



November 2022



THE MEDFORD MESSENGER

“What’s Up in Medford”

Above Photo—Main Street Veterans Memorials located next to the Memorial Community Center on South Main Street.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

November 2022

Medford First Friday & Art Walk along Main Street, Friday, November 4th from 3:00—8:00 pm. Sponsored by the Main Street Merchants & the Medford Arts Center. Visit [Medford Main Street on Facebook](#).

Veterans Day Observance, Veterans Day, Friday, November 11th at 11:00 am at the South Main Street Memorials. Co-sponsored by VFW Post #7677 and the Township Council.

Food Trucks on Main Street, Thursday, November 17th from 5:00-9:00 pm along Main Street. Trucks are located between 45 South Main Street and 57 North Main Street. [Click here](#) for a list of participating trucks, a map of locations, and the menus of each food truck.

Free Twp. Residential Shredding Saturday, November 19th from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon at the DPW Yard, 2 Commonwealth Drive (behind Bob Meyer Park) Please refer to the News Feed on the homepage of the Township website for details. (*County Shredding on Sun., Nov 20th from 9am-1pm at the Landfill in Florence)

December 2022

Medford First Friday & Art Walk along Main Street, Friday, December 2nd from 3:00—8:00 pm. Sponsored by the Main Street Merchants & the Medford Arts Center. Visit [Medford Main Street on Facebook](#).

Santa at the One-Room Schoolhouse– Sat., December 3rd from noon to 4:00 pm. Located on Mill Street at the Middle School. Bring a camera for pix. Sponsored by the Historical Society.

Dickens Festival, Saturday, December 3rd from 4:30 pm to 9:00 pm along Main Street. Visit [MedfordBusiness.org](#) for details.

Food Trucks on Main Street, Thursday, December 15th from 5:00-9:00 pm along Main Street. Check the website for the list of trucks.

Chanukah Village Walk & Menorah Lighting, Tuesday, December 20th from 5:00-7:00 pm. Walk starts at Gazebo and ends at 6:30 pm in Tomlinson Park for the grand Menorah Lighting. Sponsored by the Chabad of Medford.

Holiday Hours & Trash Schedule

Township Offices and the Township Garage/DPW Yard will be closed on Friday, November 11th in observance of **Veterans Day**, and on Thursday, November 24th & Friday, November 25th for **Thanksgiving**. Trash will be collected on Veterans Day. Trash will not be collected on Thanksgiving (11/24). Trash collection will be delayed by one day for both the November 24th and November 25th collection days.

Boards & Committees



COUNCIL SEEKING

RESIDENTS TO

SERVE FOR 2023

The Township Council is extending an open invitation to residents interested in serving on the Township's Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Economic Development Commission, Neighborhood Services Advisory Committee, Green Team Advisory Committee and Environmental Affairs Advisory Committee to fill annual appointments beginning in January 2023.

Residents interested in an appointment to any of these Boards & Committees shall complete the Application that can be found by clicking [HERE](#); on the News Feed story on homepage of the Township website, or in the Medford Municipal Building at 49 Union Street. Each Board has their own page on the website that explains their roles and duties, meeting dates, etc.

The completed application, along with a brief cover letter and/or statement of qualifications to serve, must be submitted to the attention of the Township Manager's Office, 49 Union Street, Medford, NJ 08055 or by e-mail to dbielec@medfordtownship.com by Tuesday, November 22, 2022.

ANNUAL FALL LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

The 2022 Leaf Collection Program information is now available on our website at www.medfordtownship.com/neighborhoodservices.

Collections will begin on November 7th in Zone 4; and the full collection schedule is as follows:

Zone 4: Weeks of Nov. 7th and Dec. 5th

Zone 1: Weeks of Nov. 14th and Dec. 12th

Zone 2: Weeks of Nov. 14th and Dec. 12th

Zone 3: Weeks of Nov. 21st and Dec. 19th

Zone 5: Weeks of Nov. 28th and Dec. 25th



***Please note that collection policies have changed due to the purchase of new collection vehicles. Leaves **MUST** be placed no further than ten (10) feet from the edge of the road. Leaves placed around trees, utility boxes, utility poles, or other obstacles may not be collected. Collection vehicles **WILL NOT** leave the roadway for any reason to collect leaves placed at the street.

Leaves must be placed at the street by Monday morning of the scheduled collection week. Each street will be collected once during the scheduled collection week. Additional information is available on our website at www.medfordtownship.com/neighborhoodservices.

Important reminder from the Fire & EMS Department:



Change your clocks. Check your batteries.



NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGES

As previously announced, the monthly **Zoning Board** meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9th, and the monthly **Planning Board** meeting will be held on Monday, November 14th.

NEW RESIDENT "WELCOME KIT" BROCHURE

Do you have new neighbors or know of new residents to Medford??? The Neighborhood Services Advisory Committee (NSAC) has developed a "Welcome" brochure chock full of information on Township services, parks, schools, places of worship and more. This brochure is posted to the Township website [HERE](#) or by using this URL link: https://www.medfordtownship.com/filestorage/871/14209/Welcome_Kit_Final_2022.pdf.

Please Help Keep Our Water and Sewer Utility Systems “Healthy”

You can help better maintain our water & sewer systems AND protect the environment.

Here's a list of what not to flush down your toilet or sink:

⇒ **Don't flush wipes. They can collect in wastewater systems and create blockages.**

Instead... If you must use them, put them in the trash, as you would a disposable diaper.

⇒ **Don't put food waste down the drain or in a garbage disposal.**

Instead... Place food waste in the trash or, as appropriate, in compost.

⇒ **Don't flush or drain fats, oils, and grease.**

Instead... Place them in used containers, freeze or harden them, and toss them in the trash.

⇒ **Don't let hair go down the drain.**

Instead... Use fine drain filters to catch it so that you can dispose of it in the trash.

⇒ **Don't pour household hazardous materials, such as motor oil, pesticides, paint and solvents, down the drain or toilet.**

Instead... Let open cans of paint dry and then dispose of them in the trash. Take other hazardous materials to the Township Dump

⇒ **Don't flush unused or expired medicines**

Instead... Take advantage of the Project Medicine Drop Box, a secured “mailbox” shaped container located in the lobby of the Police Station, located at 91 Union Street. Drop off unneeded and expired pills, capsules, patches, inhalers, and pet medications.

(Syringes or liquids cannot be accepted. Syringes should be secured in a heavy duty container such as a laundry detergent bottle and disposed of with the regular trash.)



POOL OWNERS: Now that you are finished with your pool for the summer and are consider partially draining it down for the winter, please drain responsibly. If you are draining, you should carefully drain into your property away and not directly into the street. The water can flow across your lawn as long as it does not erode soil into the street. Do not empty pool water into the street or storm drain if you have recently chlorinated. If you've chlorinated recently, your pool should rest for about 10 days with pump still running to allow chlorine levels to dissipate. Pool water with high levels of chlorine and other chemicals can harm lake water quality so great care should be used when drawing down pools.

THE DRAIN IS JUST FOR RAIN



Don't Throw Away Your Pumpkins After Halloween

Find woods or an open field near you, smash them open and leave for the wildlife to eat. Pumpkin is safe for them and the seeds act as a natural de-wormer. Be sure to break them up so the deer don't get their heads stuck inside!!

2.5 billion pumpkins are produced annually; and only one fifth get reused. The rest end up decaying in landfills. So recycle those pumpkins to the wildlife, or consider donating to a place such as a local farm with animals or the Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge



What to do With Fallen Leaves

You shouldn't feel obligated to get rid of every last fallen leaf in your yard this fall. Leave the leaves — they offer a lot of benefits for wildlife and your garden. Read the National Wildlife Federation Blog to find out why and for tips on how to minimize the time you spend raking this autumn and maximize the benefit to wildlife and the greater environment that fallen leaves offer. Click [HERE](https://blog.nwf.org/2014/11/what-to-do-with-fallen-leaves/) or use this URL link: <https://blog.nwf.org/2014/11/what-to-do-with-fallen-leaves/>



MEDFORD ARTS CENTER'S 2022 ANNUAL JURIED POETRY CONTESTS

Come share your poetry with us! Medford Arts Center announces its 15th Annual Juried Poetry Contest for Adults and its 5th Annual Juried Poetry Contest for High School Students.

High School students attending schools in Burlington County are eligible to participate. If interested, send poems by email to poetrycontest@medfordarts.com by November 14, 2022. Be sure to include in the subject line "2022 High School Poetry Contest". Include in your email the following information: name, address, high school and grade and contact number (mobile and text reach numbers).

Poets over the age of 18 and residing in Burlington County are eligible to participate. If interested, send poems by email to poetrycontest@medfordarts.com by November 14, 2022. Be sure to include in the subject line "2022 Adult Poetry Contest". Include in your email the following information: name, residential address, contact number (mobile and text reach numbers).

Cash prizes will be awarded for the top three poems in each contest. The following awards will be presented to the winners: 1st place (\$125); 2nd place (\$75); 3rd place (\$50). The high school poetry contest is being sponsored by Payton Press, LLC. The adult poetry contest is being sponsored by Therapeutic Massage and Wellness with Naomi, LLC.

Our celebration of awards for these 2 contests will take place on Monday, December 12th at 7:30 p.m. Please contact Naomi Dispenza at Medford Arts (609-654-6033) with questions.

Time for
your free
flu shot.*



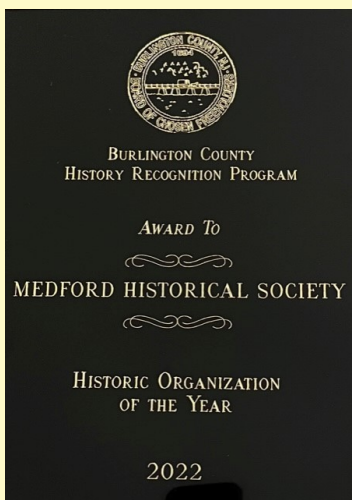
The Burlington County Health Department will again be offering free flu clinics around the County. There will be a Flu Clinic in the Medford Town Hall & Library Complex (49 Union Street) on Thursday, **November 10th from 2:00-4:00 pm**. The entire schedule can be found by clicking [HERE](#) or visiting the County's website at: <http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/355/Flu-Information>

Medford Historical Society Meeting & Speaker Series

"Medford Was a Cranberry Town"
presented by Tom Gerber, Medford's last
cranberry grower

Thursday, November 3rd —7:00 pm
Friends Meeting House, 14 Union Street

The public is invited to this free event—
no preregistration needed.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECOGNIZED

Receiving the Historic Organization Award from Burlington County were Trustees & volunteers John Hines, Mike Gallagher, Kelly Maguire, Carol Milich, Bill Pflug, Judy Schreiber and MaryLou Pflug.

The ceremony was held on September 23rd at Smithfield Park.

The award was in recognition of years of continuing service to maintain the historic Medford properties of Kirby's Mill Village and the original Cross Keys School House on Mill Street; and also for providing multiple educational opportunities for the community throughout the year. .



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Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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