



October 2019



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October 2019 Events

Scarecrow Contest & Harvest Festival, Saturday, October 5th at 9:00 am along Main Street. Sponsored by the Woman’s Club of Medford. The application forms can be found at <http://medfordwomansclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Scarecrow.pdf>.

Medford Art Walk along Main Street. Friday, October 11th from 5:00-9:00 pm. Sponsored by the Medford Arts Center.

Fire Prevention Night, Friday, October 11th from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Union Firehouse, 1 Firehouse Lane, Medford. Sponsored by Medford Fire Department. [Click here](#) to see the flyer for the event.

Apple Festival, Saturday, October 11th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Kirby's Mill, Church Road, Medford. Sponsored by the Medford Historical Society. www.MedfordHistory.org

Main Street Farmer’s Market to be held on Saturday, Oct. 12th & 26th in Dr. Still Park from 9:00am—1:00 pm. Medford Business Association sponsors.

3rd Thursday Food Trucks on Main Street, Thursday, October 17th from 5-9 pm.. [Click here](#) for the food trucks and their menus.

73rd Annual Halloween Parade, Saturday, October 26th at 7:00 pm on Main Street. Sponsored by the Medford-Vincentown Rotary Club. www.medfordhalloweenparade.com

Halloween Trick or Treating Hours on October 31st are 3:00-8:00 pm

November 2019 Events

Medford Art Walk along Main Street. Friday, November 8th from 5:00-9:00 pm. Sponsored by the Medford Arts Center.

Veterans Day Observance, Monday, November 11th at 11:00 am at the Main Street Memorial (next to 21 S. Main Street, Medford Community Center). Sponsored by Medford Township & Medford VFW Post 7677.

3rd Thursday Food Trucks on Main Street, Thursday, November 21st from 5-9 pm.

IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

New Voting Location for Districts 12 & 14 starting with the November 5, 2019 General Election. In an effort to support school security, voting districts 12 and 14 will no longer vote at Shawnee High School. The new location will be the Medford Township Public Safety Building located at 91 Union Street, Medford.

October 15, 2019 is the voter registration deadline for General Election.

October 29, 2019 is the deadline to apply for a Mail-in Ballot by mail for the General Election.

October 30, 2019— mailing of sample ballots for the General Election.



RECYCLING TIP OF THE MONTH

FREE SHREDDING EVENT, Saturday, October 19, 2019 -- 8:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Municipal Garage, located at 2 Commonwealth Drive. (off of Gravelly Hollow Road behind Bob Meyer Park). This event is for **MEDFORD TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY, ABSOLUTELY NO BUSINESSES WILL BE PERMITTED.** Protect yourself and your family from identity theft and financial fraud while taking steps to help the Township's Recycling Program. Residents may bring up to 5 boxes or bags of files (no exceptions) to be shredded on site. An experienced operator will be present with a highly secure, mobile shredding unit where your confidential materials will be shredded as you watch. Please bring paper only; plastic bags, metal, binders and binder clips cannot be shredded. (Paper clips and staples are acceptable) 100% of the paper is recycled and is applied to Medford's recycling totals, for which we obtain grants from the State of NJ under the Clean Communities Program and Recycling Tonnage Grant. As these dates are the 3rd Saturday of the month, the Garage is also open from 8:00 am till 1:00 pm to accept all other waste and recycling materials.

For more information, call Judy Scherf, Recycling Coordinator, at 609-654-6791 x322



ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE

The Medford Vincentown Rotary Club's 73rd Annual Halloween Parade will be held this year on Saturday, October 26th starting at 7:00pm, Main Street closes to traffic at 5:30pm. The 1 mile long parade starts at the float staging ground located at St. Mary's of the Lakes School and continues East onto Fire House Lane then turns right onto Main Street and continues south to the Haines 6th Grade Center School. For more information about the Parade and how to participate as a marcher, sponsor or vendor, please visit the Rotary's website at:

<http://www.medfordhalloweenparade.com/>.

As a reminder to all spectators, chairs will not be allowed to be set-up along Main Street until the Saturday morning of the Parade. This is for the safety of vehicles who park on Main Street, as well as leaving clear passage to the Main Street merchants, businesses and residents. The Township reserves the right to remove any chairs set up before Saturday morning.

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREATING—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31st



The hours for Halloween Trick or Treating on Tuesday, October 31st are 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Residents & businesses who will be giving away treats are asked to turn on porch lights. Participants are asked not to visit homes or businesses that do not have lights on.

Children should wear light colors and/or reflective gear and carry a flashlight after dark.

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PLAN (OSRP)

On or before December 31, 2019, the Township of Medford intends to submit an “Open Space & Recreation Plan” (OSRP) to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program in order to continue Medford’s participation in the Green Acres Planning Incentive Program. Further, this plan will become a part of Medford’s Recreation & Open Space element to its Master Plan. Prior to submitting its OSRP Plan, the Township of Medford will conduct two (2) public meetings to receive public comment from residents and other interested parties.

The public meetings will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 - 7:00 pm at the Union Fire Company, 1 Firehouse Lane as a part of the Neighborhood Services Advisory Committee (NSAC) meeting; and on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 - 7:00 pm at the Public Safety Building, 91 Union Street as a part of the Planning Board meeting.



Medford Arts Center Annual Poetry Contest

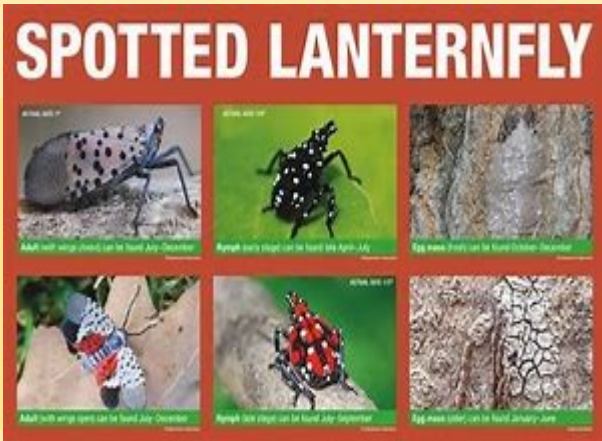
Medford Arts Center invites all poets to participate in its 12th Annual Juried Poetry Contest and its 2nd Annual Juried Poetry Contest for High School Students. Poetry contest guidelines, rules and applications for the contests will be available at Medford Arts Center and on the Medford Arts Center's website by September 30, 2019. Entries will be accepted through Monday, November 25, 2019 and the winners will be announced at a special Poetry Contest Awards Ceremony on the evening of Monday, December 9, 2019 at 7pm. Please mark your calendars and look for more details on the Medford Arts Center's [website](#) and Medford Arts Center's [Facebook](#) page.



Your Opinion Counts

The Council’s Economic Development Commission (EDC) is asking for your important feedback. They ask that you please take a few minutes to complete their survey. They will compile the responses and use them to recruit prospective new businesses and to help support existing businesses in Medford. The survey can be found here on our website: <http://www.medfordtownship.com/ecode>. Please complete by October 6, 2019.

The Spotted Lanternfly, an invasive flying insect species which looks like a moth, has been discovered in Medford. It destroys trees and other ornamentals. If you see one, please report it to the NJDEP. Please use this link for more information. <https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/pi/prog/spottedlanternfly.html>



Annual Fall Leaf Collection Program

The 2019 Leaf Collection program will tentatively begin the week of October 28th. The schedule is as follows:

ZONE 3: Weeks of October 28th and November 25th

ZONE 1: Weeks of November 4th and December 2nd

ZONE 2: Weeks of November 4th and December 2nd

ZONE 5: Weeks of November 11th and December 9th

ZONE 4: Weeks of November 18th and December 16th



Residents with leaves to dispose of outside of the annual Fall Collection program may bring them to the DPW Yard on Gravelly Hollow Road. All leaves should be removed from the curbside and disposed of by other means until official notice of the Leaf program is released by the Township. Residents who place leaves at the street for collection outside of the Township's Collection program could be cited for violation of Township Ordinance.

For more information, please visit www.medfordtownship.com/brushandleaf or call the Dept. of Neighborhood Services at 609-654-6791.

Interesting tidbit from the Environmental Affairs Advisory Committee: Property owners who want to give their lawns a healthy boost should consider putting their rakes away and mulching their leaves this fall. Turfgrass specialists and other researchers have noted the benefits of leaving mulched leaves on a lawn instead of raking them and leaving them for curbside pickup. While researchers noticed an obvious leaf residue on the lawn after mulching, they noted it only stays for a couple of days. Eventually the tiny pieces sift down into the lawn, ultimately serving to control future weed growth while also providing the lawn with essential nutrients. Depending on the type of mower used, up to 6" of leaves can be mulched at a time. Push mowers can only handle a smaller amount, though can still be effective as ride-on mowers. Over time, researchers noted that homeowners who mulched rather than raked their leaves needed less fertilizer to give their lawn a lush, green look in the spring, thus saving the effort, cost and negative environmental impact of fertilizing. Researchers also noted that decomposing pieces of leaves cover up bare spots between turf plants, which have traditionally proven to be excellent spots for weed seeds to germinate. Michigan State University research indicates that homeowners can expect a nearly 100% decrease in dandelions and crabgrass after mulching leaves for just three years!!!!



NEW ORDINANCE

The Township Council has adopted Ordinance #2019 – 12 requiring permits for the placement of dumpsters, roll-off containers, PODS, Bagsters, and other temporary storage containers in streets and roadways in the Township.

Applications may be obtained from the Clerk's office or here on our website:

http://www.medfordtownship.com/filestorage/283/709/713/ROLL-OFF_DUMPSTER_FORM_09.23.19.pdf.

LIVE STREAMING OF MEETINGS

Township Council, Planning Board and Zoning Board meetings are live streamed via the Township website. The meetings are posted to the website and available for viewing within twenty four hours of the meeting. The meetings are also archived on the Township website at <http://www.medfordtownship.com/content/233/243/967/default.aspx>

A MESSAGE FROM THE ZONING OFFICER

Get a Permit Before You Pave.

The Township Land Development Ordinances contain clear guidelines and restrictions for the amount of “impervious” surface one can have on their property. Impervious surface is anything (rooftops, stone or paved driveways, paver patio areas, swimming pools, sidewalks, etc.) that prevents rainwater or melting snow from soaking into the ground. It is against the Township Ordinances to add impervious cover to your property without first obtaining a Zoning Permit.

Why is this important? Much of Medford has high water tables and has been delineated as wetlands and/or wetlands buffers. If property owners are adding impervious cover to their properties, it's preventing rainwater and melting snow from naturally infiltrating or soaking into the ground. The water flows off of properties downhill or downstream where it could potentially create flooding issues for adjacent property owners. The excess stormwater also carries pollutants and sediments into our lakes, streams and other bodies of water where it not only fills in these water bodies, but the runoff also carries fertilizers, pesticides, automotive fluids and animal wastes known to adversely affect the natural surroundings we enjoy in Medford.

Please contact the Zoning Office at 609-654-2608 x315 before you plan any driveway, sidewalk, paver patio and other similar improvements for more information and the permit requirements.

Free Flu Shot Clinic

The Burlington County Health Department will be offering free flu shots at the Cranberry Hall Senior Center, 44 Charles Street, Medford on Thursday, October 17, 2019 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am.

The Burlington County Health Department will be offering a Free Drive-thru Flu Shot Clinic on Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 9 am to Noon at Seneca High School, 110 Carranza Road, Tabernacle, NJ 08088.

Both clinics are free, however the County does encourage donations (\$15.00) for the flu shot.



ORGANIZATION HAPPENINGS

The Woman's Club of Medford will be holding their New Member Welcome meeting on October 10, 2019 at 7 pm at the Medford Memorial Community Center, 21 S. Main St., Medford.

The Medford Historical Society has several events planned during the month of October. [Click here](#) for more information.



**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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