



October 2021



“What’s Up in Medford”

Above Photo—Fall in Medford

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**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**October 2021 Events**

**Scarecrow Festival** to be held along Main Street on Saturday, October 2nd starting at 9:00 am. For more info, visit [www.medfordwomansclub.com](http://www.medfordwomansclub.com). The scarecrows will be on display thru October 29th.

**Fire Prevention Night**, Friday, October 8, 2021 from 7:00 pm—9:00 pm at Union Firehouse, 1 Firehouse Lane. Presented by the Medford Department of Fire/EMS. <https://www.medfordtownship.com/news/?FeedID=747>

**Main Street Farmer’s Market** to be held on Saturday, October 9th & October 23rd in Medford Village (Gazebo) Park, 16 North Main Street from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Medford Business Association sponsors.

**Annual Apple Festival** at Kirby’s Mill, Saturday, October 9th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Sponsored by the Medford Historical Society

**Food Trucks on Main Street**, Thursday, October 21 2021 from 5:00-9:00 pm along Main Street. [Click here](#) for a list of participating trucks and their menus.

**Flu Clinic**, Thursday, October 21, 2021 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm at Town Hall, Multi-purpose Room, 49 Union Street, Medford. Sponsored by the Burlington County Health Department.

**74th Annual Halloween Parade**, Saturday, October 30, 2021 at 7:00 pm on Main Street. Sponsored by the Medford Vincentown Rotary Club [Medford Vincentown Rotary Club – Service Above Self \(mvrotaryclub.org\)](#) No objects, such as chairs should be placed along the parade route until the morning of the parade. Items placed along the parade route prior to October 30th may be removed for safety reasons.

**November 2021 Events**

**Veterans Day Observance**, Veterans Day, November 11th at 11:00 am at the South Main Street Memorials.

**Food Trucks on Main Street**, Thursday, November 18, 2021 from 5:00-9:00 pm along Main Street. Check the website for the list of trucks.

**Holiday Hours & Trash Schedule**

Township Offices and the Township Garage/DPW Yard will be closed on Monday, October 11th in observance of Columbus Day. Trash collection will not be impacted by the holiday.

## **HELP US CROSS THE FINISH LINE!**

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

We began our Trex© Challenge on Earth Day, April 24, 2021. The Medford Green Team challenged the Township of Medford to collect five hundred pounds of plastic in six months. We started collecting plastic, weighing it, and dropping it off at our local Acme, which has an affiliation with the Trex Company. Trex takes our plastic and uses it to manufacture decking and outdoor furniture.

Win Win! We keep 500 pounds of plastic out of our landfill and in return Trex sends us a beautiful bench, which we hope to place in Dr. James Still Park near the monument reflection area. We have collected close to 400 pounds and with less than a month to go we need you to help us reach our goal. We will be collecting plastic at the Main Street Market from 9am -1pm on Saturday, October 9th and Saturday, October 23rd. You can also drop your plastic off at Lower Forge Brewery, 14 S Main St Medford.

### What plastics can be recycled?

Pallet wrap and stretch film

Grocery bags

Bread bags

Case overwrap

Dry cleaning bags

Newspaper sleeves

Ice bags

Wood pellet bags

Ziploc and other re-closable food storage bags

Produce bags

Bubble wrap and air pillow

Salt bags

Cereal bags



**ALL PLASTIC MUST BE CLEAN, DRY AND FREE OF FOOD RESIDUE  
NO PLASTIC BOTTLES!**

## **Annual Fall Leaf Collection Program**

The 2021 annual Fall Leaf Collection program will begin the week of October 25th.

The schedule is as follows:

ZONE 1: Weeks of October 25th & November 22nd

ZONE 2: Weeks of October 25th & November 22nd

ZONE 3: Weeks of November 1st & November 29th

ZONE 5: Weeks of November 8th & December 6th

ZONE 4: Weeks of November 15th & December 13th

Winter weather may delay leaf collection if a snowfall is experienced during leaf collection time lines.

Residents with leaves to dispose of outside of the annual Fall Collection program may bring them to the DPW Yard on Gravelly Hollow Road. Residents who place leaves at the street for collection outside of the Township's Collection Program could be cited for violation of Township Ordinance.

Any leaves place at the street by professional landscapers, contractors, or anyone hired by a homeowner, must be removed by them.





## Road Improvement Program

Council awarded a contract for the 2020 Road Improvement Project on September 7, 2021. Work on the annual Road Improvement Program is set to start on October 7th. The following roads will be repaved as a part of the project: Tabernacle Road, West Lake Avenue, Tudor Court, Scarlet Oaks Mews, Lakewood Avenue, Virginia Trail/Christopher Mills Road Intersection, North Lakeside Drive West, Branin (Peacock) Road, Chestnut Road, Acorn Court, Park Road, Sycamore Drive & Aspen Court, Hopewell Road/ Sacagawea Trail intersection and Great Bridge Drive/Headwater Drive intersection, Brace Road from Ark Road to Medford Mount Holly Road, and Jackson Road from Birchwood Drive to Tuckerton Road.



## **BAG UP NJ**

**"Bag Up NJ"** is the New Jersey Clean Communities Council's new single use plastic and paper bag ban outreach campaign, which has a simple message: **Bring your own reusable bag(s) when you shop.** The NJCCC wants to get consumers in the habit now of bringing their own reusable bags with them when they shop - **before NJ's bag ban takes effect in May of 2022.**

On Nov. 4, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy and the New Jersey Legislature enacted the most progressive bag ban law in the country. The law reduces litter and encourages the use of reusable bags by phasing out single-use plastic and paper bags. The law **bans single-use plastic bags**, regardless of thickness, at grocery and retail establishments, as well as **paper bags at grocery stores** at or larger than 2,500 square feet. It also bans **polystyrene foam** takeout food containers and other products such as plates, cups, food trays and utensils.

As of November 4, 2021, **plastic straws** will only be available upon request.

The statewide ban on disposable bags goes into effect on **May 4, 2022** and will create an effective and uniform sustainable policy for all shoppers and business owners in NJ.

**For more information on our Bag Up NJ campaign, please visit:**  
<https://www.bagupnj.com/>.



## **Award winning Fort Medford in Bob Meyer Park to undergo major renovations starting the week of October 11th.**

In the early 1990's, a group of new mothers in Medford had a dream for a playground that would be created, funded and built by the community itself. They engaged the services of the Leathers & Associates firm, who led a nationwide movement of "design and build" community playgrounds. It was during this time period that several other Burlington County municipalities built similar playgrounds.

Overcoming a mountain of hurdles, in the spring of 1995 that dream was realized with the help of many generous donations from local businesses and the hard labor of a whole host of volunteers. This project defied the odds and succeeded in bringing the entire community together to miraculously build Fort Medford in Bob Meyer Park in five grueling days. The playground was an immediate hit with children, parents and grandparents alike and has become one of Medford's treasures in its municipal park system. It's important to note that at the time, Fort Medford was also the largest playground in Medford; with the Freedom Park playground not opening until 1998.

In 2010, the Township Council allocated \$175,000 and joined forces with the Fort Medford Playground Committee to build a 100% handicapped accessible addition to the playground, which was the first fully handicapped playground in Burlington County.

As the "original" Fort Medford is approaching its 27th year, the Township Council is undertaking a complete restoration. The Council has confirmed its commitment by applying for and receiving a \$100,000 grant under the Burlington County Municipal Park Development Grant program, and allocating \$200,000 in its Municipal Capital budget. The Fort Medford Playground Committee has also allocated funds to work on the landscaping, the Bob Meyer Park memorial area and the signage to complete the renovations to Bob Meyer Park.

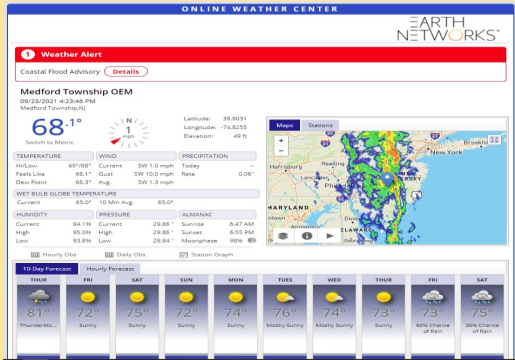
Lightning Detection System & Weather Station Installed in Freedom Park

The Township Council and officials are pleased to announce that thanks to a grant from Sustainable Jersey & Atlantic City Electric, and in collaboration with the Township’s Office of Emergency Management and Environmental Affairs Advisory Committee, a lightning detection system has been installed in Freedom Park. A siren and strobe light will be utilized to warn individuals on impending storms and the need to seek safe shelter. The project was funded through a \$10,000 grant received from Sustainable Jersey and Atlantic City Electric. The remaining amount was funded out of the Medford Township operating and capital budgets. Included in the project is a five-year maintenance plan for the system.

It is the Council’s goal to provide lightning detection systems in all of our parks and recreation areas as we move forward in ensuring Medford Township’s future resiliency and preparedness.

Weather Station

The weather station is available as a webpage to anyone who would like to access the link below. This site will provide real time weather data from Freedom Park. Below is a sample of the webpage. *It is suggested that you save this link as a favorite on your mobile device.*



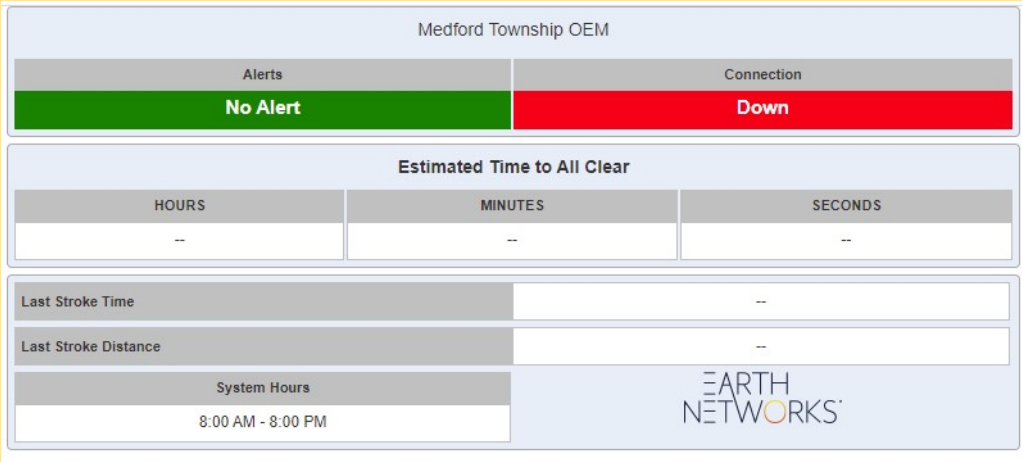
The link to access the weather station is: <https://owc.enterprise.earthnetworks.com/OnlineWeatherCenter.aspx?aid=8125>

Lightning System

The lightning system will alert when it detects lightning in the area. The system will then sound a siren and activate a strobe light based on the proximity of the lightning to the park. There will be signs in the park in both English and Spanish that provide instructions on the system and scannable bar codes that will take you to the countdown timer. You can access the countdown timer from the link below. This timer will provide guidance as to when it is safe to reoccupy the park. *It is suggested that you save this link as a favorite on your mobile device.*

<https://oas.earthnetworks.com/widget/ResOASWidget.html?widgetId=070e2db6-5e6d-4b4f-9dc3-696e9414be1c>

While under alert you can track how much longer until outdoor activities can resume on your desktop or mobile device. You can see the time of the last lightning strike within your protection area. This will act as a tool to back your decision to delay or resume activities. As with any device, common sense should prevail; if the sky still looks threatening continue to shelter. The map graphic below shows the distance that the sound of the horn will travel.









## Halloween

The recommended hours for Halloween Trick or Treating on Sunday, October 31, 2021 are 3:00 pm—8:00 pm. Residents and/or 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.



## Early Voting & Vote by Mail

In-person early voting for the November 2nd General Election will begin on Saturday, October 23rd and continue through Sunday, October 31st. Early voting polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekdays and Saturday and from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Burlington County Voters will be able to cast their ballot in person on a voting machine at the new Town Hall building, located at 49 Union Street. There are additional early voting locations available throughout Burlington County. The list of early voting locations can be obtained from the Burlington County Clerk's Office.

If you are currently registered with the County Clerk's Office to "vote by mail", you will be limited to voting either by mail, or by provisional ballot at the polls. A Ballot Box is located at Town Hall, 49 Union Street to deposit your Mail-In-Ballot. Ballots are collected daily from the Ballot Box by the Burlington County Board of Elections.



**Town Hall Address: 49 Union Street, Medford, NJ 08055**

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

**Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

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