

MAY 2023



THE MEDFORD MESSENGER

"WHAT'S UP IN MEDFORD"

May 2023 Events

<u>Medford First Friday & Art Walk</u> along Main Street. Friday, May 5th from 5:00-9:00 pm. Sponsored by the Main Street Merchants & the Medford Arts Center. <u>www.MedfordMainStreet.com</u>

<u>Art & Craft Fair</u>—Saturday, May 6th from 10 am—4 pm at the Medford Arts Center & Main Street Gazebo. See page 5 for more information.

<u>3rd Thursday Food Trucks on Main Street</u>—Thursday, May 18th from 5:00-9:00 pm along Main Street. The Twp. Council has made this township sponsored event an amazing and fun night for the entire region!



Click **HERE** or check the Twp. website for a list of the fourteen!! (14) participating trucks and their unique & varying menus. Trucks are located between 45 South Main Street and 57 North 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 crosswalks are everywhere! *Parking is plentiful & easy! *Port-a-potties for your needs!

<u>Country Day at Kirby's Mill at Kirby's Mill</u>, Saturday, May 13th, from Noon to 4 PM. Sponsored by the Medford Historical Society. <u>www.medfordhistory.org</u>. (see page 5 for more info)

Medford EMS Open House, Sunday, May 21st from Noon-3:00 pm at Medford EMS, 20 Jackson Road. Featuring Ambulances, fire trucks, and station tours, giveaways & prizes, hands on training demonstrations for all ages, and info on services and volunteer opportunities. Lunch and snacks will be provided! <u>www.medfordems.org</u>.

<u>Medford Sunrise Rotary's Annual Burlington County Field of Honor</u>, May 27th through June 4th at Freedom Park. Sponsored by the Medford Sunrise Rotary. For more info & to sponsor a flag, visit <u>www.medfordsunriserotary.org.</u>

Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony, Monday, May 29th at 11:00 am. The parade route will start on Allen Avenue and turn onto North Main Street and proceed down Union Street and conclude in Freedom Park. Ceremonies at the Memorials on Main Street and in Freedom Park at the conclusion of the parade. (See the story on page 4 for more info)

Above Photo—Veterans Monuments on South Main Street next to the Medford Memorial Community Center.

*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 &

Flags at Field of Honor being flown in Freedom Park



2023 SPRING BRUSH COLLECTION PROGRAM

Below are the collection dates for the annual spring brush collection: <u>Remainder of Spring Collection Schedule</u> Zone 1: Week of May 1st Zone 3: Weeks of May 8th & 15th Zone 5: Weeks of May 22nd & 29th 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, weeks, 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.



HUNTING PROHIBITED ON ALL TOWNSHIP PROPERTY

Per The Township's Administrative Code #109-3 (Parks & Playgrounds), it is prohibited to "hold, posses, or use any firearm or weapon in or within 300 feet of any park, playground or open space area," and "molest, trap, capture or hunt, remove, injure or kill any animal or disturb its habitat, except in portions of any park or open space area designated as open for fishing." Township property has been posted and hunting restrictions will be enforced.

TROUT SEASON IS NOW OPEN!

Anglers of all ages can now head to their favorite fishing spots as of last month.

The Pequest Trout Hatchery has stocked New Jersey waterways with more than 180,000 rainbow trout. This includes the southwest branch of the Rancocas Creek in Medford. Public fishing access is available in Medford Park (entrances off of Mill Street and Gill Road/Allen Avenue), in Tomlinson Park at the corner of South Main

Street & Allen Avenue, along the Creek from South Main Street to Branch Street (no vehicles on the trail please!), and at Kirby's Mill on Church Road.

For an interactive map of all stocked fresh waterways in NJ click visit the NJ Fish & Wildlife website or click <u>HERE</u>.

Anyone aged 16 or older must obtain a New Jersey fishing license and trout stamp to fish for trout. For more info, visit: https://dep.nj.gov/njfw/fishing/freshwater/buy-a-license/.

Next month, the Medford Vincentown Rotary will be sponsoring a Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 17th in Medford/ Tomlinson Park. Since this is a State sanctioned "Take a Kid Fishing Day" event, no fishing licenses are required.



MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY/TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

The Township Offices, including the Township DPW Yard, will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day. Trash will be delayed by one day for the holiday— Monday's collection will be Tuesday, Tuesday's collection will be Wednesday, Wednesday's collection will be Thursday, Thursday's collection will be Friday and Friday's collection will be Saturday.

PLANNING & ZONING OFFICE HOURS ADJUSTED IN MAY

Due to staffing limitations, the Planning and Zoning Office will be closed to the public on May 5th, May 9th, May 19th & May 26th. We apologize for any inconveniences.

Inquiries may be sent via email or phone, and will be answered as soon as possible.

PICKLEBALL COURTS ALMOST COMPLETED!

The four new pickleball courts are almost complete in Freedom Park! The final painting of the Courts and installation of the nets is all that remains until the grand opening!

The need for pickleball courts was expressed in several public hearings when the Township's Recreation & Open Space Master Plan was being developed and adopted in 2019. In response, the Township Council budgeted capital improvement project funds to construct the courts, which are located near the skatepark and community garden area of Freedom Park.

Once the courts have been 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.

There will be designated times set aside for beginners, intermediates, and advanced players. Time will also be set aside for a seniors instructional program operated under the auspices of the Cranberry Hall Senior Center. When the opening of the Courts is announced, the schedule will be posted on the homepage of the Township website.

Open play is built into the schedule, and given the anticipated demand, we ask that the common pickleball courtesies be extended to waiting players. Click <u>HERE</u> for the Rules & Court Use Etiquette.

The date of official opening will be announced on the Township website and official Facebook page. Stay tuned!







New Jersey's E-Bike & E-Scooter Law

VEHICLE TYPES	PROPULSION METHOD	POWER SOURCE	MAX ASSISTED SPEED (MPH)	LICENSE & REGISTRATION	HELMET	PARK ON THE SIDEWALK?	TAKE ON TRANSIT?	
LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC SCOOTER	Kickstart and throttle	Electric	19mph	No	Under 17 years old	If not blocking access	Yes*	
ELECTRIC BICYCLE	Pedal and/or throttle	Electric (<750W)	20mph	No	Under 17 years old	lf not blocking access	Yes*	
	Pedal and throttle	Gas or Electric (<50cc/<1.5BHP)	28mph	Required	Required	No	No	

http://njbikeped.org/new-law-legalized-e-bikes-and-e-scooters-in-new-jersey/

E-mobility devices make it easier to:

- Save on gas, parking, and rideshare costs.
- Access destinations without needing to walk or drive.
- Reduce carbon emissions.
- Make "first-mile" and "last-mile" connections for bus and train trips.
- Climb hills and keep up with traffic without getting sweaty.
- Help people with limitations due to age, physical fitness levels, or disabilities.



* Restrictions may vary by agency. PATH and NJT restrict non-collapsible vehicles during peak travel times. Bus racks have limited availability and may not fit all bikes.

Low-speed e-bikes and e-scooters are regulated like bicycles. Drivers of low-speed e-bikes and e-scooters:

- Must ride in the same direction as traffic and obey all traffic lights, signs, and signals.
- Are advised to wear helmets to minimize potential head injury. Helmets are required in NJ for youth under age 17.
- Must park devices without blocking pedestrian and/or wheelchair access.
- Should not ride on sidewalks. Off-road trails generally do not allow motorized bicycles, but may allow e-bikes and e-scooters. Regulations vary by municipality and county. Check all local ordinances and policies. Ride slowly in areas with pedestrians.

2023 MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCES PROGRAMS OFFERED ON SATURDAY, MAY 27TH AND MONDAY, MAY 29TH

The Township Council & Medford VFW Post #7677 are pleased to announce that they will hold Medford's Annual Memorial Day Parade & Observances on **Monday, May 29th**, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

As a reminder, as of 2019 the Parade route has changed. The Parade will now start at Allen School on Allen Avenue near Union Street, and proceed east to South Main Street. The Parade will turn left onto South Main Street; stopping briefly at the War Memorials adjacent to the Medford Memorial Community Center at 26 South Main Street to raise the flag, present a wreath and offer a 21-gun salute. The Parade will then re-start and continue north, turning left on Union Street. The Parade concludes in Freedom Park at 86 Union Street. The ceremony will start immediately at the conclusion of the Parade in Freedom Park.

Parade participants will include members of the VFW Post #7677, the Shawnee High School Marching Band, the Medford Police Department, Medford EMS, the Union & Taunton Fire Companies, the Nam Knights, the Civil Air Patrol-Air Victory Museum Composite Squadron. Medford Masonic Lodge #178, the Warrior Watch Riders, as well as many other public safety representatives and military re-enactment associations from neighboring communities.

This year's Grand Marshall is William (Bill) J. Dorman. He served in the US Air Force for 13 years from 1947-1960 as a Platoon Sergeant, Management Instructor, and Management Consultant in the US, Okinawa and Alaska; including the Air Defense Command/NORAD at Ent AFB in Colorado Springs. After his service concluded, Sgt. Dorman also developed strategic plans, product and business opportunities while employed at Bausch and Lomb Scientific Instrument Division in Rochester and the ITEK Corporation of Rochester and Boston, MA. Bill then went on to Found the Dorman Management Consulting firm in the mid-1960's. He has traveled extensively throughout the US, Europe, Norway and Brazil assisting Fortune 1000 clients in developing new business and products. Upon retirement, he was an Adjunct Professor at the Wharton Business School for five years. He has also developed and led adult discussions about Emotional Intelligence for six years, and remained active in community service with his Church, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Music, Baseball, Ice Hockey and Golf throughout his life.

The Township Council invites and encourages Veterans to march in the Parade or join them in a vehicle. Local Scout troops and civic organizations who wish to march in the parade are also encouraged to do so and should contact the Beth Portocalis at the Municipal Offices

(bportocalis@medfordtownship.com) or by calling 609-654-2608 x330. Also, participation in the parade on decorated bicycles is highly encouraged. Bikers should report to the Allen School staging area by 10:45 a.m., and must wear safety helmets.

Preceding the Memorial Day observances, on **Saturday, May 27th**, VFW Post #7677 is planning to perform memorial services at each of the three Medford Township cemeteries east of Main Street (Family Ministry at Branch and Filbert Streets, the Baptist Cemetery and the Odd Fellows Cemetery) in the usual sequence, commencing at noon. The small gated cemetery on Stokes Road @ Himmelein Road is also included. Accordingly, the Parade route on Monday will not include stops



FIELD OF HONOR RETURNING TO FREEDOM PARK THE WEEK OF MEMORIAL DAY

On Friday, May 26, 2023, Rotarians and community volunteers will erect over 325 full-size American flags on 7.5' flag poles in Freedom Park—in perfectly symmetrical rows. Medallions will be placed on flags with details of the nominated "heroes." The Field of Honor® will remain for a full week, from May 26 through June 4, 2023.

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.

The Medford Sunrise Rotary held the county's first Field of Honor® over Memorial Day week, 2019. Hundreds of peo-



ple have since sponsored a flag in the name of a person whom they nominated as having exhibited Service Above Self. Each full-sized American flag is sponsored by a resident, business or Rotary club in honor of a hometown hero: perhaps a family member who gave their life in service to our nation; perhaps a first responder who saves lives and touches our community every day; maybe a beloved family member or friend who currently wears a uniform to keep our nation safe or honoring people who demonstrate Service Above Self by touching the lives of others.

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

Struggling to pay your water or sewer bills?

LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHWAP)

Provides financial assistance to low-income households to reduce balances on residential water and wastewater bills. Benefits are paid directly to water and wastewater companies, on behalf of residential customers.

waterassistance.nj.gov





COUNTRY DAY AT THE MILL

Saturday, May 13th, Noon - 4pm (Rain or Shine) Location - Kirby's Mill, 275 Church Road Sponsored by the Medford Historical Society www.MedfordHistory.org



The water wheel will be turning the millstones making cornmeal. Visitors can tour the historic Kirby's Mill housing the Society's museum collection. The Blacksmith Shop will be open with Rick Young at the forge. The Barn will be open for viewing the farm museum exhibits. The Society's collection of wagons and buggies will be on display in the Wagon Shed. Historic crafters at work include broom maker, Sam Moyer, basketmaker, Gretchen Birdsall along with others. Antique machines will be on display and working. Members of the SJ Guild of Spinners and Weavers will apply their craft on an antique loom. Other demonstrations include the big wheel lathe in the Cabinetmaker Shop. Young people can be an "apprentice" turning the big wheel or working the morticing machine in the Carpenter Shop. Black powder rifle demonstrations and presentation of Civil War camp life will be featured by members of the 12th NJ Volunteer Infantry. Local musicians will be playing folk & pineland style music to complete the afternoon events at Kirby's Mill. Bring the family and step back in time...Admission is free. Light refreshments will be available.

***Next month is the MHS Annual Quilt Show & Sale on June 3rd & 4th. Contact them to participate as a quilt owner or quilter.!!





MEDFORD TOWNSHIP'S OPEN SPACE & FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Since 1990, over 3,300 acres of parks & open space and almost 2,400 acres of farmland have been permanently preserved in Medford.

The Township Council has leveraged a combination of State Green Acres Funds, State Farmland Preservation Funds, County Open Space funds and County Farmland Preservation funds with the Township's Open Space tax in order to determinedly preserve these areas as deedrestricted farms or open space in perpetuity.

The Township Council has also willingly partnered with non-profits such

as the Rancocas Conservancy, Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge, and other land preservation entities iincluding the NJDEP Division of Parks & Forestry in their efforts to preserve open space and farmland, either through outright purchase or the purchase of development rights.

In addition, since the release of the renowned McHarg Study of Medford and the introduction of the Pinelands Natural Reserve in 1980, all of the residential developments in Medford were approved with significant dedicated open space areas, meaning they cannot be developed in the future for additional housing. The chart below was taken from the Township's Recreation & Open Space Element to our Master Plan, adopted in 2021 by the Township Council and the Planning Board, and outlines that over 44% of Medford is permanently preserved!! .

Residents interested in learning more about the Township's Open Space & Farmland Preservation Programs should contact the Township Manager's Office at 609-654-2608 x330.

Permanently Preserved Open Space & Recreation Areas

Bende, Cranberry/Still & Bob Meyer F	Parks — 42 acres				
Freedom & Medford Parks and Ranco	ocas Creek Trails — 250 acres				
Hartford Crossing Park—122 acres					
Worrell Field - 24 acres					
Headwater Open Space—90 acres	50				
Lambeth Walk & Lakeside Open Spa					
YMCA of the Pines (Camp Ockanicko	· · ·				
The Sanctuary Open Space —- 750	acres				
JCC Camp — 114 acres					
Rancocas Conservancy — 28 acres					
Wollman Farm — 185 acres					
Dr. Still Office & Bunning Farm (NJDE	EP) — 40 acres				
Kirby's Mill/Lake Cotoxen — 20 acres	; ;				
Cow Pointe — 158 acres					
Whalen Farm — 46 acres	Total Land Area and Open Space by O				
Shendock Farm— 76 acres					
Girl Scout Camp — 63 acres	Township of Medford Total Land Area				
Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge — 179	ROSI Fee Simple for Recreation				
acres	ROSI Fee Simple for Conservation				
Brick Farm / Bogs (NJDEP/Wharton	ROSI Conservation Restriction for Recr				
• • •	Other Township Owned Fee Simple				
State Forest) — 393 acres	Private Conservancy Lands				
Permanently Preserved	State of New Jersey County, Regional, and Municipal Schoo				
	Private Neighborhood/ Development/				
<u>Farmland</u>	Medford & Burlington County Farmlan				
Stokelan/Fieldstone — 233 acres	Open Space total				
Johnson's Farm — 90 acres	Planned Open Space and Farmland Ac				
Jennings Farm — 100 acres	Medford Target for Open Space Acquis				
Gerber Farm — 687 acres	Medford & Burlington County Target for				

Whalen Farm — 46 acres	Total Land Area and Open Space by Ownership	Acres	Land Area
Shendock Farm— 76 acres			
Girl Scout Camp — 63 acres	Township of Medford Total Land Area	25,473.40	
Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge — 179	ROSI Fee Simple for Recreation	704.380	2.77%
	ROSI Fee Simple for Conservation	773.190	3.04%
	ROSI Conservation Restriction for Recreation and Conservation	1,002.358	3.93%
Brick Farm / Bogs (NJDEP/Wharton	Other Township Owned Fee Simple	344.463	1.35%
State Forest) — 393 acres	Private Conservancy Lands	620.000	2.43%
	State of New Jersey	3,446.328	13.53%
Permanently Preserved	County, Regional, and Municipal School Districts	597.410	2.35%
Farmland	Private Neighborhood/ Development/ Other Private Lands	1,503.750	5.90%
	Medford & Burlington County Farmland Preservation	2,249.780	8.83%
Stokelan/Fieldstone — 233 acres	Open Space total	11,241.659	44.13%
Johnson's Farm — 90 acres			
	Planned Open Space and Farmland Acquisition		
Jennings Farm — 100 acres	Medford Target for Open Space Acquisition	326.550	1.28%
Gerber Farm — 687 acres	Medford & Burlington County Target for Farmland Preservation	895.530	3.52%
Indian Acres Tree Farm—134 acres	Planned Open Space and Farmland Acquisition Total	1,222.080	4.80%
Eni Farm (Branin Rd) — 164 acres			
Muckenfuss Farm — 133 acres	Township Fee Simple and Conservation Easements	2,824.391	11.09%
Brick Cranberry Bogs — 800 acres	Township Fee Simple Only	1,822.033	7.15%
· -	ROSI Recreation Conservation and Restriction	2,479.93	9.74%
Adams (Branin Rd) Farm -30 acres	Conservation & Conservation Restriction	1,775.55	6.97%
	Private Conservancy & State	4,066.33	15.96%
	Private, School Districts, and Farmland Preservation	4,350.94	17.08%

Percent

RESPECT YOUR PARK DAY May 13th from 9am-1pm







If you will be able to join us, please RSVP to this event! We look forward to bringing our community together to improve our incredible park!

National Dog Park Day is May 6th.

Did you know that the Freedom Park Dog Park is one of the Top Ten amazing Dog Parks in the United States according to USA Today?!?! (http://www.usatoday.com/story/travel/destinations/10greatplaces/2015/03/27/dogparks/70481392/)

The Freedom Barks Dog Park Committee has also launched an online visitor survey open thru May 6th: https:// form.jotform.com/230244505735047

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



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Medford Township Police Department

91 Union Street Medford, New Jersey 08055



HIRING ANNOUNCMENT

The Medford Township Police Department is recruiting for the position of a part time Police Services Agent. We are seeking an energetic, enthusiastic, and hard-working individual to join our professional police department. Prior law enforcement experience is preferred for this position.

The part time Police Services Agent primary responsibilities will mainly consist of the following tasks:

- . Assisting with the coordination and investigation of firearms permitting investigations.
- Assisting the Criminal Investigations Bureau with the criminal intelligence function. Other administrative tasks

Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest along with a resume to the Human Resources Coordinator, Dawn Bielec at 49 Union Street Medford, NJ 08055 no later than Monday, May 8, 2023.

Medford Township is an equal opportunity employer.

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

For more info and an Application Form, visit: https:// www.medfordtownship.com/ **JobOpportunities**

CROSSING GUARDS

Substitute positions available. Obtain application from the above link or at the Medford Municipal Bldg., 49 Union St., Medford and submit to the Personnel Office. EOE



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.

www.medfordtownship.com https://www.facebook.com/medfordtownship/

SPONSORED BY THE FREEDOM BARKS DOG **PARK VOLUNTEER COM-**

MITTEE — a non-profit dedicated to assisting the Township with improvements and maintenance at the Duke's Dog Run off leash areas of Freedom Park.

Visit www.freedombarks.com or their official Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/

FreedomBarksDogPark for more information about Freedom Barks and their initia-