



JUNE 2023



THE MEDFORD MESSENGER

“WHAT’S UP IN MEDFORD”

Above Photo—Rancocas Creek in Medford Park.

***ADDITIONAL EVENTS:**

(*please check the Twp. website & official Facebook page for more details & updates)

Township Special Events Page
Special Events 2023 Calendar

YOUTH SPORTS: MYAA

THE ARTS: Medford Art Center

HISTORY: Medford Historical Society

PINELANDS BRANCH LIBRARY

DPW SERVICES:

-Brush and Leaf Collection
-Brush and Leaf Zones
-Recycling
-Trash Related Issues-
Missed Collections and Can Replacements and/or repairs
Please contact our vendor Republic Services directly at 215-744-2995; or email: LWilliams@republicservices.com or Gburnsjr@republicservices.com

IMPORTANT DUE DATE INFORMATION:

Water & Sewer Bill Due Dates
Property Taxes Due Dates

OTHER IMPORTANT LINKS:

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

June 2023 Events

Annual Burlington County Field of Honor, Daily through June 3rd at Freedom Park. Program on Fri., June 2nd at 7:30 pm. Sponsored by the Medford Sunrise Rotary. For more info visit www.medfordsunriserotary.org or www.burlcofieldofhonor.com.

Medford First Friday & Art Walk along Main Street. Friday, June 2nd from 5:00-9:00 pm. Sponsored by the Main Street Merchants & the Medford Arts Center. www.MedfordMainStreet.com

Annual Quilt Show & Art Sale at Kirby’s Mill. Sat. & Sun., June 3rd & 4th at Kirby’s Mill. 9:00 am—4:00 pm both days. Sponsored by the Medford Historical Society. www.MedfordHistory.org

Early In Person Voting - Primary Election, June 2nd—June 4th at Town Hall (49 Union Street) 1st Floor, Multi-Purpose Room. Polls are open Friday & Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Primary Election, Tuesday, June 6th from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm. See page 2, reference your Sample Ballot, or visit the following website for your polling location: <https://nj.gov/state/elections/vote-polling-location.shtml>.

Annual Art Wine & Music Festival and Wine n’ Shine Car Show, Sunday, June 11th from 11:00 am—4:00 pm. Sponsored by the Medford Business Association. For more info, <https://medfordbusiness.org/events/awmf/>

3rd Thursday Food Trucks on Main Street, June 15th from 5:00-9:00 pm along Main Street. Click [here](#) or check the Twp. website for a list of participating trucks and their menus. Food trucks are located throughout the Village on Main Street from 45 South Main Street to 57 North Main Street. Trucks are not in the same place each event, so stroll the street to see what varieties of food can be found at the various trucks along Main Street. Businesses, eateries & breweries on Main Street are OPEN! Many have specials, events & sales so please stop and shop! *Tables to sit with the family! *Streets are open and multiple crosswalks are available. *Parking is plentiful & easy! *Port-a-potties for your needs!

Annual Fishing Derby, Saturday, June 17th in Medford Park from 9:00-11:00 am. Sponsored by the Medford Vincentown Rotary Club. For more info, visit www.mvrotaryclub.com.

July 2023

Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks, Monday, July 3rd starting at 6:00 pm in Freedom Park. (Rain date Friday, July 7th). Live music featuring Medford’s own “The Oh-Gees” and 20 delicious food trucks!! Sponsored by Medford Celebrates Foundation and the Township. www.medfordnjcelebrates.org.



PRIMARY ELECTIONS—TUESDAY, JUNE 6TH

POLLING DISTRICT LOCATIONS:

Districts 1,2,6,8 & 17	Fellowship Alliance Chapel Atrium, 199 Church Road
Districts 3,5,7,11,13,15 & 16	Medford United Methodist Church Family Life Center, 2 Hartford Road
Districts 4 & 10	Medford EMS Building, Main Room, 20 Jackson Road
District 9	Medford Leas, Linden Room, 1 Medford Leas Way
Districts 12 & 14	Town Hall, 1st Floor Multi-Purpose Room, 49 Union Street

(*See page 1 for early voting info)

Visit <https://nj.gov/state/elections/vote-polling-location.shtml> for your polling location.

Please contact the Clerk's Office for additional information or assistance at 609-654-2608, ext 341.

REMINDER—CHANGE IN JUNE COUNCIL MEETING DATE

Due to the Primary elections taking place on Tuesday, June 6th, the first Council meeting in June will be held (as previously advertised) on **Wednesday, June 7th, 2023**, beginning at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers/Courtroom at the Public Safety Building, 91 Union Street.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - UTILITIES DIVISION TO START FLUSHING PROGRAM IN JUNE



Starting this month, you will notice fire hydrants being flushed and releasing large amounts of water into the streets. While it may appear that hundreds of gallons are going to waste, there are actually several benefits to this hydrant flushing process.

Water main flushing is an important preventative maintenance activity that:

- verifies proper operation of the hydrant
- evaluates the available flow to the hydrant
- allows the Utilities Division to deliver the highest quality water possible to residents as it removes mineral and sediment build up from the water mains

During Flushing

1. There may be a temporary drop in water pressure at this time.
2. Water may become cloudy, discolored water is not harmful and will clear up in a short time.
3. Run your bath tub/faucets on cold only if you experience discolored water, do not run any water until the cold water clears up.
4. Do not wash any white laundry while flushing is taking place.

The Utilities Division will be contacting HOA's when each neighborhood is scheduled. Updates on locations where flushing will be taking place will be posted on the Newsfeed of the Township website & on our official Facebook page.

If you experience discolored water for an extended period of time after flushing has been completed, please call the Department of Public Works at 609-654-6791.

For more information about the water system flushing program, please click [HERE](#).

JUNTEENTH HOLIDAY/TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

The Township Offices, including the Township DPW Yard, will be closed on Monday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth. Trash will be collected as scheduled.

PLANNING & ZONING OFFICE HOURS ADJUSTED IN JUNE

Due to staffing limitations, the Planning and Zoning Office will be closed to the public on Fridays in June (June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th) We apologize for any inconveniences.

Inquiries may be sent via email to abell@medfordtownship.com and will be answered as soon as possible.

THE FREEDOM PARK PICKLEBALL COURTS ARE NOW OPEN!

The four new pickleball courts are now open in Freedom Park!

Now that the courts have officially opened, reservations can be made via the **“Team Reach®”** app. Sports Paradise, located at 99 Hartford Road, has graciously volunteered to help manage this app for the Township as we open the courts. **The log in is “Freedom86”**

So far since opening two weeks ago, over 1,000 people have registered!

There are designated times set aside for beginners, intermediates, and advanced players. Time on Tuesday & Thursday mornings has also been set aside for a seniors instructional program operated under the auspices of the Cranberry Hall Senior Center.

The schedule is posted on the Township website by clicking [HERE](#).

Open play is built into the schedule, and given the demand, we ask that the common pickleball courtesies be extended to waiting players.

Click [HERE](#) for the Rules & Court Use Etiquette.



THEFT PREVENTION STARTS BEFORE YOU

EVEN LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE

The Police Department has noted several recent “smash-and-grab” vehicle break-ins, including in the Township’s parks. Perpetrators are mostly casual opportunists —they see something they like, so they break in and take it.

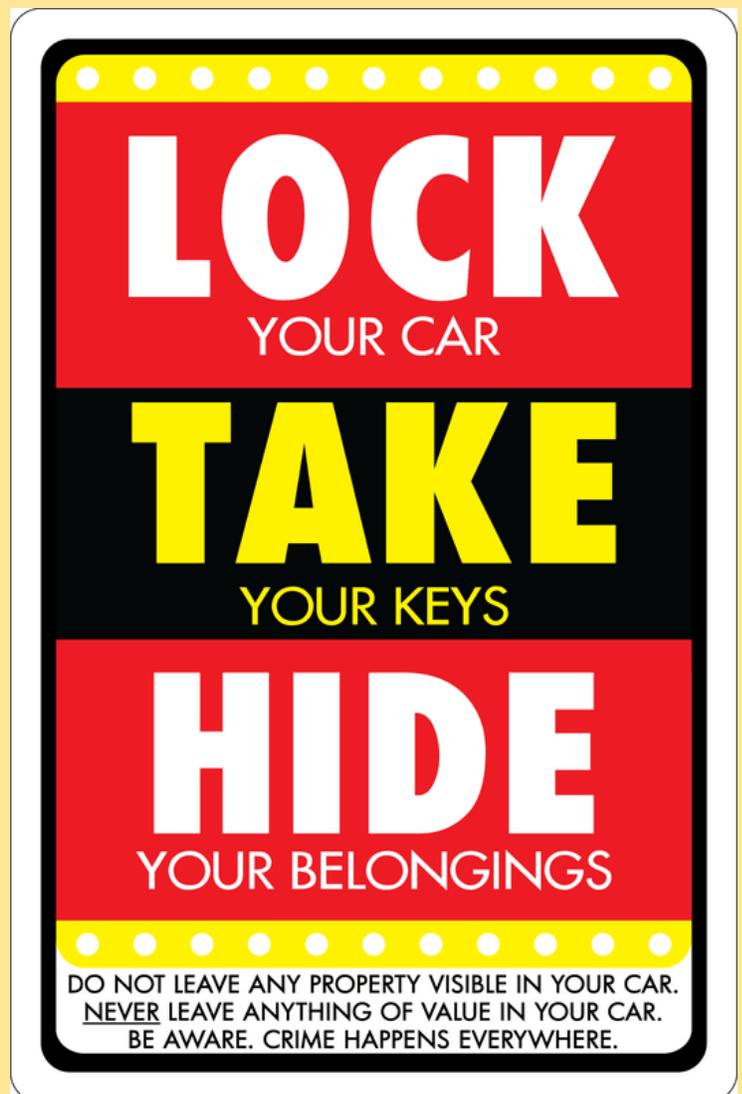
These have occurred during daylight hours, so please be vigilant and follow these recommended tips.

Before leaving home, make sure your valuables are out of sight. Keep in mind that you may be watched while placing valuables in your trunk at your parking lot destination.

Never leave these things lying out on your seats, dashboard or floor:

- Phone
- Purse or wallet
- Laptop (or its bag)
- A briefcase or backpack
- Shopping bags
- Any small electronics
- CDs if you still use them
- Cash – yes, even loose change/coins
- Your keys – it actually happens!

If you see anything amiss while visiting our parks, don’t hesitate to call 9-1-1.



2023 BRUSH COLLECTION PROGRAM

Below are the collection dates for the annual DPW brush collection program:

Remainder of Spring Collection Schedule

Zone 4: Weeks of June 5th & 12th

Summer/Fall Collection

Zone 1: Weeks of August 14th & 21st

Zone 3: Weeks of August 28th & September 4th

Zone 5: Weeks of September 11th & 18th

Zone 4: Weeks of September 25th & October 2nd

Zone 2: Weeks of October 9th & 16th



The Public Works Department will alert the public via Nixle alerts and Facebook posts as they complete each Zone &/or if they experience delays. Each street will be collected once. Township Code states “All brush shall be stored on a resident’s property and shall not be placed at the roadside earlier than 10 days preceding the Monday of the scheduled collection week”. Brush placed at the street for collection outside of these collection dates will not be picked up.

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 roadway or sidewalk. Brush should not exceed 4-6 feet in length, and should not be any larger than 6 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.

To determine what Zone you are located in, please refer to this page on the Township website: [https://www.medfordtownship.com/filestorage/233/251/Medford Leaf and Brush Collection Map.pdf](https://www.medfordtownship.com/filestorage/233/251/Medford_Leaf_and_Brush_Collection_Map.pdf)

For more information, visit the Township website at: www.medfordtownship.com/brushandleaf.

FIELD OF HONOR REMAINS IN FREEDOM PARK THRU JUNE 3rd — SPECIAL PROGRAM TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 2nd

The Medford Sunrise Rotary organizes the Burlington County Field of Honor® each year to honor those who served—and currently serve—their community and our country. Each year during the week over Memorial Day, this inspiring and memorable display draws together residents of Burlington County to honor the heroes who have touched our lives and served our community and our nation.

Rotarians and community volunteers erected over 325 full-size



American flags on 7.5' flag poles in Freedom Park—in perfectly symmetrical rows. Medallions were placed on flags with details of the nominated “heroes.” The Field of Honor® will remain for a full week, from May 26 through June 3rd, 2023.

The Medford Sunrise Rotary will be holding a program in Freedom Park on Friday, June 2nd starting at 7:30 pm where they will read the names of all honored with a flag.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend this special ceremony.

For more info, visit <https://burlcofieldofhonor.com/>.



FLAG DAY IS JUNE 14th—DISPOSE OF WORN FLAGS @ TOWN HALL

A flag disposal box is located in the lobby of Town Hall, which was an Eagle Scout project of Nate Kazunis of Boy Scout Troop 20 last year. Flags that are turned in will be given a proper retirement as per flag etiquette by the Boy Scouts, the VFW or the Fire Department.



THE MEDFORD CELEBRATES FOUNDATION IS PREPARING FOR THE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION & FIREWORKS ON JULY 3RD!

The Medford Celebrates Foundation, Inc. is an all-volunteer, non-profit entity, approved for tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, that raises money to fund **Medford's Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks Display in its entirety**. Their Board of Trustees volunteers also do the work required to produce and stage the show, which is a long-standing Medford tradition.

Starting in 2012, the event has been funded by private contributions, almost entirely from local businesses and the many residents of Medford and neighboring communities who have enjoyed the Medford fireworks show over the years. Be on the lookout for their Trustees at the Fireworks event, who will be collecting donations at the event. Donations via PayPal can be accepted via the Medford Celebrates website: www.medfordnjcelebrates.org.

This year's event will be held on Monday, July 3rd. (Raindate-Friday, July 7th) The celebration will feature almost 20 food trucks and merchandise vendors, a children's activity area, and live music featuring Medford's own "The Oh-Gees" (www.ohgeesnj.com). The evening is capped off by an amazing, professional fireworks display at dusk. It is annually attended by well over 10,000 people in Freedom Park, Main Street and the surrounding areas.

Be sure to check out the videos and images on their website to get the flavor of the event, a listing of all the vendors, and all of the generous sponsors who make this event possible.

The Medford Celebrates Foundation can also use a bit of extra help throughout the year. Please consider volunteering, as they need your time and energy. Their plans are ambitious and, frankly, cannot be carried out by only the MCF Trustees. They need help in securing sponsorships, marketing & publicity, and in planning and executing the event. If you have the time and want to work with your friends and neighbors for a good cause, send an email to medfordnjcelebrates@gmail.com to let them know that you are interested!!

In these ways, you can help keep this Medford tradition alive and assure that Medford Celebrates will be able to stage the Independence Day fireworks in 2024 and beyond.



The Medford Historical Society presents their annual **QUILT SHOW at KIRBY'S MILL**

Saturday and Sunday June 3rd & 4th
10 am - 4 pm

A Large collection and display of handmade quilts by members of the Historical Society and other quilters.

Admission is FREE (with donations accepted)

A boutique will be available, sponsored by the Berry Basket Quilters. Refreshments will also be available in the Mill kitchen. For further information, contact Libby at 609-535-5603 or at libby1555@aol.com. Call Libby to schedule your participation in the Quilt Show by displaying a quilt (whether you made it yourself or it was given to you, the workmanship is appreciated by us all).

The 31st ANNUAL ART, WINE & MUSIC FESTIVAL and WINE n' SHINE CAR SHOW

Sunday, June 11th from 11:00 am—4:00 pm

Presented by the Medford Business Association

Medford's flower lined Main Street comes alive each second Sunday in June to welcome attendees from the surrounding four-state area as tents are filled with creative arts, crafts, fine wine, and good food. This year, eleven (11) wineries and Medford's three local breweries are interspersed between the arts and crafts booths while local bands play live music throughout the afternoon. The whole family can enjoy a variety of entertainment.

Plus, the Medford Lakes Corvette Club joins us on Main Street with The Wine n' Shine Car Show.

For more info visit, <https://medfordbusiness.org/events/awmf/>





GRANT\$, GRANT\$ & EVEN MORE GRANT\$!!

The Township Council proudly announces that Medford has received the following grants this calendar year, which will allow Medford officials to leverage municipal capital improvement funds and local budget monies to undertake several major improvement projects and service initiatives in the Township. Under the direction of the Township Council, the administration and staff, working in close coordination with the Township's Engineer and Planners, work diligently throughout the year seeking and applying for federal, state, county and private funds to enhance Township operations and delivery of services.

Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Grant = \$1,486,000

This highly competitive grant from the NJ Department of Transportation will allow Township officials to construct a Main Street north to south bicycle & pedestrian connector from Church & Wilkins Station Road along Main Street/County Route 541 through the Village to Chapel Avenue. Major streetscape improvements will also be included in the overall project as funded by this grant. Lighting enhancements will be taking place this summer with federal American Recovery Program (ARP) grant monies previously awarded to Medford Township.

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant = \$200,000

The SS4A grant program supports the US Department of Transportation's National Roadway Safety Strategy and their goal of zero roadway deaths. This grant from the USDOT will allow Medford Township to develop a comprehensive Action Plan to address pedestrian & bicycling safety throughout the Township, especially since many roadways and neighborhoods were developed without sidewalks and/or wide shoulders.

Community Development Block Grant =\$100,000

This federal grant, as administered by the Burlington County Community Development Office, will allow Medford to construct Phase II of the Union Street & Allen Avenue barrier removal project, including handi-capped curb cuts at all crosswalks and installation of new sidewalk along both streets.

Local Recreational Improvement Grant = \$82,000

This grant from the NJ Department of Community Affairs will allow Township officials to make repairs to the Freedom Park Skatepark and also make improvements to the auxiliary parking lot used for both the skate-park and the new pickleball courts.

NJ Department of Transportation Local Aid Grant (FY 2023) = \$316,870

This grant will fund Phase II of the Eayrestown Road rehabilitation project, including drainage and stormwater management improvements. When ultimately completed, the entire length of Eayrestown Road from the Medford border to Route 70 will be reconstructed.

NJ Clean Communities Grant = \$78,698.25

This grant from the NJ Clean Communities Council funds litter removal programs that beautify communities, improves water quality, reduces localized flooding, and protects natural habitats.

Federal American Recovery Program Grant = \$43,000

As administered by the NJ State Division of Local Government Services, this grant enabled the Fire & EMS Department to purchase personal protective gear for their staff and volunteers.



DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

The Township seeks a Director of Public Works & Utilities overseeing public works and municipal utilities. The successful candidate shall have a minimum of five (5) years of experience in Municipal Government; a Certificate of Public Works Management (CPWM) is desired. Duties include, but are not limited to, the overall administration of streets and roads, buildings and grounds, park maintenance, water and sewer services and budget development and maintenance. Salary is negotiable depending on qualifications (DOQ). Please send a letter of interest and resume along with salary requirements to the attention of Ms. Dawn Bielec, HR Coordinator, c/o Director of Public Works & Utilities, Medford Township, 49 Union Street, Medford, NJ 08055 by Wednesday, June 21, 2023. E.O.E.

LINESMAN (UTILITIES DIVISION- DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Position includes paid holidays, vacation time, and sick time; as well as a comprehensive benefit package. Applicants must possess a high school diploma or equivalent and be a minimum of 18 years old. Applicants should have a mechanical ability and experience in use of power equipment. Applicants should possess or have the ability to obtain a NJ Commercial Driver's License, Class B with Air Brake endorsement and have a clean driving record. Applicants should be able to lift a minimum of 50 pounds, be in good physical health, and submit to a thorough background check and drug screening prior to employment. Salary for this position per the Union Contract is \$17.62/hr. or \$36,649.60/ year. Applications may be obtained at www.medfordtownship.com/jobopportunities. Applications and/or resumes should be sent to Dawn Bielec, HR Coordinator, Medford Town Hall, 49 Union Street, Medford, NJ 08055 by June 21, 2023. EOE

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS (Part-time)

The Medford Township Department of Fire & EMS is currently accepting resumes for Part-Time Emergency Medical Technicians. Applicants must hold current NJ EMT-B, current CPR Certification, a valid NJ driver's license & be physically capable of performing all duties involving emergency medical services. Interested applicants will complete an oral interview, criminal background check, and a physical agility test. Send resume to Township of Medford, Personnel, Attn: Chief Robert Dovi, 1 Firehouse Lane, Medford, NJ 08055. EOE

CROSSING GUARDS

Substitute positions available. Obtain application from the link below or at Medford Town Hall, 49 Union St., Medford and submit to the Personnel Office. EOE

All employment opportunities and a Job Application Form are posted to the Township Website here: <https://www.medfordtownship.com/JobOpportunities>.



CRANBERRY HALL SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM SPOTLIGHTS

The volunteer coordinators are seeking seniors interested in learning to play **Contract Bridge** or reviewing and improving their skills. If there is enough interest, the class will be for 8 weeks to start in June. The program will be scheduled for Tuesdays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. If you are interested, please visit Cranberry Hall to register. There is no Fee.

The **Project Healthy Bones** class has resumed. The class is designed for Osteoporosis prevention, exercise and education. It is made of four types of exercises: posture, balance, strength and flexibility. There is time for socialization as well as exercise. The class takes place at Cranberry Hall on Thursdays from 10:00 until 11:30 am. You may join at any time. If you

have questions, contact Pat Angermeier at repurposed2rescue@gmail.com.

Cranberry Hall is located at 88 Charles Street, behind the Medford Village Car Care Center.

SENIOR CITIZEN TENNIS PLAYERS TAKE NOTE

The tennis group of the Medford Senior Center is looking for additional men and women to join their friendly, happy group of intermediate tennis players ranging in competitive ability from 2.5 on up.

They play Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at the township courts at Headwater Village.

They look forward to receiving an email or call from any tennis player who is interested in joining our happy band of players. Please direct your requests through the secretary of our club, Beryl Whelan, bwhelan37@gmail.com or call 609-760-1562.



PINELANDS BRANCH LIBRARY JUNE HAPPENINGS

**Book Festival at the Burlington County Library | 5 Pioneer Boulevard, Westampton, NJ 08060
Saturday, June 3rd | 11 am – 4 pm**

Explore the world of literature at our first Burlington County Book Festival! During the festival, BCLS will present dozens of notable authors ready to discuss, autograph and sell their work. Books for adults, young adults and children will be featured, and a wide variety of genres will be showcased, including mystery, fantasy, romance, historical fiction, nonfiction and more. Check out which authors will be in attendance and plan your visit by browsing the planned activities ahead of arriving on June 3. Whether you're a fan of fiction or nonfiction – or both – if you love books, you'll love this event! Be sure to mark your calendar and join us for an amazing day at the library. Sponsored by Holman, PSEG, TD Bank and SJ Magazine.

Summer Reading (June 19 – August 12)

Get ready to have fun—it's almost time for Summer Reading! Join us at any Burlington County Library location for programs and events featuring musical performances, hands-on activities, arts and crafts, and more! We encourage you to participate in the theme "All Together Now" while reading books, writing books reviews, and completing activities as you earn digital badges on Beanstack, our reading tracker. Summer Reading begins Monday, June 19, so be sure to visit your local branch to sign up for a library card and get started today!

Red Cross Blood Drive (Wednesday, June 28)

The Pinelands Library is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive on Wednesday, June 28th from 1:30-6:30pm. It only takes 15 minutes of your day to save up to three lives. Appointments can be scheduled on the Red Cross website at www.redcrossblood.org. Sponsor code is Medford Community.

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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