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FALL 2010 QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Manager's Message

This past quarter has been very busy and productive for us. Our Public Works employees have done a fabulous job in clearing all of our neighborhoods of brush and trees; our Solar farm adjacent to the Fostertown Road Utilities facility is well underway and when completed before the end of this year will produce enough energy to save us almost \$125,000 in energy costs; and our road overlay program is currently in the specification for bid process. We also took delivery of two new, modern trash trucks that will hold more refuse and reduce trips to the landfill-more cost effective and efficient. Street cleaning and drainage maintenance is on-going which makes our stormwater management more efficient and compliant with State regulations. A leaf ordinance was passed as a result of these regulations as well. Residents are asked to be familiar with these new regulations, which have been provided to everyone through their tax bill mailing. It is also available on the Township website. Our mechanics have been working on all of our leaf collection equipment to have everything ready for the upcoming fall season.

Medford Lakes has asked us to enter into a Shared Services agreement in which we provide all construction related inspections for a fee over a ten year contract. This will enable us to provide our services for less cost. We currently have a similar agreement for providing weekday, daytime Emergency Medical Services in Medford Lakes. The Union Fire Station renovations are well underway and should be completed early in the new year. As we normally have our annual Fire Prevention Night at this facility, this year we will have it at Freedom Park.

Our township website (and links to departments) is undergoing "renovations" through the talents of in-house personnel, which will reflect up to date information and ease of user interaction - including applications and forms. The future use of on line payments is being explored as well.

We are in the process of preparing our 2011 budget, which presents many challenges. All of us are committed to providing continued, high-quality services at the most efficient cost possible. Should you have any suggestions or concerns, please feel free to call here and express yourself.

Sincerely,

Stephen Addezia

Director of Public Safety/Acting Township Manager

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR
RECONCILED TAX BILLS WILL BE MAILED BY SEPTEMBER 20, 2010. THE BILLS INCLUDE THE AMOUNTS FOR THE 4TH QUARTER 2010 DUE NOVEMBER 1, 2010, THE 1ST QUARTER 2011 DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2011 AND THE 2ND QUARTER 2011 DUE MAY 1, 2011.



Fireplace and Home Fire Safety

A Factsheet on Rural Fire Safety and Prevention

More than one-third of Americans use fireplaces, wood stoves and other fuel-fired appliances as primary heat sources in their homes. Unfortunately, many people are unaware of the fire risks when heating with wood and solid fuels.

Heating fires account for 36% of residential home fires in rural areas every year. Often these fires are due to creosote buildup in chimneys and stovepipes. All home heating systems require regular maintenance to function safely and efficiently.

The U. S. Fire Administration (USFA) encourages you to practice the following fire safety steps to keep those home fires safely burning. Remember, fire safety is your personal responsibility...

Fire Stops With You!

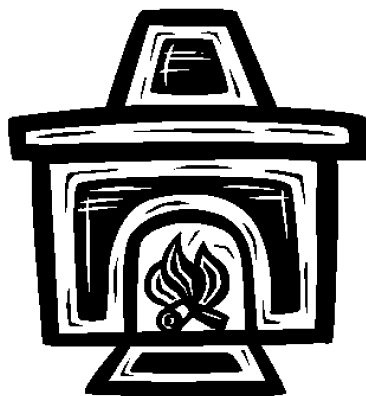
KEEP FIREPLACES AND WOOD STOVES CLEAN

- Have your chimney or wood stove inspected and cleaned annually by a certified chimney specialist.
- Clear the area around the hearth of debris, decorations and flammable materials.
- Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces. Leave glass doors open while burning a fire.
- Install stovepipe thermometers to help monitor flue temperatures.
- Keep air inlets on wood stoves open, and never restrict air supply to fireplaces. Otherwise you may cause creosote buildup that could lead to a chimney fire.
- Use fire-resistant materials on walls around wood stoves.

SAFELY BURN FUELS

- Never use flammable liquids to start a fire.
- Use only seasoned hardwood. Soft, moist wood accelerates creosote buildup.
- Build small fires that burn completely and produce less smoke.

- Never burn cardboard boxes, trash or debris in your fireplace or wood stove.
- When building a fire, place logs at the rear of the fireplace on an adequate supporting grate.
- Never leave a fire in the fireplace unattended. Extinguish the fire before going to bed or leaving the house.
- Soak hot ashes in water and place them in a metal container outside your home.



PROTECT THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME

- Stack firewood outdoors at least 30 feet away from your home.
- Keep the roof clear of leaves, pine needles and other debris.

- Cover the chimney with a mesh screen spark arrester.
- Remove branches hanging above the chimney, flues or vents.

PROTECT THE INSIDE OF YOUR HOME

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home. Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year. Consider installing the new long life smoke alarms.
- Provide proper venting systems for all heating equipment.
- Extend all vent pipes at least three feet above the roof.

For more information contact:

The U. S. Fire Administration
16825 South Seton Avenue
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

or

Visit the USFA Web site:
www.usfa.fema.gov



**Homeland
Security**

THE TOWNSHIP OF MEDFORD DIVISION OF FIRE & EMS OFFERS A JUNIOR PROGRAM:

Medford Division of Fire and EMS has exciting opportunities for young adults ages 14-18 interested in becoming a junior firefighter or EMT. The junior program is based upon the concept of giving young adults an introduction to the fire and emergency medical services. As a junior member you will learn teamwork, the basic principles of firefighting and EMS, and prepare for the courses required to become a firefighter or EMT. As an added incentive Lenape Regional High School District students can earn up to 10 credits towards graduation by participating in the "Option Two" program. If you are interested in becoming a Junior Firefighter or EMT and/or have any questions about the "Option Two" program, please feel free to contact FF/EMT Ryan Hofmann at 609-953-3291 or by visiting our web site at www.medfordfire.org

FIRE PREVENTION NIGHT:

Medford Division of Fire, Union and Taunton Fire Companies will be holding their annual fire prevention night on Friday, October 8th from 7-9pm at Freedom Park (86 Union St. Medford, NJ). Highlights will include gifts for the kids, home safety displays, fire truck displays, Ft. Dix fire safety house, Evesham Fire-Rescue high angle team, Burlington County Haz-Mat team "South Star" the New Jersey State Police Medivac helicopter a chance to meet Sparky the Fire Dog, Smokey the Bear and much more. Any question please contact Medford Division of Fire at 609-953-3291.



Free CPR class for residents:

The Medford Township Department of Public Safety is sponsoring a free CPR class for residents set for the following date, November 11, 2010 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Firefighter/EMT Ryan Hofmann of the Division of Fire will instruct the course.

Participants will also receive instruction on the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), a portable electronic device that is used in cases of cardiac arrest and has recently become commonplace in schools, churches, businesses and other public locations.

Those interested in attending are asked to call Lorie Cutts at (609) 953-3291 to register for the class.



A Reminder from the Clerk's Office...

GENERAL ELECTION IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010

Polls open from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm.



DOG CENSUS

Under statutory requirement N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.1 Et. seq, a dog census will be conducted this year.

Please be advised starting September 27th, Police Officers will be visiting residents to conduct the census. If you do not have a 2010 dog license you will be fined \$20.00 in

addition to the \$12.00 fee to obtain a license (\$15.00 for dogs that have not been spayed or neutered) along with \$10.00 late fee.

You may obtain a dog license in the Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 am -4:30 pm. Your dogs vaccinations must be valid until 11/1/10.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Brush Collection: Over the past four months, our employees have worked very hard to pick up and dispose of a record amount of brush and trees from our residents. Now that we have cleared all neighborhoods, the special collection schedule will revert back to our normal schedule. Please refer to your calendar for your next scheduled pick up.

Recycling: Please refer to the recycling schedule on the township website at www.medfordtownship.com and the County brochure only. The calendar issued by the schools is incorrect.

The remaining dates for 2010 are:

September 14, 28; October 12, 26; November 9, 23; December 7, 21

2011:

January 4, 18; February 1, 15; March 1, 15, 29



SHREDDING DAY

(NO BUSINESSES!)

BRING YOUR CONFIDENTIAL FILES (LIMIT 10 BOXES OR BAGS) ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2010, 8:00 AM -11:00 AM, AT THE TOWNSHIP GARAGE, 2 COMMONWEALTH DRIVE.

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT JUDY SCHERF, RECYCLING COORDINATOR AT 609-654-4806.

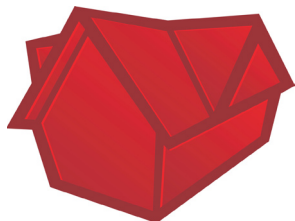
PUBLIC WORKS AND WATER & SEWER OFFICES

The Public Works office and Water & Sewer offices have moved to the Municipal Center at 17 N. Main Street. You can still reach the Public Works Department by calling 609-654-4806 and the Water & Sewer Department at 609-654-7886.

REMINDER ...

Regarding Water and Sewer BILLS. Payments can be paid in person or mailed to the Municipal Center, 17 N. Main Street, Medford, NJ 08055. Please do not mail them to ETS. They are no longer providing service to us.

**BURLINGTON COUNTY
HOME IMPROVEMENT
LOAN PROGRAM
609-265-5072**



This program provides technical assistance to qualified homeowners and makes low-interest property improvement loans of up to \$20,000 to correct substandard housing conditions and to eliminate health and safety hazards. For more information about this program, please call the above number.

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