



MARCH 2023



THE MEDFORD MESSENGER

“WHAT’S UP IN MEDFORD”

Above Photo—Lake Reflections at Sunset

***ADDITIONAL SPECIAL EVENTS:**

*(*please check the Twp. website & official Facebook page for more details & updates)*

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YOUTH SPORTS: [MYAA](#)

THE ARTS: [Medford Arts Center](#)

HISTORY: [Medford Historical Society](#)

DPW SERVICES:

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- [Brush and Leaf Zones](#)
- [Recycling](#)

-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

IMPORTANT DUE DATE INFORMATION:

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March 2023 Events

Medford First Friday & Art Walk along Main Street. Friday, March 3rd from 5:00-9:00 pm. Sponsored by the Main Street Merchants & the Medford Arts Center. www.MedfordMainStreet.com



3rd Thursday Food Trucks on Main Street—Returning on Thursday, March 16th from 5:00-9:00 pm along Main Street. Start your St. Patty's Day celebrations early! The Township Council has made this township sponsored event an amazing and fun night for the whole region!

Click [HERE](#) for a list of the eight (8) participating trucks and their unique & varying menus.

- *Businesses, eateries & breweries on Main Street are OPEN! Many have specials, events & sales so please stop and shop!
- *Tables to sit with the family!
- *Streets are open and crosswalks are everywhere!
- *Parking is plentiful & easy!
- *Port-a-potties placed around town for your needs!

Get Lucky on Main Street Chocolate Walk - Saturday, March 11th along Main Street from 3:00-6:00 pm. Sponsored by the Main Street Merchants. www.MedfordMainStreet.com

Looking Ahead — April 2023 Events

MYAA Opening Day—Saturday, April 1st. Visit www.MYAA.net for more info on the spring sports being offered and registration information.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt—Saturday, April 1st starting at 11:00 am at Freedom Park. Sponsored by the Medford-Vincentown Rotary Club. (Raindate Saturday, April 8th)

Medford First Friday & Art Walk along Main Street. Friday, April 7th from 5:00-9:00 pm. Sponsored by the Main Street Merchants & the Medford Arts Center. www.MedfordMainStreet.com

3rd Thursday Food Trucks on Main Street Thursday, April 20th from 5:00-9:00 pm along Main Street. Check the Twp. website in early April for the list of participating trucks and their menus.

2023 SPRING BRUSH COLLECTION PROGRAM

Medford Township DPW will be making an early round of brush collections. Due to the mild weather we have been experiencing, we realize residents may be preparing their properties for an early Spring. Crews will begin collections and follow the schedule below:

Week of:

- 3/6 Zone 1 and Zone 2
- 3/13 Zone 3
- 3/20 Zone 4
- 3/27 Zone 5



Crews may complete each Zone sooner than scheduled and may move into the next Zone when complete. Regular scheduled collections will begin on April 10th and follow the schedule below:

Spring Collection

- Zone 2: Week of April 10th
- Zone 1: Week of April 24th
- Zone 3: Week of May 8th
- Zone 5: Week of May 22nd
- Zone 4: Week of June 5th

Summer/Fall Collection

- Zone 1: Week of August 14th
- Zone 3: Week of August 28th
- Zone 5: Week of September 11th
- Zone 4: Week of September 25th
- Zone 2: Week of October 9th

Residents may also bring their brush, branches, and tree parts to the DPW yard during regular business hours. Additional brush collection and other department information is available on our website [HERE](#). Questions should be directed to the Public Works Department at 609-654-6791.

**Medford Twp. & Woman's Club of Medford 10th Annual Town-wide Yard Sale & Earth Day Event
Saturday, April 22nd at Freedom Park
Free Trees to be distributed from the NJDEP Tree Recovery Program & Arbor Day Foundation**

The Medford Township Environmental Affairs Advisory Committee (EAAC) and the Woman's Club of Medford (WCOM) invite all local residents and community groups to participate in its Tenth Annual Town Wide Yard Sale/ Earth Day observance to be held Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Freedom Park, located at 86 Union Street.

The Yard Sale is coordinated by the WCOM. Those wishing to set up and sell are reminded that items offered for sale should be "pre-loved", created from repurposed materials, or be plants. All sales and proceeds go to the participating individual or community group. Participants must provide their own table(s) and chairs for an approximate 10' x 10' location. Pre-registration is requested by April 17, 2023 to medfordwomansclub@gmail.com. There is a \$10 donation to the WCOM for each space.

Goodwill Industries of Southern New Jersey & Philadelphia will be on-site to collect donations during the event, and will also be available to leave any unsold items at the conclusion of the Yard Sale.

The EAAC will also be distributing FREE trees provided by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection under their Tree Recovery Program, plus other environmentally related information.

**Environmental Affairs Advisory Committee (EAAC) to Offer Community Forum
Tuesday, March 14, 2023—7:00 pm at the Public Safety Building Courtroom— 91 Union Street
will also be livestreamed via the Township website & archived for later viewing*

The EAAC is most pleased to offer a community forum and educational program on March 14th. This meeting is open to the public; no pre-registration is necessary. Topics to be covered include the following:

- Green Products** - Ileen Wright. Discussion of new sustainable household products and packaging that is environmentally friendly yet still effective.
- Creating a Wildlife Habitat** – Cecelia Schmidt, CLA. Ms. Schmidt is a licensed Landscape Architect with many years of experience creating natural habitat areas for her clients. This discussion will focus on how to create and maintain a wildlife habitat area in your backyards &/or HOA open space areas.
- Wetlands, Buffers & Transition Areas** - Robert Petrillo. Mr. Petrillo is a certified ecologist and professional wetland scientist with concentrated experience in freshwater wetlands and threatened & endangered species in NJ. We've all heard about the presence of wetlands in Medford, and he will explain what they are, why they are important, and best methodologies to preserve them.
- Spotted Lanternfly**- Saul Vaiciunas. Mr. Vaiciunas is a Plant Pathologist working for the NJ Dept. of Agriculture and has been working on the spotted lanternfly problem since 2018 when they were first discovered in NJ. He has been with the NJDA for 22 years conducting surveys for invasive plant pests including insects, plant diseases, nematode and even mollusks and weeds. He will discuss identification and eradication methods for the spotted lanternfly, which could potentially have devastating consequences in Medford. (see page 6 of this newsletter for more info)



LET’S GET A LITTLE BIT GREENER!

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

Have concerns about the environment, global warming, too much plastic, polluted waterways and more? You’d like to get involved, but don’t have a lot of time? Have we got the place for you!

The Medford Green Team is forming an auxiliary committee. Medford residents, this is the perfect opportunity to get involved in your community.

Everyone is welcome—adults and students.

Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 29th at 7pm at the Cranberry Hall Senior Center, located at 88 Charles Street
(behind the Medford Village Car Care Center & former Municipal Building)

Please join us, find out what it is all about and how you can make a difference.
It does take a village!

Please RSVP to eaac@medfordtownship.com or 609-654-2608 x330 (We need to know how many chairs to set up.)

Looking forward to meeting everyone on March 29th.

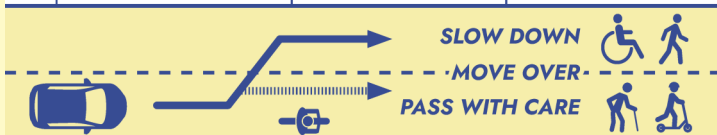
New Jersey’s Safe Passing Law

As of March 1, 2022, when driving and approaching a road user who isn’t in a motor vehicle, you must:

- 1 Approach with caution. Follow all no-passing and no-speeding laws.
- 2 Change lanes, or pass at least 4 feet from the person.
- 3 Otherwise, reduce speed to 25mph and be prepared to stop.



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The penalty for violating the law is a \$100 fine (\$500 if bodily injury) and 2 points on your driving record.



New Jersey’s Safe Passing Law went into effect on March 1, 2022 (NJSA 39:4-92.4). The law provides clear rules of the road for all motorists when interacting with vulnerable road users (people on foot, bicycle, scooter, in a wheelchair, or otherwise not in a car, bus, or truck). Drivers are required to use “due caution” whenever they encounter vulnerable people on the road, meaning:

- 1) Drivers must move over a lane (if there’s one to move into) while following all current no-passing and no speeding laws.
- 2) On a single-lane road, drivers must provide a distance of at least 4 feet to safely pass a vulnerable road user.
- 3) If 4 feet is not possible, drivers must slow to 25 mph and be prepared to stop until they can pass safely without endangering those sharing the road.

Medford Cranberry Hall Seniors St. Patrick’s Dinner Event at Medford Village Country Club

Thursday, March 9th 2023, at 6:00 pm
Open to all seniors in Medford

MENU SELECTIONS:

Corned Beef and Cabbage
Chicken Française over Pasta
Grilled Salmon
Chicken Fingers
Coffee/Tea and dessert are included. (Your special desserts are always welcome!)

The price is @\$30.00 per person inclusive.

Payment should be given to one of the Cranberry Hall Chairs or Coordinators

Be sure to sign up at Cranberry Hall by Monday, March 6th, 4pm or by contacting the Chair of the Cranberry Hall Seniors, Ed Tenthoff @ 973-580-0211.

Please clearly print name, phone number, and menu choices.





Sustainable Jersey representatives announced that Medford Township has met the rigorous requirements to achieve Sustainable Jersey Silver Certification. Medford is one of only 60 towns that attained silver certification in 2022. Sustainable Jersey's participating communities represent over half the state's municipalities and nearly 90 percent of its population.

To become Sustainable Jersey certified, the Township submitted documentation to show it had completed a balance of the required sustainability actions, meeting a minimum of 150 action points. In addition to reaching 150 points, each certified community had to create a green team and select at least two out of 12 priority action options. Medford's priority ac-

tions included climate adaptation & flooding risk, energy efficiency for municipal facilities, updated natural resource inventory, prescription drug safety and disposal, recycling and waste reduction education and compliance, and sustainable land use.

"Congratulations to the municipal staff, green team volunteers and community members who have worked hard to achieve Sustainable Jersey certification," said Randy Solomon, the executive director of Sustainable Jersey. "The Sustainable Jersey certified towns demonstrate leadership and are a testament to how much we can accomplish toward the long-term goal of a sustainable New Jersey." Certified towns excelled in areas such as improving energy efficiency and health and wellness, reducing waste, sustaining local economies, protecting natural resources and advancing the arts. Collectively, the 453 participating Sustainable Jersey towns are a powerful force in New Jersey.

Sustainable Jersey provides tools, training and financial incentives to support communities as they pursue sustainability programs. Currently, 80 percent or 453 of New Jersey's 565 municipalities are participating in the municipal certification program and 345 school districts and 896 schools are participating in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification program.



MEDFORD TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND AND BUILDING LOCATED AT 51 UNION STREET, ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 1601, LOT 2.01, MEDFORD TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY BY PUBLIC AUCTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13, the Township of Medford ("Township") is the record owner of property designated as Block 1601, Lot 2.01 on the Medford Township tax map, with a street address of 51 Union Street ("Property"). Approximately 0.8 acres including building previously used as a residential dwelling. The lot was subdivided from Township property

when the new municipal building and library was constructed. Property is zoned RHO Residential Home Occupation

The Township has determined that the property is not needed for public use and has authorized the sale of the Property at public auction. The public auction will be conducted by GovDeals, an online public auction site for the sale of governmental, educational and related entities surplus assets to the public. Interested parties must register with GovDeals and may submit bids at <https://www.govdeals.com/medfordnjre>. (The Township reserves the right to adjourn or cancel the sale.)

There will be two "open houses" when interested parties may inspect the land and premises:
Thursday, March 2, 2023, from 1 to 4pm AND Thursday, March 16, 2023, from 1 to 4pm

Bids may be submitted and the on-line auction commenced on Monday, February 6, 2023 and will continue until Monday, March 27, 2023 per the online listing.

MINIMUM BID: Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000.00)

BID FEE: a bid fee of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) is required in order to place a bid on this auction. The bid fee will be fully refunded if the Bidder does not win the auction. The bid fee shall be applied to the 10% deposit required by the successful Bidder at the time that the agreement of sale is signed.

AUCTION SOLD FEE: In addition to the purchase price to the Township, the successful bidder shall pay the GovDeals auction sold fee of FIVE PER CENT (5%) of the purchase price.

ADMINISTRATIVE FEE: In addition to the purchase price, the successful bidder shall pay a ONE PERCENT (1%) administrative fee to the Township for preparation of the deed, closing statement and recording fees.

The Terms of Sale & Exhibits can be found here on the Township website: <https://www.medfordtownship.com/news/?FeedID=854>

SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

For Property Owners



Inspections

Under Medford Township's Administrative Code for Sidewalks (Chapter 129), property owners are responsible for the sidewalks on their property. All pedestrian facilities must be continuous and unobstructed for accessible persons.

When sidewalk is initially installed, it follows the guidelines provided below. The property owner is responsible to maintain these guidelines.

- ◆ The sidewalk must be a minimum of 4 feet wide unobstructed.
- ◆ The cross slope must be less than 2% or 1 inch vertical over 50 inches horizontally.
- ◆ The running slope must be less than 5% or 1 inch vertical over 20 inches horizontally.
- ◆ The vertical displacement (rise) between joints is a maximum of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.
- ◆ The gaps and cracks must be less than $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide.
- ◆ The Surface must be broom finish.

Property owners can maintain sidewalk that has bad joints by beveling and grinding the edges. The owner can also fill small cracks with epoxy crack sealant to extend the service life of the sidewalk.

Maintenance

It is also responsibility of property owners to keep the sidewalk clear of debris, snow and ice. The property owner must be prompt in the cleaning and clearing of sidewalk to prevent pedestrian injury. This will also prolong the life of the sidewalk.



Photos of current sidewalk & curb cuts improvement work on Union St. under the Twp.'s Annual Road Program.



JOIN THE BATTLE. BEAT THE BUG.



Spotted Lanternfly (SLF), *Lycorma delicatula*, is an invasive planthopper that was first discovered in the U.S. in Pennsylvania in 2014 and has spread to other states including New Jersey. This insect has the potential to greatly impact agricultural crops and hardwood trees. SLF feeds on the plant sap of many different plants including grapevines, maples, black walnut, and other important plants in NJ. While it does not harm humans or animals, it can reduce the quality of life for people living in heavily infested areas.

Why You Should Care:

SLF is a serious invasive pest with a healthy appetite for our plants and it can be a significant nuisance, affecting the quality of life and enjoyment of the outdoors. The SLF uses its piercing-sucking mouthpart to feed on sap from over 70 different plant species. It has a strong preference for economically important plants and the feeding damage significantly stresses the plants which can lead to decreased health and potentially death. As SLF feeds, the insect excretes honeydew (a sugary substance) which can attract bees, wasps, and other insects. The honeydew also builds up and promotes the growth for sooty mold (fungi), which can cover the plant, forest understories, patio furniture, cars, and anything else found below SLF feeding.

How You Can Help:

- 1) Check Your Vehicle: Before leaving a parking lot or work site, inspect vehicles for spotted lanternfly egg or insects. Check doors, sides, bumpers, wheel wells, grills, and roofs. If found, destroy any eggs or insects you find.
- 2) Inspect Items Being Moved: Check shipping containers, propane tanks, pallets and other items being stored outdoors before they are moved off-site. Inspect incoming goods for egg masses and insects.
- 3) Park with Windows Closed: The spotted lanternfly and its nymphs can enter vehicles unsuspectingly. When parked, make sure to keep windows closed. If possible, try to park 15 feet away from trees.
- 4) Remove & Destroy Pests: Crush nymphs and adult insects. Scrape egg masses into a plastic bag and dispose of.
- 5) Remove Host Trees: Spotted lanternflies prefer the ailanthus tree, also known as "Tree of Heaven." Try to remove trees from your property to avoid attracting spotted lanternfly.

This time of year, SLF appear as egg masses as shown in this photo. The best method for eradication is to scrape masses from trees & plants into a tightly sealed Ziploc type plastic bag and dispose of with your regular trash.



For more info, visit the NJ Dept. of Agriculture website at <https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/pi/prog/pests-diseases/spotted-lanternfly/> Or the USDA website at <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/resources/pests-diseases/hungry-pests/the-threat/spotted-lanternfly/spotted-lanternfly>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS (Part-time)

The Medford Township Department of Fire & EMS is currently accepting resumes for Part-Time Emergency Medical Technicians. Applicants must hold current NJ EMT-B, current CPR Certification, a valid NJ driver's license & be physically capable of performing all duties involving emergency medical services. Interested applicants will complete an oral interview, criminal background check, and a physical agility test. Send resume to Township of Medford, Personnel, Attn: Chief Robert Dovi, 1 Firehouse Lane, Medford, NJ 08055. EOE

CROSSING GUARDS

Substitute positions available. Obtain application from the Township website or at the Medford Town Hall Bldg., 49 Union St., Medford. Applications are to be submitted to the Personnel Office on the 2nd Floor. EOE



Town Hall Address:

49 Union Street, Medford, NJ 08055-2432

Phone: (609) 654-2608 // Fax: (609) 953-4087

Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

www.medfordtownship.com

