



FEBRUARY 2023



THE MEDFORD MESSENGER

“WHAT’S UP IN MEDFORD”

Above Photo—Jackson Road historic house in the snow; photograph by Terry Rosiak. (Part of the Medford Township collection)

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Trash Related Issues:

(Missed Collections and Can Replacements and/or repairs)
Please contact our vendor Republic Services directly at 215-744-2995; or email:
LWilliams@republicservices.com or
Gburnsjr@republicservices.com

OTHER IMPORTANT LINKS

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PRESIDENT’S DAY HOLIDAY / TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

The Township Offices, including the Township DPW Yard (aka the Dump) will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2023 in observance of Presidents’ Day.

DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES RENAMED AS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES

The Department of Neighborhood Services was renamed as the Department of Public Works and the Department of Utilities effective February 1st.

The Department of Public Works will retain responsibility for Sanitation, Roads, Parks, Buildings & Grounds, Recycling and Fleet Management; as well as staffing the DPW Yard located at 2 Commonwealth Drive. The Utilities Department will retain responsibility for the operation of both the municipal water and sanitary sewer systems. Administrative Offices for both Departments will still be located at 18 Fostertown Road; and all staff phone numbers and email addresses will remain the same.

FREE 2023 SHREDDING EVENTS SCHEDULED

April 1st, June 17th and October 7th, 2023
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 at the DPW Yard (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



REMINDER: 1st Quarter— 2023 Tax Bills Due

As a reminder, the first quarter taxes are due on February 1st. There is a 10-day grace period, which runs through the 10th of the month, which is Friday, February 10th.



Medford Certified by Sustainable Jersey at the Silver-Level

Sustainable Jersey representatives announced last week that Medford Township has met the rigorous requirements to achieve Sustainable Jersey certification at the silver level. Medford is one of only 93 municipalities that have attained silver certification in 2022. Sustainable Jersey's participating communities at all levels represent over 82% of the state's municipalities.

To become Sustainable Jersey certified at the silver-level, Medford submitted documentation to show it had completed a balance of the required sustainability actions, meeting a minimum of 350 action points. In addition to reaching 350 points, each community had to establish a Green Team and select at least three out of fourteen priority action options. Medford did nine of the fourteen priority actions by completing 1) climate adaptation: flooding risk, 2) energy efficiency for municipal facilities, 3) green business recognition program, 4) municipal water story, 5) natural resource inventory, 6) prescription drug safety and disposal, 7) recycling and waste reduction education and compliance, 8.) sustainable land use pledge, and 9) a water conservation ordinance.

“The Sustainable Jersey certified municipalities demonstrate sustainability excellence,” said Randall Solomon, director of Sustainable Jersey. “As New Jersey faces issues such as the climate crisis, a growing equity divide and environmental pollution, the certified towns exemplify the commitment we need to accelerate the transition to a sustainable New Jersey.” Certified towns excelled in areas such as improving energy efficiency, health and wellness, reducing waste, sustaining local economies, protecting natural resources and advancing the arts.

Medford's Sustainable Jersey Certification was a project of the Council's appointed Environmental Affairs Advisory Committee (EAAC) and Green Team. The EAAC & Green Team meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm in Town Hall, and members of the public are welcome to attend and participate in the EAAC's and Green Team's activities.

About Sustainable Jersey:

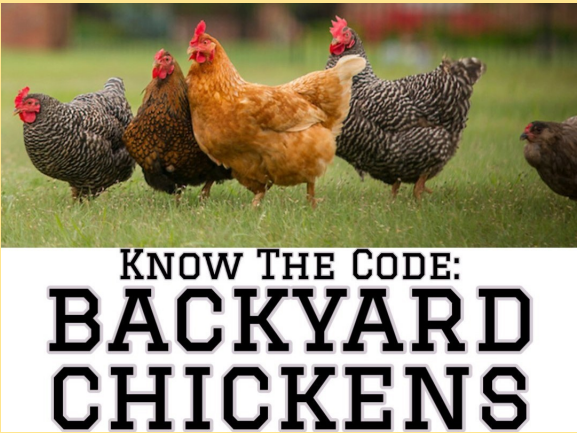
Sustainable Jersey provides tools, training and financial incentives to support communities as they pursue sustainability programs. Sustainable Jersey participants (municipalities and schools) have successfully implemented and documented over 23,500 sustainability actions. Sustainable Jersey has provided over \$7.2 million in grants to municipalities, school districts and schools for community-based projects that create healthy and sustainable communities in New Jersey. For more info, visit www.SustainableJersey.com.

STANDARDS FOR KEEPING CHICKENS - AC Chapter 86 / Ordinance #2015-12

The Township Council adopted an Ordinance in 2015 to allow for the keeping of chickens on non-farmland residential properties. (Click [HERE](#) for the Ordinance in its entirety) Some of the major provisions of this Ordinance are as follows:

- 1.) A minimum lot size of one-quarter (1/4) acre is required to keep chickens. Keeping of chickens shall only be permitted in zoning districts for residential or agricultural use. Chickens shall be provided a fully enclosed shelter with a fenced enclosure. Shelters and enclosures shall be located in the rear yard.
- 2.) No more than nine (9) female chickens may be kept on any residential lot. Roosters and Cockerels are prohibited. Slaughtering chickens in public view is also prohibited.
- 3.) Any person owning, keeping, maintaining or harboring fowl, who violate or fail or refuse to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance may be liable for penalties.

****The restrictions of this Ordinance do not apply to agricultural properties qualifying under the Right to Farm Act. For more info, contact the Planning & Zoning Office at 609-654-2608 x315.**



FREE AARP TAX ASSISTANCE AT THE LIBRARY

The AARP Tax-Aide Program offers free tax help for taxpayers with low and moderate incomes, with special attention to those age 60 and over. This service is by appointment only.

The Pinelands Branch Library has appointments available on Tuesdays starting February 7th and concluding on April 11th, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Please call the Library at 609-654-6113 or choose a date/time/location using the link below to schedule your appointment. <https://www.bcls.lib.nj.us/news-updates/aarp-tax-assistance>.

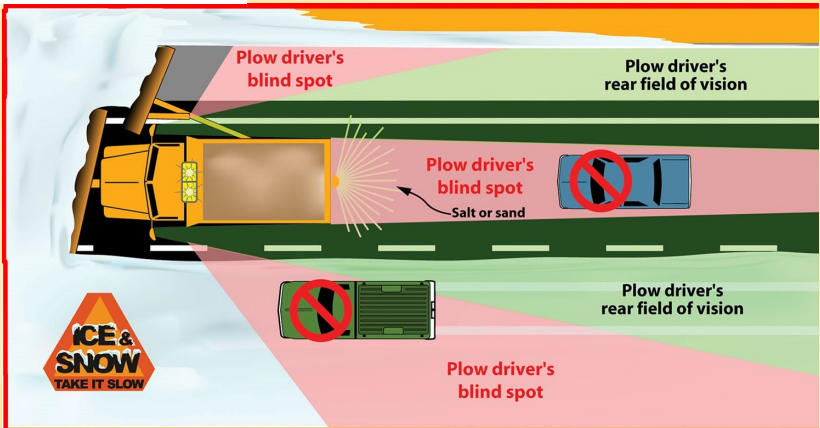


CRANBERRY HALL SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

A new class called Play of the Hand for experienced Bridge players will be held every Tuesday at 2:00 pm at Cranberry Hall. If you want to improve your play please join them. The book has the same title and comes from the American Contract Bridge League. If you cannot take the class but would like the book it is available at half price via the Senior Center. A copy of the book is available during the Bridge classes.

There will be a class for new players starting in March.

For the complete schedule of programs & activities at the Cranberry Hall Senior center, click [HERE](#).



Town Hall & Library Complex Address:
49 Union Street, Medford, NJ 08055-2432
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Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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