



DECEMBER 2023

Above Photo—Aerial of Lake Pine in the Winter
by Blue Vault Aerial Photography

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LWilliams@republicservices.com
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THE MEDFORD MESSENGER

“WHAT’S UP IN MEDFORD”

DECEMBER 2023 EVENTS

Medford First Friday/Art Walk along Main Street. Friday, December 1st from 5:00-9:00 pm. Sponsored by the Main Street Merchants & the Medford Arts Center. www.MedfordMainStreet.com

Breakfast w/Santa — at YMCA of the Pines, 1303 Stokes Road. 8:00-11:00 am. www.ycamp.org

Santa @ the One Room Schoolhouse—Saturday, December 2nd. 55 Mill Street. Noon—3 pm. Bring your camera for photos. Sponsored by the Medford Historical Society. www.MedfordHistory.org.



Annual Tree Lighting Ceremonies & Dickens Festival

—Saturday, December 2nd along Main Street. 4:30—9:00 pm. (Sponsored by the Main Street Merchants) See page 5 for more details, including other activities taking place that night in conjunction with this event.

Chanukah Village Walk & Menorah Lighting—Thursday, December 7th starting at 5:00 pm at the Gazebo. Enjoy an enriching holiday experience along Main Street for the whole family. The Grand Menorah Lighting will take place at 7:00 pm in Tomlinson Park on the corner of South Main Street & Allen Ave. Sponsored by the Chabad in Medford. www.chabadmedford.org

3rd Thursday Food Trucks on Main Street — December 21st from 5:00-9:00 pm along Main Street. Check the Twp. website the week of 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 will have specials, events & holiday shopping sales and special promotions so please stop and shop! *Tables to sit with the family! *Streets are open and multiple crosswalks are available. *Parking is plentiful & easy!



www.facebook.com/medfordsanta/

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:

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

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 to determine if it should continue in 2024.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

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

- The remaining schedule is as follows:**
Zones 1 & 2: Week of December 4th
Zone 5: Week of December 11th
Zone 3: Week of December 18th
Zone 4: Week of 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

Township Offices and the Township Garage/DPW Yard will be closed on both Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st, 2024.

Trash Collection will be delayed by one day on both weeks; i.e. Monday’s trash collected on Tuesday, Tuesday’s trash collection on Wednesday, etc.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Council awarded a contract in November to improve (paving & drainage) all or portions of the following roads: White Pine Drive, Evergreen Trail, White Birch Trail, Mulberry Street, South Street, Church Street and portions of McKendimen Road.

It is anticipated that drainage work will take place over the winter, and paving work will start in the spring of 2024. Residents of affected streets will be given advance notice by the contractor as to when the paving work will take place.

The Council will also be utilizing over \$325,000 in NJDOT grant funds for drainage improvements and roadway paving of Eayrestown Road from Church Road to Route 70, completing Phase II of the overall project.



SNOW REMOVAL HELP NEEDED

The Township is currently accepting applications for part-time or per diem snow removal personnel. Personnel should have a valid NJ Drivers License and have a demonstrated ability to operate snow removal equipment including snowplows, snow blowers, snow shovels, etc. Applicants should be able to lift 50 pounds and pass a background check and drug screening.



Medford Township offers a competitive pay rate and flexible hours for snow removal personnel. Applications or resumes should be forwarded to our Human Resources Coordinator, Medford Town Hall, 49 Union Street, Medford, NJ 08055. Applications can be found online [HERE](#).

Specific questions about winter weather operations or staffing should be directed to Ron Fowler, Director of Public Works at [609-654-6791](tel:609-654-6791), extension 302.

STATE OFFERING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH UTILITY BILLS

The Department of Community Affairs in the State of NJ has implemented a Winter Termination Program to prevent service discontinuation and provide aide for eligible residential customers.

This Winter Termination Program is intended to prevent utility shutoffs between November 15 through March 15 for eligible residential customers receiving residential electric, gas, sewer and water service from a local authority, municipal utility, investor- owned utility, or rural electric cooperative.

All residential customers in arrears can find more information on assistance including eligibility requirements via NJ211 or by clicking [HERE](#) or using this URL link: <https://www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr/offices/wintertermination.shtml>

SAFE DISPOSAL OF ASHES FROM FIREPLACES & WOOD BURNING STOVES

The Dept. of Fire & EMS is reminding residents to properly dispose of fireplace ashes. Improper ash disposal from indoor & outdoor fireplaces, wood burning stoves and charcoal grills cause thousands of fires every year nationally. Fires can also occur in trash carts and trash trucks. Many people don’t realize the length of time required for ashes to cool enough for disposal. Four days/96 hours is the minimum cooling period for ashes. And even after several days a pile of ashes can hold enough heat to reignite and start a fire. Accordingly, we are asking residents to follow safe disposal practices in order to keep property and trash truck drivers safe.

Recommendations include:

- Cool ashes for several days in the chimney or fireplace. Use a fireplace screen to stop sparks from flying.
- After ashes are cooled, put them in a fire resistant metal container with a closed, tight-fitting lid placed away from anything that can burn. You can also soak them in water. After sitting for a week, the ashes are safe to dispose of in your trash container — but never in the recycling or green waste cart. Heavy duty aluminum foil can be used to wrap cooled or soaked ashes.
- Never put ashes in plastic, cardboard, paper or wood containers, or use a vacuum cleaner to pick up ashes.



TOWNSHIP MANAGER & CLERK KATHY BURGER RETIRES AFTER 36 YEARS

Katherine “Kathy” Burger has been an employee of the Township of Medford since October of 1987, starting as a Cashier in the Tax Office. She was subsequently transferred to the Finance Office in June of 1988 where she rose through the ranks, and after obtaining her Certified Municipal Finance Officer Certification from the Rutgers Center for Local Government Services was appointed as Chief Municipal Finance Officer in 2005, serving in this capacity until August of 2015.

Kathy also earned her Registered Municipal Clerk certification from the Rutgers Center and was appointed as the Municipal Clerk in January of 2009 and has served in this capacity up until her recently announced retirement, effective November 30, 2023. She is also certified by the Rutgers Center as a Municipal Registrar of Vital Statistics and has served as the Township’s Registrar since January of 2009

Kathy was ultimately appointed by the Medford Council as the Township Manager in May of 2015 and has served in this position up until her retirement

Kathy has also served as a Fund Commissioner for the Burlington County MEL-JIF, and has been Medford’s Safety Coordinator and Wellness Coordinator, which during her tenure has garnered Medford multiple Safety Awards and returned dividends.

During her 36 years of dedicated service and visionary leadership, Kathy has earned the deep admiration and respect of all of the Council members she has served with, her fellow Township employees, her colleagues, her friends, and the residents she served.

During ceremonies on November 21st, the Township Council, the Police Department and the Fire & EMS Department, on behalf of all Township employees and residents, expressed their appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to Kathy for the integrity, professionalism, enthusiasm and resourcefulness she brought to Medford Township throughout her 36 years of employment.

The Township Council and employees thank Kathy for her exemplary service to the residents of Medford and wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement.



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Wishing you a happy and well deserved retirement, Boss. You will be greatly missed!

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PRESENTING SPONSOR:

Dickens Festival

DECEMBER 2, 2023
4:30-9PM ON MAIN ST IN
MEDFORD, NJ

100 ARTIST VENDORS * FOOD
TRUCKS * CAROLERS * SANTA *
HORSE & CARRIAGE RIDES * LIVE
NATIVITY * COMEDIC CHRISTMAS
CAROL RETELLING * LIVE MUSIC *
LOCAL SHOPPING! AND MORE!

FREE SHUTTLE BUS TO THE EVENT!
BUS STOPS AT FREEDOM PARK, ACME PLAZA & CLOSE TO
MAIN & UNION ST

Tomlinson House Open House—51 Union Street Sponsored by the Medford Historical Society



Saturday, December 2nd 4:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Stop by for some refreshments and learn more about the Haines/Tomlinson House, Eph Tomlinson, and the Historical Society's plans for the future of this historic 1760 home.

**The Medford Historical Society Welcomes
Everyone Naughty or Nice!**

Santa at the Schoolhouse
Saturday, December 2nd
Noon-3:00PM

Stop by before the Dickens Festival
PICTURE THIS! A cozy, warm potbellied stove,
the schoolhouse adorned with 19th century
holiday decorations and, of course, a visit with
Santa.

FREE admission.
Historic Cross Keys Schoolhouse
55 Mill Street, Medford, NJ
(next to entrance to Memorial Middle School)

3RD ANNUAL

CHANUKAH VILLAGE WALK

A PROJECT OF CHABAD IN MEDFORD

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

5:00 PM
Medford Village Park
16 North Main Street

7:00 PM
Grand Menorah Lighting
Corner Main St & Allen Ave

Enjoy an enriching holiday experience for the whole family
as Main Street Medford celebrates Chanukah.
Join the festive atmosphere and stop by local vendors
for exciting Chanukah activities, crafts and giveaways.

RSVP AT
WWW.CHANUKAHVILLAGE.ORG

Chabad in Medford | 609-451-3522 | info@ChabadMedford.org | 74 South Main Street

the celtic Christmas

CONCERT!
CHARLIE ZAHM

HOSTED BY
THE MEDFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

7:00 PM, DECEMBER 16TH
THE FRIENDS MEETING,
14 UNION ST., MEDFORD

FREE ADMISSION
donations to the Medford Historical Society appreciated

Folk songs new and old, plus beautiful
songs of the season---brought to life as only
Charlie can. All our welcome!



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. 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. 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. 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)

JOIN
OUR
TEAM



FIRE & EMS
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

APPLY AT JOINMEDFORD.ORG

**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.

PINELANDS BRANCH LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Create Your Own Scrapbook: Card Kit Class—Wednesday, December 6th, 2:00pm

Are you looking at all the pictures you took this summer and wondering what to do with them? Maybe you just have stacks of photos everywhere. Join Patty McFarland at the Pinelands Library as she teaches you fun and creative ways to make card kits. This class is for all skill levels.

Art Journaling—Friday, December 8th, 2:00pm

In this class, students will learn how to keep an art journal, how to transfer their creative ideas onto paper and how to incorporate engaging prompts along with fundamental art techniques. Some of these techniques will include blind contour drawing, the relationship of color and the use of varied media such as watercolors and collage. The theme of this class will focus on the seasons, and students will be encouraged to draw inspiration from their personal lives and experiences. No experience is necessary to join this class.

Lego for Adults: Star Wars Holiday Edition—Monday, December 18th, 6:00pm

The holidays are here. The days are shorter and colder, and the stress levels are higher. Take a moment for yourself to set those concerns aside and relax with building with Lego. You'll have the option of free-form building, or you can grab a full kit with instructions and build space ships from the Original or Prequel trilogies.

Red Cross Blood Drive - Friday, December 22nd

The Pinelands Library is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive on Friday, December 22nd from 10:00 am-3:00pm. 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.



*Kindness is
in your blood*

Help save a life.

Schedule your blood donation
appointment today.



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