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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Medford Lakes Board of Directors would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members: Ryan & Heidi Post of Nokomis Trail and Rebecca Kinkead of Seneca Trail.

BROOKS FIELD HARD SURFACE RESTORATION PROJECT COMMITTEE

The Medford Lake Colony Board of Directors is looking for members in good standing to volunteer on the Brooks Field Hard Surface Restoration Project Committee (Committee). The Committee's mission is to evaluate the property, project design proposals and options, and especially funding alternatives. A significant project design has been completed, and the Committee's work will begin there. It will consist of 7 members including a chair. Applicants should expect to commit to at least one regularly scheduled meeting per month. The Committee will provide its recommendations to the Board of Directors. Any member in good standing who is interested in volunteering should email the Colony Office at: office@mlcolony.org.

THE ML LIONS SAY THANK YOU

The Medford Lakes Lions Club wants to thank everyone who purchased 2024 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!

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. 21st (rain date 12/22). 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!

CHRISTMAS TRASH COLLECTION UPDATE

Due to the Christmas holiday, the Public Works Department will be collecting ALL trash zones (1,2 & 3) on Tuesday, December 24th. Please have your trash carts out to the curb the night before the collection, as returns for missed trash will not be possible that week. If you have any questions, please call DPW at 609-654-9383.


Medford Lake's Women's Club
 Presents

Holiday CRAFT FAIR

December 15
 11:30 - 4:30
Vaughan Hall
 79 Tecumseh Trail

Nut-N-Butt Paddles will be offering photos with Santa at the Craft Fair for a donation from 2:30-4:30

Shop for a variety of holiday gifts including: candles, knit and crochet crafts, bake goods, local honey, homemade breads, health and wellness products, clothing, accessories, permanent jewelry and much more!

Featuring the following local talented artists and vendors:
 Awakening Graphics | Jean Butler | Snappy Hats | Celtic Witch
 Where's Waverly | Mohawk Trail Candles | Kozy's by Karen
 9 South Farmacy | Thread & Needle | Sultana Maria Jewelry
 Stick Around Brands | Painted Turtle | Honeycomb Homestead
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"FLUSHABLE" WIPES AND OTHER HAZARDS TO YOUR SEWER PIPES

Please, please refrain from flushing anything other than human waste and toilet paper down the toilet or sink.

Common items flushed that cause problems include but are not limited to:

- Disposable wipes • Hygiene products • Grease/oil (cooking & automotive)
- Hair from brushes and combs • Toilet pods • Diapers • Cotton swabs • Paper towels

Please know that products that claim to be "flushable" are not.

Again, nothing, absolutely NOTHING but human waste and toilet paper can go down the toilet or sink.

We ask that everyone please pay attention to this very important matter. Repairs affect Borough expenses and end up costing all residents.

Get your Fan Gear here!

Did you forget to order your MLAA or NSA gear?
 Good news, store is open till 12/22! The 2nd batch of items will arrive in mid-January.

Pick up at Vaughan on a scheduled day in Jan or ship to your family across the country!!

MLAA Volley & Basketball
MLAA 'out of season sports'
Neeta Sports Association

Any questions please reach out to:
 Stefani Kirk, buddykirk5@gmail.com (MLAA) or
 Jolynn Howell, jolynnhowell@comcast.net (NSA).

MLAA Volleyball & Basketball gear - <https://shorturl.at/nUuvZ>
 MLAA "Out of Season" Sports gear - <https://shorturl.at/XTy25>
 Neeta Sports Association gear - <https://shorturl.at/YYmHH>

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 16th to help bring joy to a child this holiday season.

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

There are also collection bins at Oaks Hall (Borough Office) and Neeta School.

Cub Scout Pack 48

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Drawing on:
December 16, 2024 @ 7pm
 Contact your local scout for tickets or purchase via Venmo.

Include: Name, Phone #, Email, & where to send copy of ticket (cell or email)

\$20 PER ENTRY

Prize Includes:
 1 Blackstone 4-Burner 36" Propane Griddle
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 1 Blackstone 8 Piece Cleaning Set
 1 Blackstone Griddle Seasoning Conditioner

Thank you to the ML Lions Club for your continued support.

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JOSEPH'S HOUSE DONATION DRIVE CALLING ON LAKERS, LIONS AND GIVERS

In partnership with Medford Lakes Lions, the Protestant Community Church, Amega Landscaping and the Colony Club, we will be collecting articles to assist individuals who are homeless. Joseph's House, (jhoc.org) in Camden, provides an evening meal, showers, laundry services, overnight shelter, and breakfast for over 85 men and women everyday. Joseph's House is committed to finding support for individuals who have addiction, mental health issues, and/or disabilities that contribute to their homelessness. The doors open at 8:00pm, and the guests exit at 8:30 am each morning. That means that those who are homeless are exposed to the weather elements each day. In addition to surviving on the street, they are also dealing with the anxieties of the pain of being homeless. This will be our 8th collection. On December 17, 2024, volunteers will be at Vaughan Hall from 4:00 to 6:00 pm to collect donations. Special thanks to Amega Landscaping, who continue to support this effort for delivery.

Items needed this time: Adult items only

- Granola Bars-Protein Bars, Nuts, Trail Mix, Peanut Butter Crackers, individual snacks
- Jackets, hats, gloves, sweats, hand warmers
- Shower Shoes/Flip Flops/Socks (new only)
- Bottled Water and reusable water bottles (need is great)
- Powdered Coffee Creamer (big containers), Sugar (5lb to 20lb bags), Coffee (need is great for these)
- Towels and Wash Cloths, gently used ok (need is great)
- Deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap and shampoo, Body Lotion
- Band-Aids, shaving cream and disposable razors
- Sunglasses and baseball caps
- Playing cards, games, coloring books and crayons
- Laundry Detergent - PODS ONLY
- Sports bras, Underwear, Men and Women- All sizes (NEW ONLY)
- Feminine Hygiene products

If you would rather send a check:
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Camden, NJ 08101

Another giving opportunity is Amazon's Wish List:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1PCR88HWPKEs?ref=wl_share

<https://www.jhoc.org/donation-hub>

Thank you so much for continuing to support our neighbors in Camden.
For any questions, please call Beth McGinnis 609-410-2041.

GOT SNEAKERS?

7th Grade Girl Scout Troop #24315 is collecting gently used or new adult sneakers. When you join our sneaker recycling community, you will be making a global impact AND you help troop earn money for every pair of sneakers you contribute. Most people throw away their used sneakers every 125-200 days without ever thinking about recycling. Since sneakers are manufactured with materials that are not biodegradable, they remain in landfills or are incinerated, which leads to toxic chemicals in our air and soil. The process of manufacturing sneakers produces large amounts of CO2 which contributes to the serious effects of climate change and global warming. Recycling and reusing sneakers keeps sneakers out of landfills, reduces the need for manufacturing new shoes and sneakers, and supports a growing circular economy. The drop off bin for recycled sneakers will be in the colony office. Thank you!



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



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Saturday, December 14th – Large Trash Drop Off and Brush & Leaf Drop Off, 7:30 am - 12:30 pm, behind the Firehouse
Sunday, December 15th – MLWC Craft Fair, Vaughan Hall, 11:30 am – 4:30 pm
Tuesday, December 17th – Recycle Collection
Thursday, December 19th – Planning Board Meeting, 7:30 am – 9:30 pm, Oaks Hall

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