



Medford



*A friendly tight knit community where
everyone is welcome*

Medford Township

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Greetings!

Our Township is nestled between fertile farms and the Federal Pinelands Natural Reserve in Burlington County, New Jersey. Located 30 minutes from Philadelphia and 45 minutes from the Jersey Shore. A small town, cultural center for the region, with an open business friendly atmosphere.

Greetings from the Mayor

Welcome to Medford New Jersey!

Medford is an active modern community that has retained its small-town charm. Almost 25,000 residents enjoy a great quality of life that includes a safe and healthy environment, excellent schools, and first-rate recreational and cultural opportunities. Located on the fringe to the Pinelands National Reserve, a treasure trove of history and ecology await residents while living in close proximity to both the Jersey Shore and Philadelphia. Well over 5,000 acres of Medford's 41 square miles is permanently preserved open space and farmland, thus insuring a future without excessive suburban sprawl.

Historic Medford Village's quaint Main Street is the heartbeat of the Township, and is lined with unique gift shops, boutiques, restaurants, cafes and breweries, and Medford's Art Center; which attracts visitors from throughout the area. Other attractions, including Johnson's Corner Farm, historic Kirby's Mill, the Dr. James Still Education Center, Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge, the Air Victory Museum and South Jersey's only arboretum at Medford Leas. Our many parks offer walking, hiking, fishing and paddling, plus playgrounds, a skate park, a renowned dog park and athletic courts and ballfields galore.

Medford has a variety of special events virtually every month of the year. Standouts are the Apple Festival in October, the Dickens Festival in early December, the Halloween Parade, the Independence Day Celebration complete with a grand fireworks display, and the Art, Music & Wine Festival in June. Others include Country Day and the Quilt Show at Kirby's Mill, Autumn with the Animals at Cedar Run Refuge, fall hayrides and pumpkin picking at Johnson's Farm and a Holiday House Tour at Christmas time.

Medford is consistently ranked in the top 3 of South Jersey municipalities, and was the only town in New Jersey to be included in the National Geographic's *Guide to Small Town Escapes*. Perhaps National Geographic summed it up best: "*Medford.... Pine garlands and twinkling white lights provide a Victorian touch to tiny Medford in early December, when the whole township crowds Main Street for the annual Dickens celebration. A cool, northerly wind sends aloft the sweet aroma of steaming apple cider and cinnamon, as bundled-up revelers, carolers, characters from a Christmas Carol, and musicians alike greet familiar faces, of which there are many. For that's the kind of place Medford is; a friendly tight knit community where everyone knows everyone.*"

Mayor Chuck Watson



Introducing Town Council



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Code of the Township regarding Council <https://www.ecode360.com/9108180>

Directory

MEDFORD TOWNSHIP

Police / Fire / EMS – Emergency	9-1-1
Police / Fire / EMS – Non Emergency	609-267-8300
Police Administrative	609-654-7511
Fire / EMS Administrative	609-953-3291
Township Main Number	609-654-2608
Clerk’s Office	609-654-2608 x334
Tax Office / Utility Billing	609-654-2608 x307
Planning and Zoning	609-654-2608 x315, 312
Construction	609-654-2608 x309, 317
Municipal Utilities	609-654-6791 x316 or 322
Recycling	609-654-6791 x322
Trash	856-784-5050
Pinelands Library	609-654-6113
Senior Citizens	609-654-2608 x318

BURLINGTON COUNTY

Board of Chosen Freeholders	609-265-5020
County Administrator	609-265-5020
County Clerk	609-265-5122
Recycling Office	609-499-1001
Recycling Hotline	609-267-6889

Health Department	609-265-5548
Burlington County Animal Shelter	609-265-5073
Environmental Health Services	609-265-5515
Human Services	609-265-5800
Youth Services	609-265-3120
Office on Aging	609-265-5069
Youth Opportunity Program	609-518-0149
Roads and Bridges	609-726-7300
Addiction Hotline	1-844-732-2465 1-844-ReachNJ --- Open 24/7 www.reachnj.gov

In order to access the most information from this welcome kit, do not be afraid to click! Clicking on pictures will enlarge the image. [Click here](#) will provide more details.

To become familiar with the town website [Click here](#) for a website guide that will help you explore all of the parts and information on the website.

For important reminders each month with upcoming events please sign-up for the township e-newsletter [click here](#)

For weather notifications, road closures, and more, sign up for Nixle notification [click here](#)

An Organization for Everybody

There are a number of organizations to provide activities to Medford residents including:

Boy Scouts of America

Medford has several troops; please use the regional selection tool below

[Click here](#)

Girl Scouts

Medford has several troops; please use the regional selection tool below

[Click here](#)



Knights of Columbus 6520

Medford's chapter is part of the national Council, and offers members opportunities to socialize, and do fundraising and volunteer work. It is affiliated with St Mary of The Lakes. [Click here](#)

Woman's Club is a civic group who provide social and charitable opportunities for its members to come together and make an impact in the township. [Click here](#)

Rotaries of Medford

Medford Sunrise Rotary – For more information [Click here](#)

Medford - Vincentown Rotary – For more information [Click here](#)

Medford Youth Athletic Association – The MYAA sponsor youth athletic programs in over 14 sports with more than 4,000 participants.

[Click here](#)



VFW of Medford Post 7677 –

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7677 located within Burlington County, NJ District 11. Providing service and support to veterans. [Click here](#)

For a complete list of organizations [Click here](#)

Important

Town Services

Medford provides a wide variety of services to residents that include:

Trash – Picked up at each home every week

Recycling – Eligible recyclables are picked up every other week
(Provided by Burlington County)

Leaf Removal – Twice a year during the fall

Brush Removal – Two collections, spring & summer/fall

Snow Removal – snow and ice control which includes pre-treatment, salting and plowing

Neighborhood Services Drop Off – Open daily and third Saturday of the month
*excluding holidays

Find out more about these and other services and the locations by [clicking here](#)



Medford Town Calendar

You can get information about township meetings of various governmental organizations and community events by [clicking here](#). When you find something you are interested in, click the event or activity to receive more information.

Houses of Worship Available

There are a number of choices of houses of worship conveniently located in and near Medford for all faiths. [Click here](#) to see the full list



Senior Information

The Medford Senior Center is located at 44 Charles Street in Cranberry Hall, (behind the Medford Municipal Building at 17 N. Main St). It is open daily from 9:00am to 4:00pm. The center celebrated its official grand opening on June 10, 2004. During the years, programs offered at the Senior Center have grown to include: bridge, pinochle, canasta, rummikub, Mexican Train, Mah Jong, knitting and crocheting, watercolor painting, a book club, an investment discussion group, a woman's discussion group, genealogy, a senior tennis group, and travel and trips. Exercise programs such as: soft and gentle yoga and Project Healthy Bones offered weekly.



The Center is available for socializing and relaxing, meeting your neighbors, reading a book or magazine from the growing donor library or joining friends for a casual board or card game. We also feature guest speakers on pertinent subjects for Seniors.

Additionally, there are many regularly scheduled social activities being offered. Recent socials like trivia and bingo have been very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by those participating. Every third Friday of the month there is a social which includes food and occasional entertainment. Fun and Game Night takes place every Friday night from 7:00 – 9:00pm. Once a month the seniors dine out at an area restaurant.

The Cranberry Hall Senior Center is always looking for suggestions of new activities to offer. It is here for the enjoyment and fellowship of Medford seniors, and both the Township and the volunteers of the center are making every effort to meet their needs.

For more information [Click here](#)

School Systems

K-5 Schools At a Glance

- ✓ Four K-5 elementary schools
- ✓ PreK-5 at Kirby's Mill
- ✓ Enrollment: About 1,700
- ✓ Student Teacher Ratio: 13-1

[Click here](#) for more info

Cranberry Pines



Allen



Jaunton Forge



Kirby's Mill



Chairville



School Systems

Memorial Middle School Campus At a Glance

- ✓ Campus: Haines and Memorial
- ✓ Haines: 6th grade
- ✓ Haines Enrollment: About 300
- ✓ Haines Student Teacher Ratio: 11-1
- ✓ Memorial: 7th – 8th grades
- ✓ Memorial Enrollment: About 700
- ✓ Memorial Student Teacher Ratio: 12-1

[Click here](#) for more info.



Shawnee High School At a Glance

- ✓ Enrollment: About 1550
- ✓ 240 course offerings
- ✓ More than 24 AP courses
- ✓ Over 60 College Acceleration Program
- ✓ Designated 'No Place for Hate' school
- ✓ Part of Lenape Regional School District

[Click here](#) for more info.



School Systems

Burlington County Institute of Technology - Medford Campus



- ✓ Provides a career focus in 20+ areas
- ✓ Students can earn industry-based certifications and college level credits
- ✓ Two academies: Electronic & Computer Engineering and the Academy of Performing Arts
- ✓ Variety of sports and clubs

[Click here](#) for more info.

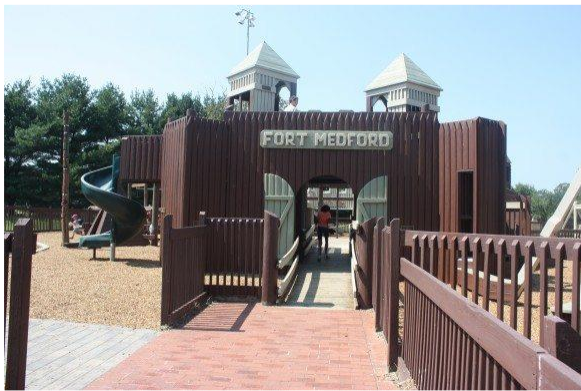
The Town That Never Stops Playing

Freedom Park



Medford's very own Freedom Park features an exclusive 5-acre dog park, large playground area for kids, 3 picnic pavilions, a skate park, volleyball, basketball, and so much more.

[Click here for a map](#)



Fort Medford is a one-of-a-kind massive play fort for children of all ages to enjoy. There are 10 acres of sports fields next to this playground to round-out a full afternoon of play. [Click here for a map](#)

Fort Medford

Bob Bende

Bob Bende Fields is Medford's premier soccer complex featuring 6 grass fields and a full-sized turf field which creates a fun Sunday afternoon atmosphere when the MYAA soccer program hosts its weekly matches.

[Click here for a map](#)



And the Fun Continues



Headwater Village

Headwater Village is home to 4 tennis courts nestled in a wooded community with 2 sets of playgrounds and sports fields to add to the fun.

[Click here for a map](#)

Medford Park

Medford Park is situated in a unique location with its proximity to Medford's lively downtown. Only a few short steps away from main street, it is a tranquil place to kick back and relax after enjoying the downtown area.

[Click here for map](#)



Hartford Crossings

Hartford Crossings Park is an up-and-coming Medford park with an outdoor hockey rink and a plethora of softball and baseball fields where the Medford MYAA association hosts their games. Equally as exciting is the vast amount of lighted football and multi-purpose fields in great condition.

[Click here for a map](#)



...And Continues



Bob Meyer Memorial Park

Bob Meyer Park offers a great family place to visit with a special Ft. Meyer playground that has a variety of playground activities, a volley ball court, 2 basketball courts and a lighted multi-purpose field, along with a family picnic pavilion. [Click here for a map](#)



Still Park

Still Park is located behind the Medford Municipal Building. It was renamed Still Park in 2017 by the Medford Council to honor Dr. James Still, noted African-American “Black Doctor of the Pines.” The Park was refurbished by the Township in 2018 and includes walking paths, benches, picnic area, a tot-lot playground area, and a reflection area and monument honoring Dr. Still. [Click here for a map](#)

Freedom Barks

Dogs (and their owners) can get quite a workout in this nationally recognized 20+ acre off-leash park area in Freedom Park, with access to the Rancocas Creek and specialized agility training equipment such as an A-frame and plank & jump set. Newly added is side by side fenced dog runs (60' x 200') separated for smaller and larger dogs, each with its own agility course and other amenities. There are also seating benches throughout the off-leash fields and a water fountain near the parking area. [Click here for a map](#)



Try Our Walking and Biking Trails

Hartford Crossing Trails

A rapidly expanding area, this trail system is a neat niche for even old-time residents to check out! Also provides easy access to the Hartford sports complex.

[Click here for a map](#)



Cow Point Bike Path

This newly paved bike path provides the perfect opportunity to break out the bikes for a scenic ride towards downtown with a pavilion midway for your convenience. [Click here for a map](#)

...Our Trail System

Freedom Park Trails

Explore the paved path encircling Freedom Park and connecting to Medford park, or check out the scenic trail along the Rancocas Creek behind the Dog Park! [Click here for a map](#)

Medford Canoe Trail

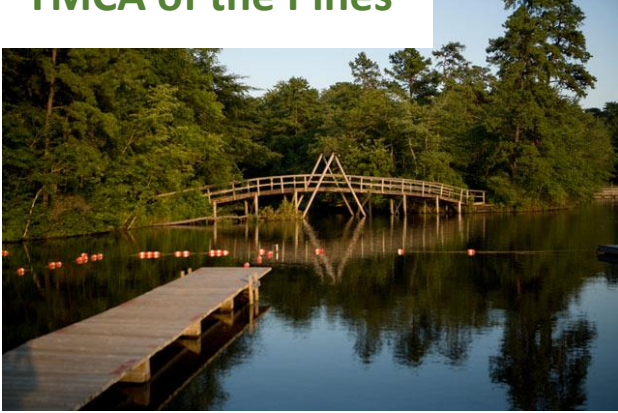
Explore the Rancocas Creek behind the Medford Township Library for a fun afternoon of canoeing, kayaking, or paddle boarding! Tours are also offered for your convenience.

[Click here for more info](#)



Local Summer Camps

YMCA of the Pines



YMCA of the Pines provides enriching, life-enhancing outdoor experiences for people of all ages and abilities. We provide year-round access to nature, adventure, environmental education and fun through our summer camps and our state-of-the-art Outdoor Center.

[More info click here](#)

The JCC Camps at Medford, an American Camp Association (ACA) accredited and award-winning Southern New Jersey day camp, provides children ages 3-14 with the ultimate summer experience! Jewish values serve as a foundation from programming to how we interact with our campers, families and staff. [More info click here](#)

JCC Medford



Camp Dark Waters



Camp Dark Waters serves its community of campers by running recreational activities that are fun and serve to nurture the spiritual, intellectual, physical, and emotional life of young children. Based on the Quaker testimonies of Peace, Education, Simplicity, Stewardship, Equality, and Integrity. [More info click here](#)

Annual Events

Medford hosts a great number of events throughout the year, including those listed below. If there are web sites for them, click the link on each one and it will take you to the site. Dates are listed on Township Calendar [Click here](#).

Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony — VFW Post #7677 and Medford Township sponsors this annual parade and ceremony at the Veteran’s Memorial, held on Memorial Day.

Art, Wine & Music Festival on Main Street — The Medford Business Association and Medford Arts Center conducts this festival every year on the second Sunday of June.

Independence Day Celebration at Freedom Park — The Medford Celebrates Foundation hosts a Fourth of July fireworks party every year at Freedom Park in Medford on the eve of Independence Day.

Medford Oktoberfest Music & Food Truck Festival — Produced by the Medford Business Association, on the 3rd Saturday in September. The Medford Art, Wine & Music Festival features live music, food and craft beers is held every year on the 3rd Sunday in September at Freedom Park.

Annual Apple Festival — On the second Saturday in October the Medford Historical Society sponsors this celebration of all things “APPLE” with treats and treats live music at Kirby’s Mill.

Halloween Parade — The Medford-Vincentown Rotary sponsors this parade down Main Street with hundreds of kids and floats on the last Saturday before Halloween.

Dickens Festival and Tree Lighting on Main Street — On the 1st Saturday in December the Medford Business Association sponsors this celebration with tree lighting, carolers and featured foods.

Food Trucks on Main Street — Monthly on the 3rd Thursday of every month from March thru December on Main Street. Food trucks with all kinds of special foods line the street for everyone to enjoy.

Hidden Gems



The **Pinelands Burlington County Library** is part of the county system. The library offers access to a variety of book formats, paper, electronic and audio.
39 Allen Avenue

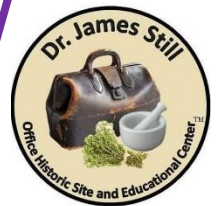
Located downtown, the **Medford Arts Center** provides a fun outlet for kids and adults to get creative with their artistic abilities.
8 North Main Street
www.MedfordArts.com.



Cedar Run Wildlife offers on-site tours and includes the Woodford Nature Center and Wildlife Hospital that sees more than 5,000 animals a year.
4 Sawmill Road



Dr. James Still Education Center
Dr. Stills the son of formerly enslaved parents was born and raised in Indian Mills. At the Education Center you can learn more about him and his contributions to the community.
211 Church Road



Hidden Gems

Historic Medford Village

Medford's history goes back to 1670, and a tour of the village shows its historic character and charm as both a farming and residential community.



Cross Keys Schoolhouse

Cross Keys School is a one room school that dates back to the 1850's and is open for a variety of activities and tours.

Mill Street



Kirbys Mill dates back to 1773, when Isaac Haines and others petitioned the General Assembly to permit the building of a dam to power a gristmill and sawmill.

279 Church Road



Johnson's Farm is a Medford favorite that combines activities like tractor rides with the sale of local grown produce and other products.

133 Church Road



Indian Acres Tree Farm is a great place to get Christmas trees and pumpkins, along with tractor rides and a seasonal Farm Mall.

111 Tuckerton Road

