



March 2022



THE MEDFORD MESSENGER

“What’s Up in Medford”

Above Photo—Sunrise at Cow Pointe courtesy of EJ Scott.

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March 2022 Events

Medford First Friday & Art Walk along Main Street. Friday, March 4th from 6:00-9:00 pm. Sponsored by the Main Street Merchants & the Medford Arts Center. www.MedfordMainStreet.com

Free Twp. Clean Communities Shredding Event
Saturday, March 19th from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. DPW Yard/Twp Garage—2 Commonwealth Drive. (See page 2 for more info)

3rd Thursday Food Trucks on Main Street resume on St. Patrick’s Day—March 17th from 5:00-9:00 pm along Main Street. Click [here](#) for a list of participating trucks and their menus.



Looking Ahead — April 2022 Events

Medford First Friday & Art Walk along Main Street. Friday, April 1st from 6:00-9:00 pm. Sponsored by the Main Street Merchants & the Medford Arts Center. www.MedfordMainStreet.com

MYAA Opening Day—Saturday, April 2nd. Visit www.MYAA.net for more info on the spring sports being offered and registration information.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt—Saturday, April 9th starting at 11:00 am at Freedom Park. Sponsored by the Medford-Vincentown Rotary Club. (Raindate Saturday, April 16th)

3rd Thursday Food Trucks on Main Street Thursday, April 21st from 5:00-9:00 pm along Main Street. Check the Twp. website in early April for the list of participating trucks and their menus.

Saturday, April 30th—Save the Date. Earth Day/Arbor Day Observance & Town Wide Yard Sale at Freedom Park. More info to follow on the Twp. website & in next month’s Messenger.

2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET WORKSHOPS

The Township Council will be holding Budget Workshop meetings on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 beginning at 6:00 PM and on Saturday, March 12, 2022 beginning at 8:30 AM. These meetings are to discuss the proposed 2022 Municipal Budget and are open to the public. The meetings will be via Zoom Conference & in-person at the Public Safety Building, 91 Union Street.

The Zoom Meeting ID is 848 849 0899, Password: 213971.

**FREE SHREDDING EVENT SCHEDULED:
March 19, May 21, September 17, and November 19, 2022
Saturdays -- 8:00 am to 12:00 noon**

**FOR MEDFORD TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY!!!!
ABSOLUTELY NO BUSINESSES WILL BE PERMITTED**

Protect yourself and your family from identity theft and financial fraud while taking steps to help the Township's Recycling Program.

The shredding truck will be available from **8:00 am until 12:00 noon** on the above dates at the Municipal Garage, located at 2 Commonwealth Drive. (Off of Gravelly Hollow Road behind Bob Meyer Park)

Residents may bring up to 5 boxes or bags of files (no exceptions) to be shredded on site. An experienced operator will be present in a highly secure, mobile shredding unit where your confidential materials will be shredded as you watch. Please bring paper only; plastic bags, metal, binders and binder clips cannot be shredded. (Paper clips and staples are acceptable)

100% of the paper is recycled and is applied to Medford's recycling totals, for which we obtain grants from the State of NJ under the Clean Communities Program and Recycling Tonnage Grant.

As these dates are the 3rd Saturday of the month, the Garage is open from 8:00 am till 1:00 pm to accept all other waste and recycling materials.

For more information, call Judy Scherf, Recycling Coordinator at 609-654-6791 x322



Bag Up NJ

Submitted by Ileen Wright, Medford Green Team & Environmental Affairs Advisory Committee

The New Jersey Plastic Pollution Reduction Law goes into effect this May. Single use plastic products are one of the greatest threats to our oceans, our environment and our health.

November 4th, 2021 saw the first implementation of this law, with the ban on plastic straws. A food service business may only provide plastic straws to a customer upon the request of the customer.

Beginning May 4, 2022, Food Service businesses, grocery stores, retail stores, restaurants and more are prohibited from selling or providing their customers with single use plastic carry out bags, with sanitary exceptions. (If a grocery store size is above 2500 square feet, paper carryout bags are also banned - if a grocery store size is under 2500 square feet, paper carryout bags are free.) All polystyrene foam food service products are also banned. (with a 2 year extension for long handled spoons, portion cups size 2 oz. or less, meat/fish trays, pre-packaged foods)

How does this new law affect you? What can you do to be prepared? Be a wise consumer. It's good for the future of our planet!

Vote with your wallet- Chose products, businesses, restaurants that are actively working on reducing plastic.

Say YES to Reusable! BRING YOUR OWN BAG!

Going to a restaurant? BRING YOUR OWN TAKE HOME CONTAINERS!

Say NO to plastic utensils/extras when ordering takeout.

Educate your family & friends- Plastic pollution is a public health crisis, climate change and environmental justice issue.

Spread the message of NO littering.

Reduce consumption.

What are the penalties?

Any business violating the bill would get a warning on first offense.

A fine up to \$1000 for a second offense

A fine up to \$5000 for a third or subsequent offense.

If you are a business and or would like more information on how this bill affects you, contact the New Jersey Business Action Center Website: business.nj.gov/bags/plastic-ban-law or New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Website: nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law/#faqs

MEDFORD CANOE TRAIL & CANOE RACK RENTALS

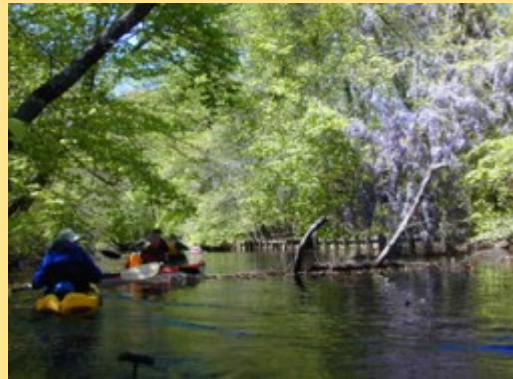
The Medford Canoe Trail provides a wonderful recreational experience. The trail on the Southwest Branch of Rancocas Creek starts in Medford Park and ends at Kirby's Mill. Along its 2½-mile length, it offers superb scenery with lush vegetation and tranquil waters. Area paddlers can enjoy a trip on the water that ranks with the best in New Jersey without leaving Medford.

Once an important conduit for trade and commerce, the beautiful section of Rancocas Creek that graces Medford had over a number of years become unusable because of flooding and downed trees. Strenuous efforts by volunteers and strong support by the Township Council and administration brought the stream back to life. Now paddlers who own canoes and kayaks can enjoy the trail whenever weather conditions are suitable. Others can enjoy the water on rental canoe trips organized by the Pinelands Preservation Alliance's Pinelands Adventures. Information is available on the Township website at <http://www.medfordtownship.com/outdoors> or <https://medfordcanoetrail.wordpress.com/>

The most convenient access point is in Medford Park at the foot of Coates Street where picnic facilities and parking close to the launch site are available. The Township also rents space on canoe racks constructed by local Eagle Scouts. For information on renting a canoe rack space, please contact the Manager's Office at 609-654-2608 x334 or email jmehl@medfordtownship.com.

The trail head, somewhat further upstream at Mayer's Landing in Medford Park, is accessible from Gill Road off Allen Avenue. The trail ends at a landing at Kirby's Mill on Church Road. From there, the Rancocas continues on its scenic way to its juncture with the Delaware River. Although the stream is navigable from Lumberton to the Delaware River, the stretch from Kirby's Mill to Lumberton is still blocked due to log obstructions.

In good weather, with average stream conditions, Kirby's Mill can be reached from the park area in about an hour. One-way down-stream trips are an easy way to enjoy an outing on the water. The return trip, against what is usually a moderate current, takes about an hour and a half. A round trip, starting at Kirby's Mill or at the park, makes a pleasant half-day outing. When planning an outing, paddlers must take into account their own abilities and weather forecasts. Thunderstorms and heavy rains can cause strong currents and dangerous stream conditions that make trips inadvisable. To minimize the inherent risks of any water activity, personal flotation devices must be worn at all times. Enjoy the water but be careful! We invite you to enjoy the beautiful waters and scenery offered by the Medford Canoe Trail and the opportunity it offers for family recreation and exercise.



Community Gardens at Freedom Park

This spring Medford Township will once again offer a limited number of garden plots in Freedom Park.

Each plot is approximately 25' x 25', but due to the large demand, plots can be divided into halves and quarters for those who prefer a smaller plot. Water is available, but gardeners are responsible for providing seeds, plants, hoses and fencing. Plots will be assigned according to the order in which the applications are received.

Fee: \$30 for whole plots, \$15 for 1/2 a plot, \$5 for a 1/4 of a plot. For information on garden plot space, please contact the Manager's Office at 609-654-2608 x334 or email jmehl@medfordtownship.com



2022 SPRING BRUSH COLLECTION PROGRAM

Below are the collection dates for the annual spring brush collection in the Township:

- Zone 5: Week of April 4
- Zone 4: Week of April 18
- Zone 2: Week of May 2
- Zone 1: Week of May 16
- Zone 3: Week of May 30

The Neighborhood Services Department will alert the public via Nixle alerts and Facebook posts as they complete each Zone or if they experience delays. Each street will be collected once. Township Code states "All brush shall be stored on a resident's property and shall not be placed at the roadside earlier than 10 days preceding the Monday of the scheduled collection week". Brush placed at the street for collection outside of these collection dates will not be collected.

Brush shall include the pruning of trees, shrubs, bushes or vines, but exclude grass clippings, flowers, weeds, tree trunks, stumps and leaves. If the excluded items are mixed with the brush, the material will not be collected.

All brush must be piled neatly at the edge of the property and cannot be placed in any roadway or sidewalk. Brush should not exceed 4-6 feet in length, and should not be any larger than 6 inches in diameter. As a reminder for those residents who utilize a private contractor, the contractor is responsible for the removal of the brush from the property.

For more information, visit the Township website at: www.medfordtownship.com/brushandleaf.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

The Medford Township Department of Fire & EMS is currently accepting resumes for Part-Time Emergency Medical Technicians. Applicants must be age 21 or older and have 2 years' experience in emergency medical services. Must hold current EMT-B, CPR Certifications and valid driver's license & be physically capable of performing all duties involving emergency medical services. Must complete a written application, oral interview, medical evaluation and physical agility test. Send resume to Township of Medford, Department of Fire & EMS, Attn: Chief Robert Dovi, 1 Firehouse Lane, Medford, NJ 08055. EOE

CROSSING GUARDS

Substitute positions available. Obtain application from the Township website or at the Medford Town Hall Bldg., 49 Union St., Medford and submit to the Personnel Office. EOE



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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