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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, October 19th – All-day voting on dues increase proposal beginning at 7:30 am. Results announced at the Annual Membership Meeting that evening.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE & DUES VOTE

The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, October 19, 2026, beginning at 7:30 pm in Vaughan Community House. Members will have an opportunity to vote on the proposed dues increase of \$50.00 (assigned to the Capital Expenditures Fund) on that day, beginning at 7:30 am until 7:00 pm in Demby Annex. Only members in good standing are permitted to vote, and it is one vote per household. Tenants are ineligible to vote.

PROPOSED SLATE OF DIRECTORS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE OCTOBER ANNUAL MEETING

For a term to expire in 2029:

Adam Burger - Jon Moraglia - Justin Sedarat

Directors-at-Large:

Ben Asztalos - Nichole Wolf - Ron Etter

Messrs. Burger, Moraglia, and Sedarat are incumbent members and are well known to us. We are fortunate that they have agreed to serve an additional term.

Likewise, we are fortunate to have three candidates to propose for three open positions.

Ben Asztalos is also known to us as a former Director and very active member of our auxiliary MLAA. He led the Neeta sports initiative and is the immediate Past President (King Lion) of the Medford Lakes Lions Club. He is a life-long Laker with generational ties to the community. He has four children. He is a member of the Mad Paddler float group. Ben is an insurance executive and will be an outstanding addition to our Finance Committee overseeing our risk management program.

Nichole Wolf also grew up in the Lakes with strong generational connections and is raising a family here. She has served the Home and School Association for many years in multiple fund-raising and leadership capacities, including the demanding role of lunch coordinator. Also, she has been involved in the Colony's summer camp program. She has an impressive career with the Canon Corporation. Nichole will be assigned to the Recreation Committee and will serve as the Board's liaison to Camp Council.

Ron Etter has lived in Medford Lakes since 1990 and is proud to have owned three of the original log cabins in his time here. He also has a long and impressive resume of community service that includes: five years on the Colony Board including a term as Vice President of Property; 25 years in the Lions Club including a term as King Lion; two years on the Borough's Historic Preservation Committee; founding member of Scrub Pines Float group. Ron is retiring from a career in live audio production and is interested in resuming his community service.

Submitted by Will Saraceni

Immediate Past President and Nominating Committee Chair

COLONY MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Monday, October 19, 2026, beginning at 7:30 pm in Vaughan Hall. This meeting will include departmental reports, director elections, and necessary routine business. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend.

PLEASE REMOVE YOUR WATERCRAFT BY NOVEMBER 1ST

We hope you all enjoyed another spectacular season canoeing in our wonderful lakes. In order to facilitate off season repairs of the beaches and canoe racks, any canoes or watercraft stored at the beaches/Colony property/canoe racks, must be removed on or before Sunday, November 1st.

Please plan accordingly. We truly appreciate your cooperation in our efforts to maintain our beaches and canoe racks. Spring 2027 will be here before we know it!

DPW BULK TRASH PICKUP REMINDERS

Bulk trash pickup is the 1st Monday of every month from March to November. If the first Monday is a holiday, it will be the following Monday. You must call by 4:30 pm the Friday before. Any requests received after 4:30 pm, will not be picked up. All mattress, boxspring, and tire payments must be paid for at the Borough Office by 4:30 pm the Friday before.

DPW does not pick up concrete, asphalt, bricks, stones, construction debris, carpet, electronic equipment, and e-bike batteries. Wood must be no longer than 4ft and cannot be pressure treated.

Please contact 609-654-9383 with questions.

DPW BRUSH COLLECTION

Brush Collection begins October 19th in zone order 4-1-2-3. Piles cannot be near obstacles, under wires, and no more than 6 feet from the edge of the road. Please no leaves or clippings in brush piles. Questions? Please contact Public Works at 609-654-9383.

Leaf Collection will not begin until November 16th.

ML GARDEN CLUB MEETING & LUNCHEON WED., OCTOBER 21, 2026, 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Vaughan Hall, 79 Tecumseh Trail, Medford Lakes, NJ

Meeting Cost: Free

Join us for the next Medford Lakes Garden Club Meeting & Luncheon, as well as its program, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on October 21st.

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MLWC HALLOWEEN COSTUME SWAP

The Medford Lakes Women's Club is hosting a Halloween costume swap.

Have a costume? Drop it off! Need a costume? Pick one out!

Costume swap bins will be available in Demby Annex from October 1st – 31st.

Costumes must be complete, clean, and in good condition.

MLWC HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR

SAVE THE DATE – Saturday, December 12th

We are looking for homeowners who would be willing to showcase their beautifully decorated homes for our upcoming Holiday House Tour! If you love decorating for the holidays and would like to share your home with the community, we would love to hear from you. Please send us a message for more information @ mlwcholiday@gmail.com.

OTR GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST

SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

Medford Lakes Gingerbread House Contest sponsored by OTR Float Group.

Get your team of 4 together. Open to all ages.

We supply the gingerbread house kit; you supply your decorations/décor tools.

Scan the QR code for more information, rules, and to register.

Email lakerallie@yahoo.com with questions.



PCC OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Please join us in Todd Hall on October 17th for PCC's monthly Fellowship Breakfast, where Barbara Schwartz, Philanthropy Chair at the Cherry Hill Free Clinic, will discuss the Clinic's vision: a world where no one suffers from lack of access to care; and its mission: to provide free primary care and specialty care to uninsured and underinsured New Jersey residents. We hope to see you there!



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Enjoy a self-guided tour of a picturesque lakeside home and garden beautifully dressed for fall. Explore seasonal plantings, colorful containers, pumpkins, natural accents, and creative displays designed to bring the warmth and beauty of autumn to every corner of the property. Adults can create a beautiful seasonal flower arrangement inside a pumpkin with step-by-step instruction from a Rutgers Master Gardener. Children can join the fun with pumpkin painting, creative crafts, and other autumn activities.

Your participation supports Angels All Around You and its mission of Parkinson's and brain injury research. For more info., please call or text 856-906-6554 or email Debbie Holtz at borieholtz4@gmail.com.

ML LIONS WITCHES PADDLE – SAVE THE DATE!

The 8th Annual ML Lions Witches Paddle is happening on Sunday October 25th! Save the date and stay tuned for registration at <https://mlwitchespaddle.com/> For any questions, please contact Brooke Allen-Watson at @brookebouquets@gmail.com.

TURKEY TROT REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Loyal Turkey Trotters – the registration link to register for the 2026 Turkey Trot is now open. Visit: <https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/MedfordLakes/MedfordLakesColony-TurkeyTrot5K>

You do not need to be a member to sign up. Please note – this event does fill up fast!



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ML STAGE ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS FOR A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Come one of two nights: Sunday, Oct. 18 at 5 pm OR Tuesday, October 20 at 6 pm. No preparation necessary except for those interested in singing. Come prepared to sing one verse of "God Bless You Merry Gentlemen". Everyone is welcome. There are large and small roles available. Don't want to act, just want to sing, no problem! Just want to act, can't sing, also not a problem! Can't do either but still want to be a part of the show, we'll find you a job!

ADULTS: need a minimum of 14: 7 males, 7 females

Males: Ebenezer Scrooge - The miserly owner of a London counting-house
 Bob Cratchit - Scrooge's clerk, a kind, mild and poor man
 Marley's Ghost - Scrooge's partner who died 7 years ago/Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come (a silent phantom clad in a hooded black robe)
 Fred - Scrooge's Nephew, a genial man who loves Christmas
 Male Ensemble Roles: Narrators, Young Scrooge, Rag Seller, Merchant, Belle's husband, Fezziwig (non-speaking), Butcher (non-speaking)

Females: Ghost of Christmas Past - Takes Scrooge on a tour of his past
 Ghost of Christmas Present - The second spirit to visit Scrooge
 Mrs. Cratchit - Bob's wife, a kind and loving woman
 Female Ensemble Roles: Narrators, Belle, Fred's wife, Housemaid, Charity Lady, Mrs. Fezziwig (non-speaking), Merchant

CHILDREN: Looking for 4 children, ages 7-15 (girls can play boy roles)
 Martha Cratchit - Bob's oldest daughter/will most likely double as Fanny (Boy Scrooge's sister) and Girl in Sunday clothes
 Peter Cratchit - Bob's oldest son/will double as non-speaking Ignorance character
 Belinda Cratchit - Middle daughter/will double as non-speaking Poverty character
 Tiny Tim - Handicapped youngest child with the most famous line of all/will double as Boy Scrooge

REHEARSALS & PERFORMANCES

This is a long one act play, so we'll mostly rehearse 2 times a week until tech week. We'll start rehearsals on October 26 and end with 3 performances in December: Friday evening, Dec. 4th, and Saturday and Sunday matinees the 5th and 6th.
 Any questions: call or text Jaci Keagy at 717-873-9815

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of MARJORIE M. (nee Trimbach) HADDON, of Medford Lakes, NJ, who passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 6th, 2026. She was 97 years of age. Born in Camden, NJ, she is the daughter of the late John and Dorothy (nee Hartmeyer) Trimbach and the wife of the late Robert Mills Haddon. Marjorie was a Bookkeeper for DeSimone Cadillac in Pennsauken, NJ for many years and was a member of the Medford Lakes Garden Club.

She is the Beloved Mother of Leslee LaPorte and her husband George of Shamong, NJ, and Robert J. Haddon and his wife Maureen of Rhododendron, OR. She is also survived by her Grandchildren Kevin, Patrick and Brendan Haddon and Kimberly and Kristen LaPorte and her sister Doris Yeager.
 Relatives and friends are invited to greet the family on Saturday, October 24th, 2026, from 10:00 – 11:00 AM at the Calvary Lutheran Church, Rt. 70 & Eayrestown Road, Medford, NJ, where a Memorial Service will be held on Saturday at 11:00 AM. Interment will be private in the BG Wm. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Wrightstown, NJ.
 In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, the family requests memorial donations to the Calvary Lutheran Church, 3 Eayrestown Road, Medford, NJ 08055.

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Saturday, October 17th – 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
Saturday, October 17th – Hazardous Waste Collection, Tabernacle Township, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (noon), call 609-268-1220 with questions
Monday, October 19th – All-Day Member Vote, Demby Annex, 7:30 am – 7:00 pm
Monday, October 19th – Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors, Vaughan Hall, 7:30 pm
Tuesday, October 20th – Recycle Collection

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