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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

The Medford Lakes Colony Board of Directors extends its warmest wishes for a happy Thanksgiving holiday to all our Colony members. We are truly grateful for the spirit of community, generosity, and cooperation that makes Medford Lakes such a special place. Together, through our shared efforts and commitment, we continue to make our Colony a better place every day.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the Medford Lakes Borough, Department of Public Works, Police and Fire Departments, School District, Lion's Club, Women's Club, MLAA, Garden Club, our Colony members, dedicated employees, and the many amazing individuals who so generously share their time and talents.

Your contributions, dedication, and continued support make a meaningful difference in our community. For all that you do, we are sincerely thankful.

COLONY MEETING

On Monday, December 14, 2026, the Board of Directors of the Medford Lakes Colony will be meeting at 7:00 pm in Demby Annex. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend. If you need something included on the agenda, please submit it to the Colony Office no later than Mon., Dec. 7th. Items for the agenda and questions can be directed to office@mlcolony.org.

YOUR AGE

Members who turn age 65 in 2027: 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.

SEEKING CANOE CARNIVAL TEE SHIRTS

The Medford Lakes Colony Centennial Committee seeks Canoe Carnival T-Shirts from years 1999 and earlier. Particularly valuable would be shirts (1970's and early 80's) done by the Jaycees. Shirts can be dropped off at the Colony Office in Demby Annex. Thank you!



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THANKSGIVING TRASH COLLECTION UPDATE

Due to the Thanksgiving Day Holiday, the Public Works Department will be collecting Zone 3 Thursdays trash collection route on Wednesday, November 25th. This will be the only trash zone affected by the holiday. If you have any questions, please call DPW at 609-654-9383.

SEWING CIRCLE

There is a group of Colonists who gather at Demby Annex every Tuesday morning from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (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!

MEDFORD LAKES MEN'S CLUB

We've had great participation these last seven months and so the Men's Club continues! If you're interested in joining us for some non-political, non-religious discussion about the things we all face in the world, our community and our lives, or you just want to meet some neighbors and shoot the breeze, please join us for our next meeting at the ML Lions Clubhouse on Friday, November 27th at 7:00 pm. Please bring a canned good for the Lion's food pantry.





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COLONY CENTENNIAL MERCHANDISE ON SALE NOW!

A variety of special one-of-a-kind Colony Centennial Merchandise is on sale now at the Colony Office and at Binkley's on Stokes Road. The merchandise helps Colony members celebrate 100 years (1927-2027) of the Colony's history and traditions!

We currently have sweatshirts, hoodies, decals & car magnets – ***and more is coming soon!***

Remember to SAVE THE DATE for the Colony's Centennial Celebration on Saturday, July 10, 2027!

GET THE HOLIDAY SEASON STARTED RIGHT! GIVE BLOOD!

The Protestant Community Church and Medford Lakes Lions sponsor the American Red Cross Blood Drive, from noon to 5:00 PM, on Friday December 4th in first floor of the church's Todd Building. Parking is in the Memorial Hall lot and you have a short walk across Mohawk Trail to the Todd building. Make your appointment with your Red Cross mobile app or on www.redcrossblood.org. First time donors are welcome!

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 Thursday, December 10th to help bring joy to a child this holiday season.

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

LIONS LIGHT UP YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON

Join the Lions in the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, December 5th at 6:30 PM. Festivities begin at 1 Cabin Circle in the meeting room, with a reading of The Night Before Christmas. We then move outside to light the tree on Ballinger and await a special visitor. Good girls and boys can anticipate a visit from the Jolly Old Elf himself. Refreshments will be served.

Best Wishes to all from the Medford Lakes Lions.

MLAA BASKETBALL REGISTRATION CLOSING 11/23

The 2027 MLAA Recreational Basketball registration is open at mlaasports.com for children in grades K through 12! Basketball is one of the largest & most popular MLAA offerings each year.

The regular season begins in early January and runs through the end of February, with playoffs and tournaments to follow in March. Questions should be directed to the MLAA Volunteer Basketball Commissioners:

Dave Malinowski - davemal25@icloud.com
Adam Sidor - asidor7@gmail.com

Anyone interested in coaching/assistant coaching should email Dave or Adam to discuss details.

Registration will be closing on Monday, November 23rd.

High School & Middle School registrations will remain open until Monday, November 30th.

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Janet M. Balog, 68, of Medford Lakes, NJ, who died peacefully on Thursday November 5, 2026, in Voorhees, NJ, with her loving family by her side.

She was born in Trenton, NJ to the late Peggy Thurston Balog and John J. Balog

She enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Some of her favorite things to do were reading, gardening, baking kiffles at Christmas, watching sports, attending Broadway musicals and traveling the world with her sister and let's not forget the annual trips to New England visiting mom's family and indulging on those delicious fried clams with bellies.

Jan worked as a hair stylist and barber for over 50 years and treasured her relationships with all of her clients and co-workers at Hair Lords, Reflections and Hair Plus in E. Windsor, NJ

Survived by her loving sister Marjorie Varga and her husband Steve. Nephews Stephen Varga, his wife Grace and their 2 children Leo and Chloe. Robert Varga, his wife Ashley and their 2 children Matthew and Henry, along with many Aunts, Uncles, cousins and longtime friend Dorie Ferrara her husband Tony and their daughters Gina and goddaughter Angela.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her name may be made to The American Cancer Society https://www.cancer.org.

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Saturday, November 21st – Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Medford Lakes, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (noon), behind the Firehouse, call 609-654-9383 with questions
Thursday, November 26th – Borough & Colony Offices Closed
Friday, November 27th – Borough & Colony Offices Closed

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