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MEDFORD LAKES COLONY NEWS



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COLONY MEETING

Please join the Medford Lakes Colony Board of Directors for the first scheduled meeting of 2026 on Monday, January 12, 2026, beginning at 7:30 pm in Demby Annex. If you need something included on the agenda, please submit it to the Colony Office no later than Monday, January 5th. Items for the agenda and questions can be directed to office@mlcolony.org. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend.

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

New Board Members, to begin a term in January 2026, are needed. If you are interested in serving on the Medford Lakes Colony Board of Directors, please attend the monthly meetings of the Board and send your resume to office@mlcolony.org.

THANK YOU, DARRIN!

We have received notice from Darrin Doyle that he will not be returning to the Medford Lakes Summer Camp program next year. Darrin has been the director for the past 10 years, and Upper Camp has flourished under his leadership. Many campers have benefited due to his dedication and enthusiasm for camp. The Colony Board of Directors extends its sincere appreciation to Darrin Doyle and wishes him the very best in his future endeavors.

HELP WANTED UPPER CAMP DIRECTOR

Medford Lakes Colony is in need of an Upper Camp Director for the 2026 summer camp season. The Camp Director will assume overall leadership of Upper Camp, staff selection and day-to-day operations. The Camp Director provides leadership, instructional supervision for staff, and interacts daily with campers, staff and families. The Camp Director also works closely with their teams, developing the creative, fun, and wacky traditions that make our camp unique. Interested applicants should submit an online employment application & resume on the Colony's website - <https://www.medfordlakescolony.org/employmentapplication> - by Wed., December 31, 2025.

HELP WANTED

The Colony will also need an "Extended Hours" Camp Director & Upper Camp Swim Instructor for the 2026 summer camp season. If you are interested in applying for any of these positions or would like your application on file for any other future openings, please submit an online application & resume at <https://www.medfordlakescolony.org/employmentapplication>

NO ALL FLOAT ON CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

A heartfelt thank-you to all our wonderful AFO (All Float On) Christmas tree patrons from the past two years. No tree sale this year - but we'll see you at Canoe Carnival!

CHRISTMAS TRASH COLLECTION UPDATE

Due to the Christmas holiday, the Public Works Department will be collecting trash for zone 3 on Wednesday, December 24th. If you have any questions, please call DPW at 609-654-9383.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

The Medford Lakes Volunteer Fire Company will be taking Santa and Mrs. Claus through the trails on Saturday, Dec. 20th (rain date 12/21). Santa has a very busy schedule and will try to travel on as many trails as possible. Please follow Santa's progress through the trails on Facebook at [mlfd371](https://www.facebook.com/mlfd371). If you hear the sirens and music, come out and see Santa to receive a candy cane from one of Santa's helpers. Please have a safe and happy holiday season!

YOUR AGE

Members who turn age 65 in 2026: 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.

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Thank you to the Medford Lakes Lions Club who supplies us with a beautiful telephone directory about every 24 months. If your listing is incorrect, or needs to be added, please send an email to office@mlcolony.org. Be sure to include your name as you want it to be printed, telephone number, and address. Questions – please call 609-654-7747.

LIONS DIRECTORY ADVERTISING

Applications Due:
 December 12, 2025



Don't miss your chance to get your ad in THE phone book of Medford Lakes. The Medford Lakes Lions telephone directory is a great way to advertise your business.

- Bold Printed Name in Directory: \$25
- 1/4 Page: \$150 (Size: 4.15" w x 2.3" h)
- 1/2 Page: \$250 (Size: 4.15" w x 4.75" h)
- Full Page (B/W): \$400 (Size: 4.15" w x 9.667" h)
- Full Page (Color): \$500 (Size: 4.15" w x 9.667" h)

If you are interested in placing an ad, please download and complete the advertising application at <https://medfordlakeslions.org/directory/directoryad2025.pdf>. If you have an electronic copy of your ad, you can email it directly to the printer at directory@medfordlakeslions.org. To submit, please send the application, your ad copy, and payment to the following address:

Medford Lakes Lions
 PO Box 2105
 Medford Lakes, NJ 08055

If it is more convenient, you may also pay via our online system.

Please visit <https://medfordlakeslions.org/product/directory-ad/> for more information.

If you have questions about the advertising process or need help putting something together, please let us help. Contact Greg Kincaid, our Directory Chairman, at directory@medfordlakeslions.org or call/text 856-982-8529.

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 Monday, 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

Medford Lakes Women's Club Presents
 2025
Holiday
HOUSE TOUR & CRAFT FAIR
 Sunday | December 14th

House Tour | 11:00-3:00
 Craft Fair | 10:30 - 3:30

Reserve your tickets in advance. \$30/each or 2 for \$55
 Tickets will be available beginning November 5th at the
 Medford Lakes Colony Office - Demby Annex, 79 Tecumseh Trail
 Available weekdays 8:30-4:30

Limited tickets are available so please purchase tickets early.
 Any remaining tickets will be offered to purchase at Vaughan
 Hall on December 14th.

If you would like your home to be a part of the tour, please
 contact Savannah Smith 404-796-4157 or
 MLWCHoliday@gmail.com by 11/15/25.

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THE ML LIONS SAY THANK YOU!

The Medford Lakes Lions Club wants to thank everyone who purchased 2025 Lions Turkey Raffle tickets for their support! All raffle monies benefit the Lions Christmas Charities. So even if you didn't win a free turkey, you can feel good about helping to provide a holiday meal, toys, and new shoes to so many families in our area. Thanks again for helping the Lions help others!



New York drops a ball...Medford Lakes drops a canoe!
 Back by popular demand,
 the Mad Paddlers present the
 Medford Lakes Canoe Drop on New Year's Eve at Beach 3!
 Both events are free to attend.

Kid friendly NYE Canoe Drop

From 5:00-6:30 PM, we will host a family friendly event which will include music and fire pits. The Canoe Drop will happen at precisely 6 PM. Glow items will be available for purchase. All kids must be accompanied by an adult.

Midnight NYE Canoe Drop

The main event will start at 11:00 PM and conclude at 12:30 AM. The MLPD has asked that everyone be off the beach by 12:30 AM. Please note that many members of our community are coming together to make this event happen: Police Department, Fire Department, ML Colony, etc. Please make sure that all attendees are being respectful of, and adhering to, all Colony and Borough rules during the event, so that this event can continue to happen year after year.

**While we love putting on this event for the community,
 please consider making a donation to offset
 the cost of the insurance and permits needed.
 Donations can be sent via Venmo to @Mad-Paddlers**

DONATIONS FOR AC HOMELESS

Do you need a catalyst to clean out your closets??? Feeling philanthropic?

We will be heading to Atlantic City on Christmas Day to bring much needed supplies to the large homeless population there. If you feel so inclined, these are the most needed items (gently used is fine):

Coats, hats, gloves, scarves, SOCKS!!!, shoes, long johns and other warm clothing items, back packs or small wheeled suitcases.

We will also be accepting monetary donations, as we spend hundreds of dollars to purchase items that must be new, such as:

Feminine hygiene products, toothbrushes and paste, disposable razors, men and women's underwear, hand sanitizer, body wipes, face wipes, moisturizer, hand warmers, rain ponchos and personal water bottles. OR you can purchase and donate these items yourself. You can even order and have delivered straight to our house to save you having to deliver it.

Anything you'd like to donate can be dropped off in the labeled boxes in front of our home during the first 3 weekends of December, so we have time to sort, box up and load into our vehicles before Christmas Day. Thanks for anything you have to give.

Lori Dean-Gibson and Steve Gibson
 123 Setauket Trail

MEDFORD LAKES MAGNETS AVAILABLE AT THE COLONY OFFICE

The Medford Lakes Women's Club is selling vinyl oval ML car magnets – they are white with "ML" in the center. A small canoe and paddle with "Medford Lakes, NJ" are also printed on the magnet. The magnets are \$6 each or \$10 for 2 magnets and can be purchased in the Colony Office.

COMMEMORATIVE BENCH DONATION PROGRAM – WILSON FIELD

The Medford Lakes Colony is pleased to re-open its Commemorative Bench Donation Program for Wilson Field! Each bench comes with a recognition plaque. The cost for a bench and plaque is \$1,000.00. Forms can be picked up in the Colony Office or emailed to you. Please let office@mlcolony.org know if you are interested. Checks should be made out to Medford Lakes Colony and dropped off at the Colony Office.

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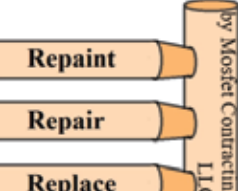
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, December 13th – Large Trash Drop-off and Brush & Leaf Drop-off, 7:30 am – 12:30 pm, behind the Firehouse – L.D. must be shown for large trash drop-off

Sunday, December 14th – MILWC Craft Fair, Vaughan Hall, 10:30 am – 3:30 pm – see flyer

Tuesday, December 16th – Recycle Collection

Thursday, December 18th – Planning Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, Oaks Hall



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