



NOVEMBER 2023



Above Photo—Aerial of Lake Pine in the Fall by  
Matt Diener

**\*ADDITIONAL EVENTS:**

(\*please check the Twp. website & official Face-  
book page for more details & updates)

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Replacements and/or repairs  
Please contact our vendor Re-  
public Services directly at  
(856) 533-5270; or email:  
[LWilliams@republicservices.com](mailto:LWilliams@republicservices.com)  
or [Gburnsjr@republicservices.com](mailto:Gburnsjr@republicservices.com)

**IMPORTANT DUE DATE  
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# THE MEDFORD MESSENGER

## “WHAT’S UP IN MEDFORD”

### NOVEMBER 2023 EVENTS

**Medford First Friday//Art Walk & Haunted Ghost Walks** along Main Street. Friday, November 3rd from 5:00-9:00 pm. Ghost Walks also held on Saturday night, November 4th. Sponsored by the Main Street Merchants & the Medford Arts Center. [www.MedfordMainStreet.com](http://www.MedfordMainStreet.com)  
<https://mainstreetmedford.com/events/haunted-ghost-walk/>



**Veterans Day Observances**—Saturday, November 11th.  
Medford VFW Post #7677, in coordination with the Township Council, will conduct a Veterans Day service consisting of a prayer, wreath laying, rifle salute and the playing of taps at the Veterans monuments located next to the Medford Memorial Community Center (21 South Main Street) commencing at 11:00 am. Immediately following, the VFW Post members & Council will convoy to the Veterans monuments in Freedom Park (86 Union Street) and conduct a similar service. They will then return to their Post at 317 Church Road and conduct a similar service at their flagpole, followed by refreshments in the Hall.

**3rd Thursday Food Trucks on Main Street** — November 16th 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 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!

### UPCOMING EARLY DECEMBER 2023 EVENTS

**Friday, December 1st - First Friday on Main Street** 5:00-9:00 pm  
(Sponsored by the Main Street Merchants & Medford Arts Center)

**Saturday, December 2nd—Breakfast w/Santa** at YMCA of the Pines 8:00-11:00 am. (Sponsored by YMCA of the Pines)

**Saturday, December 2nd—Santa @ the One Room Schoolhouse** Mill Street. Noon—4 pm (Sponsored by the Medford Historical Society)

**Saturday, December 2nd—Annual Dickens Festival** along Main Street. 4:30—9:00 pm. (Sponsored by the Main Street Merchants)



## **BRUSH COLLECTION**

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:

### **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: <https://medfordtownship.com/brush-and-leaf-collection/> A map of the Zones can be found on the Township website at this link: [https://medfordtownship.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Medford Leaf and Brush Collection Map.pdf](https://medfordtownship.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Medford_Leaf_and_Brush_Collection_Map.pdf)

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.

## **ANNUAL FALL LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM TO COMMENCE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6th**

The 2023 annual Fall Leaf Collection program will begin the week of November 6th.

### **The schedule is as follows:**

**Zones 1 & 2: Weeks of November 6th and December 4th**

**Zone 5: Weeks of November 13th and December 11th**

**Zone 3: Weeks of November 20th and December 18th**

**Zone 4: Weeks of November 27th and December 25th**

Medford Township purchased two new leaf collection vehicles in 2022 that should greatly enhance leaf collection efforts. These vehicles will help complete collections quicker and easier. These trucks are self-contained units and only require one person to operate. This will reduce dump times and will increase the number of loads that can be disposed of during a regular work day. Please note that using these vehicles will require residents to follow strict collection guidelines.

Crews will collect each street once during the collection week. Leaves **MUST** be curbside by Monday morning of the scheduled collection week. Placing leaves at the street after the truck has passed will result in leaves not being collected until the next scheduled collection week.

Residents are encouraged to build enclosures out of four (4) foot vinyl construction fencing available at local home improvement stores. These enclosures should be placed parallel to the roadway and should be no further than ten (10) feet from the edge of the roadway. **PLEASE NOTE THAT TRUCKS WILL NOT LEAVE THE ROADWAY FOR ANY REASON TO COLLECT LEAVES.** Drivers will stay on the roadway to prevent damage to any private property and reduce the chance of getting stuck.



Leaves must be free of sticks, branches, tree parts, rocks, vines, or other foreign materials. These items will clog the suction tube resulting in increased down time and possible delays. Leaf piles that include any of these items **WILL NOT BE COLLECTED**.

**\*\*Any leaves placed at the street by landscapers, contractors, or anyone hired by a homeowner, must be removed by them. Township crews will record addresses where landscapers are actively working and any leaves placed at the street will not be collected by Township personnel.\*\***

Questions about leaf collection should be directed to the Department of Public Works at 609-654-6791.

**HOLIDAY OPERATIONAL SCHEDULES**

Municipal Offices & the DPW Garage will be closed on the following dates in November:

**Friday, November 10th—Veterans Day (observed)** \*Trash will be collected as scheduled

**Thursday, November 23rd & Friday, November 24th—Thanksgiving**

Trash will not be collected on Thursday. Thursday’s trash will be collected on Friday, and Friday’s trash will be collected on Saturday.

**Thursday, November 30th**— Municipal offices & the DPW Garage will be **closing at 11:30 am** for an employee function.

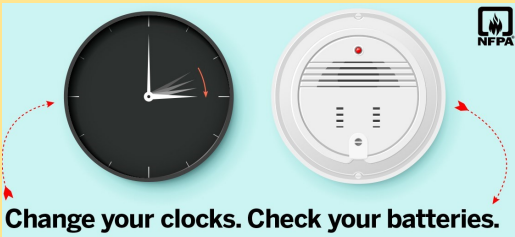


**NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGES**

As previously announced, the November monthly Zoning Board meeting will be held on Monday, November 13th, and the November monthly Planning Board meeting will be held on Monday, November 20th.



***Daylight Savings Time ends on November 5th. The Fire & EMS Department reminds you to check/replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.***



**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/](http://www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/hunting/)

**DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR HALLOWEEN PUMPKINS!**

Find woods or an open field near you, smash them open and leave for the wildlife to eat. Pumpkin is safe for them and the seeds act as a natural de-wormer. Be sure to break them up so the deer don't get their heads stuck inside!!

2.5 billion pumpkins are produced annually; and only one-fifth get reused. The rest end up decaying in landfills. So recycle those pumpkins to the wildlife, or consider donating to a place such as a local farm with animals or the Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge.



**GENERAL ELECTION DAY & EARLY VOTING**

In-person early voting for the November 7th General Election began on October 28th and will 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](http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/192/County-Clerk)

Election Day is Tuesday, November 7th. Polls open at 6:00 am and close at 8:00 pm. Your polling location is printed on your sample ballot, or you may use this State of NJ website:

<https://voter.svrs.nj.gov/polling-place-search>





# Boards & Committees

## COUNCIL SEEKING RESIDENTS TO SERVE FOR 2024

The Township Council is extending an open invitation to residents interested in serving on the 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 [HERE](#), 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.



The Burlington County Health Department will again be offering **FREE flu clinics** around the County. There will be a Flu Clinic in the Medford Town Hall & Library Complex (49 Union Street) on **Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:00—4:00 pm**. The entire schedule can be found by clicking [HERE](#) or visiting the County’s website at: <https://www.co.burlington.nj.us/355/Flu-Information>

## WINTER IS A GREAT TIME FOR ... COMPOSTING??

*Written by Brian Pelloni / Submitted by Ileen Wright, Green Team & Environmental Affairs Advisory Committee*

Many gardeners know that composting is a great way to recycle kitchen scraps and create wonderful fertilizer for your plants at the same time. But outdoor compost piles can grind to a halt during the cold months, while your stream of scraps continues. Instead of throwing the excess into the trash, or letting it build up in your compost bin all winter, why not try vermicomposting instead?

In a regular composting bin, organic items like vegetable trimmings, grass clippings, coffee grounds, and eggshells naturally decompose over time (sometimes months). You can speed that process up, and do it indoors with no odor, if you just enlist the use of the right helpers: red wiggler worms! Much smaller than the earthworms that most people are used to, the red wigglers are a species of worm specially adapted to break down decaying organic material. And they do it fast, “eating” their weight in scraps every single day!

Setting up your own worm bin is simple, and the benefits are plentiful. You can get started with a couple containers (five-gallon buckets or plastic storage boxes work great), a pile of food scraps, shredded paper, and a handful of red wigglers. The setup can be simple, or you can have nesting layers to rotate the system and compost even more. By keeping the system in a garage, spare room, or even your kitchen, you can compost year-round and have the most amazing fertilizer for your garden or flowers come spring.

There are many resources online for how to build these types of systems, and red wiggler worms are available online or through local retailers. For more information, and a free DIY handout on building your own worm bin, stop by the Medford Green Team table at various Township events throughout the year. Or, you can always reach out to the Green Team directly at [eaac@medfordtownship.com](mailto:eaac@medfordtownship.com) or by calling 609-654-2608 x330!



Did you know that leaving the leaves in your yard not only saves you time & energy but also benefits wildlife? [Here are a few good reasons to put down the rake:](#)

**Provide habitat for wildlife:** Frogs, turtles, and salamanders rely on fallen leaves to provide cover and hibernation places; many moth and butterfly caterpillars overwinter in fallen leaves before emerging in spring. **Provide food for wildlife:** Creatures like earthworms and millipedes reside in and decompose leaf litter, and also are themselves a source of food for bigger wildlife like birds and toads. **Increase fertility of your soil:** Decomposing leaves add nutrients to your soil and also allow for greater water retention. Read the National Wildlife Federation Blog to find out why and for tips on how to minimize the time you spend raking this autumn and maximize the benefit to wildlife and the greater environment that fallen leaves offer. Click [HERE](#) or use this URL link: <https://blog.nwf.org/2014/11/what-to-do-with-fallen-leaves/>



## Medford Arts Center Invites Artists to “PAINT MEDFORD!”

Plein Air Painting Competition & Exhibition — Paint Medford — a vibrant historic town, local farms, lakes, and pine barrens

*Artists may PAINT from November 19th through November 29th. All paintings must be completed on location en plein air within the Medford Community.*

An EXHIBITION of submitted artworks will be held at the Medford Arts Center, 8 North Main Street, Medford, NJ from December 1st through December 10th

**Stamping:** Sunday, November 19th, 1:00 to 4:00 PM in the Art Center’s Gallery

**Delivery:** Wednesday, November 29th, 4:00 to 6:00 PM

**Opening Night and Awards Presentation:** Friday, December 1st, 6:00 to 8:00 PM

**Artwork Pick Up:** Monday December 11th, 4:00 to 6:00 PM

**CASH PRIZES** will be awarded! **FOR INFO & TO REGISTER:** online at [medfordarts.com](http://medfordarts.com)

Artists must present a copy of their registration at stamping and drop-off.

**ENTRY FEE: \$25** Additional entries \$10 per piece, (maximum of 2) *NOTE: Only one winner per artist.*

### **RULES:**

All painting mediums and styles are acceptable.

Size limited to no larger than 18 in any direction, framed.

Everyone must register before they begin.

All surfaces must be STAMPED before working on them. Artists may stamp multiple surfaces.

Artist must complete their artwork en plein air within Medford Township.

All entries must be delivered to the the Medford Arts Center Gallery for judging no later than 6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 29th.

All artworks must be framed and properly wired for exhibiton.

The official STAMP must be visible at drop-off.

All works will may be photographed and possibly displayed online.

All work must be picked on Monday, December 11th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Open to all artists 18 years of age and over.

*(\*All Sales are subject to a 30% commission\*)*



## Poetry Contest

## MEDFORD ARTS CENTER’S 2023 ANNUAL JURIED POETRY CONTESTS

Come share your poetry with us! Medford Arts Center announces its 16th Annual Juried Poetry Contest for Adults and its 6th Annual Juried Poetry Contest for High School Students.

High School students attending schools in Burlington County are eligible to participate. Up to three (3) poems may be submitted per entrant. If interested, send poems by email to [poetrycontest@medfordarts.com](mailto:poetrycontest@medfordarts.com) by November 20, 2023. Be sure to include in the subject line “2023 High School Poetry Contest”. Include in your email the following information: name, address, high school and grade and contact number (mobile and text reach numbers).

Poets over the age of 18 and residing in Burlington County are eligible to participate. If interested, send poems by email to [poetrycontest@medfordarts.com](mailto:poetrycontest@medfordarts.com) by November 20, 2023. Be sure to include in the subject line “2023 Adult Poetry Contest”. Include in your email the following information: name, residential address, contact number (mobile and text reach numbers).

Cash prizes will be awarded

The celebration of awards for these 2 contests will take place on Monday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Please visit the Medford Arts Center website at [MedfordArts.com](http://MedfordArts.com) for more details or contact Naomi Dispenza at Medford Arts (609-654-6033) with questions.



**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PART-TIME – POLICE DEPARTMENT**

28 hours/week. Position does not include benefits. Applicants must be detail oriented and comfortable working with the public. Experience in Word and Excel preferred. Must have valid driver’s license and no criminal history. Resumes or applications should be sent by Monday, November 20, 2023 to Dawn Bielec, HR Coordinator, Township of Medford, 49 Union St., Medford, NJ 08055-2432. Applications & resumes will also be accepted by email to: [dbielec@medfordtownship.com](mailto:dbielec@medfordtownship.com). EOE

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I PART-TIME**

\$15.00 per hour Position is for 16 – 20 hours/week and does not include benefits. This is an entry level position in the Construction Office. Must possess excellent communication skills, be proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel, and have the ability to learn the Township’s construction permitting software. Resumes or applications should be sent by Friday, November 10, 2023 to Dawn Bielec, HR Coordinator, Township of Medford, 49 Union St., Medford, NJ 08055-2432. Applications & resumes will also be accepted by email to: [dbielec@medfordtownship.com](mailto: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 [HERE](#) 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. Applications & resumes will also be accepted by email to: [dbielec@medfordtownship.com](mailto:dbielec@medfordtownship.com). EOE

**LINESMAN—UTILITY DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (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 [HERE](#). Applications or resumes should be sent to Dawn Bielec, HR Coordinator, Township of Medford, 49 Union St., Medford, NJ 08055-2432. Applications & resumes will also be accepted by email to: [dbielec@medfordtownship.com](mailto: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 on the Careers tab found at the top of the home page ([www.MedfordTownship.com/JobOpportunities](http://www.MedfordTownship.com/JobOpportunities))



**FIND OUT MORE  
ABOUT MEDFORD  
FIRE & EMS  
VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITIES AT:  
[medfordfire.org/  
volunteer](http://medfordfire.org/volunteer)**





## CRANBERRY HALL SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

“Four friends + a standard deck of cards = the best game you’ll ever play. Bridge! Each deal in bridge is its own mini-adventure. You get to speak in and decipher coded language to determine if you will defend or attack. It’s North-South vs. East-West. And in the end someone will pay! (In points anyway).” ACBL

If you find this idea interesting and want to take lessons, stop by Cranberry Hall for more information & to register. If you know of anyone else who might be interested, please pass the message to them. Each class is 2 hours.

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.



**CAN WE TALK...**

Attend our S.A.F.E. space program, where we offer support, services, education, and solutions for seniors and their families.

**Program Details:**

Thursday, November 9, 2023  
12:30 - 2:00 PM  
Cranberry Hall,  
44 Charles Street, Medford  
Light refreshments and drinks will be provided.  
Seating is limited.

*Join us...*

**FREE TO ATTEND**

A S.A.F.E. space is a Senior Advocacy Forum Exchange.  
Open to seniors, caregivers, friends, and families.



**Multiple Giveaways**  
(must be present to win)

*Our Services:*



Please RSVP to Kristen Lorenz  
by November 5th at  
(e) [kristen@seniorcareauthority.com](mailto:kristen@seniorcareauthority.com)  
or (ph) 856-595-5100

## PINELANDS BRANCH LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

The BCLS is always working to provide the best service possible to our customers. And sometimes, that means we need to press pause while our system undergoes routine maintenance. Please be aware that on Tuesday, November 7th, you will be unable to access the BCLS online catalog beginning at 8:00 am.

During this temporary interruption in services, OverDrive/Libby will be unavailable and you will be unable to search the catalog, check accounts, place holds and renew items online. Online databases, including Flipster and Kanopy will not be available at this time. In addition, the Museum Pass program will be temporarily on hold and customers will be unable to make reservations or print out passes. It also will not be possible to make credit card payments for overdue fines, etc.

The Pinelands Branch Library will be closed for Election Day on November 7th, however, the good news is the BCL Westampton location will be open on November 7th and while the online catalog is undergoing maintenance, staff will be happy to manually check out up to six items per cardholder. Library computers also will be available for use.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and we thank you for your patience.



### 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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