

WELCOME TO MEDFORD LAKES

Burlington County, New Jersey

YOUR GUIDE

To everything Medford Lakes

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Welcome to Medford Lakes from Mayor William Fields

Hello Lakers,

What an amazing community we call home! It's a joy to live in a community where people come together and strive to make it better each year. From being involved in the many sports and social events, volunteering in our local organizations, and working together on community projects, our community members have made this an amazing place to live.

The Borough has been working on several projects, the biggest of which was the relining of our sewer lines. This project has been completed and as a result we have seen a significant reduction in the amount of wastewater we are treating each month. We are also completing the Mohawk Trail repaving and the redesign of the circle, which will make it easier for drop off and pick up at Nokomis School.

Each year the Borough applies for grants for projects so there is little to no cost to our residents. The road improvement grants awarded have been used to improve our drainage system and pave our streets. I am pleased to announce that the Borough has been awarded a 1.45 million dollar grant to improve the safety of our kids as they travel to Nokomis School and Neeta School. This grant will include the installation of a sidewalk on Tuckerton Road and pedestrian bridge along Tabernacle Road and a new crosswalk at Trading Post Way.

The Borough administration, departments and employees are constantly working to continue making our community a safe and special place to live and raise our families. We have also started some new traditions, like Medford Lakes Day, where we can focus on the many volunteer organizations we have and celebrate together what this community means to us.

I am truly honored to serve you as Mayor, and I will continually work to preserve the traditions of Medford Lakes. I am looking forward to working with our two new council members, Matt Bailey and Gerald Yowell, along with Deputy Mayor Dennis O'Neill and Tom Cranston. Thank you to Councilwoman Gail Caputo for her time served on Borough Council. A special thanks to former Mayor Dr. Gary Miller for his years of service on Borough Council and his dedication to Medford Lakes.

Mayor William Fields

Welcome to Medford Lakes from 2025 Colony President Will Saraceni

Welcome to Medford Lakes and the Medford Lakes Colony.

The Colony is an organization designed to provide recreation and activities for all Colonists of all ages. There are 21 lakes in Medford Lakes and the Colony maintains them. In the summer the lakes are open for swimming and the Summer Camp program is available to young Colonists. MLAA provides sporting activities for Colonists of all ages throughout the year. The Women's Club and the Garden Club offer more sedentary activities as does the Senior Social Scene. These are just a few of the many social activities available to our members.

If you are looking for an active, fun filled place to live, or even a beautiful, little gem of a town nestled in the Pine Barrens, then Medford Lakes is the place for you. We welcome you and look forward to seeing you soon.

2025 Colony President – Will Saraceni

Medford Lakes Borough Council

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Borough Council meetings are typically scheduled on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of every month, beginning at <u>7:00 pm</u>. They are held in Oaks Hall, at Municipal Cabin, 1 Cabin Circle, Medford Lakes, NJ 08055. Scheduled meeting dates can be viewed on the official bulletin board of the Borough of Medford Lakes.

Borough Ordinances

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Municipal & Burlington County Directory

Medford Lakes Voting Districts

<u>Voting District #1</u> vote at Oaks Hall

Basseler, Blackfoot, Briarwood, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Chinook, Chippewa, Cochise Circle, Decotah, Dixontown, Hunters, Huron, Iroquois, Kiowa, McKendimen, Mohave, Neeta. Oak, Ojibway, Pequot, Pocahontas, Powhatan, Sagamore, Seneca. Shawnee, Syosset, **Tabernacle, Tecumseh, Tonkawa, Trout, Wawa

<u>Voting District #2</u> vote at Oaks Hall

Apache, Beach, Bowker, Cayuga, Chicagami, Commanche, Hapete, Kawasea, Macosa, Meeshaway, Miami, Minnetonka, /Mishe Mokwa, **Mohawk, Navajo, Nokomis, Pawnee. Piute, Shingowack, /Sitting Bull, **Stokes, Tahteepay, Timbo, Wagush, Wahwahtaysee

Voting District #3 vote at Vaughan /Algonquin, Askoran, Cayuse, Cheyenne, Chickahominy, Conawaga, /Kihade, **Lenape, Migazee, Mudjekeewis, Nahma, /Narragansett, Paupukkeewis, Peconic, Peshekee, Sioux, Tontonava, **Tuckerton, Wabasso, Wabeeno. Winooska

Voting District #4 vote at Vaughan Cutchogue, Hahiah, /Hiawatha, Kosoto, /Manhasset, /Nantucket, Natchez, Onondago, Osage,

Oswego, Ottawa, Seminole, /Setauket, Wabun, Wyandot

/See list below

**Main Trail

Algonquin - House #'s 38, 42, 46, 50, 58,60, 70, 80, 84, 90, 92, 102, 104, 108, 110, 114 Voting in District #4 Hiawatha - House #'s 65, 78, 86, 90, 98, 102, 106, 110, 114, 118, 124, 128, 130, 132, 136, 142 Voting in District #2 Kihade - House #'s 121, 127, 133, 143, 145, 149, 155 Voting in District #2 Manhasset - House # 118, 119, 122, 125, 129, 133, 137, 143, 150, 154 Voting in District #3 Mishe Mokwa - House # 85 Voting District #4 Nantucket - House #'s 124, 125, 128, 131, 135, 136, 140, 141, 144, 145, 148, 153, 154, 158, 164, 166, 170 Voting District #3 Narragansett - House #'s 134, 139, 143, 154, 157, 161 Voting District #2 Setauket - House #'s 122, 123, 126, 127, 130, 131, 132 Voting District #3 Sitting Bull - House #'s 165, 167, 169, 173, 175 Voting District #3

Local Organizations

There are several organizations that provide activities to Medford Lakes residents including:

Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts

Scouting has been an integral part of Borough life for generations, and as a result, there are multiple active troops. To learn how your family can join, please visit Medford Lakes Cub/Boy Scouts at <u>medfordlakestroop48.org</u> or the Girl Scouts of Central and Southern New Jersey at <u>gscsnj.org</u>.

Medford Lakes Athletic Association

An auxiliary of Medford Lakes Colony, the Medford Lakes Athletic Association (MLAA) supports local recreational sporting activities for children and adults in Medford Lakes. The MLAA runs more than a dozen sports leagues! Visit <u>mlaasports.com</u> for more information on registration and coaching.

Medford Lakes Woman's Club

An auxiliary of Medford Lakes Colony, the Medford Lakes Women's Club (MLWC) provides social and charitable opportunities for its members to come together to make an impact in the Borough. MLWC organizes many fundraisers and community events, including the Colony Easter Egg Hunt, Breakfast with the Bunny, Medford Lakes Day, Amazing Pace, and the Holiday House Tour & Craft Fair. They are always welcoming new members! <u>Click HERE</u> for more information.

Medford Lakes Garden Club

A member of the Garden Club of New Jersey and the National Council of State Garden Clubs, the Medford Lakes Garden Club (MLGC) host a variety workshops, garden tours, and field trips. They hold monthly meetings in Vaughan Community House.

Medford Lakes Lions Club

For over 60 years, our local Lions chapter has assisted neighbors within the Borough and beyond. They provide food distribution, Cabulance service, medical mobility equipment, the annual Christmas Tree on Ballinger Lake, and much more. <u>Click HERE</u> to learn how to join them.

Medford Lakes Education Foundation

The Medford Lakes Education Foundation (MLEF) funds student enrichment programs, grants for teachers, computer upgrades, and technology-based initiatives. Other MLEF projects include the Butterfly Release at Neeta School, the Secret Garden at Nokomis, Robotics, Nokomis Art Night, and much more! Please visit <u>medfordlakeseducationfoundation.org</u> for more information.

Medford Lakes Home & School Association

The Medford Lakes Home and School Association (MLHSA) is a parent-run non-profit that administers programs such as the Battle of the Books, Talent Show, Holiday School Store and School Lunch Program. More information can be found on the school district's website, <u>medford-lakes.k12.nj.us</u>.

For a list of Medford organizations, please Click HERE





Town Services

Medford Lakes provides a wide variety of services to residents that include:

- Trash Collection picked up weekly
- Recycling picked up every other week by Burlington County
- Leaf Removal picked up twice a year in order of voting districts
- Brush Removal two (2) collections: spring & summer / fall
- Snow Removal includes pre-treatment, salting, and plowing
- Neighborhood Services Drop Off open every Saturday (excluding holidays) for all types of trash, brush, and leaves

To find out more about these listed and other services, please <u>click HERE</u>!

Town Calendar

Information is readily available regarding Colony meetings, organizations, and community events by <u>clicking HERE</u>. More information can be viewed by clicking on the event listed.



Medford Lakes Colony Newsletter



Mailed to your house weekly, the Medford Lakes Colony Newsletter broadcasts a variety of articles and keeps you informed of upcoming events and important announcements. The Colony News can also be viewed by clicking HERE!

Medford Lakes Colony Bylaws - Rules & Regulations

The Bylaws of Medford Lakes Colony are its rules and regulations. All Colony members should familiarize themselves with the Bylaws. To view the Bylaws, please <u>click HERE</u>!



Senior Citizen Information







The Colony's Vice President of Social Activities oversees many popular events designed to keep seniors active and involved in our community. The Senior Social Scene has currently the following events available for Colonists:

- Sewing Circle Every Tuesday in Vaughan Community House (or Demby Annex)
- Pinochle Every first Wednesday of the month in Demby Annex
- Exercise Class Every Thursday at the Craft Pavilion or Vaughan Community House (depending on time of year)
- Mahjong Every Thursday in Demby Annex
- Book Club Every third Thursday of the month in Demby Annex (depending on time of year)
- Chess Club Every Thursday night at 6:00 pm at the Pinelands Library in Medford
- ML Stage Theater Group

Medford also offers a variety of options for Senior Citizens. **The Medford Senior Center** is located at 44 Charles Street in Cranberry Hall. It is open daily from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Programs offered at the Senior Center include bridge, pinochle, canasta, rummikub, Mexican train, mahjong, knitting and crocheting, watercolor painting, and much more! Please <u>click HERE</u> for more information.



Elementary, Middle & Secondary Schools

PK – 2nd Grades

Nokomis School 135 Mudjekeewis Trail Medford Lakes, NJ 08055

~ Enrollment: 150 (2020-2021)
~ Student Teacher Ratio: 8-1

Click HERE for more information



<mark>3rd – 8th Grades</mark>

Neeta School 44 Neeta Trail Medford Lakes, NJ 08055

~ Enrollment: 342 (2020-2021) ~ Student Teacher Ratio: 10-1

<u>Click HERE</u> for more information













Shawnee High School

- ~ Enrollment: About 1,550
- ~ 240 course offerings
- ~ More than 24 AP courses
- ~ Over 60 CAP courses
- ~ A 'No Place for Hate'
- designated school
- ~ A part of the Lenape Regional School District (LRHSD)

Click HERE for more information

Burlington County Institute of Technology Medford Campus

~ Provides a career focus in 20+ areas

~ Students can earn industrybased certifications and college level credits

Two academies: Electronic &
Computer Engineering and the
Academy of Performing Arts
Variety of sports and clubs

<u>Click HERE</u> for more information

Parks, Playgrounds, Athletic Fields, and Beaches



Brooks Field

Brooks Field features a soccer field, baseball field, basketball court, tennis courts, pickleball courts, Gaga pit, small playground, Brooks Field Pavilion, and the Craft Pavilion.

Hopkins Field

Hopkins Field features 2 baseball fields, basketball court, large playground, and Nokomis Pavilion. Nokomis School uses Hopkins Field during the school year.

Jackson Memorial Park

The monument that currently resides in the park is a recreation of the original that was destroyed during the Great Flood of 2004. The park is accessible from the paved footpath of Aetna Way (off of Trading Post Way).

Nokomis Forest Woods

Nokomis Forest Woods was acquired by the Medford Lakes Colony in 2019. The wooded trails offer great views of nature!

Todd Memorial Park

Maintained by the Borough, the park promotes the history of the Borough's founder (Leon E. Todd), educates visitors about the Veteran's Memorial, the September 11, 2001, Memorial, and promotes education on plant and animal species commonly found in the community.

Wilson Field

Wilson Field features a baseball field, soccer field, basketball court, and small playground.

Parks, Playgrounds, Athletic Fields, and Beaches (continued)











One of three designated bathing beaches owned and maintained by the Colony in Medford Lakes, Beach 1 is located on Lower Aetna Lake. Amenities include lake access, dock, floating dock, pavilion, volleyball court, playground, wheelchair accessibility and parking. Lifeguarded swimming hours offered from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Area 2

Area 2 is located on Lower Aetna Lake. Amenities include lake access, benches, and parking. No lifeguard on duty.

Beach 3

One of three designated bathing beaches owed and maintained by the Colony in Medford Lakes, Beach 3 is located on MisheMokwa Lake. Amenities include lake access, dock, pavilion, volleyball court, playground, wheelchair accessibility, and parking. Lifeguarded swimming hours offered from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Beach 4

One of three designated bathing beaches owned and maintained by the Colony in Medford Lakes, Beach 4 is located on Wauwauskashe Lake. Amenities include lake access, pavilion, wheelchair accessibility, and parking. Lifeguarded swimming hours offered from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Area 5

Area 5 is located on Upper Aetna Lake. Amenities include benches and street parking. No lifeguard on duty.



****PLEASE NOTE** that all property owned by the Colony is PRIVATE! Colonists with Member tags or visitors with Guest tags, may utilize Colony property. Please visit the <u>Medford</u> <u>Lakes Colony Bylaws (click HERE)</u> for more information.

Canoe Rack Lottery

If you are interested in a canoe rack space on one of the Colony's areas or beaches, the **Canoe Rack Lottery** will become available in March in the Colony Newsletter. You are required to complete a raffle ticket and submit it to the Colony Office with a <u>nonrefundable</u> \$20 check made payable to "Medford Lakes Colony" before April's scheduled Board of Directors Meeting. All funds collected are donated to the Colony's Members Dues Relief Fund or allocated to another fund at the discretion of the Board. **If you win a spot, watercraft must be removed from the rack by November 1st per the Canoe Lottery Entry Agreement.**

Walking, Biking, and Canoeing Trails in Medford

Hartford Crossing Trails

A rapidly expanding area, this trail system is a neat niche for even old-time residents to check out! Also provides easy access to the Hartford sports complex. Easy Access from 108 Church Road <u>Click here for a map</u>

Cow Point Bike Path

This newly paved bike path provides the perfect opportunity to break out the bikes for a scenic ride towards downtown with a pavilion midway for your convenience.

Click here for a map

Freedom Park Trails

Explore the paved path encircling Freedom Park and connecting to Medford Park or check out the scenic trail along the Rancocas Creek behind the Dog Park! <u>Click here for a map</u>

Medford Canoe Trail

Explore the Rancocas Creek for a fun afternoon of canoeing, kayaking, or paddle boarding! Tours are also offered for your convenience. <u>Click here for more info</u>

For a complete list of recreational facilities in Medford, please <u>click HERE</u>!









Local Summer Camps









The Medford Lakes Colony Camp has been a town tradition since 1929. Utilizing the beaches, lakes, playgrounds, and Pinelands, in which the town was originally built, ML Colony Camp takes place throughout Medford Lakes proper. Children enjoy activities including arts and crafts, swimming, canoeing, field games, and music that they bike to throughout the Borough depending upon their age. All children must have a parent or grandparent with current membership to attend. Registration begins in March on mlaasports.com.

 YMCA of the Pines provides enriching, life-enhancing outdoor experiences for people of all ages and abilities. We provide year-round access to nature, adventure, environmental education and fun through our summer camps and our state-of-the-art Outdoor Center.
For more information, <u>click HERE</u>!





The JCC Camps at Medford, an American Camp Association (ACA) accredited and awardwinning Southern New Jersey day camp, provides children ages 3-14 with the ultimate summer experience! Jewish values serve as a foundation from programming to how we interact with our campers, families, and staff. For more information, click HERE!

Annual Events in Medford Lakes



Races & Triathlons:

May - Memorial Day 5K Run – *Now a 50 year tradition!* A flat and fast chip timed 5K through and along the shaded trails and lakes of historic Medford Lakes on a USATF certified course. All race net proceeds benefit handicap accessibility in Medford Lakes. The race also supports Operation Yellow Ribbon by collecting donated items for care packages. The packages are sent overseas to those serving in harm's way.

August - Triathlon – The Triathlon is organized by the Tipsy Canoers Canoe Carnival Float Group. The swim portion occurs on Lower Aetna Lake, the bike portion is out and back, and the run portion is two loops on street and pavement. Net proceeds benefit the Tipsy Canoers Float Group and Medford Lakes Colony.

November - Turkey Trot 5K – *Now a 50 year tradition!* Come join the fun and burn off a few extra calories in anticipation of that big Thanksgiving meal on a fast USATF certified course! The Turkey Trot is dedicated to David Nimmer with all net proceeds going toward a charitable trust that benefits construction of ADA-compliant access to various buildings, beaches, and pavilions around Medford Lakes. Non-perishable food donations are also accepted for the Medford Lakes Lions Food Bank.

Medford Lakes Day:

Organized by the Borough and Medford Lakes Women's Club in early May, **Medford Lakes Day** utilizes Trading Post Way, Aetna Way, Jackson Park, and Beach 1 for family fun activities including petting zoo, games, prizes, craft vendors, and more!

King & Queen of Medford Lakes Pageant:

An honored tradition and a highlighted Canoe Carnival Float feature the newly crowned **King and Queen of Medford Lakes**. To be eligible, candidates must be between the ages of 15 and 18 and be nominated by a Colonist. They are voted on by Colonists with the winners announced at the pageant held on the last Friday in July at Beach 3 (or Neeta School's All-Purpose Room if inclement weather). Voting occurs in the Colony Office. Every Colony member is entitled to one vote. More information will be published in the Colony Newsletter.

Canoe Carnival:

The premiere event produced by the Medford Lakes Colony each year is the infamous **Canoe Carnival**. The first Canoe Carnival, also known simply as the *Water Pageant*, was held in 1928. Since then, Canoe Carnival has become a festive parade of creatively lighted, musical, hand-built floats supported on one or two canoes and paddled (no motors!) around Lower Aetna Lake. Tickets for beach viewing from Beach 1, whether it be *bring your own chair* or *reserved bleacher seating*, can be purchased in the Colony Office in mid-July. Canoe Carnival is held every first Saturday in August. More information will be published in the Colony Newsletter

Annual Events in Medford

March

Food Trucks on Main Street

Monthly on the 3rd Thursday of every month from March thru December on Main Street. Food trucks with all kinds of special foods line the street for everyone to enjoy.

June

Art, Wine & Music Festival on Main

The Medford Business Association and Medford Arts Center conducts this festival every year on the second Sunday of June.

May

Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony

VFW Post #7677 and Medford Township sponsors this annual parade and ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial, held on Memorial Day.

July

Independence Day Celebration

The Medford Celebrates Foundation hosts a Fourth of July fireworks party every year at Freedom Park in Medford on the eve of Independence Day. Medford hosts a great number of events throughout the year, including those listed below. If there are web sites for them, click the link on each one and it will take you to the site. Dates are listed on Township Calendar <u>Click here</u>.









October

Medford Oktoberfest Music & Food Truck Festival

Produced by the Medford Business Association, on the 3rd Saturday in September. The Medford Art, Wine & Music Festival features live music, food and craft beers is held every year on the 3rd Sunday in September at Freedom Park.

Annual Apple Festival

On the second Saturday in October the Medford Historical Society sponsors this celebration of all things "APPLE" with treats and treats live music at Kirby's Mill.

Halloween Parade

The Medford-Vincentown Rotary sponsors this parade down Main Street with hundreds of kids and floats on the last Saturday before Halloween.

December

Dickens Festival & Tree Lighting on Main Street

On the 1st Saturday in December the Medford Business Association sponsors this celebration with tree lighting, carolers and featured foods.

Hidden Gems in Medford

The <u>Pinelands Burlington</u> <u>County Library</u> is part of the county system. The library offers access to a variety of book formats, paper, electronic and audio. 49 Union Street

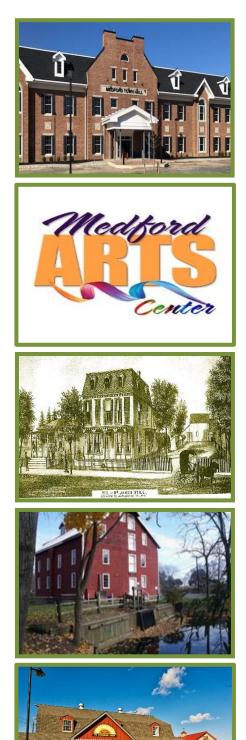
<u>Medford Arts Center</u> provides a fun outlet for kids and adults to get creative with their artistic abilities. 8 North Main Street

<u>Cedar Run Wildlife</u> offers onsite tours and includes the Woodford Nature Center and Wildlife Hospital that sees more than 5,000 animals a year. 4 Sawmill Road

Historic Medford Village

Medford's history goes back to 1670, and a tour of the village shows its historic character and charm as both a farming and residential community.

Kirby's Mill dates to 1773 when Isaac Haines and others petitioned the General Assembly to permit the building of a dam to power a gristmill and sawmill. 279 Church Road



Dr. James Still Education Center

Dr. Stills the son of formerly enslaved parents was born and raised in Indian Mills. At the Education Center you can learn more about him and his contributions to the community. 210 Medford/Mt Holly Road

Cross Keys Schoolhouse

Cross Keys School is a one room school that dates to the 1850's and is open for a variety of activities and tours. Mill Street

Indian Acres Tree Farm is a great place to get Christmas trees and pumpkins, along with tractor rides and a seasonal Farm Mall. 111 Tuckerton Road

Johnson's Corner Farm is a Medford favorite that combines activities like tractor rides with the sale of locally grown produce and other products. 133 Church Road