payment to tax sale. **On or after January 1, 2022, charges and penalties may be imposed for delinquent payments, and any payments remaining delinquent may be referred to a tax lien sale held by the municipal tax collector.**

BILL ASSISTANCE AND ARREARAGE FORGIVENESS PROGRAMS

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is currently developing a Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). This program is designed to assist water and sewer customers facing economic hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Further information will be provided once the program goes live.



**Municipal Center Address: 17 North Main Street, Medford,
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Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
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