



May 2022

# THE MEDFORD MESSENGER

“What’s Up in Medford”

Above Photo—Medford Sunrise Rotary’s Field of Honor at Freedom Park.

**\*ADDITIONAL SPECIAL EVENTS**

(\*please check the Twp. website or Facebook page for updates during the COVID-19 restrictions)

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**May 2022 Events**

**Medford First Friday & Art Walk** along Main Street. Friday, May 6th from 3:00-8:00 pm. Sponsored by the Main Street Merchants & the Medford Arts Center. [www.MedfordMainStreet.com](#)

**3rd Thursday Food Trucks on Main Street**, May 19th from 5:00-9:00 pm along Main Street. Click [here](#) for a list of participating trucks and their menus.

**Medford EMS Open House**, Saturday, May 14th from Noon-3:00 pm at Medford EMS, 20 Jackson Road. Featuring Ambulances, fire trucks, and station tours, giveaways & prizes, hands on training demonstrations for all ages, and info on services and volunteer opportunities. Lunch and snacks will be provided! Click [here](#) to view the flyer for the event. [www.medfordems.org](#).

**Country Day at Kirby’s Mill at Kirby’s Mill**, Saturday, May 14th, from Noon to 4 PM. Sponsored by the Medford Historical Society. [www.medfordhistory.org](#).

**Medford Sunrise Rotary’s Annual Burlington County Field of Honor**, May 28th through June 3rd at Freedom Park. Sponsored by the Medford Sunrise Rotary. For more info & to sponsor a flag, visit [www.medfordsunriserotary.org](#).

**Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony**, Monday, May 30th at 11:00 am. The parade route will start on Allen Avenue and turn onto North Main Street and proceed down Union Street and conclude in Freedom Park. Ceremonies at the Memorials on Main Street and in Freedom Park at the conclusion of the parade.

**June 2022 Events**

**Early Voting-Primary Election**, June 3rd—June 5th at Town Hall, 1st Floor, Multi-Purpose Room —49 Union Street.

**Medford First Friday & Art Walk** along Main Street. Friday, June 3rd from 3:00-8:00 pm. Sponsored by the Main Street Merchants & the Medford Arts Center. [www.MedfordMainStreet.com](#)

**Quilt Show & Annual Art Show at Kirby’s Mill**, June 4th and 5th from 10 am to 4 pm. Sponsored by the Medford Historical Society.

**Art Wine & Music Festival and Wine n’ Shine Car Show**, Sunday, June 12th. Sponsored by the Medford Business Association.

**FREE Clean Communities Shredding Event**

**Saturday, May 21st from 8:00 am—Noon** at the Municipal DPW Garage, 2 Commonwealth Drive. This event is for Medford residents only. Residents may bring a maximum of five (5) boxes or bags. Click [here](#) for more information.

**MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY/TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS**

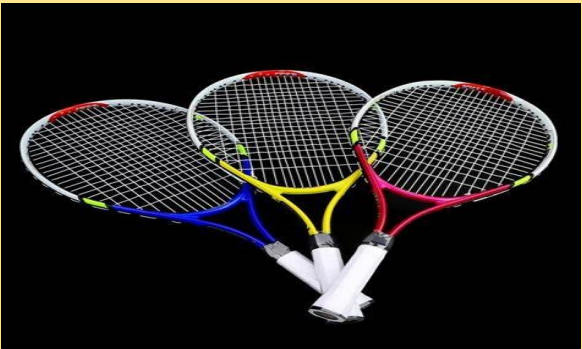
The Township Offices, including the Township DPW Yard, will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

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.

**RECREATIONAL SENIOR CITIZEN TENNIS PLAY AVAILABLE**

The tennis group of Medford Senior Center is looking for additional men and women to join their friendly, happy group of intermediate tennis players ranging in competitive ability from 2.5 and up. The group plays on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at the Township tennis courts located in Headwater Village.

Please direct inquiries and/or requests through the secretary of the club, Beryl Whelan, [bwhelan37@gmail.com](mailto:bwhelan37@gmail.com) or call 609-760-1562.



**HUNTING PROHIBITED ON ALL TOWNSHIP PROPERTY**

Per The Township's Administrative Code #109-3 (Parks & Playgrounds), it is prohibited to "hold, posses, 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."

**MAY IS NATIONAL BIKE MONTH—NEW SAFE PASSING LAW NOW IN EFFECT**

May 2022 is designated National Bike Month by the [League of American Bicyclists](#). During Bike Month and throughout the year, we want to remind drivers to follow our State’s safe passing laws. New Jersey’s Safe Passing Law went into effect on March 1, 2022, and requires drivers to allow at least 4 feet when passing a cyclist. Cyclists always have the right to use the full travel lane except where specifically prohibited.

**2022 SPRING BRUSH COLLECTION PROGRAM**

Below are the collection dates for the annual spring brush collection in the Township:

- Zone 5: Week of April 4 (Completed)
- Zone 4: Week of April 18 (Completed)
- Zone 2: Week of May 2
- Zone 1: Week of May 16
- Zone 3: Week of May 30

The Neighborhood Services Department will alert the public via Nixle alerts and Facebook posts as they complete each Zone or if they experience delays. Each street will be collected once. Township Code states “All brush shall be stored on a resident’s property and shall not be placed at the roadside earlier than 10 days preceding the Monday of the scheduled collection week”. Brush placed at the street for collection outside of these collection dates will not be collected.

Brush shall include the pruning of trees, shrubs, bushes or vines, but exclude grass clippings, flowers, weeds, tree trunks, stumps & leaves. If the excluded items are mixed with the brush, the material will not be collected.

All brush must be piled neatly at the edge of the property and cannot be placed in any roadway or sidewalk. Brush should not exceed 4-6 feet in length, and should not be any larger than 6 inches in diameter. As a reminder for those residents who utilize a private contractor, the contractor is responsible for the removal of the brush from the property.

### **Planning & Zoning Office**

Due to staffing limitations, the Planning and Zoning Office will be closed to the public on Wednesdays effective May 25, 2022 through the summer. We apologize for any inconveniences. Inquiries may be sent via email or phone, and will be answered as soon as possible.

**Bag Up NJ:** Beginning May 4, 2022, Food Service businesses, grocery stores, retail stores, restaurants and more are prohibited from selling or providing their customers with single use plastic carry out bags, with sanitary exceptions. (If a grocery store size is above 2500 square feet, paper carryout bags are also banned - if a grocery store size is under 2500 square feet, paper carryout bags are free.) All polystyrene foam food service products are also banned. (with a 2 year extension for long handled spoons, portion cups size 2 oz. or

### **FORT MEDFORD IN BOB MEYER PARK TO BE CLOSED FOR IMPROVEMENTS**

Fort Medford in Bob Meyer Park will again be closed from June 1<sup>st</sup> thru June 14th to complete the Phase II and final upgrades to the playground. These upgrades were partially paid for from a Burlington County Park Development Grant.



As with the original community build in 1994-1995; several volunteers are needed to assist the Leathers Playground team with the work involved. No special skills or training necessary, so please consider donating a few hours if possible to help them finish up the work in time for us to re-open the newly refurbished playground to the public as soon as possible.

If interested, please call Beth Portocalis at 609-654-2608 x324.

### **2022 Memorial Day Observances — Programs offered on Saturday, May 28th and Monday, May 30th**

The Township Council & Medford VFW Post #7677 are pleased to announce that they will hold Medford's Annual Memorial Day Parade & Observances on Monday, May 30th, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

As a reminder, as of 2019 the Parade route has changed. The Parade will now start at Allen School on Allen Avenue near Union Street, and proceed east to South Main Street. The Parade will turn left onto South Main Street; stopping briefly at the War Memorials adjacent to the Medford Memorial Community Center at 26 South Main Street to raise the flag, present a wreath and offer a 21-gun salute. The Parade will then re-start and continue north, turning left on Union Street. The Parade concludes in Freedom Park at 86 Union Street. The ceremony will start immediately at the conclusion of the Parade in Freedom Park.

Parade participants will include members of the VFW Post #7677, the Shawnee High School Marching Band, the Medford Police Department, Medford EMS, the Union & Taunton Fire Companies, the Civil Air Patrol-Air Victory Museum Composite Squadron. Medford Masonic Lodge #178, the Warrior Watch Riders, as well as many other public safety representatives and military re-enactment associations from neighboring communities.

This year's Grand Marshall is Captain Richard L. Bucko. After graduating from Wilkes University, Richard Bucko was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy in 1966. He was assigned to the USS Tanner (AGS 15) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The ship was soon deployed to the West Coast of Vietnam. As officer in charge of a 52 foot survey vessel, for 9 months he helped prepared inshore nautical charts from the Cambodian border to the tip of the Mekong delta. The following year he performed the same duties in Micronesia surveying harbors of Truk, Palau and Guam.

After completing active duty Richard Bucko joined the Naval Reserve where he served for an additional 21 years. He was active in harbor protection Reserve units on Sandy Hook and was Commanding Officer of the unit in Lewes, Delaware. He achieved the rank of Captain and retired after a total of 24 years of decorated military service. Cpt. Bucko attended the Doctoral Program in Educational Administration at Rutgers University. Dr. Bucko was a school principal for 28 years, 24 of those years in Moorestown, NJ. He has resided in Medford for 25 years, raising two sons with his wife Marilyn. He has been active in many community affairs and currently is a member of Medford VFW Post 7677 and President of the Medford Historical Society.

The Township Council invites and encourages Veterans to march in the Parade or join them in a vehicle. Local Scout troops and civic organizations who wish to march in the parade are also encouraged to do so and should contact the Beth Portocalis at the Municipal Offices (bportocalis@medfordtownship.com) or by calling 609-654-2608 x324. Also, participation in the parade on decorated bicycles is highly encouraged. Bikers should report to the Allen School staging area by 10:45 a.m., and must wear safety helmets.

On **Saturday, May 28th**, VFW Post #7677 is planning to perform memorial services at each of the three Medford Township cemeteries east of Main Street (Family Ministry at Branch and Filbert Streets, the Baptist Cemetery and the Odd Fellows Cemetery) in the usual sequence, commencing at noon. The small gated cemetery on Stokes Road @ Himmelein Road is also included. Accordingly, the Parade route on Monday will not include stops at these cemeteries.