



April 2022



THE MEDFORD MESSENGER

“What’s Up in Medford”

Above Photo—Freedom Park Lavender

*ADDITIONAL SPECIAL EVENTS

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April 2022 Events

3rd Thursday Food Trucks on Main Street, April 21st from 5:00-9:00 pm along Main Street. Click [here](#) for a list of participating trucks and their menus.



MYAA Softball Opening Day—Saturday, April 23rd. Hartford Softball Complex on Hartford Road. Visit www.MYAA.net for more info on the spring sports being offered and registration information.

Annual Arbor Day Ceremony—Thursday, April 28th at Allen School. Celebrating Medford’s 42nd consecutive year as a Tree City, USA. Held in collaboration with the Pinelands Garden Club, the Environmental Affairs Advisory Committee (EAAC) and the Medford Public Schools. Every 3rd grader will be gifted with a tree seedling for planting at home.

Annual Earth Day Observance and Town-Wide Yard Sale, Saturday, April 30th at Freedom Park from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Sponsored by the Woman’s Club of Medford & the Environmental Affairs Advisory Committee. Click [here](#) for more information to register for the yard sale. The EAAC will be distributing 500 free tree saplings as provided by a grant from the NJ Forestry Service Tree Recovery Program; and also accepting plastic bags and other plastics, that will be recycled by Trex. Once 500 pounds is recycled, Medford will be granted a new park bench from Trex. (Look for our first bench to be installed in Still Park later this spring!)

May 2022 Events

Medford First Friday & Art Walk along Main Street. Friday, May 6th from 3:00-8:00 pm. Sponsored by the Main Street Merchants & the Medford Arts Center. www.MedfordMainStreet.com

County Day at the Mill, Saturday, May 14th at Kirby’s Mill from Noon—4:00 pm. Sponsored by the Medford Historical Society.

3rd Thursday Food Trucks on Main Street, May 19th from 5:00-9:00 pm along Main Street.

Burlington County Memorial Flag Display, Saturday, May 28th through Sunday, June 5th at Freedom Park. Sponsored by the Medford Sunrise Rotary.

Memorial Day Parade & Observance, Monday, May 30th at 11:00 am along Allen Avenue, Main Street and at Freedom Park. Sponsored by the Township of Medford and Medford VFW Post 7677. Please see the Twp. website for the new parade route starting at Allen School & finishing at Freedom Park.



Neighborhood Services Advisory

Township officials in the Utilities Division are advising residents who have sanitary sewer service to watch what is being flushed down the drain. Advertised “flushable wipes” aren’t so flushable. Staff have responded to a number of sewer backups caused by personal care and cleaning wipes, and the Township is urging residents not to flush these wipes down their toilets.

The wipes can catch on small pieces of the sewer pipe and lead to big problems. If it’s not the small piece of the pipe it could be a root or something similar inside or some other foreign matter that starts a build-up. The first wipe catches and then the second wipe and pretty soon as they gather it becomes a large ball of wipes. The inevitable is that the entire pipe becomes plugged with a ball of wipes.

It can cost thousands of dollars per incident to get sewers unclogged, and it’s being paid for by your water and sewer bill revenue. This repetitive type of incident could potentially restrict the Utilities Division’s ability to invest in new sewer mains or rehabilitation of other parts of the system that should be replaced or refurbished due to age and wear.

Wipes aren’t the only item that crews have had to pull out of sewer lines. Diapers, feminine hygiene products and even clothing items have been found to clog sewer lines.

As a reminder to all residents, only toilet paper and human waste should be flushed. Wipes, diapers, etc. should always be disposed of in a trash can.



2022 SPRING BRUSH COLLECTION PROGRAM

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

Zone 5: Week of April 4

Zone 4: Week of April 18

Zone 2: Week of May 2

Zone 1: Week of May 16

Zone 3: Week of May 30

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, visit the Township website at: www.medfordtownship.com/brushandleaf.

Bag Up NJ

Submitted by Ileen Wright, Medford Green Team & Environmental Affairs Advisory Committee

The New Jersey Plastic Pollution Reduction Law goes into effect this May. Single use plastic products are one of the greatest threats to our oceans, our environment and our health.

November 4th, 2021 saw the first implementation of this law, with the ban on plastic straws. A food service business may only provide plastic straws to a customer upon the request of the customer.

Beginning May 4, 2022, Food Service businesses, grocery stores, retail stores, restaurants and more are prohibited from selling or providing their customers with single use plastic carry out bags, with sanitary exceptions. (If a grocery store size is above 2500 square feet, paper carryout bags are also banned - if a grocery store size is under 2500 square feet, paper carryout bags are free.) All polystyrene foam food service products are also banned. (with a 2 year extension for long handled spoons, portion cups size 2 oz. or less, meat/fish trays, pre-packaged foods)

How does this new law affect you? What can you do to be prepared? Be a wise consumer. It's good for the future of our planet!

Vote with your wallet- Chose products, businesses, restaurants that are actively working on reducing plastic.

Say YES to Reusable! BRING YOUR OWN BAG!

Going to a restaurant? BRING YOUR OWN TAKE HOME CONTAINERS!

Say NO to plastic utensils/extras when ordering takeout.

Educate your family & friends- Plastic pollution is a public health crisis, climate change and environmental justice issue.

Spread the message of NO littering.

Reduce consumption.

What are the penalties?

Any business violating the bill would get a warning on first offense.

A fine up to \$1000 for a second offense

A fine up to \$5000 for a third or subsequent offense.

If you are a business and or would like more information on how this bill affects you, contact the New Jersey Business Action Center Website: business.nj.gov/bags/plastic-ban-law or New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Website: nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law/#faqs



RAIN GARDENS BEING IN- STALLED AT COW POINT & DR. STILL PARK



You may have noticed work being done in both Still Park (behind the Cranberry Hall Senior Center) and at Cow Point. Medford Township was the recipient of grant funds under the South Jersey Landscape Makeover Program as administered by the Pinelands Preservation Alliance in collaboration with the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Program to create “rain gardens” in a couple of Pinelands communities. The Township Council also extends their thanks and appreciation to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for supporting this program through their grant funding.

For more info, visit <https://pinelandsalliance.org/>



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Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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