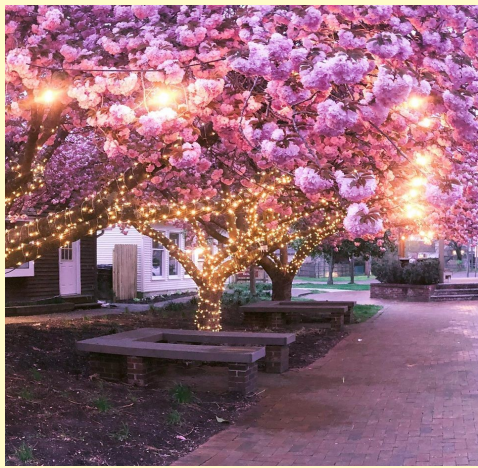




MAY 2020



THE MEDFORD MESSENGER

“What’s Up in Medford”

Above Photos—Gazebo Park Cherry trees in full bloom –Courtesy of #Destination Medford

*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:
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Gold Medal Environmental of NJ -
856-784-5050

OTHER IMPORTANT LINKS

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TOWNSHIP SERVICES

In an effort to protect the staff and the public, Township Offices remain closed to the public until further notice.

At the Municipal Building there are two drop-boxes available for the public to leave items for staff. A drop-box is located next to the back door and is secured for payments and smaller items. A large drop-box is located on the front porch and is intended for larger envelopes such as Construction documents and Planning & Zoning plans. You may continue to reach staff by email or phone during business hours. (8:30 am—4:30 pm)

The Neighborhood Services Department may also be reached by phone or email during normal business hours. Public Works and Utility operations are continuing to operate on a weekly basis with staff rotating days to eliminate potential exposure.

Police & Fire/EMS administrative staff may also be reached by email or phone during normal business hours.

Recreational facilities such as playgrounds, basketball and tennis courts, the skatepark and picnic pavilions remain closed per the Governor’s Executive Order of April 30th. Passive recreation such as walking, biking, fishing & paddling is permitted. Please refer to the News Feed on the Twp. website for details.

Memorial Day/Township Office Hours

The Township Offices, including the Township DPW Yard will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. Trash will be delayed by one day for the holiday—Monday’s collection will be Tuesday, Tuesday’s collection will be Wednesday, Wednesday’s collection will be Thursday, Thursday’s collection will be Friday and Friday’s collection will be Saturday.

May Events

At this time there are no events scheduled for May. Please check the Township of Medford website www.medfordtownship.com for any changes/updates.

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY— Changed to July 7th

Governor Murphy signed Executive Order #120 changing the Primary Election date to Tuesday, July 7, 2020. The deadline for voter registration will be June 16, 2020 and deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot by mail for the primary is June 30, 2020. Sample ballots will be mailed on July 1, 2020.



TOWNSHIP YARD/DUMP —Will Re-open on Tuesday, May 5th

In response to residents' requests to re-open the DPW yard, the Township will re-open the yard on a trial basis beginning on May 5th. Please understand the Township must be responsible and take as many precautions as possible to protect our employees and the general public from COVID-19 exposures.

The yard will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7am to 2pm. Township Officials will re-evaluate continuing these hours on Friday, May 8th and will distribute an update at that time.

In an effort to protect our employees and allow patrons to dispose of their household items and debris safely, the following policies will be in effect:

1. All residents must wear a mask or face covering when entering the yard and maintain this covering until they exit the yard.
2. Patrons will enter the yard through the main gate on Commonwealth Drive and exit through the rear gate to Gravelly Hollow Road.
3. Residents will exit their vehicle upon entering the gate and provide their ID to the gate attendant. Once your address is confirmed, residents will be directed to the designated disposal area for the items they need to dispose of.
4. In an effort to maintain social distancing and allow residents to dispose of their items safely, a limited number of residents will be allowed at each respective disposal area.
5. Residents MUST bring assistance with them to help unload heavy or oversize items. Yard staff WILL NO assist with removing or disposal of any items.
6. As we expect a large influx of residents wishing to dispose of various items and debris, residents will only be permitted to dispose of a few items at each disposal area. Residents performing whole house cleanouts will not be permitted to enter. Box trucks and trailer loads of household goods will not be permitted to enter.
7. Residents with trailer loads of brush may be permitted to enter as the disposal area is larger and separate from regular household waste.
8. The yard will close promptly at 2:00 pm and residents who are still in line may be turned away and asked to return the next day.
9. Residents who do not comply with these rules will be denied entry.

We realize this is a difficult time for everyone, we will do our best to accommodate as many residents at a time; providing they meet the criteria outlined above. Residents with questions may visit the website or contact the Department of Neighborhood Services at 609-654-6791, extensions 316 or 325.

USE OF PARKS & OPEN SPACE AREAS

In order to remain compliant with the Governor's Executive Order #133 issued on April 30th, the Township is updating rules for use of municipal parks and open space areas.

The following is PERMITTED at parks and open space areas as well as County & State parks:

- Fishing, boating, canoeing, hiking, birding, walking, running or jogging, and biking
- The Freedom Dog Park will remain open but all dogs MUST BE LEASHED to ensure social distancing

If utilizing a County or State Park, it is recommended researching any restrictions that might apply for that particular location. The CDC guidance regarding the safe access of parks advises to stay six feet away from other visitors.

The following Township areas/locations remain CLOSED: pavilions & picnic areas, playgrounds, the skate park, athletic fields (*ALL MYAA activities have been suspended*), exercise stations and equipment, swimming, and restrooms & all other buildings and facilities.

Additional recommendations and policies shall apply:

- Employees and visitors should wear cloth face coverings while at parks in all settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, except where doing so would inhibit that individual's health or where the individual is under two years of age
- Parking will be limited to 50% of the maximum capacity at one time, with prohibited parking in undesignated areas
- No picnicking shall be allowed, including on picnic blankets in signed picnic areas, and no picnic blankets, chairs, coolers or other such personal property shall be carried into any Municipal Park or forest
- No organized or contact activities or sports shall be allowed
- No gatherings of individuals, including in parks

Individuals are in violation of the Executive Order when they engage in these activities, and the Police Department will enforce these orders. Medford Township reserves the right to further restrict use of municipal parks and open space areas if these Executive Orders are not adhered to.



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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