

# The MEDFORD Messenger



## OCTOBER 2018

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 Gold Medal Environmental of NJ - 856-784-5050

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## "What's Up in Medford"

### Tree Clearing:

Township officials have noted a significant increase of incidents where property owners are cutting and clearing trees. Medford Township does not have a Tree Ordinance per se or require permits to remove trees, however, Chapter 527 of the Land Development Ordinances regulates tree removal/clearing as follows: [Ord. No. 1992-1 § 2; Ord. No. 1997-16 § 47]

Most importantly, NO tree cutting or clearing is permitted in designated wetlands, wetlands buffers, designated environmentally sensitive areas or scenic corridors.

#### A. Clearing Standards.

1. All clearing and soil disturbance activities shall be limited to that which is necessary to accommodate an activity, use or structure which is permitted by this ordinance;
2. Where practical, all clearing and soil disturbance activities associated with an activity, use or structure, other than agriculture, forestry and resource extraction, shall:

a.) Avoid wooded areas, including New Jersey's Record Trees as published by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in 1991 and periodically updated; and

b.) Revegetate or landscape areas temporarily cleared or disturbed during development activities.

3. In areas other than the Pinelands Area of the Township, clearing shall be permitted only where necessary for the physical construction of roads, improvements and buildings and only in conformance with a detailed landscaping plan submitted by the applicant and approved by the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment, as the case may be.

Further, the Pinelands Commission Comprehensive Management Plan regulations limit tree clearing to 1,500 square feet on wooded/vacant lots that are proposed to be developed. See Medford Land Development Ordinance Section 802-E (f).

Property owners with questions about tree removal are recommended to contact the Zoning Office at 654-2608 x315 or 324 before having trees cut down.

The Zoning Office also wishes to advise residents that on January 1, 2018, the Tree Expert and Tree Care Operators Licensing Law was adopted. This new law permits the NJ Board of Tree Experts to fully implement the Act to reduce the number of fatalities and injuries in the tree care profession, and promote proper industry and tree care practices and standards while providing consumer protection against unscrupulous tree care. Residents are encouraged to insure any tree contractor working on private property meets these new requirements.

For more information, visit: [www.njtreeexperts.org](http://www.njtreeexperts.org).

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### Food Trucks on Main Street:

Thurs., October 18<sup>th</sup> is the next scheduled Food Truck Event to be held on Main Street. The event will start earlier this month from **5:00 PM to 9:00 PM**. [Click here](#) to see a list of the food trucks location, menus and entertainment for this event.

### Halloween:

The recommended hours for Trick or Treating on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 are 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Residents and businesses who will be giving away treats are asked to turn on porch lights. Participants are asked not to visit homes or businesses that do not have their lights on. Children should wear light colors and/or reflective gear and carry a flashlight after dark.

### Medford Arts Center:

The Medford Arts Center is accepting applications for their Annual Poetry Contest. The contest is opened on October 1, 2018 and closes on November 16, 2018. Contest rules and applications are available at [MedfordArts.com](http://MedfordArts.com).

### Medford Fire & EMS:

National Fire Prevention Week is held from October 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Medford Fire & EMS will hold a Fire Prevention Event on October 12, 2018 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at Union Firehouse, 1 Firehouse Lane, Medford. Come out and see the Township’s newest apparatus additions and other various Medford apparatus and surrounding towns. There will be various demonstrations and presentations, a bounce house, refreshments, fire trucks, ambulances and more.

### Township Offices:

Township Offices will be closed on Monday, October 8, 2018 in observance of Columbus Day.

### Seniors:

Members of the Senior Center will be holding a “Membership Drive” and “Open House” on October 18, 2018 from 5 PM to 9 PM at the Senior Center located behind the Municipal Building at 88 Charles Street. This event will be held the same evening and times as the Food Truck Event. Come checkout the Center and find out what activities and classes are available.

## OCTOBER EVENTS

October 6<sup>th</sup>, Scarecrow Contest & Harvest Festival on Main Street beginning at 9:00 a.m., sponsored by [The Woman’s Club of Medford](#).

October 13<sup>th</sup>, “40<sup>th</sup>” Annual Apple Festival, Kirby’s Mill, 275 Fostertown Road from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM sponsored by the Medford Historical Society.

October 27<sup>th</sup>, Annual Halloween Parade the parade beginning at 7:00 PM. Main Street will close to traffic at 5:30 PM. The one mile parade route starts at the float staging ground located at St. Mary of the Lakes School and continues east onto Firehouse Lane then turns right onto Main Street and continues south to Maurice and Everett Haines School. This event is sponsored by the Medford Vincentown Rotary. No chairs/blankets are to be placed along the parade route before Saturday morning of the event.

October 31<sup>st</sup>, Trunk or Treat event from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Village of Taunton Forge, Taunton & Tuckerton Roads. This is the first time for this event sponsored by [The Woman’s Club of Medford](#) and hosted by the Village of Taunton Forge Shopping Center.

## RECYCLING TIP OF THE MONTH

The Burlington County Recycling Program can no longer collect shredded paper curbside or from town drop-offs (even if bagged or boxed). Shredded and other small bits of paper are too small for the recycling system to correctly sort. Shredded paper can be placed in your household trash or bagged shredded paper can be brought to the County Facility. The Township Recycling Coordinator, Judy Scherf can be reached at 609-654-6791, ext. 322 or [jscherf@medfordtownship.com](mailto:jscherf@medfordtownship.com) or click on [Recycling](#).

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

**Phone: (609) 654-2608 Fax (609) 953-4087**

**Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. [www.medfordtownship.com](http://www.medfordtownship.com)**

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