



THE MEDFORD MESSENGER DECEMBER 2022



Above Photo—Winter Snowfall at the corner of
Main & Union Streets .

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directly at 215-744-2995 or email
LWilliams@republicservices.com or
Gburnsjr@republicservices.com

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DECEMBER 2022 SPECIAL EVENTS



Dickens Festival, Saturday, December 3rd
from 4:30 -9:00 pm along Main Street. Spon-
sored by the Medford Business Association &
the Main Street Merchants Association.
www.MedfordBusiness.org; or on Facebook at
#DestinationMedford.

Medford Arts Center's 1st Annual Holiday Faire. December
4th - 11th. For the complete schedule of activities, please visit-
their website at www.MedfordArts.com

3rd Thursday Food Trucks on Main Street, Thurs., December
15th from 5:00-9:00 pm along Main Street from 45 South Main to
57 North Main. Click [HERE](#) for a list of participating food trucks
and their menus. (Last food truck night until March 2023)

*****See page 4 for more holiday events taking place in December*****

HOLIDAY HOURS & TRASH SCHEDULE

Township Offices and the Township Garage/DPW Yard will be
closed on Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2,
2023.

Trash will be collected on both of these days.

Township offices & the Twp. Garage/DPW Yard will be also be
closing at 12:00 noon on Fri., Dec. 30th for an employee gather-
ing.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:

The Council is scheduled to award a contract at its December 6th
meeting to improve (paving & drainage) all or portions of the following
roads: Union St., Maple Ave., Bear Head Rd., Bracken Rd., Tal-
lowood Dr., Regent Ct., Longhill Ct., Foxborough Ct., Wentwood Ct.,
Meadowside Ct., Laurelwood Ct., Nelson Dr., Lexington Dr & Court
intersection, Heath Rd & Foxwood La. Intersection, Sarnesfield Way,
and Pin Oak Court. Upon award of the contract, drainage work will
take place over the winter, and paving work will start in the spring.
Residents of affected streets will be given advance notice by the con-
tractor as to when the paving work will take place.

The Council will also be utilizing \$340,606 in NJDOT grant funds for
drainage improvements and roadway paving of Eayrestown Road
from New Freedom Road north to the Lumberton border.

Santa's coming to town!!!



December 17th starting at 9am.
Listen for the sirens!!

www.facebook.com/medfordsanta/

STATE OFFERING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH UTILITY BILLS

The Department of Community Affairs in the State of NJ has implemented a Winter Termination Program to prevent service discontinuation and provide aid for eligible residential customers.

This Winter Termination Program is intended to prevent utility shutoffs between November 15 through March 15 for eligible residential customers receiving residential electric, gas, sewer and water service from a local authority, municipal utility, investor- owned utility, or rural electric cooperative.

All residential customers in arrears can find more information on assistance including eligibility requirements via NJ211 or by clicking [HERE](#) or using this URL link: <https://dcaid.dca.nj.gov/en-US/are-you-eligible/>

ANNUAL FALL LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

The 2022 Fall Leaf Collection program, which began the week of November 4th, is on-going. As of the week of November 28th, crews are currently collecting leaves in Zone 3. Due to the volume of leaves in this Zone, the previously announced leaf collection week for Zone 5 has been delayed.

It is likely that crews will get to Zone 5 early during the week of December 5th.

The updated schedule for the remainder of the season is as follows:

- Zone 5: Week of December 5th
- Zone 4: Week of December 12th
- Zone 1: Week of December 19th
- Zone 2: Week of December 19th
- Zone 3: Week of December 26th
- Zone 5: Week of January 2nd

Winter weather may further delay leaf collection if a snowfall is experienced during leaf collection times, as all Departmental staff are re-assigned to snow removal efforts.

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.

As a reminder, any leaves placed at the street by professional landscapers, contractors, or anyone hired by a homeowner, must be removed by them.



For more info (inc. Zones), please refer to the Leaf & Brush Collection page on the Township website by clicking [HERE](#) or using this URL link: www.medfordtownship.com/brushandleaf

SNOW REMOVAL HELP NEEDED

The Township is currently accepting applications for part-time or per diem snow removal personnel. Personnel should have a valid NJ Drivers License and have a demonstrated ability to operate snow removal equipment including snowplows, snow blowers, snow shovels, etc. Applicants should be able to lift 50 pounds and pass a background check and drug screening.



Medford Township offers a competitive pay rate and flexible hours for snow removal personnel. Applications or resumes should be forwarded to our Human Resources Coordinator, Medford Town Hall, 49 Union Street, Medford, NJ 08055. Applications can be found online [HERE](#).

Specific questions about winter weather operations or staffing should be directed to Richard Parks, Director of Neighborhood Services, at [609-654-6791](tel:609-654-6791), extension 301.



HOLIDAY RECYCLING TIP

Wrapping paper, tissue paper, holiday cards & envelopes, gift boxes and shipping boxes are all recyclable. Please place these items in your blue recycling cart (not in any type of plastic trash bag); or you can take your extra recycling **to the DPW Yard** on Mon - Fri 7am to 2 pm and every third Saturday of the month from 8am to 1pm. *****Please note foil wrapping paper is not recyclable.***

JACKSON ROAD BRIDGE UPDATE
FROM BURLINGTON COUNTY

Township officials were provided with the following update on the status of the Jackson Road Bridge earlier this week: “County Bridge Crews have installed approximately 60% of the steel sheet/ timber pile foundation. Once crews completed this work (late September) aerial utility companies were notified, this includes PSE&G, Comcast and Verizon, to move their lines so that the remaining foundation could be installed. Currently PSE&G and Comcast have completed their work. As of today we are still waiting on Verizon to move their lines so that foundation installation can be completed. From there County crews will install concrete caps on the new foundation followed by the installation of a glue-laminated timber deck. The remaining work will be roadway items, such as paving the new bridge/approaches and guide rail installation. The County hopes that the work mentioned above will be completed by March of 2023, barring any weather delays. County officials do apologize for the inconvenience of the traffic increase and the effects on local businesses. As soon as crews are able to continue work onsite they will be there and working as fast as possible.”

We will continue to post updates as provided by the County. If you have any further questions or concerns please reach out to them directly by phone at 856-642-3700.

SAFE DISPOSAL OF ASHES FROM FIREPLACES & WOOD BURNING STOVES

The Dept. of Fire & EMS is reminding residents to properly dispose of fireplace ashes. Improper ash disposal from indoor & outdoor fireplaces, wood burning stoves and charcoal grills cause thousands of fires every year nationally. Fires can also occur in trash carts and trash trucks. Many people don’t realize the length of time required for ashes to cool enough for disposal. Four days/96 hours is the minimum cooling period for ashes. And even after several days a pile of ashes can hold enough heat to reignite and start a fire. Accordingly, we are asking residents to follow safe disposal practices in order to keep property and trash truck drivers safe. Recommendations include:

- Cool ashes for several days in the chimney or fireplace. Use a fireplace screen to stop sparks from flying.
- After ashes are cooled, put them in a fire resistant metal container with a closed, tight-fitting lid placed away from anything that can burn. You can also soak them in water. After sitting for a week, the ashes are safe to dispose of in your trash container — but never in the recycling or green waste cart. Heavy duty aluminum foil can be used to wrap cooled or soaked ashes.
- Never put ashes in plastic, cardboard, paper or wood containers, or use a vacuum cleaner to pick up ashes.



HUNTING REGULATIONS REMINDER



As we are approaching the State approved hunting seasons, a reminder to residents that 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." It is also illegal to hunt on private property without licenses issued by the State AND express written permission of the property owner. If permission is granted, you must obey all rules of hunting limitations in proximity to residential dwellings and other buildings. Please refer to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection-Office of Fish, Game & Wildlife regulations and guidelines for hunting, which can be found [HERE](https://dep.nj.gov/njfw/hunting/) or by using this URL link: <https://dep.nj.gov/njfw/hunting/>

The Medford Historical Society Welcomes
Everyone Naughty or Nice!

Santa at the Schoolhouse

Saturday, December 3rd Noon-3:00PM
Stop by before the Dickens Festival
Take your own photos

PICTURE THIS! A cozy, warm potbellied stove, the schoolhouse adorned with 19th century holiday decorations and, of course, a visit with Santa. FREE admission.



Santa's Waiting!
Historic Cross Keys Schoolhouse • 55 Mill Street, Medford, NJ
(next to entrance to Memorial Middle School)



DICKENS FESTIVAL
MAIN STREET MEDFORD

PARADE 4:30 FROM ALLEN AVE TO THE GAZEBO.
TREE LIGHTING AT THE GAZEBO.
FESTIVITIES IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THROUGH 9PM

DECEMBER 3, 2022

SANTA, CAROLERS, A CHRISTMAS CAROL REENACTMENT, HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGE RIDES, ARTIST VENDORS, LIVE NATIVITY, FOOD TRUCKS, LIVE MUSIC, MAGICIANS, NON PROFITS, QUAIN T DOWNTOWN SHOPPING, AND MORE!

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Chabad in Medford

CHANUKAH VILLAGE WALK

A PROJECT OF CHABAD IN MEDFORD

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

5:00 PM Medford Village Park Main Street
7:00 PM Grand Menorah Lighting Corner Main St & Allen Ave

Enjoy an enriching holiday experience for the whole family as Main Street Medford celebrates Chanukah. Stop by local vendors for exciting Chanukah festivities.

RSVP AT WWW.CHANUKAHVILLAGE.ORG

Chabad In Medford | 609-451-3522 | info@ChabadMedford.org | 74 South Main Street




MEDFORD MEETING INVITES YOU TO ENJOY THE JERSEY SOUND CHORUS WITH US

DECEMBER 3RD AT 7:30 PM AT THE MEDFORD FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE—14 UNION STREET

the celtic Christmas

CONCERT!
CHARLIE ZAHM

HOSTED BY THE MEDFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
7:00 PM, DECEMBER 15TH
THE FRIENDS MEETING, 14 UNION ST., MEDFORD

Folk songs new and old, plus beautiful songs of the season---brought to life as only Charlie can. All our welcome!




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Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
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