

OCTOBER 2023



THE MEDFORD MESSENGER

"WHAT'S UP IN MEDFORD"

OCTOBER 2023 EVENTS

<u>Medford First Friday & Art Walk</u> along Main Street. Friday, October 6th from 5:00-9:00 pm. Sponsored by the Main Street Merchants & the Medford Arts Center. <u>www.MedfordMainStreet.com</u>

<u>Scarecrow Festival & Contest along Main Street</u>. Sat., October 7th starting at 9:00 am. Sponsored by the Medford Woman's Club. To enter or for more info, visit: medfordwomansclub.com/scarecrows-on-main



<u>Medford Historical Society's Annual Apple Festival</u>, Saturday, October 14th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Kirby's Mill, 275 Church Road. Food will be available for purchase. This is a rain or shine event. Proceeds benefit the Historical Society. <u>www.medfordhistory.org</u>.

<u>3rd Thursday Food Trucks on Main Street</u> — October 19 from 5:00-9:00 pm along Main Street. Click <u>HERE</u> 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 S. Main Street to 57 N. Main Street. 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!

Fall Festival along Main Street. Saturday, October 21st from 12;00 noon—8:00 pm. Featuring food trucks, music, shopping, trunk-or-treating, a costume contest & the NJ State Steinholding Championship! Sponsored by the Main Street Merchants Association.

<u>76th Annual Halloween Parade</u>, Saturday, October 28th starting at 7:00 pm along Main Street (from Firehouse Lane to Haines School) Sponsored by the Medford Vincentown Rotary Club. To participate as a group or with a float, please visit their website at:

www.medfordhalloweenparade.com. **Please Note: No objects, such as chairs or caution tape/rope, should be placed along the parade route until 9:00 am on the morning of the parade. Items placed along the parade route prior to October 28th may be removed for safety reasons, as they block access to the shops, restaurants & residences along Main Street.

Above Photo—Fall Rainbow over Cow Pointe by Irene Taschek

*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 LIBRARY

BUSINESS: -Medford Business Association

-<u>Main Street Merchants of</u> <u>Historic Medford Village</u>

DPW SERVICES:

-<u>Brush and Leaf Collection</u> -<u>Brush and Leaf Zones</u> -<u>Recycling</u> -**Trash Related Issues**-Missed Collections and Can Replacements and/or repairs Please contact our vendor Republic Services directly at (856) 533-5270; 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:

-<u>Town Calendar</u> -<u>Medford Police</u> -<u>Medford Fire & EMS</u> -<u>Senior Citizens</u> -<u>Parks and Recreation</u> & Pavilion Rentals

BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Township officials announced in June that Brush will be collected on a monthly basis. This trial program will run through December, 2023.

The collection program will follow the monthly schedule below for the remainder of the year:

October, 2023:

Week of 10/2– Zones 1 and 2 will be collected Week of 10/9 – Zone 3 will be collected Week of 10/16 – Zone 4 will be collected Week of 10/23 – Zone 5 will be collected Week of 10/30 – crews will complete any areas that may have been delayed

November, 2023:

Week of 11/6 – Zones 1 and 2 will be collected Week of 11/13 – Zone 3 will be collected Week of 11/20 – Zone 4 will be collected Week of 11/27 – Zone 5 will be collected

December, 2023:

Week of 12/4 – Zones 1 and 2 will be collected Week of 12/11 – Zone 3 will be collected Week of 12/18 – Zone 4 will be collected Week of 12/25 – Zone 5 will be collected



Requirements for brush collection will remain the same. All brush must be placed at the street no earlier than ten (10) days before a scheduled collection. In the fall months, brush and leaves must be separated. Brush must be at the street by 6 am on the Monday of the scheduled collection week. Each street will be collected once.

For more information, please refer to the Township website here: <u>https://www.medfordtownship.com/</u> <u>content/233/251/327.aspx</u>

For a map of the Zones that can be found on the Township website, use this link: <u>https://</u>www.medfordtownship.com/.../Medford Leaf and...

Questions about this trial collection program should be directed to the Department of Public Works at 609-654-6791. We appreciate any feedback on this program as it runs through the next six months.

LAST SHREDDING DATE FOR 2023

The Department of Public Works is pleased at announce its last scheduled free residential shredding event for 2023 will be on Saturday, October 7th, 2023 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon at the DPW Yard, located at 2 Commonwealth Drive (behind Bob Meyer Park)

FOR MEDFORD TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY -- ABSOLUTELY 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.

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 Program.

The DPW Yard/Township Garage is open from 8:00 am till 1:00 pm to accept all other waste and recycling materials.

For more information, call Judy Scherf, our Recycling & Clean Communities Coordinator at 609-654-6791, ext 322

COLUMBUS DAY HOURS & TRASH SCHEDULE

Township Offices and the Township Garage/DPW Yard will be closed on Monday, October 9th in observance of Columbus Day. Trash collection for the week will be collected as scheduled.

PUBLIC NOTICE—NOTICE OF TAX LIEN SALE

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE OF PROPERTY FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER MUNICIPAL CHARGES.

Payments prior to the Tax Sale must be made by Guaranteed Funds and will be accepted until 3:00 pm Tues., October 24, 2023

Notice is hereby given that the Tax Collector of the taxing district of the Township of Medford, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, will on **Wednesday**, **October 25**, **2023** at 9:00 am on-line expose for lien sale and sell several tracts of land on which taxes, water/sewer utility and/or other municipal charges for the 2022 (and prior) tax year remain unpaid and subject to "installments not due yet".

Bidders should submit their bids no later than the date and time of the sale set forth in this notice @ <u>https://</u><u>medford.newjerseytaxsale.com</u>

Said properties will be sold subject to redemption at the lowest rate of interest but not to exceed 18% per annum. The payment for liens purchased shall be made through the online auction site via wire transfer.

Industrial properties may be subject to the Spill Compensation and Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11 et seq.), the Water Pollution Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq.), and the Industrial Site Recovery Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1K-6 et seq.). In addition, the Municipality is precluded from issuing a Tax Sale Certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner or operator of the site.

In the event that the owner of the property is on Active Duty within the Military Service, the Tax Collector should be notified immediately.

The said land(s) and the names of the persons who have been assessed as owners of said land(s) and the total amount due and owing on said land(s) are as follows by clicking <u>HERE</u>.



HUNTING PROHIBITED IN TWP. PARKS & OPEN SPACE AREAS

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." For rules in State-owned parks & open space, visit www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/hunting/

HALLOWEEN TRICK or TREATING HOURS

The recommended hours for Halloween Trick or Treating on Tuesday, October 31st are 3:00 pm—8:00 pm. Residents and/or businesses who will be giving away treats are asked to turn on porch lights. Participants are asked not to visit homes or businesses that do not have lights on.



Children should wear light colors and/or reflective gear and carry a flashlight after dark.

EARLY VOTING & VOTE BY MAIL

In-person early voting for the November 7th General Election will begin on Saturday, October 28th and continue through Sunday, November 5th. Early voting polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekdays and Saturday and from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Burlington County voters will be able to cast their ballot in person on a voting machine at Medford Town Hall, located at 49 Union Street There are additional early voting locations available throughout Burlington County. The

early voting locations can be obtained from the Burlington County Clerk's Office. For more info, visit their website at: www.co.burlington.nj.us/192/County-Clerk

If you are currently registered with the County Clerk's Office to "vote by mail", you will be limited to voting either by mail, or by provisional ballot at the polls. If you do not wish to continue to vote by mail, then you must notify the Burlington County Clerk's Office that you wish to be taken off of the "Vote by Mail" list.





COUNCIL SEEKING RESIDENTS TO SERVE FOR 2024

The Township Council is extending an open invitation to residents interested in serving on the Township's Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Economic Development Commission, Green Team Advisory Committee and Environmental Affairs Advisory Committee to fill annual appointments beginning in January 2024.

Residents interested in an appointment to any of these Boards & Committees shall complete the Application that can be found by clicking <u>HERE</u>, on the Boards & Commissions page on the Township website (medfordtownship.com/boards-commissions) or in the Manager's Office at Medford Town Hall at 49 Union Street.

Each Board has their own page on the website that explains their roles and duties, meeting dates, etc.

The completed application, along with a brief cover letter and/or statement of qualifications to serve, must be submitted to the attention of the Township Manager's Office, 49 Union Street, Medford, NJ 08055 or by e-mail to Dawn Bielec, Deputy Clerk & HR Coordinator (dbielec@medfordtownship.com) by Tuesday, November 21, 2023. For more info, contact the Manager's Office at 609-654-2608 x334.



COUNCIL TRANSFERS OWNERSHIP OF HAINES/TOMLINSON HOUSE TO THE MEDFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

After several months of communication with the leadership of the Medford Historical Society (MHS), the Medford Township Council is most pleased to announce that the Historical Society will acquire the historic Haines/Tomlinson House that is directly in front of the Town Hall & Library Building at 51 Union Street.

This historic house stands on .801 acres of subdivided property. Built in 1760, it is a brick

colonial farmhouse believed to be the oldest house in what is known as Medford Village. The house was originally built by the prominent Haines family but was also used as the residence and law office of former Medford Mayor Ephraim Tomlinson.

The Historical Society hopes that with the help of Medford supporters, businesses, the Township, and volunteers that this property will become an attractive and stable anchor to Medford Village and bring the Historical Society's presence to the heart of Medford.

The Medford Historical Society is primarily organized around Project Leaders for events and properties. Medford village resident Michael Gallagher will lead the effort to restore and maintain the Haines/Tomlinson House. Mike is a Research Ecologist (Ph.D.) with the U.S. Forestry Service. Mike says his real love is history, but somehow finds himself as an ecologist!

Activities at the Haines/Tomlinson house will include a museum showcasing local history. Anyone with artifacts that they would like to donate may direct them to either the Kirby's Mill or Haines/Tomlinson museums by contacting the Medford Historical Society at: <u>contactus@medfordhistory.org</u> or via Medford Historical Society, PO Box 362, Medford NJ 08055.

The Medford Historical Society is a non-profit corporation in the State of New Jersey and is registered as a charity SIC #5006-04935. Their Federal Tax Exempt Number is 22-1911164. They are exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501©) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code dated 12/7/71. Donors may deduct contributions to the Medford Historical Society as provided in Section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers or gifts to the Medford Historical Society are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes under Sections 2055, #2106, and 2522 of the Code.





ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Full-time)

Qualified candidate must have excellent customer service skills while being detailed oriented working in a fastpaced office. Proficient in Microsoft Office & general office systems is required. Full time position, 35 hours per week. Position includes paid holidays, vacation time, sick time, as well as a comprehensive health benefits package. Hourly rate is \$15.00. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest along with a current resume or an Application Form (<u>HERE</u>) to the attention of Dawn Bielec, HR Coordinator, Township of Medford, 49 Union Street, Medford, NJ 08055-2432 no later than Friday, October 13, 2023. Applications & resumes will also be accepted by email to: dbielec@medfordtownship.com. EOE

HELPER - PUBLIC WORKS (Full-time)

Applicants must possess a high school diploma or equivalent and be a minimum of 18 years old. The successful candidate will perform various tasks including road maintenance, buildings and grounds maintenance, park and playground maintenance, leaf collection and snow removal. Applicants should possess or have the ability to obtain a NJ Commercial Driver's License, Class B with Air Brake endorsement within one (1) year of employment and have a clean driving record. Applicants should be able to lift a minimum of 50 pounds, be in good physical health. Candidates must submit to a thorough background and drug screening prior to employment. Salary for this position is \$18.43/hour or \$38,334.40/year. Position includes paid holidays, vacation time, sick time, as well as a comprehensive health benefits package. Applications may be obtained by clicking <u>HERE</u> or at 49 Union Street, Medford, NJ 08055. Resumes or applications should be sent to Dawn Bielec, HR Coordinator, Township of Medford, 49 Union St., Medford, NJ 08055-2432 by Friday, October 13, 2023. Applications & resumes will also be accepted by email to: dbielec@medfordtownship.com. EOE

LINESMAN—UTILITY DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS DEEPARTMENT (Full-time)

Linesman within the Department of Public Works-Utilities Division. 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/hour or \$36,649.60/year. Applications may be obtained by clicking <u>HERE</u>. Applications or resumes should be sent to Dawn Bielec, HR Coordinator, Township of Medford, 49 Union St., Medford, NJ 08055-2432 by Friday, October 13, 2023. Applications & resumes will also be accepted by email to: dbielec@medfordtownship.com. EOE

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS (Part-time)

The 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 Twp. Website here: https://medfordtownship.com/JobOpportunities/





CRANBERRY HALL SENIOR CENTER SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Detective Patrick Robey of the Medford Police Department will be giving a presentation on how to **avoid phishing and other forms of telephone, email and letter scams** at Cranberry Hall on <u>Thursday October 12th starting</u>

BEWARE OF SCAMMERS!

at 2:00 pm. This presentation is **FREE** and open to all Medford seniors. Cranberry Hall is located at 44 Charles Street; behind the Medford Village Car Care Center on North Main Street and adjacent to Dr. Still Park.

MEDICARE HEALTH INSURANCE	FREE EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR: KNOW YOUR MEDICARE OPTIONS 2024
Name/Nombre	During this Free Educational Seminar, you will learn:
Medicare Number/Número de Medicare Entitled to/Con derecho a Coverage starts/Cobertura empieza	 How Medicare works and what it covers How Part "D" prescription cards work and how to pick the right one for you The differences between Medicare supplements and Medicare Advantage plans
HOSPITAL (PART A) MEDICAL (PART B)	This seminar is suitable whether you are turning age 65 or have decisions to make during the upcoming open enrollment period of October 15th thru December 7th.

Or take advantage of this seminar to learn more as you prepare for retirement and will be in need of health care coverages under Medicare.

Presented by Daniel Lineberger, a Medicare planning specialist with DelVal Senior Advisors.

Date: Tuesday, October 10th, 2023 Time: 6:30 – 8:00 PM Location: Cranberry Hall Senior Center 44 Charles Street Medford, NJ 08055

To Register, please call or email Daniel Lineberger at (267) 263-8001 or dlineberger@delvalseniors.com

DelVal Senior Advisors has helped over 2000 seniors in the community and is retained by several well-known corporations to assist retiring employees plan for Medicare.

PINELANDS BRANCH LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Red Cross Blood Drive - Monday, October 16th The Pinelands Library is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive on <u>Monday</u>, <u>October 16th from 1:30-6:30pm</u>. It only takes 15 minutes of your day to save up to three lives. Appointments can be scheduled on the Red Cross website at <u>www.redcrossblood.org</u>.

-> ancestry

Accessible from library computers, this **Ancestry** resource can help you update your family tree or explore Census data, vital records, immigration records, family histories, military records, court and legal documents, directories, photos, maps, and more. Visit the Pinelands Library to check it out!



Help save a life. Schedule your blood donation appointment today.

> American Red Cross





<u>Town Hall Address</u>: 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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