

The MEDFORD Messenger



DECEMBER 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Gold Medal Environmental of NJ - 856-784-5050

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"What's Up in Medford"

Tax Assessor's Office -

Assessment Maintenance Program - A reminder the Assessor's Office is visiting properties verifying the data on record. Please visit the following link for information and updates: <http://www.medfordtownship.com/AMP>

Township Offices:

Friday, December 14th the Township Offices will be closing at 12:00 PM and the Township Garage will be closing at 11:30 AM for an employee luncheon.

Township Offices will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25, 2018 in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

Township Offices will be closed on Tuesday, January 1, 2019 for New Year's Day.

Holiday Trash Collection Schedule:

Due to the upcoming holidays, trash will be collected as follows: Trash will be collected as usual on Monday, December 24th. No trash will be collected on Tuesday, December 25th or Tuesday, January 1st, 2019. Trash collection for Tuesday's route will be collected on Wednesday, Wednesday's route will be collected on Thursday, Thursday's route will be collected on Friday and Friday's route will be collected on Saturday.

Holiday Recycling Schedule:

Recycling for December will be collected on Tuesday, December 11th and Wednesday, December 26th.

Christmas Tree Collection:

The Department of Neighborhood Services will be collecting trees starting the week of Monday, January 28th. Collection will take place over a two-week period and will end on Friday, February 8th. Residents should place their trees at the street on the designated trash collection day with all stands, ornaments and lights removed. Trees that are flocked or treated with artificial snow cannot be recycled and should be brought to the DPW yard during regular hours. The DPW yard is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm and every third Saturday from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm; excluding holidays.

Roads:

The Skeet Road Paving Project is complete with the exception of driveway aprons and line striping which will be completed shortly.

“What’s Up in Medford”

Food Trucks:

December 20th is the last scheduled Food Truck Event to be held on Main Street in 2018. The event will be held from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Click [here](#) to see a list of the food trucks locations and menus for this event.

All pedestrians are reminded to cross Main Street in the crosswalks as the street is not closed for this event. This is not only for pedestrian safety but also for motorists.

Fire Safety

When the colder temperatures start to set in, many homeowners will turn to their fireplace, wood or pellet stoves as an additional heat source. While fireplaces can provide warmth and comfort, if you are not careful, they can also be a hazard. Keep in mind the following precautions to help ensure a safe winter season.

Keep Your Chimney Fireplaces and Wood Stoves Clean

Have your chimney, fireplace, wood or pellet stove inspected and cleaned by a licensed chimney specialist. They should be maintained annually to help ensure they are functioning safely and efficiently.

- Be sure to keep the area around the hearth clear of debris, decorations and any other combustible materials.
- If you have a wood burning, insert or pellet stove, refer to the manufacturer’s instructions for additional guidance related to operation and venting.

Keep Fires Burning Safely

Be sure the flue is open before lighting your fire to help ensure the fireplace will vent properly. Do not close your damper until you are sure the fire is out.

- When starting a fire, only use a match or commercial firelighter. Never use flammable liquids to start a fire.
- Glass doors of a fireplace should be kept open while burning a fire. This allows the fire to receive enough air for complete combustion and to help reduce creosote build-up in the chimney.
- Metal mesh screens should remain closed whenever your fireplace is in use to help keep embers in the fireplace.
- Only use dry wood in your fireplace. Wet wood can increase creosote buildup, which can lead to chimney fires.
- Do not burn plastic because it can release toxic chemicals and cause damage to your chimney, fireplace or wood stove.
- Never burn a Christmas tree in your fireplace as the sparks from the burning needles can increase the risk for a chimney fire. Also, do not burn cardboard boxes, wrapping paper or trash in your fireplace.
- Never leave a fire in a fireplace unattended. Before leaving the house or going to bed, you should make certain to fully extinguish the fire.
- Allow ashes to cool completely before disposing of them — ashes can take several days to cool completely. Never empty ashes directly into a trash can. Instead, place ashes in a covered metal container located at least 10 feet¹ away from your home and any other building.

Keep the Outside of Your Home and Your Chimney Safe

Firewood should be stacked at least 30 feet away from your home.²

- Your roof and chimney should be kept clean of leaves, pine needles and other debris. Prune trees and branches to keep them away from your chimney.
- Install a chimney cap with spark arrester to help keep debris, leaves, branches and animals out, and to help prevent burning embers or sparks from escaping and creating a fire hazard.

Keep the Inside of Your Home Safe with Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

To help make your winter even safer, we recommend that you take the time to test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. A smoke detector is the most effective way to detect smoke from a fire and signal an alarm so that you can get you and your family out safely. A carbon monoxide detector can alert you to the buildup of this dangerous odorless and colorless gas. Make sure you test the detectors monthly, and after you change the batteries to ensure they work properly.

Police Department Tip:

The Police Department advises against leaving valuables in a vehicle. If you choose to leave valuables, such as purses, diaper bags, wallets, cell phones, currency, etc. in a vehicle, please secure the item so that it is not visible and lock all doors. Visible valuables are easy targets for someone looking to commit a smash and grab theft.

Recycling Tip:

Did you know that wrapping paper, tissue paper, holiday card, gift boxes, shipping boxes and card envelopes are recyclable? There is an exception with foil wrapping paper, which is not recyclable. For more information on recycling visit the “Recycling” link on the first page of the newsletter under “Services”.

[Click here](#) to find out how to recycle holiday lights.

Municipal Center Address: 17 North Main Street, Medford, NJ 08055

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Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. www.medfordtownship.com

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