



October 2020



THE MEDFORD MESSENGER

“What’s Up in Medford”

Above Photo –Main Street decorated for Fall

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

Township Events Page
Special Events Calendar

SPORTS

MYAA

THE ARTS

Medford Art Center

HISTORY

Medford Historical Society

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Water Bill Due Dates
Property Taxes Due Dates

SERVICES

Brush and Leaf Pickup
Brush and Leaf Zones
Recycling

Trash Related Issues:
(Missed Collections and Can Replacements and/or repairs)
Gold Medal Environmental of NJ - 856-784-5050

OTHER IMPORTANT LINKS

Town Calendar
Medford Police
Medford Fire/EMS
Senior Citizens
Parks and Recreation -
Facility Rentals

Deadline to register to vote in the November election is OCTOBER 13th

- If you have not voted since 2016 you may need to register again. Check your registration at: <https://voter.svrs.nj.gov/registration-check>
- Register to vote on line at: <https://voter.svrs.nj.gov/register>

Election Day, Tuesday, November 3rd. Polls Open 6:00 am – 8:00 pm

- **ONLY VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES** preventing them from voting using a paper ballot will be able to vote on machines at polling location.
- If others go to a polling location they will **ONLY** be allowed to do a **PROVISIONAL PAPER BALLOT**.
- All voting for the November 3rd election is primarily by Mail—even if you never submitted a request to vote by mail.
- Mail-In Ballots may be returned using the following methods and voters are encouraged to return their completed ballots early:
 - *Mail ballot by U.S. Postal Service
 - *Drop ballot in the secured Ballot Box located at the Medford Police Building, 91 Union Street, Medford, NJ or another ballot Box in Burlington County.
 - *Deliver to the Burlington County Board of Elections, 50 Rancocas Road, 1st Floor, Mt. Holly, NJ
 - *Mail-in ballots may also be turned in on the day of election at your respective polling district.

HOW TO: Vote By Mail

- The Board of Elections will begin mailing the ballots out the week of October 5th.
- The ballot will come in a large envelope (6 x 10), that may look like junk mail. It will say “OFFICIAL MAIL-IN BALLOT.” It will contain 2 envelopes and the ballot.
- Take some time to get acquainted with the materials. There is a Ballot; an “inner” envelope to place the completed ballot, and, a postage paid “outer” envelope to place the “inner” envelope with the ballot.
- Step 1: Complete the Ballot on the FRONT and BACK. USE BLUE or BLACK INK. No pencil. No red ink. Fill in the circle completely. If you make a mistake call the county clerk for a replacement. 609-265-5122. Note: THE BALLOT ITSELF IS NOT SIGNED.
- Step 2: Complete and SIGN the Certificate of Mail-In Voter (CMIV) attached to the “inner” envelope.
- **Use your full signature—similar to how you sign formal documents.**
- DO NOT detach it. **DO NOT tear it off.** It has to stay attached as-is.
- If someone helped you, that someone must complete the underside of the envelope flap.
- Step 3: Put the completed ballot inside the “inner” envelope and SEAL THE ENVELOPE—VERY IMPORTANT!
- Step 4: Put the “inner” envelope in the “outer” envelope.
- Step 5: Double check! Depending on the outer envelope design, make sure the return address appears in the window and SEAL THE ENVELOPE.
- Step 6: Delivery: (a) Mail it, OR (b) Take it to a DROP BOX Outside the Public Safety Building, 91 Union Street OR, (c) Take it to the Board of Elections in Mt. Holly OR, (d) Take it to your polling place on election day. If someone will do this step for you, that someone completes the Bearer portion on the “outer” envelope.
- Deadline is Election Day, Tuesday, November 3rd, regardless of delivery method.
- Many questions can be answered at this link: <https://votebymailnj.org/qa/>



FREE SHREDDING EVENT
Saturday, October 3rd from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon

The shredding truck will be available at the Municipal Garage, located at 2 Commonwealth Drive. (Off of Gravelly Hollow Road behind Bob Meyer Park) Residential shredding only.

For more info, click [HERE](#).

Food Trucks on Main Street

Food Trucks events will be held Thursday, October 1st click [here](#) for menus & October 15th click [here](#) for menus.



Dress up the kids and join our Main Street businesses for some fun contactless trick-or-treating between 6-8pm.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1469035223301131/>



Recycle Smarter Recycling Tips

Keep plastic bags out of the **recycling**. **Very Important!!!**

Just because it has a **recycling** triangle does not mean it's **recyclable**. Check your recycling brochure to see what Medford recycles in the Burlington County Program or go on the website www.medfordtownship.com

Please rinse your recyclables.

Reduce, reuse, and recycle.

Important Ways to Reduce Waste

Use a reusable bottle/cup for beverages on-the-go. ...

Use reusable grocery bags, and not just for groceries.

Remember to **recycle electronics**, Medford has a program, you can drop them off at the Township yard. Mon- Fri 7AM to 2PM and every third Saturday 8AM to 1PM

IMPORTANT NOTICE to all Burlington County Property Owners

In 2018 the Alternative Real Property Assessment Calendar (P.L. 2018, c. 94) was signed into law for New Jersey by Governor Murphy. After careful consideration the Alternative Real Property Assessment Calendar was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Burlington via Resolution # 2020-00149 on April 9, 2020 to begin implementation as of October 1, 2020.

The assessment calendar change will benefit property owners and municipalities by completing the assessment appeal process before tax bills are generated in 2021 and each year subsequently.

For more information please visit www.co.burlington.nj.us and select Taxation Board.

2020-2021 IMPORTANT DATE CHANGES



**November 15 –
Notification of
Assessment Postcards**

Property Assessment Notification Postcards for the 2021 tax year will be mailed by November 15 of 2020 and each year thereafter for the following tax year.

**These postcards were previously mailed on or before February 1 each year.*



**January 15 –
County Property Assessment
Appeal Filing Deadline**

The new deadline to file a County appeal of your property assessment will be January 15 each year starting in 2021.

**This deadline was previously April 1 each year.*

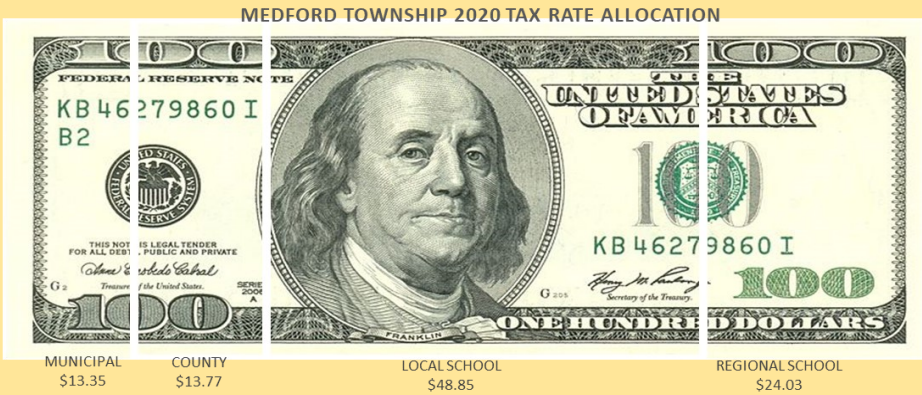
YOUR 2020 MEDFORD PROPERTY TAX RATE AND TAX DOLLARS

Your property tax bill provides for an itemization of the tax rated for the following taxing entities (based on \$100.00 per assessed value):

	2020 Rate		2019 Rate	Change 2019 to 2020
Local School	1.569	48.85%	1.539	+0.030
Regional School	0.772	24.03%	0.761	+0.011
County	0.384	11.96%	0.372	+0.012
County Library	0.035	1.09%	0.035	0.000
County Open Space	0.023	0.72%	0.034	-0.011
Local Purpose	0.405	12.61%	0.405	0.000
Municipal Open Space	0.024	0.74%	0.023	+0.001
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Total Tax Rate	3.212	100.00%	3.169	+.043

On an average assessed value home of \$326,375, the municipal portion of your 2020 property tax bill will be \$1,400.15. The local purpose rate reflects no change from 2019.

The Township Council only has the authority for the Municipal, or Local Purpose and Municipal Open Space tax portions of 0.429, or 13.35% of your pr operty tax bill. Based on \$100.00 per assessed value, your tax dollars look like this:



Although your tax bill is paid to the Township, the remainder of these tax dollars are forwarded to the Medford School Board of Education, the Lenape Regional High School Board of Education and the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders which govern their respective portion of your property tax bill.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your property tax bill, please contact the Township’s Tax Collectors Office at 609-654-2608, Extension 308. Emails can be found at www.medfordtownship.com



2020 CENSUS

Census filing date
extended to
October 31, 2020



Municipal Center Address: 17 North Main Street,
Phone: (609) 654-2608
Fax: (609) 953-4087
Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
www.medfordtownship.com