



September 2022



THE MEDFORD MESSENGER

“What’s Up in Medford”

Above Photo— Fall Rainbow Over Cow
Pointe by Irene Taschek

*ADDITIONAL SPECIAL EVENTS

(*please check the Twp. website or Facebook
page for updates during the COVID-19
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September 2022 Events

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

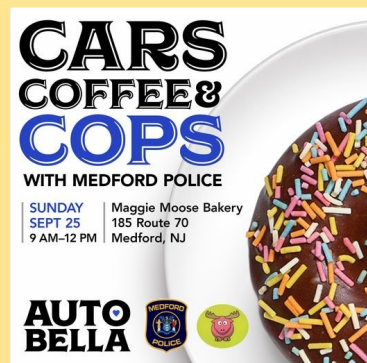
Main Street Farmer’s Market to be held on Saturday, September 10th & 24th in the Medford Village (Gazebo) Park, 16 North Main Street from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Medford Main Street Merchants sponsors.

Food Trucks on Main Street, Thursday, September 15th from 5:00-9:00 pm along Main Street. Please click [HERE](#) for the list of food trucks and their menus.

Medford Historical Society Annual Flea Market, Saturday, September 17th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at Kirby’s Mill, 275 Church Road.
www.medfordhistory.org.

Medford OktoberFest Music & Food Truck Festival, Friday, Sept. 16th from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm and Saturday, Sept. 17th from 12:00 noon to 7:00 pm at Freedom Park. Medford Business Association and ShopRite of Medford sponsor this event.
www.medfordbusiness.org.

Tours of Kirby’s Mill, offered every Sunday afternoon from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm by the Medford Historical Society.



October 2022 Events

Scarecrow Festival to be held along Main Street on Sat, October 1st. Registration is open now. For more info & to register, visit <https://medfordwomansclub.com/scarecrows-on-main>

Main Street Farmer’s Market to be held on Saturday, October 8th & 22nd in Gazebo Park, 16 North Main Street from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Annual Apple Festival at Kirby’s Mill, Saturday, October 8th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Sponsored by the Medford Historical Society

Fire Prevention Night at Union Fire Company, 1 Firehouse Lane. Friday, Oct. 14th from 5:00-9:00 pm. Sponsored by the Medford Fire & EMS Department.

GRACE PERIOD FOR TAX BILLS ENDS TUES., SEPTEMBER 6th

The last day of the grace period for the 3rd Quarter Tax Bills will be Tuesday, September 6th. The figures for the third quarter taxes are available on the On-Line Payment (WIPP) system found on the homepage of the Township website or by using this link:
(<https://wipp.edmundsassoc.com/Wipp/?wippid=0320>)

Please note that payments after this date will be assessed full interest retroactive to August 1, 2022.

For more information, please contact the Tax Office at 609-654-2608, ext. 307 or 308.

FREE SHREDDING EVENT SCHEDULED

Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon

FOR MEDFORD TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY!!!! 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.

The shredding truck will be available from **8:00 am until 12:00 noon** at the Municipal Garage, located at 2 Commonwealth Drive. (off of Gravelly Hollow Road behind Bob Meyer Park)

Residents may bring up to 5 boxes or bags of files (no exceptions) to be shredded on site. An experienced operator will be present in 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 this date is the 3rd Saturday of the month, the DPW Yard/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



LABOR DAY HOLIDAY HOURS & TRASH SCHEDULE

Township Offices and the Township Garage/DPW Yard will be closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day.

Trash collection for the week will also be delayed by one day.

Crossing Guard Substitute Positions Available

Obtain an application from the Township website, by clicking [HERE](#), or at Medford Town Hall, 49 Union St., Medford and submit to the Human Resources Office.
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**KIDS ARE BACK
TO SCHOOL!**



TAKE EXTRA
PRECAUTIONS IN
SCHOOL ZONES



MEDFORD SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Watercolors & Acrylics for Beginners—Mondays from 10:00 am—Noon

Fall Session Begins Monday, Sept. 12th and runs for 8 weeks. The 8-week session cost is \$100
Cranberry Hall—88 Charles Street (behind the former Municipal Building at 17 N. Main St)
This class teaches the basics of watercolors & acrylics in a step-by-step method. Geared for first
–time artists and intermediate students wanting to advance, participants will go through the
basics of line drawing, composition, design & color.
The instructor is Eileen Caporaso, who has taught at Cranberry Hall for almost 20 years.

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY MANAGEMENT OPTIONS FOR HOMEOWNERS & LAND MANAGERS

Thursday, September 29th from 5:30 –7:00 pm FREE-No pre-registration required
Burlington County Amphitheatre @ the County Main Branch Library in Westampton
(*this is an outdoor session and event will be cancelled if there is inclement weather)
Presented by the Rutgers NJ Agricultural Experiment Station & the County Cooperative Extension Program
Featuring presentations by three experts on statewide management and managing late season adults.
Click [HERE](#) for the information flyer or use this link:
https://www.medfordtownship.com/filestorage/871/11644/Flyer_SLF-at-Amphitheater_Sept29.cleaned.pdf

FROM 500 POUNDS OF PLASTIC TO A TREX BENCH!

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

Last summer, the Medford Green Team challenged the residents of Medford to collect 500 pounds of dis-
carded plastic in 6 months. What did we do with all of that plastic? We bundled it up, weighed it and took to
local retailer that has an affiliation with the TREX company. (The TREX Company hosts collection programs
to promote plastic film and bag recycling.) Our local retailer sends all the plastic to their distribution center
where it is picked up by a TREX truck and used to make TREX furniture and decking.

What do we get from collecting all that plastic, besides the satisfaction of knowing we have kept 500 pounds
of plastic off our roads ,beaches and out of our dumps? A bench made out of TREX material!

Our first bench was placed in Still Park, where you can sit under a shady tree and enjoy the sights and
sounds of the park. Still Park is located behind Cranberry Hall, along Filbert Street between Mulberry and
Church Streets. The park is dedicated to the memory of Dr. James Still, "The Black Doctor of the Pines".
The park has plenty of open space, tot equipment, picnic tables & grills, a rain garden and a Butterfly Garden
(sponsored by the Pinelands Garden Club of Medford).

We are currently awaiting delivery of our second bench. (That's right we have collected over 1000 pounds of
plastic!) We are continuing to collect plastic for our third bench which will be placed in Freedom Barks Dog
Park. Plastic can be dropped off in Medford at Lower Forge Brewery, the Main Street Market (the 2nd and 4th
Saturday of the month from 9am—12 noon thru October) and at events sponsored by Freedom Barks.



**JOIN
OUR
TEAM**



**FIRE & EMS
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

APPLY AT [JOINMEDFORD.ORG](https://www.joinmedford.org)

**FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT MEDFORD
FIRE & EMS
VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES
AT :**

**[https://
www.medfordfire.o
rg/volunteer/](https://www.medfordfire.org/volunteer/)**

IMPORTANT REMINDER
FROM THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT



#9pmRoutine

Five minutes every night can save you hours, days, weeks, months, or years of heartache. Set your phone alarm for 9 p.m. every night and join us in the #9pmroutine.



Lock all ground floor doors and windows.



Make sure valuables are not visible from outside the home.



Empty mailboxes and retrieve packages from your porch.



Remove valuables from vehicles and lock them. Remember to close your garage doors, too.

ANNUAL SUMMER/FALL BRUSH COLLECTION

The Summer/Fall schedule is on schedule as follows:

- Zone 4: Week of August 8**
- Zone 2: Week of August 22**
- Zone 1: Week of September 5**
- Zone 3: Week of September 19**
- Zone 5: Week of October 3**



Brush shall include the pruning of trees, shrubs, bushes or vines, but exclude grass clippings, flowers, weeds, tree trunks, stumps, and 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 road-way or sidewalk. Brush should not exceed 4-6 feet in length, and should not be any larger than 12 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.**

For more information, visit www.medfordtownship.com/brushandleaf or contact the Department of Neighborhood Services at 609-654-6791 between the hours of 7:00 am thru 3:00 pm.

Next month’s edition will have info on the Fall Leaf Collection Program, which starts on October 24th

JACKSON ROAD BRIDGE UPDATE FROM BURLINGTON COUNTY

Construction work has commenced on the bridge repairs to the Jackson Road bridge. As evidenced by the large crane on site, contractors are currently driving pilings and installing sheathing on the north side of the bridge for the bridge supports. It is anticipated that the south side pilings will be started next week. The work is very exacting, as they are drilling within 10 feet of major underground power lines. Once the pilings are completed, PSEG will mobilize on site to relocate their electric power lines. Upon PSEG completing their phase of the project, contractors will grade the supports and install and weld the bridge panels. Lake lowering is anticipated during this project. Barring any unforeseen delays (i.e. weather emergency requiring PSEG to mobilize elsewhere), County officials anticipate the project will be completed before the end of the year.



NEW FLAG RETIREMENT BOX IN TOWN HALL LOBBY

Township officials are most pleased to unveil a new United States flag retirement box, which was an Eagle Scout project undertaken by Nate Kazunas of Medford Boy Scout Troop #20. Nate is pictured here with his parents delivering and placing the wooden, hand constructed box.

This official flag retirement box is located on the first floor in the lobby of the Town Hall Building at 49 Union Street. This box offers a safe and convenient method for residents to properly dispose of U.S. flags that are no longer in suitable condition to be displayed.

According to national laws, US flags should never be discarded in with trash or recycling. Those that need to be “retired” should be destroyed during procedural ceremonies; many times conducted by local VFWs and Scout Troops. This collection box will be monitored by Medford VFW Post 7677 and Medford Boy Scout Troop 20, who both schedule official flag retirement ceremonies several times a year. This retirement box was intended to offer an easily accessible location where residents can bring faded or damaged flags and be assured they will be properly disposed of in an appropriate manner.

NJ IN DROUGHT WATCH STATUS

The NJDEP currently has New Jersey in a drought watch status. (<https://dep.nj.gov/drought/>) Under a drought watch, their focus is placed on voluntary reductions in demand through increased public awareness. The Commissioner’s declaration of a drought watch is the first in the State’s three-stage drought advisory system. The watch is intended to sow public awareness and appreciation of the stress upon water supply sources and encourage voluntary water conservation measures. If conditions do not improve, declaration of a drought warning or a drought emergency with mandatory water use restrictions may become necessary. Voluntary conservation measures at the watch stage can help to avoid more serious and restrictive drought conditions.

As a reminder to residents, under Chapter 121-3(K) of the Township's Administrative Code (Water Conservation): for the period May 1 through September 30 of each year, the following water conservation regulations shall be in effect:

- (a) The use of public water for irrigation shall be limited to an odd/even schedule according to date and the users' house number.
- [1] The use of public water for irrigation shall be limited to six hours per day, from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. prevailing time in accordance with the odd/even schedule as set forth in Stage 1, above.
- 2] Properties equipped with automatic sprinklers, for the purpose of watering lawns, shrubs, trees, flowers or gardens, are permitted to be watered according to the odd/even schedule from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. only.
- [3] Swimming pools are permitted to be filled or topped off in accordance with the odd/even schedule set forth in Stage 1 above.
- [4] Flowers and shrubs on properties having hand-held hoses equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle are permitted to be watered as needed.
- [5] Common areas, which shall be defined as an area within or related to a site, including but not limited to passive or recreation lots, median strips, or open space, intended for the use or enjoyment of residents, may be watered on even dates. common areas shall specifically include (but are not limited to) any property owned and maintained by a homeowners' association.
- Township officials appreciate your cooperation as New Jersey remains in a drought watch status.

10 SIMPLE STEPS TO SAVE WATER THIS SUMMER

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|  Water flowers and landscaping with water harvested in a rain barrel connected to a downspout. 1 |  Avoid recreational toys that require a constant stream of water. 6 |
|  Use 30-50% less water with drip irrigation and micro-sprays compared to sprinklers. 2 |  Raise your lawnmower blade to at least 3 inches to promote deeper grass roots which hold water better. 7 |
|  Only water when needed, in NJ most landscapes need only 1 inch of water per week. This often comes from dew and rainfall. 3 |  Use water from dehumidifiers and air conditioners to water your plants. 8 |
|  If you have a pool purchase a water saving filter. 4 |  Use native plants that need less water. 9 |
|  Cover your pool when not in use to reduce evaporation rates. 5 |  Group plants together based on water needs. 10 |

Summertime, means swimming pools, sprinkler jumping, and barbeques surrounding by manicured landscape. During the summer months, while water supplies are typically declining, water usage is increasing. In fact, water usage from winter to summer increases by approximately 30%. However, we can all do our part to reduce water usage by following these 10 simple tips.



Town Hall Address: 49 Union Street, Medford, NJ 08055-2432

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

Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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