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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](mailto: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](mailto:office@mlcolony.org).

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you are moving, changing your address, or having new tenants in your home, please promptly notify the Colony Office by emailing [office@mlcolony.org](mailto: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!

## DOCK & BULKHEAD PERMIT REMINDERS

If you do any work to your dock or/and bulkhead, it is necessary to complete an application/permit with the Medford Lakes Colony. There is a \$25 application fee. The applications can be found on our website: <https://www.medfordlakescolony.org/forms>.

Please email questions or concerns to [office@mlcolony.org](mailto:office@mlcolony.org).

## 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>

## CHRISTMAS TRASH COLLECTION UPDATE

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## 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 mlfid371. 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!

## 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  
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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!

## WATCH THE ICE

As temperatures continue to drop, we want to send a friendly but important reminder about winter safety. Even when the surface of a lake appears frozen, ice thickness can vary greatly, and it may not be strong enough to support weight. This can create extremely dangerous situations.

If the ice does crack, drop to your hands and knees and crawl off the ice. This helps distribute your weight more widely, while reducing your chances of falling through the ice.

Educating yourself on ice safety and what to do in ice emergencies is a critical step in staying safe on the ice. If you are unsure of conditions, it is best to refrain from any ice activities - if in doubt, don't go out! (<https://preventionworks-nj.org/news-and-events/safety-frozen-lake-or-pond>)

## 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.

## OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you need to contact the Colony Office, please use  
[office@mlcolony.org](mailto:office@mlcolony.org) or [camp@mlcolony.org](mailto:camp@mlcolony.org).

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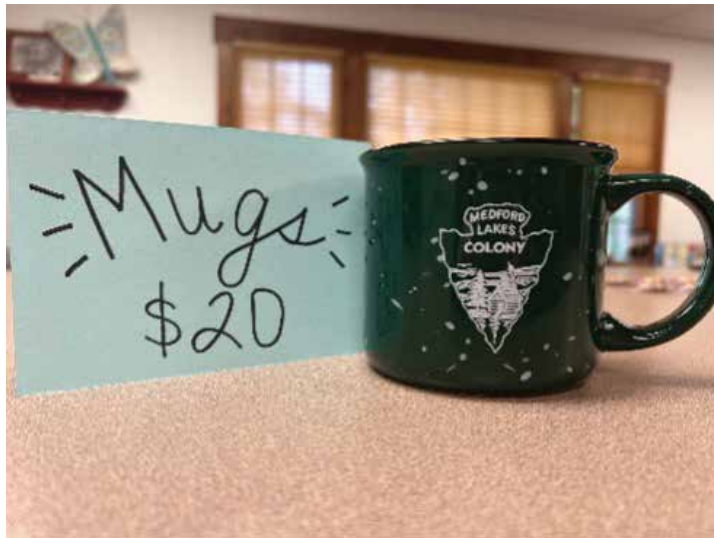
In preparation for the winter sports season, the Medford Lakes Athletic Association is accepting donations in any amount for the MLAA Scholarship established in memory of Coach Steve Flynn. This fund endeavors to provide children needing financial assistance the opportunity to participate in recreational sports. Contributions may be dropped off or mailed to the Colony Club office at 79 Tecumseh Trail, Medford Lakes, NJ. Please earmark your donation for the MLAA Scholarship Fund. The family of Coach Flynn is grateful for helping to keep his legacy alive, and for the community support of our young athletes.

If you have or know of someone in need of assistance, please have them contact:

Eric Requa at: [errequa@gmail.com](mailto:errequa@gmail.com)  
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### COLONY MUGS FOR SALE

The Colony Office has mugs for sale! The mugs are \$20/mug.



New York drops a ball...Medford Lakes drops a canoe!  
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 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,  
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Saturday, December 20th – Hazardous Waste Collection, Shamong, 8:00 am – 11:00 am, call 609-268-2377 x304 with questions  
Thursday, December 25th – Borough & Colony Offices Closed, Christmas

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