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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. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend.

THANK YOU, DARRIN!

We have received notice from Darrin Doyle that he will not be returning to the Medford Lakes Summer Camp program next year. Darrin has been the director for the past 10 years, and Upper Camp has flourished under his leadership. Many campers have benefited due to his dedication and enthusiasm for camp. The Colony Board of Directors extends its sincere appreciation to Darrin Doyle and wishes him the very best in his future endeavors.

HELP WANTED – UPPER CAMP DIRECTOR

Medford Lakes Colony is in need of an Upper Camp Director for the 2026 summer camp season. The Camp Director will assume overall leadership of Upper Camp, staff selection and day-to-day operations. The Camp Director provides leadership, instructional supervision for staff, and interacts daily with campers, staff and families. The Camp Director also works closely with their teams, developing the creative, fun, and wacky traditions that make our camp unique. Interested applicants should submit an online employment application & resume on the Colony's website - <https://www.medfordlakescolony.org/employmentapplication> – by Wed., December 31, 2025.

HELP WANTED

The Colony will also need an "Extended Hours" Camp Director & Upper Camp Swim Instructor for the 2026 summer camp season. If you are interested in applying for any of these positions or would like your application on file for any other future openings, please submit an online application & resume at <https://www.medfordlakescolony.org/employmentapplication>

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.

MEDFORD LAKES MAGNETS AVAILABLE AT THE COLONY OFFICE

The Medford Lakes Women's Club is selling vinyl oval ML car magnets – they are white with "ML" in the center. A small canoe and paddle with "Medford Lakes, NJ" are also printed on the magnet. The magnets are \$6 each or \$10 for 2 magnets and can be purchased in the Colony Office.

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DROP OFF GENTLY USED TOYS
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162 NARRAGANSETT TRAIL
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DECEMBER 6 9:00A-4:00P

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LIONS DIRECTORY

Thank you to the Medford Lakes Lions Club who supplies us with a beautiful telephone directory about every 24 months. If your listing is incorrect, or needs to be added, please send an email to office@mlcolony.org. Be sure to include your name as you want it to be printed, telephone number, and address. Questions – please call 609-654-7747.

LIONS DIRECTORY ADVERTISING

Applications Due: - December 12, 2025

Don't miss your chance to get your ad in THE phone book of Medford Lakes. The Medford Lakes Lions telephone directory is a great way to advertise your business.

- Bold Printed Name in Directory: \$25
- 1/4 Page: \$150 (Size: 4.15" w x 2.3" h)
- 1/2 Page: \$250 (Size: 4.15" w x 4.75" h)
- Full Page (B/W): \$400 (Size: 4.15" w x 9.667" h)
- Full Page (Color): \$500 (Size: 4.15" w x 9.667" h)



If you are interested in placing an ad, please download and complete the advertising application at <https://medfordlakeslions.org/directory/directoryad2025.pdf>. If you have an electronic copy of your ad, you can email it directly to the printer at directory@medfordlakeslions.org. To submit, please send the application, your ad copy, and payment to the following address:

Medford Lakes Lions
 PO Box 2105
 Medford Lakes, NJ 08055

If it is more convenient, you may also pay via our online system.

Please visit <https://medfordlakeslions.org/product/directory-ad/> for more information.

If you have questions about the advertising process or need help putting something together, please let us help. Contact Greg Kincaid, our Directory Chairman, at directory@medfordlakeslions.org or call/text 856-982-8529.

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.

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 15th to help bring joy to a child this holiday season. Visit www.toysfortots.org or follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/toysfortots

COMMEMORATIVE BENCH DONATION PROGRAM – WILSON FIELD

The Medford Lakes Colony is pleased to re-open its Commemorative Bench Donation Program for Wilson Field! Each bench comes with a recognition plaque. The cost for a bench and plaque is \$1,000.00. Forms can be picked up in the Colony Office or emailed to you. Please let office@mlcolony.org know if you are interested. Checks should be made out to Medford Lakes Colony and dropped off at the Colony Office.

Medford Lakes Stage Presents

MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET



December 5 at 7 PM & December 6 & 7 at 2 PM

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Do you need a catalyst to clean out your closets??? Feeling philanthropic?

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Coats, hats, gloves, scarves, SOCKS!!!, shoes, long johns and other warm clothing items, back packs or small wheeled suitcases.

We will also be accepting monetary donations, as we spend hundreds of dollars to purchase items that must be new, such as:

Feminine hygiene products, toothbrushes and paste, disposable razors, men and women's underwear, hand sanitizer, body wipes, face wipes, moisturizer, hand warmers, rain ponchos and personal water bottles. OR you can purchase and donate these items yourself. You can even order and have delivered straight to our house to save you having to deliver it.

Anything you'd like to donate can be dropped off in the labeled boxes in front of our home during the first 3 weekends of December, so we have time to sort, box up and load into our vehicles before Christmas Day. Thanks for anything you have to give.

Lori Dean-Gibson and Steve Gibson
 123 Setauket Trail



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.

BONUS!
 Pictures with SANTA
 will be available
 11:00 - 2:00!
 Donations will be
 accepted!



SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy goes to the family and friends of Roger Newell Smith, 79, of Shamong, New Jersey, who passed away at home on November 21, 2025.

Roger grew up in Medford Lakes and attended Moorestown Friends School. After graduating from Muhlenberg College with a degree in sociology, Roger dedicated his life to public service and community leadership. He began his career in law enforcement as a dispatcher with the Medford Township Police Department in 1968. He joined the Medford Lakes Police Department in 1969 and served the department faithfully for 27 years. He spent 20 of those years as Chief of Police. At the time of his appointment, he was the youngest police chief in Burlington County. His tenure was marked by integrity, professionalism, and a deep commitment to the safety and well-being of his community. He was instrumental in organizing a successful grass-roots campaign in the community to solicit support for switching police department employees to the more comprehensive Police and Fire Retirement System. Roger was a lifelong sportsman who, with his beloved wife of 43 years, Nancy, found joy in the outdoors as an avid hunter and fisherman. Roger and Nancy pursued their love for outdoor adventure in places such as British Columbia, Maine, Michigan, Montana, upstate New York, and of course in the fields, woods, and waters of their home state of New Jersey. In retirement, he devoted himself to breeding Deutsch-Drahthaar dogs, a passion that brought him great pride and connection. He served as Vice Chairman, Director of Testing, Orthopedic Evaluation coordinator, and was a long-time performance judge for the Deutsch-Drahthaar breed club in North America where he made lasting contributions to the organization and the breed he loved. He also served as Chairman of the club's local chapter for many years.

Roger is survived by his loving wife Nancy; his sisters-in-law, Susan Bohs and Judy Bohs; and his cousins, nieces, and nephews. He will be remembered for his dedication, his warmth, and the steadfast loyalty he showed to family, friends, and community.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in Roger's name be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, December 6th – Large Trash Drop Off and Brush & Leaf Drop Off, 7:30 am – 12:30 pm, behind the Firehouse

Monday, December 8th – Colony Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, Demby Annex

Wednesday, December 10th – Borough Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Oaks Hall



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