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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

The Medford Lakes Colony Board of Directors would like to extend a sincere Happy Thanksgiving to our Colony members. Together, we are making Medford Lakes better every day.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Medford Lakes Borough, Police and Fire Departments, School District, Lions Club, Women's Club, MLAA, Garden Club, our Colony members, camp program, dedicated employees, and so many others who make a difference – our gratitude truly knows no bounds.

COLONY MEETING

On Monday, December 8, 2025, the Board of Directors of the Medford Lakes Colony will be meeting 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, December 1st. Items for the agenda and questions can be directed to office@mlcolony.org. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you are moving or changing your address, please promptly notify the Colony Office by emailing 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!

YOUR AGE

Members who turn age 65 in 2026: 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.

**3RD ANNUAL
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**DROP OFF GENTLY USED TOYS
BETWEEN 11/22 AND 12/9:
182 NARRAGANSETT TRAIL
PLACE TOYS IN PLASTIC BINS BY
GARAGE
DEADLINE TO DROP OFF 12/5**

DECEMBER 6 9:00A-4:00P
ALL TOYS THAT WERE DONATED BY OUR INCREDIBLE COMMUNITY
WILL BE OUT IN THE DRIVEWAY OF 182 NARRAGANSETT TRAIL.
EVERYTHING IS FREE. THIS IS A NO JUDGEMENT ZONE DESIGNED TO
PROVIDE A MAGICAL HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE FOR ALL. ANY
PARENTS/CARETAKERS ETC. CAN COME "SHOP" ALL THE GENTLY
USED TOYS TO GIFT TO THE CHILDREN IN THEIR LIVES.
LET'S MAKE THIS SEASON MAGICAL FOR EVERYONE.

ANY TOYS LEFT WILL BE DONATED TO A WOMEN'S SHELTER FOR
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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 26th. This will be the only trash zone affected by the holiday. If you have any questions, please call DPW at 609-654-9383.

LIONS LIGHT UP YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON

Join the Lions in the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday December 6th 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.

KEEP THE PROMISE OF THE SEASON! GIVE BLOOD!

The Medford Lakes Lions are sponsors for the American Red Cross Blood Drive to be held Tuesday, December 9th at Oaks Hall in the Municipal Cabin at 1 Cabin Circle.

Appointments are from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM and can be made with the mobile app or on the <https://www.redcrossblood.org> website. First time donors are welcome.

Questions? Call 609-605-1399.

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MLAA BASKETBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

The 2026 MLAA Recreational Basketball registration is now open at mlaasports.com for Boys & Girls Grades K-8 and High School Boys Grades 9-12! 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 Sunday, November 23rd.

High School & Middle School registrations will remain open until Monday, December 1st.



Medford Lakes Women's Club Presents

2025

Holiday

HOUSE TOUR & CRAFT FAIR

Sunday | December 14th

House Tour | 11:00-3:00
Craft Fair | 10:30 - 3:30

Reserve your tickets in advance. \$30/each or 2 for \$55
Tickets will be available beginning **November 5th** at the
Medford Lakes Colony Office - Demby Annex, 79 Tecumseh Trail
Available weekdays 8:30-4:30

Limited tickets are available so please purchase tickets early.
Any remaining tickets will be offered to purchase at Vaughan Hall on December 14th.

If you would like your home to be a part of the tour, please
contact Savannah Smith 404-796-4157 or
MLWCHoliday@gmail.com by 11/15/25.



MLAA SCHOLARSHIP

IN MEMORY OF STEVE FLYNN

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:

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

Medford Lakes Colony at: office@mlcolony.org

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS

Senior Exercise Class has resumed in Vaughan Hall on Thursday mornings starting at 9:30 am.

We start with a 20-minute GET STRONG video from Curtis Adams, followed by a 30-minute ZUMBA GOLD video from Paula Bickford. Both these videos can be found online at the following websites:

www.seniorexercisetv.com/free-workouts/videos/get-stronger

www.youtube.com/watch?v=0BH2ec1w-9Q&list=RDCMUCWmi4Qy4XE-FqDQbCBU07Vag&index=3

GOT SNEAKERS?

10th 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 the 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 keep 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!

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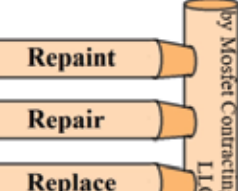
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Saturday, November 22nd – Large Trash Drop Off and Brush & Leaf Drop Off, 7:30 am – 12:30 pm, behind the Firehouse

Tuesday, November 25th – Environmental Commission Meeting, 7:30 pm, Oaks Hall

Thursday, November 27th – Borough & Colony Offices Closed, Thanksgiving

Friday, November 28th – Borough & Colony Offices Closed, Thanksgiving

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