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856-784-5050

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Medford Twp. & Woman's Club of Medford 7th Annual Town-wide
Yard Sale & Earth Day Event
set for Saturday, April 27th at Freedom Park

Medford Township and the Woman's Club of Medford invite all local residents and community groups to participate in its Seventh Annual Town Wide Yard Sale to be held Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Freedom Park, located at 86 Union Street.

There is no cost to participate in the Yard Sale, but items offered for sale should be "pre-loved", created from repurposed materials, or be plants. All sales and proceeds go to the participating individual or community group. Participants must provide their own table(s) and chairs for an approximate 10' x 10' location. Pre-registration is requested by April 21, 2019 to medfordwomansclub@gmail.com.

The Township's Environmental Affairs Advisory Committee will also be distributing FREE trees provided by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection under their Tree Recovery Program.

In addition, the Woman's Club of Medford, working along with students from Shawnee High School, will be conducting their annual spring clean-up in Freedom Park, working on the veterans memorials and other landscaping in the Park.

Goodwill Industries of Southern New Jersey & Philadelphia will be on-site to collect donations during the event, and will also be available to leave any unsold items at the conclusion of the Yard Sale.

Plan to celebrate spring & Earth Day at this wonderful community event.



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH - 11:00 AM

FREEDOM PARK – 86 UNION STREET

Preschoolers through 4th graders are invited to join with the Easter Bunny in an Easter Egg Hunt for fun-filled eggs. Special prizes for those who find the "magic" eggs! Bring a bag or basket.

This event is a FREE community outreach service by the Shawnee and Seneca High School Interact Clubs and the Medford Vincentown Rotary Club.

In the event of inclement weather, the Hunt will be postponed to Saturday, April 20th.

For more information, visit www.MVROTARYCLUB.org or the Township's official Facebook page.

Amending Ordinance 2018-25 Entitled “Brush, Grass & Weeds” bans Bamboo

The Medford Township Council adopted Ordinance 2018-25 amending the Township’s Administrative Code to prohibit bamboo within the Township. Multiple property owners have experienced serious issues with non-native invasive species including bamboo which is being planted but results in uncontrollable growth onto neighboring properties, causing unintended harm and damage. The Township Council recognizes and supports the longstanding policy of Medford Township to foster environmentally sound landscaping methodologies that are consistent with the region, especially within the Pinelands Natural Reserve areas of the Township; and the planting and spread of non-native invasive species, including bamboo, Japanese knotweed and others resulted in the changes to Chapter 49 of the Township Code, entitled § 49-1 “Brush, Weeds, Trash and Debris Prohibited.”

This Chapter now reads as follows: “It shall be unlawful for any owner or owners, occupant or occupants, tenant or tenants of any lot or tract of land situated within the limits of the Township of Medford to permit or maintain on any such lot or tract of land any brush, weeds, including ragweed, dead and dying trees, stumps, roots, obnoxious growths including bamboo and other non-native invasive species, filth, garbage, trash and debris injurious to the public health, safety and general welfare or where the same shall tend to create a fire hazard or where the same may tend to interfere with the orderly flow of surface waters across said lands.”

This Ordinance is enforced by the Township’s Zoning Official. She may be reached in the Planning & Zoning Office at 609-654-2608 x324.

ARBOR DAY—April 11th

Environmental Affairs Advisory Committee to distribute FREE trees on April 27th

In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska. Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world as a special day for the planting of trees.

Through the continued efforts of the Township Council’s Environmental Affairs Advisory Committee (EAAC) and the Pinelands Garden Club, Medford has been designated as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for the fortieth (40th) consecutive year, and will be recognized by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection later this month as one of only two municipalities in the State to achieve this status.

The Medford Public Schools will join with Medford Township to celebrate Arbor Day on Thursday, April 11th in ceremonies at 10:00 am at Chairville School. As a part of the ceremony, Council members will join with the EAAC and Garden Club to plant a tree on the school grounds; and the Council is presenting every 3rd grade student in the elementary schools and St. Mary’s School with a tree to plant.

On April 27th, the EAAC will be distributing 300 free trees to residents at the Town Wide Yard Sale in Freedom Park, and will be joining with the Medford Vincentown Rotary to plant 40 trees in Cow Point in honor of the 40th year that Medford has been a Tree City, USA. The EAAC reminds residents that trees increase property values, enhance our business areas, beautify our community; serve many environmentally beneficial purposes, and are a renewable resource for paper, wood, fuel and in countless other products.

The Township Council proclaimed April 11th as Arbor Day in Medford and encourages residents to observe the occasion by planting one or more trees and by participating in the Arbor Day celebration at Chairville School and/or the free tree giveaway and tree planting on April 27th.

RECYCLING TIPS

To help recycling efforts, please flatten your cardboard boxes, remove any plastic wrap/bags and Styrofoam (they are not recyclable in Burlington County's Program). Another tip: please DO NOT flatten aluminum cans.

Good news, recycling diverted 42,000 tons from the landfill and saved the tax payers \$3.3 million in disposal fees in 2017. Thank you Medford residents for doing your part in our recycling program.

COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS

2019 Freedom Park Community Garden Plots are now available. The plot sizes are: 25x25=\$30.00-12x25=\$15.00-6x25=\$8.00 Senior Plot=\$5.00

[Click here to obtain a Garden Plot Application.](#)

APRIL FOOD TRUCK EVENT

This month's food truck event will be held Thursday, April 18, 2019 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Come and take a stroll along Main Street and check out the various food trucks and variety of establishments located throughout the Village of Medford. [Click here](#) to see a list of vendors and their menus.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & MONUMENT DEDICATION

The Township Council & Medford VFW Post #7677 are pleased to announce that they will hold Medford's Annual Memorial Day Parade & Observances on Monday, May 27th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. **New this year, the Parade route has changed.** The Parade will now start at Allen School on Allen Avenue near Union Street, and proceed east to South Main Street. The Parade will turn left onto South Main Street; stopping briefly at the War Memorials adjacent to the Medford Memorial Community Center at 26 South Main Street to raise the flag, present a wreath and offer a 21-gun salute. The Parade will then re-start and continue north, turning left on Union Street. The Parade concludes in Freedom Park at 86 Union Street.

The ceremony will start immediately at the conclusion of the Parade in Freedom Park. Enhanced ceremonies are being planned, including the dedication of new WWII and Korean War memorials, and a Battlefield Cross sculpture, as donated to Medford Township by the Burlington County Memorials Committee. These new memorials will be located next to the WWI, Vietnam and post-Vietnam memorials that are already located in Freedom Park.



Parade participants will include members of the VFW Post #7677, the Shawnee High School Marching Band, the Medford Police Department, Medford EMS, the Union & Taunton Fire Companies, the Civil Air Patrol-Air Victory Museum Composite Squadron. Medford Masonic Lodge #178, as well as many other public safety representatives and military re-enactment associations from neighboring communities. The Grand Marshall will be Glenn Sinclair.

The Township Council invites and encourages Veterans to march in the Parade or join them in a vehicle. Local Scout troops and civic organizations who wish to march in the parade are also encouraged to do so and should contact the Beth Portocalis at the Municipal Offices (bportocalis@medfordtownship.com) or by calling 609-654-2608 x324. Also, participation in the parade on decorated bicycles is highly encouraged. Bikers should report to the Allen School staging area by 10:45 a.m., and must wear safety helmets.

VFW Post #7677 is planning to perform memorial services at each of the three Medford Township cemeteries east of Main Street (Family Ministry at Branch and Filbert Streets, the Baptist Cemetery and the Odd Fellows Cemetery) on Saturday, May 25, 2019, in the usual sequence, commencing at noon. Accordingly, the Parade route on Monday will not include stops at the cemeteries.

FIELD OF HONOR

The Medford Sunrise Rotary will be organizing Burlington County's first "Field of Honor" in Freedom Park. To honor a loved one who has exhibited Service Above Self, at least 200 sponsored flags will be flown in Freedom Park. Flags can honor those who have served in the military, first responders, teachers, or any person who has touched the lives of others.

The flags will be erected by Rotary members on Friday, May 24th. They will be flown on 8' poles in perfectly symmetrical rows. Medallions will be placed on each flag with details on the nominated "hero." The Field of Honor will remain for a full week, from May 25th thru June 1st.

The cost of a flag is \$50. Other sponsorship opportunities are available. Any proceeds will be donated by the Sunrise Rotary to organizations that serve veterans and current military personnel.

You can sponsor a flag by visiting www.healingfield.org/medford19. Those interested in sponsorships should call Tom Wolff at 609-284-4440 or emailing FieldOfHonorMedford@gmail.com.



Township Offices will be closed on Friday, April 19, 2019 in observance of Good Friday. Trash will be collected.

The Township Garage will also be closed on Friday, April 19, 2019. The garage is open Monday—Friday from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm with the exception of holidays. The Township Garage will be open on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Municipal Center Address: 17 North Main Street, Medford, NJ 08055

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

Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. www.medfordtownship.com

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