



April 2021



# THE MEDFORD MESSENGER

## “What’s Up in Medford”

Above Photos—Eagle flying at Cow Pointe and Birchwood Lake

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Trash Related Issues:  
(Missed Collections and Can Replacements and/or repairs)  
Republic Services -  
856-533-5272  
[DDashiell@republicservices.com](mailto:DDashiell@republicservices.com)

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**3rd THURSDAY  
FOOD TRUCKS ON MAIN  
STREET ARE BACK!**

Thursday, April 15th is the first scheduled Food Truck Event to be held on Main Street for 2021.

The food trucks will be out from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM.  
[Click here](#) to see the list of food trucks and their menus.

**BIAS STATEMENT**

The Police Department has become aware of several incidents involving bias. Signs posted on Main Street and in a neighborhood off Stokes Road, as well as stickers placed on shopping carts at a local grocery store can be attributed to hate groups have been found. A “Black Lives Matter” sign was also recently found altered in Medford Village and rainbow flags were stolen from Main Street locations last year. Additionally, members of our community have been subjected to verbal hate rhetoric on more than one occasion.

These and all forms of bias and hate are not a reflection of our great community. This community stands for inclusivity and for welcoming everyone. In Medford Township we strive every day to ensure that all who live, work, or visit our Township feel welcome and safe.

Medford Township has been in contact with the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) to support anyone that may be effected by these acts. The ADL is a leading anti-hate organization whose mission is to secure justice and fair treatment for all.

Now, more than ever, we must unite and stand together in addressing racism and hate in all its forms. We encourage everyone to report any suspected bias incidents to the Police Department at 609-267-8300 or email [info@medfordpolice.org](mailto:info@medfordpolice.org).

Additionally, the ADL will accept reports by visiting [www.adl.org/reportincident](http://www.adl.org/reportincident). Further information can be found at [www.adl.org](http://www.adl.org).

Township Offices will be closed on April 2, 2021 in observance of Good Friday.



**FREE SHREDDING EVENTS SCHEDULED:**

**April 17, and September 18, 2021  
Saturdays -- 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** on the above dates 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.

**As these dates are the 3rd Saturday of the month, the Garage is open from 8:00 am till 1:00 pm to accept all other waste and recycling materials.**

For more information, call Judy Scherf, Recycling Coordinator at 609-654-6791 x322



**2021 SPRING BRUSH COLLECTION PROGRAM**

Below are the collection dates for the annual spring brush collection in the Township:

Zone 1: Week of March 29  
Zone 3: Week of April 12  
Zone 5: Week of April 26  
Zone 4: Week of May 10  
Zone 2: Week of May 24

The Neighborhood Services Department will alert the public via Nixle alerts and Facebook posts as they complete each Zone or if they experience delays. Each street will be collected once. Township Code states "All brush shall be stored on a resident's property and shall not be placed at the roadside earlier than 10 days preceding the Monday of the scheduled collection week". Brush placed at the street for collection outside of these collection dates will not be collected.

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 6 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 on the brush collection program and the zones, please visit the Township website at : [www.medfordtownship.com/brushandleaf](http://www.medfordtownship.com/brushandleaf)

## WHY WAIT?

Last November Gov. Phil Murphy signed New Jersey's Plastic Pollution Reduction Act, a new law banning businesses from handing out single-use plastic bags, polystyrene food containers, plastic straws and paper bags in New Jersey. This law officially goes into effect for plastic straws, starting November 2021. The ban on foam food products such as clamshell takeout boxes and plastic and paper bags, starts May, 2022. WHY WAIT? As consumers we don't have to wait to stop using these products. WE HAVE THE POWER TO ACT NOW! We can start now to reduce the millions of discarded bags and plastic that stream annually into our landfills, rivers, and oceans. Ridding the environment of these single use plastics saves money on disposal costs and extends the life of the Burlington County landfill, where Medford pays over \$80 per ton to dispose of them.

The American entrepreneurial spirit is rising to the challenge of creating new, sustainable products. Search sustainable products on your computer and you will find a wealth of information.

Here are some of the sustainable products we have found:

bars of shampoo and conditioner instead of bottles  
foam hand soap that looks that comes in a tablet that you drop into water instead of buying another plastic bottle  
laundry detergent that looks like a small sheet of paper ( no more lugging those large plastic detergent bottles home from the store)  
Toothpaste that comes in a tablet- just pop it in your mouth  
Make your own home cleaning products- check out Pinterest  
Make or buy reusable shopping bags- old T shirts work great (plastic bags are not safer during the Covid pandemic)

We would love to hear what you have been doing to create a more sustainable environment for Medford and America. Please share your favorite products or ideas with us. Send to: [bportocalis@medfordtownship.com](mailto:bportocalis@medfordtownship.com)

Ileen Wright  
Medford Green Team Member



### Project Medicine Drop Box

Located in the Police Department Lobby, Project Medicine Drop provides the opportunity to discard unused and expired prescription medications. The Police Department maintain custody of the deposited drugs, and dispose of them according to their normal procedures for the custody and destruction of controlled dangerous substances. They report the quantity of discarded drugs to the Division of Consumer Affairs on a quarterly basis. (No needles can be accepted—see the Recycling page of the Township website for info on safe disposal)



**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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