



October 2022



THE MEDFORD MESSENGER

“What’s Up in Medford”

Above Photo— Medford-Vincetown Rotary’s Annual Halloween Parade

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October 2022 Events

Scarecrow Festival to be held along Main Street on Sat, October 1st. Registration is open now. For more info & to register, visit <https://medfordwomansclub.com/scarecrows-on-main>

Main Street Farmer’s Market to be held on Saturday, October 8th & 22nd in Gazebo Park, 16 North Main Street from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. (these will be the last two Market Days for the year)

Annual Apple Festival at Kirby’s Mill, Saturday, October 8th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Sponsored by the Medford Historical Society. Visit www.MedfordHistory.org for more info, parking, etc.

Fire Prevention Night at Union Fire Company, 1 Firehouse Lane. Friday, Oct. 14th from 7:00-9:00 pm. Sponsored by the Medford Fire & EMS Department. For more info, visit: www.MedfordFire.org.

USAF Rhythm in Blue Jazz Ensemble FREE Concert—Saturday, October 15th starting at 3:00 pm at the Lenape High School Auditorium. This is a FREE community concert co-sponsored with the Medford Arts Center. To request tickets, visit the MAC at 8 North Main Street, or email: info@medfordarts.com.

Food Trucks on Main Street, Thursday, October 20th from 5:00-9:00 pm along Main Street. [Click HERE](#) for the list of trucks and their menus.

75th Annual Halloween Parade, Saturday, October 29, 2022 starting at 7:00 pm along Main Street from Firehouse Lane to Haines School. Sponsored by the Medford Vincentown Rotary Club. To participate as a group or with a float, please visit their website at: www.medfordhalloweenparade.com.

*****Please Note: No objects, such as chairs or caution tape/rope, should be placed along the parade route until 9:00 am on the morning of the parade. Items placed along the parade route prior to October 29th may be removed for safety reasons, as they block access to the shops, restaurants & residences along Main Street.***

November 2022 Events

Veterans Day Observance, Veterans Day, Friday, November 11th at 11:00 am at the South Main Street Memorials.

Food Trucks on Main Street, Thursday, November 17th from 5:00-9:00 pm along Main Street. Check the website in early November for the list of trucks and their menus.

Halloween Trick or Treating

The recommended hours for Halloween Trick or Treating on Monday, October 31, 2022 are 3:00 pm—8:00 pm. Residents and/or businesses who will be giving away treats are asked to turn on porch lights. Participants are asked not to visit homes or businesses that do not have lights on.

Children should wear light colors and/or reflective gear and



or

Early Voting & Vote by Mail

In-person early voting for the November 8th General Election will begin on Saturday, October 29th and continue through Sunday, November 6th. Early voting polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekdays and Saturday and from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Burlington County Voters will be able to cast their ballot in person on a voting machine at Medford Township Town Hall, 49 Union Street, Medford, NJ. There are additional early voting locations available throughout Burlington County. The early voting locations can be obtained from the Burlington County Clerk's Office.

If you are currently registered with the County Clerk's Office to "vote by mail", you will be limited to voting either by mail, or by provisional ballot at the polls. If you do not wish to continue to vote by mail than you must notify the Burlington County Clerk's Office that you wish to be taken off of the Vote by Mail list.



COLUMBUS DAY HOURS & TRASH SCHEDULE

Township Offices and the Township Garage/DPW Yard will be closed on Monday, October 10th in observance of Columbus Day.

Trash collection for the week will be collected as scheduled.

HUNTING PROHIBITED IN TWP. PARKS & OPEN SPACE AREAS:

Per The Township's Administrative Code #109-3 (Parks & Playgrounds), it is prohibited to "hold, possess, or use any firearm or weapon in or within 300 feet of any park, playground or open space area," and "molest, trap, capture or hunt, remove, injure or kill any animal or disturb its habitat, except in portions of any park or open space area designated as open for fishing."

For rules in State-owned parks & open space, visit www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/

The 2022-2023 Hunting Season for New Jersey

Bow and Arrow (White Tail Deer)		Firearm (White Tail Deer)	
Youth Day	September 24, 2022 (Bow Only)	Youth Day	November 19, 2022
Fall Archery	September 10 – September 30, 2022	Permit Muzzleloader	November 28 & 29
Permit Archery	October 1 – October 28, 2022		December 12, 13, 17-24, 26-31 & January 1 – 31, 2023
Winter Archery	October 29 – December 24, 26 – 31, 2022	Six Day Firearm	December 5 – 10, 2022
	January 1 – January 31, 2023	Permit Shotgun	December 14 – 16, 2022 & January 7 – 31, 2023

September 2022 – March of 2023
Migratory birds, small game such as fox and coyote, squirrel, opossum, raccoons, woodchucks, rabbits, etc. Be aware some of these seasons allow for hunting during the daytime and nighttime hours.

Safety Zones for Hunting

- **Firearms:** 450 feet from any building or school playground, even if not occupied.
- **Bow and Arrow:** 150 feet from any buildings, but remains 450 feet from a school playground.
- **Roadways:** Hunting close to a roadway is permitted as long as there is no hunting across the roadway

What to expect
When you decide to take a hike in wooded areas during these seasons, try to stay on designated hiking trails and wear fluorescent orange to remain visible. Also equip your animals with orange vests, as well. Anticipate seeing hunters parking vehicles near their hunting areas and walking around dressed in camouflage and/or fluorescent orange. Hours for hunting begins 30 minutes before sunrise and ends 30 minutes after sunset.

Any additional questions or concerns please visit New Jersey Fish and Wildlife at www.nj.gov/njfw/hunting
For emergencies call 9-1-1
or
The Medford Township Police Department at (609) 654-7511

Cranberry Hall Senior Center Spotlight



The Medford Senior Center, located in Cranberry Hall opened in 2004. During the past 15+ years, programs offered have grown to include bridge, pinochle, knitting, an investment discussion group, Genealogy, Mah Jong, a senior tennis group and several exercise programs. Most are FREE. The Senior Center, located behind the former Municipal Building at 17 North Main Street, is open daily from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Senior Center is available for socializing and relaxing, meeting your neighbors, watching TV, reading a book or magazine from the growing donor library or joining friends for a casual board or card game using the numerous tables set up in the hall. Click [HERE](#) for more info & program schedules.

Back to School Safety Reminders for Bike Riders.

Teach your child the rules of the road:

- Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, and in a single file.
- Come to a complete stop before crossing the street; walk bikes across the street.
- Stay alert and avoid distracted riding.
- Make sure your child always wears a properly fitting helmet and bright clothing.



Source: National Safety Council

Sharing the Road Safely with School Buses.

- Never pass a bus from behind if it is stopped to load or unload children.
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop.
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough to allow them space to safely enter and exit.
- Be alert; children are often unpredictable, and tend to ignore hazards and take risks.



Source: National Safety Council

Annual Fall Leaf Collection Program

The 2022 annual Fall Leaf Collection program will begin the week of November 7th. The schedule is as follows:

- Zone 4: Weeks of November 7th & December 5th
- Zone 1: Weeks of November 14th & December 12th
- Zone 2: Weeks of November 14th & December 12th
- Zone 3: Weeks of November 21st & December 19th
- Zone 5: Weeks of November 28th & December 26th

Residents with leaves to dispose of outside of the annual Fall Collection program may bring them to the DPW Yard on Gravelly Hollow Road. Residents who place leaves at the street for collection outside of the Township's Collection Program could be cited for violation of Township Ordinance.

Any leaves place at the street by professional landscapers, contractors, or anyone hired by a homeowner, must be removed by them.



JOIN OUR TEAM



FIRE & EMS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

APPLY AT [JOINMEDFORD.ORG](https://www.joinmedford.org)

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT MEDFORD FIRE & EMS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT :

<https://www.medfordfire.org/volunteer/>

**IMPORTANT REMINDER
FROM THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT**



#9pmRoutine

Five minutes every night can save you hours, days, weeks, months, or years of heartache. Set your phone alarm for 9 p.m. every night and join us in the #9pmroutine.



Lock all ground floor doors and windows.



Make sure valuables are not visible from outside the home.



Empty mailboxes and retrieve packages from your porch.



Remove valuables from vehicles and lock them. Remember to close your garage doors, too.

ANNUAL SUMMER/FALL BRUSH COLLECTION

The Summer/Fall schedule is on schedule 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 5: 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 or contact the Department of Neighborhood Services at 609-654-6791 between the hours of 7:00 am thru 3:00 pm.

SIGN UP FOR NIXLE ALERTS

Nixle keeps residents up-to-date with relevant and timely information from the Medford Police, Fire & EMS, and the Neighborhood Services Department. This includes road closures and detours, weather emergencies, Township operations such as brush & leaf collection and trash collection, special events and more.

Residents can opt in for text messages, emails or both.

Visit www.Nixle.com to sign up or text 08055 (our zip code) to 888777 to opt-in.



Historical Society Refurbishes and Adds Additional Sign Markers for Medford's 175th Anniversary

For the past 24 years Medford has enjoyed the blue historical markers that designate historic sights and events throughout the Township. This year, on the 175th Anniversary of Medford's incorporation, the Medford Historical Society (MHS) repaired the existing markers and replaced four that were missing. In addition, four new markers were added at the Kirby's Feed Store (now the Feed Mill), the Reed Property, 75 Branch Street and the Powell House at Kirby's Mill. The total is now 67 markers throughout our historic town.

The Historical Society was assisted by Tyler Omans who was completing an Eagle Scout Project. The photograph shows Tyler and a MHS volunteer putting the final touches on repair of sign # 54 at Church and Eayrestown Roads.



NEW JERSEY REMAINS IN DROUGHT WATCH STATUS

The NJDEP currently has New Jersey in a drought watch status. (<https://dep.nj.gov/drought/>) Under a drought watch, their focus is placed on voluntary reductions in demand through increased public awareness. The Commissioner's declaration of a drought watch is the first in the State's three-stage drought advisory system. The watch is intended to sow public awareness and appreciation of the stress upon water supply sources and encourage voluntary water conservation measures. If conditions do not improve, declaration of a drought warning or a drought emergency with mandatory water use restrictions may become necessary. Voluntary conservation measures at the watch stage can help to avoid more serious and restrictive drought conditions.

As a reminder to residents, under Chapter 121-3(K) of the Township's Administrative Code (Water Conservation): for the period May 1 through September 30 of each year, the following water conservation regulations shall be in effect:

- (a) The use of public water for irrigation shall be limited to an odd/even schedule according to date and the users' house number.
- [1] The use of public water for irrigation shall be limited to six hours per day, from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. prevailing time in accordance with the odd/even schedule as set forth in Stage 1, above.
 - 2] Properties equipped with automatic sprinklers, for the purpose of watering lawns, shrubs, trees, flowers or gardens, are permitted to be watered according to the odd/even schedule from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. only.
 - [3] Swimming pools are permitted to be filled or topped off in accordance with the odd/even schedule set forth in Stage 1 above.
 - [4] Flowers and shrubs on properties having hand-held hoses equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle are permitted to be watered as needed.
 - [5] Common areas, which shall be defined as an area within or related to a site, including but not limited to passive or recreation lots, median strips, or open space, intended for the use or enjoyment of residents, may be watered on even dates. common areas shall specifically include (but are not limited to) any property owned and maintained by a homeowners' association.

Township officials appreciate your cooperation as New Jersey remains in a drought watch status.

10 SIMPLE STEPS TO SAVE WATER THIS SUMMER

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|  Water flowers and landscaping with water harvested in a rain barrel connected to a downspout. 1 |  Avoid recreational toys that require a constant stream of water. 6 |
|  Use 30-50% less water with drip irrigation and micro-sprays compared to sprinklers. 2 |  Raise your lawnmower blade to at least 3 inches to promote deeper grass roots which hold water better. 7 |
|  Only water when needed; in NJ most landscapes need only 1 inch of water per week. This often comes from dew and rainfall. 3 |  Use water from dehumidifiers and air conditioners to water your plants. 8 |
|  If you have a pool purchase a water saving filter. 4 |  Use native plants that need less water. 9 |
|  Cover your pool when not in use to reduce evaporation rates. 5 |  Group plants together based on water needs. 10 |

Summertime, means swimming pools, sprinkler jumping, and barbecues surrounding by manicured landscape. During the summer months, while water supplies are typically declining, water usage is increasing. In fact, water usage from winter to summer increases by approximately 30%. However, we can all do our part to reduce water usage by following these 10 simple tips.



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Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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