

## **MARCH 2019**

# THE MEDFORD MESSENGER

"What's Up in Medford"



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**UPCOMING EVENTS** 

**ADDITIONAL SPECIAL EVENTS** 

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

## **Stokes Road Construction Announcement**

On or about Wednesday March 6, 2019 a significant construction project will begin on Stokes Rd. (C/R 541) in the area of Medford Pines. The work is scheduled to begin on March 6<sup>th</sup> with the temporary closure of the southbound lane during the day. Traffic will be controlled by flaggers and will allow for alternating traffic during the closure. This portion of the project should last approximately 2 weeks and be tentatively completed on or about March 20, 2019

Beginning on or about March 25, 2019, Stokes Road (C/R 541) will be closed to all through traffic between Lenape Trail and Tuckerton Rd (C/R 620). Detours for this closure will be posted as follows. For northbound traffic, utilize Tuckerton Road (C/R 620) to Jackson Road. Southbound traffic should utilize Jackson Road or Lenape Trail to Tuckerton Road (C/R 620).

## **Food Trucks on Main Street**

Thursday, March 21st is the first scheduled Food Truck Event to be held on Main Street for 2019. The event will run from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

<u>Click here</u> to see a list of the food trucks location and menus.

## Council:

Councilman Christopher Buoni resigned his seat on Council effective February 5th. Councilman Buoni served on Council from January 1, 2012 to February 5, 2019, including serving as Deputy Mayor in 2013 and Mayor in 2014. The Township of Medford thanks Councilman Buoni for his years of dedication and service to the Township.

Lauren Kochan was sworn in as Medford's newest Council member at the March 5, 2019 Council meeting, filling the unexpired term of Chris Buoni. Councilwoman Kochan has been a Medford Township resident since 2011, where she and her husband Kevin are happily raising their four children. Lauren began serving on Medford Township Planning Board in 2019 as 2nd alternate, and also currently sits on the Republican County Committee for the 7th voting district. Previously, Lauren served on the Economic Development Commission for Medford Township and as Tamarac Lake Association HOA President – both for three years each. She holds a BS from Carnegie Mellon University and is also a graduate of the Medford Township Local Government I nstitute. Lauren is VP of US Operations at SEBPO, a global digital services provider with US headquarters in Marlton, NJ.

#### Tax Assessor's Office -

Assessment Maintenance Program - A reminder the Assessor's Office is visiting properties verifying the data on record. Please visit the following link for information an updates: <a href="http://www.medfordtownship.com/AMP">http://www.medfordtownship.com/AMP</a>

#### RENTAL PROPERTY INSPECTION PROGRAM

The Township Council recently adopted Ordinance #2018-24 establishing an annual inspection program for residential rental properties. Under this Ordinance, all residential buildings and premises that are rented are subject to inspection annually and/ or at the time of change of use, ownership or tenancy. The Ordinance can be found at: <a href="https://www.ecode360.com/documents/ME0295/public/467844780.pdf">https://www.ecode360.com/documents/ME0295/public/467844780.pdf</a>. On the Construction Office page of our website (<a href="https://www.medfordtownship.com/construction">www.medfordtownship.com/construction</a>) we have added a checklist that will be used when conducting the inspection.

The Construction Department will be contacting all registered landlords to schedule the inspection. If you are no longer renting out your property, please submit a notarized or certified letter to that effect to the Planning & Zoning Office so that they can remove your name from our records. Please note that should you in the future decide to rent out the property you must re-register as a landlord, have the property inspected. There is a fee of \$200 for the inspection, which includes the previously required Certificate of Occupancy Fire inspection .

Any residential property owner who is renting out a property and has not previously registered as a Landlord must submit a Landlord Registration to the Clerk's Office. Failure to register a property as a landlord is a violation under NJ State Statutes as well as our Planning and Zoning regulations. The Landlord Identity Form can be found at <a href="http://www.medfordtownship.com/filestorage/283/709/713/landlord\_regs.pdf">http://www.medfordtownship.com/filestorage/283/709/713/landlord\_regs.pdf</a>. There is a one-time \$20 fee to register as a Landlord.

#### **Recycling Tip:**

Why should we recycle? Here are a few answers to that every day question.

- Recycling is the law, enforced through the County and Municipalities.
- Recycling saves money. When municipalities send less to the landfill, they spend less of your tax dollars on disposal fees.
- Recycling reduces trash. It will extend the life of the landfill.
- Recycling saves energy.

#### **SPRING BRUSH COLLECTION:**

Zone 3: Week of April 1

Zone 2: Week of April 15

Zone 1: Week of April 29

Zone 5: Week of May 13

Zone 4: Week of May 27

Check the Township website for updates on brush collection at www.medfordtownship.com

## Special Presentation—HeroinKills NJ

The Township is hosting the organization, HeroinKills NJ on March 29, 2019 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Public Safety Building, 91 Union Street, Medford, NJ. Doors will open at 6:30 PM.

This will be an open forum with a panel discussion on opiates, alcoholism, mental health and self-

<u>Click here</u> for a copy of the flyer and more information about the event.

#### **PARK RENTALS**

To rent Freedom Park, Bob Bende Park or any other Medford Park please click <u>here</u> for information.

# COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS AT FREEDOM PARK

Please <u>click here</u> for the application to rent a garden plot at Freedom Park.

#### **COATES STREET CANOE RACK RENTALS**

If you would like to rent a canoe rack we have six spots left. Please <u>click here</u> for the application.

**Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** <u>ww.medfordtownship.com</u>
Facebook: <u>Township of Medford, New Jersey</u>