



January 2021



# THE MEDFORD MESSENGER

Above Photo—snowing on Birchwood Lake

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Gold Medal Environmental of NJ -  
856-784-5050

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## “What’s Up in Medford”

### Martin Luther King Holiday/Township Office Hours:

The Township Offices , including the Township DPW Yard (aka the Dump) will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Trash will be collected as scheduled.

### Dog Licenses:

Renewal notices were mailed on December 31, 2020 and the renewal period is from January 1 to January 31, 2021. A late fee of \$15 will be charged for licenses purchased after January 31, 2020. Dog license fees are \$12 plus an additional \$3 for any dog that has not been spayed or neutered. Proof of rabies vaccination is required and must be valid until November 1, 2021 in order to acquire a 2021 dog license. Due to COVID the Medford Township Municipal Building is currently closed to the public. License renewal payments may be mailed or placed in the drop-box located at the rear entrance of the Municipal Building at 17 North Main Street. Licenses may also be completed by accessing the form located on the Township website, [www.medfordtownship.com](http://www.medfordtownship.com) under the Documents & Forms tab. The completed form and payment may be mailed or dropped off as stated above. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Clerk’s Office at 609-654-2608 ext. 334 or 328.

A Rabies Clinic for both Dogs and Cats has not been scheduled due to COVID. Staff will attempt to hold a clinic later in the year if the COVID situation improves.



### CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

The Dept. of Neighborhood Services will begin collecting Christmas trees the week of Monday, January 25, 2021. Collection will take place over a two-week period and will end on Friday, February 5th. Residents should place their trees at the street on their designated trash collection day with all stands, ornaments, and lights removed.

Residents who cannot wait for the Christmas Tree Collection may bring their tree to the DPW yard during regular business hours.

Trees that are flocked or treated with artificial snow cannot be recycled and should be brought to the DPW yard during regular hours. The DPW yard is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm and every third Saturday from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm; excluding holidays.

NJDEP wants to remind everyone that it is not permissible to dispose of Christmas trees through open burning or bonfires. NJDEP suggests more sustainable methods of disposal, such as chipping, mulching, and/or dune construction. [Click here](#) for more information.

## SUMP PUMP DISCHARGE ON SIDEWALKS AND INTO ROADWAYS

As we begin the Winter season, residents are reminded that water discharges onto sidewalks and roadways can create hazardous icing conditions. If your sump pumps or other household equipment and appliances are draining to the outside of the property, and water is flowing onto your sidewalks or the street in front of your property, it is your responsibility to clear any resulting ice or other hazard, as per Ordinance 2018-7 (Sidewalks). It is permissible to use ice melt and/or sand to treat the icy areas.

If and when the Township is required to treat an icy condition as a result of these devices, the Township will pursue a tax lien on the responsible property to recover any and all costs associated with de-icing the sidewalk and/or roadway.

We appreciate your cooperation so as to ensure the safety of all who use our sidewalks and roadways.

## LEAF COLLECTION UPDATE

As of 12/31/20, the Department of Neighborhood Services continues to collect leaves in Zone 5. Collection efforts may be affected by inclement weather. Once Zone 5 collection is complete, crews will move into Zone 3. Leaf collection has been completed in Zones 1, 2 and 4. Residents who have leaves at the street in Zones 1, 2 and 4 are in violation of Township Code and risk formal citation. Residents with leaves can bring them to the DPW yard any Monday through Friday, between 7 am and 2 pm, and every third Saturday of the month.



## TRASH COLLECTION

The Township Council will consider awarding a solid waste contract to Republic Services at the January 5th Council meeting. The contract with Gold Medal expires on January 28<sup>th</sup> and Republic will begin collections on January 29<sup>th</sup>. The contact information for Republic will be posted on our website as soon as it becomes available. No changes to service days or the bulk collection policy are expected with the new service provider. We ask for your patience while Republic Services become acclimated with our town. Questions or comments should be directed to the Department of Neighborhood Services at 609-654-6791, extensions 316, 322, or 325.



## IMPORTANT SENIOR FREEZE TAX UPDATE

The State has extended the deadline to apply for the Senior Freeze Program to February 1, 2021. Please visit <https://www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/ptr/index.shtml> or contact the Tax Collector's Office at 609-654-2608 x307 for more information.

## Annual Informational Service Brochure

The Department of Neighborhood Services will be mailing their annual Services Brochure in early February 2021. This brochure outlines collection information for brush and leaves, and contains important recycling, bulk collection, and other municipal services information.

## WELCOME KIT

The Township's Neighborhood Services Advisory Committee has developed a Welcome Kit for prospective and new homeowners of Medford. The purpose of the kit is to provide general information that a prospective or new homeowner may wish to know or learn about the Township. The Welcome Kit can be found on the Township's website, [www.medfordtownship.com](http://www.medfordtownship.com) on the homepage under "Popular Links". [Click here](#) to access the Welcome Kit, and please share with new neighbors!



## Winter Weather Response Updates

The Department of Neighborhood Services switches to winter weather operations when a storm approaches our region. Crews prepare the trucks and equipment for the weather that forecasters predict. Roads are brined when the precipitation is expected to start as snow. As many know, forecasts are tricky and can change quickly. Our Department monitors the forecast and will work around the clock to keep roads clear. We ask that residents utilize off street parking whenever a snowfall is forecast to bring accumulating snow. Residents are encouraged to postpone any unnecessary travel when winter weather is expected. Residents who live in neighborhoods without curbing are encouraged to place reflective markers to indicate the edge of the roadway. The Township is not responsible for any damage in the right of way if the area is not marked.

[Click here](#) to view the Township's Snow Removal & Ice Control web page.

## NEW BIKE REPAIR STATIONS

Eagle Scout candidate Aiden Pembleton of Troop 48, assembled and installed two bike repair stations for the Township's two newer bike trails at Cow Pointe and at the Hartford Crossing Park Mountain Bike Trail as his required Eagle Scout service project. The repair station at Cow Pointe is located next to the Gazebo; and the repair station at Hartford Crossing is located at the trail head located behind the football field off of Church Road.

These bike repair stations will allow trail users to pump up flat tires, adjust brakes and seats, and fix loose chains. A bike can hang from a bar on the pole for easy maneuvering. In addition, the front of the station includes a QR code that can be scanned by a smartphone to open an app with general/common bike repair instructions.

The Township Council will be recognizing Aiden and Troop 48 for his efforts at a future Council meeting.



**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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