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# MEDFORD LAKES COLONY NEWS



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## COLONY MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Medford Lakes Colony will be meeting on Monday, February 12, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. in Demby Annex. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend.

## THE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU

The Medford Lakes Centennial Committee will be meeting in Demby Annex on Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend. We will be brainstorming ideas for our Centennial Celebration in the year 2027. New members are welcome to attend.

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Mary Ann Meehan, 609-654-4398.

## 2024 DOG & CAT LICENSING

A free rabies clinic will be held Saturday,  
February 3, 2024, from 9:00am to 12:00pm  
At Oaks Hall located at  
10 Cabin Circle, Medford Lakes, NJ 08055

Please bring proof of last rabies vaccine if you would like a three (3) year vaccination certificate. A one (1) year vaccination certificate will be issued if proof of previous vaccination is not provided.

## NO LICENSES WILL BE ISSUED AT THE CLINIC

A Medford Lakes Municipal License is available at the Borough Clerks office during normal business hours or can be mailed to the Borough Office at 1 Cabin Circle, Medford Lakes, NJ 08055. The last day to apply for a pet license without a late fee is March 3, 2024

Forms are available in the office and are downloadable from the website at: [www.medfordlakes.com](http://www.medfordlakes.com)

## DOGS, CATS, AND

Oftentimes dogs are referred to as a person's best friend. Dogs are smart, loyal, and love without boundaries. However, there are boundaries for dogs.

Unfortunately, dogs and cats are not only entering private outdoor property but have now have several times too many entered private homes.

To help us all live safely in our beautiful Borough, The Borough of Medford Lakes has ordinances directly related to dogs, cats, and waterfowl: (copied from <https://ecode360.com/ME1961>)

§ 70-19 Responsibility of owner; declaration of nuisance.

A. No person owning or having the care, custody or control of any Class III dog or cat shall suffer or permit such Class III dog or cat to soil or defile or to commit any nuisance upon any sidewalk, street or thoroughfare or in or upon any public park, playground or other public place or the private property of persons other than the owner or person having the care, custody or control of such Class III dog or cat. Any person having care, custody or control over a Class III dog or cat that permitted the occurrence of any of the above must immediately remove and dispose in a sanitary manner any materials that soiled or defiled public or private property.

§ 70-20 Dogs and cats running at large.

No person owning, keeping, harboring, or having care, custody or control of any Class III dog or cat shall suffer or permit it to run at large.

## ATTENTION PINOCHLE PLAYERS

The first Wednesday of every month is Pinochle night. Experienced players and novices' welcome. Members interested in playing are invited to attend at 7:00 in Demby.

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## ML CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Medford Lakes Cancer Support Group will have their next gathering at noon on Tuesday, February 13th at Ott's Tavern. All Medford Lakes residents with cancer (either active or in remission) are welcome on the second Tuesday of the month.

No program.

No pressure.

No cost (other than what you order).

Confidentiality is the only requirement.

With any questions, please feel free to call Gary at 856-596-2478.

## ALL FLOAT ON FLOAT GROUP THANK YOU

Medford Lakes Colony would like to thank the All Float On Float Group for their generous donation to the Colony Camp Fund from the proceeds of the Christmas Tree Sale held in December. All Float On was a new float group in 2023 and took Rookie of the Year honors with their Lazy Laker float design. Their Tree Sale was a hit and made Christmas tree shopping easy and convenient for many Lakers! Thank you for doing it and for giving back to the community.

## VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED

Medford Lakes Borough  
 609-654-8898

From time-to-time openings occur on various local boards and commissions due to vacancies and expiring terms. The Borough is currently seeking an interested individual to serve on the Planning Board.

Interested residents can download a "Citizen Leadership Form" from the Borough website, pick up one at the Clerk's office, or email the clerk at [clerk@medfordlakes.com](mailto:clerk@medfordlakes.com). Forms should be submitted to the attention of the Borough Clerk at 1 Cabin Circle, Medford Lakes, NJ 08055.

## CAMP COUNCIL

The Medford Lakes Colony is in need of 6 Colonists to serve on the 2024 Camp Council. Three (3) 2-year terms and three (3) 1-year terms are available. Interested in getting involved? Please submit your letter of interest and any questions to [camp@mlcolony.org](mailto:camp@mlcolony.org) by Friday, February 9th.

The first Camp Council meeting of 2024 is scheduled for Monday, February 26th, starting at 7:00 pm in Demby Annex. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend.

## BOROUGH TAX INFORMATION

The New Jersey State Statutes charges the Tax Collector with collecting funds needed to support Local Government, County Government, School Districts and Fire Districts.

Tax Collection Due Dates are as follows: February 1st, May 1st, August 1st, and November 1st.

Grace Period: By resolution, the Borough Council permits a grace period. The Grace period for the current year is 10 calendar days. All Tax payments are to be received in the Tax Collector's Office by 4:30 p.m. on the tenth day of the month in which they are due. Should the tenth fall on a weekend or holiday the following regular business day will be the last day of the grace period. Any payments received after 4:30 p.m. will be posted on the following business day with all interest and penalties due for that posting date.

Visit [www.medfordlakes.com](http://www.medfordlakes.com) for more information or call 609-654-8898.

## COLONY OPPORTUNITIES

Each year there are various positions that need to be filled for the many Medford Lakes Recreational activities. With Colony Camp and the Beaches, we have lots of great opportunities. We are always looking for good, talented folks. If you have an interest in any of the roles that are required in running these activities, please submit an Employment Application at [medfordlakescolony.org/employment-application](http://medfordlakescolony.org/employment-application). Any submitted applications will be considered for positions after vacancies are recognized. Questions? Email [camp@mlcolony.org](mailto:camp@mlcolony.org).

## 3RD ANNUAL MEATBALL THROWDOWN AND PASTA DINNER

The Medford Lakes Lions Club will hold it's 3rd Annual Meatball Throwdown and Pasta Dinner at Vaughan Hall on Sunday, February 4th from 3pm - 5pm. New this year is the ability to purchase a table of up to 8 people and to purchase charcuterie plates. Use the link below to check out the details, register as a contestant (limit 10) or sign up to attend the event and join in the fun and enjoy some great food! "We Serve" and we appreciate your support!  
[www.medfordlakeslions.org/pastadinner](http://www.medfordlakeslions.org/pastadinner)

## 2024 DUES

The 2024 Honor Roll will be printed in the News in late February. To be included in the 2024 Honor Roll, you need to pay your dues on or before January 31st. Thank you for paying your dues on time; it really helps the Colony!

Questions can be sent to the email address [office@mlcolony.org](mailto:office@mlcolony.org) or call 654-7747.

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## MEMBER DUES RELIEF FUND

Medford Lakes is a snapshot of America, where some neighbors are facing financial hardship due to unemployment, underemployment, family health emergencies, or the like. As much as Colonists are ready to help their neighbors, financial struggles often remain private and go unspoken. A Dues Relief Fund was set-up in 2012 – a temporary, partial dues relief for active Colonists – and has helped many families retain membership when they would not have been able to do so due to financial difficulties. Thank you to those who gave.

Once again, you're encouraged to:

1.) Give what you can to help a neighbor to fully participate in our Colony. Donate through your 2024 Colony bill or any time during the year at the Colony Office. Even \$5/household adds up to help!

2.) Let us know if you'd like to be considered for partial dues relief. An application will be available in the Colony Office, and on our website:

<https://www.medfordlakescolony.org/duesreliefapplication>

We are just beginning to raise funds and want to reach as many neighbors as we can. Whatever is raised will be distributed in a confidential, fair manner.

Questions can be directed to Millie Linett at the Colony Office – 609-654-7747 or [office@mlcolony.org](mailto:office@mlcolony.org).

## SEWING CIRCLE

There is a group of Colonists who gather at Demby Annex every Tuesday morning from 10 am -noon to stitch and chat and enjoy each other's company.

We all have different projects we are working on and there are always helping hands if the need arises.

An Old-fashioned BASTING BEE will be held on the 4th Tuesday of the month, (January 23rd and February 27th), to help with large quilt projects from 10 a.m. – noon in Vaughan Hall.

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## SHARE YOUR GARDEN!

Have a garden that is your pride and joy? Show off the fruits of your labor on the 2024 Garden Tour sponsored by the Medford Lakes Garden Club. We are seeking six or more homeowners to generously allow members of the community to tour their gardens on Saturday, June 8th, 2024. Now is the best time to plan gardens and plant perennials! If interested, please call either Jaci Keagy at 717-873-9815 or Karen Lieberman at 973-223-3019.

## WATCHING THE ICE

If you ever skate on a frozen pond or lake, you should skate with extreme caution.

Even during very cold weather ice can crack and cause you or your child to fall into the icy water.

Icy water is very different from the water you swim in during the summer. It is extremely dangerous because your body will not be able to function in icy water.

Never figure skate on frozen water without checking to make sure the ice is at least six inches thick.

Never skate on a pond by yourself. Both adults and children should skate with a buddy.


There should also always be someone watching from solid ground ready to call for help.

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

Please do not take a chance and venture out onto ice that is too thin to hold your weight. Safety is first!

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**  
Saturday, January 27 – Large Trash Drop Off and Leaf Drop Off, 7:30 am - 12:30 pm, behind the Firehouse

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