



August 2020

THE MEDFORD MESSENGER

“What’s Up in Medford”

Above Photos—Rainbow over Tamarac Lake and Birchwood Lake

*ADDITIONAL SPECIAL EVENTS

(*please check the Twp. website or Facebook page for updates during the COVID-19 restrictions)

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Trash Related Issues:
(Missed Collections and Can Replacements and/or repairs)
Gold Medal Environmental of NJ -
856-784-5050

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New Dog Run in Freedom Park Dog Park

A new fenced in dog run has been opened in the Dog Park area of Freedom Park! Funds were allocated for this project to accommodate requests for a fenced-in area for dogs to run off-leash by dog park users and residents during public hearings for Medford’s Open Space & Recreation Plan.

There are two fenced areas; one with 4’ fencing for smaller dogs; and one with 6’ fencing for larger dogs. Each run is 30 yards wide and 100 yards long. Each side has its own agility equipment and there are also benches and dog waste containers available.

The rules and requirements to use the new Dog Runs are posted near the entrances and can also be found on our website: <http://www.medfordtownship.com/dogpark>.



August Events

Food Trucks on Main Street will be held Thursday, August 20th from 5:00 –9:00pm.

Click [Here](#) for the list of trucks and menus.



Upcoming Events Cancelled Due to COVID19 Restrictions

The following annual events have regrettably been cancelled by their sponsors:

- The Police Department’s National Night Out scheduled for August 4th
- The Business Association’s OktoberFest scheduled for September 19th
- The Historical Society’s Apple Festival scheduled for October 10th
- The Medford Vincentown Rotary Club’s Halloween Parade scheduled for October 24th
- The Business Associations Dickens Festival scheduled for December 5th

Recycling Tip From the Environmental Affairs Advisory Committee (EAAC)
“One Word: Plastics”

The current pandemic has many people returning to the use of plastic bags, but at what price? Americans were introduced to plastic bags in the late 1970's and today use approximately 14,000,000,000 bags a year. These single use plastic bags are used for an average of **12 minutes**. According to the federal Environmental Protection Agency, outside of the small amount of **plastics** incinerated, **every bit of plastic** ever manufactured **still exists** today and is compounding by increasing global production. **Every piece of plastic** you have ever used is most likely **still** here somewhere. It's in our landfills, our oceans, and even the fish we eat. Approximately only 1—3% of plastic bags are recycled every year —leaving us with over forty years worth of never ending plastic!

Reusable grocery bags are not new. Our grandmothers used them. They come in all sizes and materials. There are advantages to bringing your own bag. You know where it's been, who has used it, and it's washable! Many stores will let you pack your own purchases or groceries, if you bring your own bag. This gives you even more control over who has touched all those products in your cart. Since we are becoming more accustomed to not touching, this may be a good time to say, “No thank you” when asked if you would like a bag and it is not actually necessary.

It is time to take action and stop using single use plastic. Let's take the next forty years and make Medford and our planet a healthier and safer environment for future generations.

If you must use plastic, please recycle responsibly. Most supermarkets, and stores such as Target accept plastic bags for recycling. In addition, many civic associations and homeowners associations collect plastic bags to recycle in return for recycled composite benches.

Sources: “The Graduate”, The Environmental Protection Agency, Waste Management and the Center for Biologi-



FALL BRUSH COLLECTION PROGRAM

The scheduled Fall Brush Collection Program will begin in August and follow this schedule:

Zone 1: Week of August 10th **Zone 3:** Week of August 24th

Zone 5: Week of September 7th **Zone 4:** Week of September 21st

Zone 2: Week of October 5th

All brush must be piled neatly at the edge of the property and cannot be placed in any roadway or on any sidewalk. Brush should not exceed 4-6 feet in length, and should not be any larger than 6 inches in diameter. Residents who do not wish to wait for a roadside collection may bring their material to the DPW Yard during regular business hours.

Questions should be directed to the Department of Neighborhood Services at 609-654-6791 or refer to the brush & leaf collection page on our website.



The deadline to file the 2020 Census is October 31, 2020. [Click here](#) to be connected to the Census, or visit the state-website for more info.

Tax Bills are Due

Estimated tax bills have been issued for the 2020 3rd quarter property taxes. The due date is August 1st with a grace period through August 10th.



Municipal Center Address:

17 North Main Street,

Phone: (609) 654-2608

Fax: (609) 953-4087

Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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