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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE
 Please call 609-654-9383 with questions

NOVEMBER
 18th – Hazardous Waste in Medford Lakes – 9am – Noon.
 18th – Saturday Drop off: 7:30a-12:30p. NO DROP OFF on the 25th.
 22nd – Will be double trash day for zones 2 & 3 due to Thanksgiving on the 23rd.

A RETURN TO THE WORLD OF THEATRE
 For the first time in many years, Medford Lakes is reviving its interest in the world of Theatre. Jaci Keagi is directing a play entitled, It's a Wonderful Life, A Radio Play.

The play is set in the WW II era and takes place on a radio stage as actors bring to life the drama of George Bailey who faces near financial ruin. Not to worry though, Clarence, his guardian Angel, will show George the path to redemption.

Come out and see this delightful comedy/drama performed in our very own Vaughan Hall on Saturday, December 16 at 7:30pm. Sunday, December 17 at 1:30 pm.

YOUR AGE
 Members who turn age 65 in 2024: Please email your name, address, and birthdate to office@mlcolony.org. Colony fees will be adjusted to the over age 65 category. Questions can be directed to the same email address or by calling 609-654-7747.

PLEASE REMOVE YOUR WATERCRAFT
 If you currently have a watercraft stored on any of the Colony canoe racks, please remove it as soon as possible per the Canoe Rack Lottery Agreement. Thank you for your cooperation!

A HUGE HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO MEDFORD LAKES...
 To my dear friends, past and present and for those of you I may not have even met to date, this message of thanks is long overdue.

This past Labor Day, so many of you came together to organize an amazing volleyball tournament serving as a benefit and fundraiser supporting our family subsequent to my battles over GBS (Guillain Barre Syndrome). I was overwhelmed by the love and support of all of the community there including friends, neighbors, volleyball colleagues and even folks I had just met that day. This gesture of selfless support and love truly warms my heart beyond words. I wish to thank those of you that worked so diligently to put this event together. Those who conceptualized the event and those of you that organized and supported the event in various ways. Additionally, my thanks to all of you who played and or made contributions regardless of your ability to play.

While Ship Bottom has been our permanent home these past 10 years or so, our village of Medford Lakes remains strong in our hearts as do all the relationships we've had for so long. This benefit just continues to speak volumes of the Medford Lakes community that my family was so blessed to be a part of as we raised our children some 25 years or so. Colleen and I look forward to participating in the next event that supports someone else in need.

God Bless you all and again, thank you all so very, very much!
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 Ron and Colleen Panetta


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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you are moving or changing your address, please promptly notify the Colony Office by emailing office@mlcolony.org or by calling 609-654-7747.

The Postal Service is very accommodating to Medford Lakes Colony, and it is truly appreciated. However, they do not forward third-class mail. The Colony News is mailed to you weekly via third-class mail. The Post Office charges the Colony for any returned items.

Please be sure to include the Colony in your mailing changes. Thank you!

TOYS FOR TOTS

The Marine Corps Toys for Tots collection bin is now in the Colony Office.

Please bring a new toy for any age child as soon as possible but no later than Friday, December 15th to help bring joy to a child this holiday season.

Visit www.toysfortots.org or follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/toysfortots

PAINT & SIP AT MEDFORD LAKES LIONS CLUB

Tuesday, November 28th at 6:30 pm



Please join us for an evening of fun and creativity. Tracey from Spotted Frog Studio will provide step-by-step instructions to make your inside artist jump out! Each ticket purchase includes all supplies and instructions for creating an adorable design. GRAB A FRIEND AND JOIN THE FUN! This is a BYOB event, and we will provide some light refreshments.

Use this link <https://medfordlakeslions.org/paintandsip/> or QR code to sign up online.

\$55 per person. Space is limited so don't wait to sign up!

DOGS ON THE BEACH

No dogs on the beach, please. This is a small town, but there is plenty of room for dog walking. Let's save the beach for people; dogs will have to take exercise elsewhere.

SANTA'S SLEIGH PHOTO-OP - RETURNS AGAIN!!

Don't feel like packing up the kids and fighting the crowds at the mall for your annual picture with Santa? What if Santa and his Sleigh came to you!

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Select your picture day – Please include family name, address & phone

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Sleigh Arrival (will confirm approx. time after sign up)

Sunday – November 26th	10am – 3pm
Sunday – December 3rd	10am – 3pm
Sunday - December 10th	10am – 3pm

Thank you in advance for your support

All proceeds to benefit the ML Colony & Nut-N-Butt Paddles - 2024 Carnival Effort

PCC FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST INVITE

The program for the Fellowship Breakfast at 8:30 on Saturday, November 18th in Todd Hall at the Protestant Community Church will be presented by retired long-time Medford Lakes art teacher Toni Frary and retired art teacher Art Smith. The public is invited. Their presentation is about the classes they jointly teach for Veterans at the Protestant Community Church the first and third Friday of the month. Veterans of any art level attend their bi-weekly art classes.

DON'T MIX GRASS CLIPPINGS AND LEAVES

For the Fall cleanup and leaf collection, please do NOT mix grass clippings in your leaf piles. The Borough will not collect leaf piles that mix in grass clippings. Grass clippings should be (1) mulched back onto your lawn; (2) composted; (3) disposed of in your regular trash collection.

If you bring grass clippings to Public Works on Saturday morning, throw them into the trash truck, not into the brush or leaf piles behind Public Works.

Also, do NOT mix leaf and brush piles. Again, the Borough will not collect mixed piles – keep them separate. Thank You.

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Do Not Rake Leaves into the Lake

All lakefront owners, please do not rake or blow leaves into the lake, and that includes your landscapers. It is a violation of Borough Ordinance and NJ State Law to blow leaves or any other matter into the lakes.

It is also a violation of Borough Ordinance and NJ State Law to spread any type of fertilizer within 10' of the lake, and the Medford Lakes Colony urges lakefront owners not to apply any fertilizer within 25' of the lake.

LAKFEFRONT OWNERS

Cut Back Your Trees and Shrubs

Autumn is a great time to cut back tree branches and shrubs lining the lake shorelines. Leaves in the lakes are a serious problem, contributing to poor water quality, excessive weed and algae growth, and increased sediment volume on lake bottoms. Small trees under 3" in diameter can be cut down, and tree branches can be trimmed, without a Borough permit. Any trees larger than 3" in diameter, please consult the Borough office at 609-654-8898.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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Tuesday, November 21 – Recycle Collection
Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24 – Colony Office Closed

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