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The Medford Lakes Colony Board of Directors would like to extend warm seasonal greetings to you and your loved ones during this holiday season. Thank you for being a loyal Colonist.

Best wishes in the New Year.



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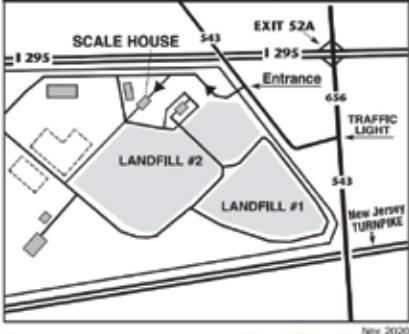
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COLONY NEWS

This newsletter is more than a weekly periodical – it helps keep you informed and connected with important announcements happening in the community. Whenever you can, please take a moment to glance over the titles and articles that interest you. The Colony Office is always available to answer any of your questions.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Colony News with a notice, announcement, or item of interest this year.

A special thank you is needed to Heather and Gary at Affordable Offset Printing for going above and beyond to make sure the Colony News is typeset, printed, folded, and delivered to us in time.

Finally, a shoutout is also needed for our Postal Carriers. Their diligence is greatly appreciated!



THANK YOU TO OUR HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR COMMUNITY!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Holiday House Tour a wonderful success!

First, we extend our sincere gratitude to Dave Trump, who generously volunteered his time and holiday spirit to play Santa.

We also want to thank the homeowners who graciously opened their beautiful homes for the tour. Your hospitality and festive decorations created a magical experience that truly captured the season.

To our Colony Office staff, thank you for managing our ticket sales and making the process smooth for our guests.

Finally, we are deeply appreciative of all our volunteers, whose time, energy, and dedication made the day run smoothly. From greeting guests to supporting the program booth and assisting throughout the tour, your efforts were invaluable.

Thank you all for helping bring our community together and spreading holiday cheer. We couldn't have done it without you!

COLONY MEETING

Please join the Medford Lakes Colony Board of Directors for the first scheduled meeting of 2026 on Monday, January 12, 2026, beginning at 7:00 PM (NEW time) in Demby Annex. If you need something included on the agenda, please submit it to the Colony Office no later than Monday, January 5th. Items for the agenda and questions can be directed to office@mlcolony.org.

All members in good standing are encouraged to attend.

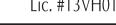
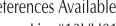
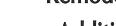
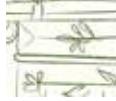
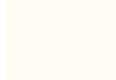
2026 DUES

Invoices will be mailed early next week. Please keep an eye on your mail for your invoice. Questions can be directed to the Colony Office at office@mlcolony.org or 609-654-7747.



Thank You to Our Craft Fair Vendors!

A warm and heartfelt thank you to all of the vendors who participated in this year's Craft Fair. Your creativity, hard work, and beautifully crafted products brought so much life and excitement to the event.



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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 donated to this fund over the years.

Once again, you are encouraged to:

- 1.) Give what you can to help a neighbor. Donate through your 2026 Colony invoice or at any time at the Colony Office. Even \$5/household adds up!
- 2.) Let us know if you would like to be considered for partial dues relief. An application will be available in the Colony Office and on <http://www.medfordlakescolony.org/duesreliefapplication>.

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

Questions can be directed to the Colony Office at office@mlcolony.org or 609-654-7747.

RECYCLING FAQ

Can I recycle wrapping paper from holidays and special occasions?

Yes, wrapping paper and tissue paper used for packing or wrapping gifts can be recycled with your regular mixed paper recycling. No foil or plastic wrapping paper and remove ribbon and bows. (<https://www.co.burlington.nj.us/faq.aspx?TID=24>)

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>

NEW YEARS TRASH COLLECTION UPDATE

Due to the New Years holiday, the Public Works Department will be collecting trash for zone 3 on Wednesday, December 31st. If you have any questions, please call DPW at 609-654-9383.

SATURDAY TRASH DROP-OFF UPDATE

Due to the Christmas & New Years holidays, there will be NO Saturday Trash Drop-off on December 27th & January 3rd. Drop-offs will resume on Saturday, January 10th.

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Karl W. Baumbach, who was a cherished member of the Medford Lakes, NJ community, who died on December 11, 2025, at the age of 60. Karl was the devoted son of William and Judy Baumbach, who preceded him in death. Above all, Karl was a loving father to Brett Baumbach, whom he considered his greatest achievement and source of pride. Their time together, whether traveling to Lambeau Field, supporting Brett at games with a coffee in hand, or simply sharing everyday moments, was treasured by Karl.

Professionally, Karl was a skilled painting contractor and an active participant in the life of Medford Lakes. He contributed to the Canoe Carnival by building floats, enjoyed Winnebago adventures with friends, and played in the local softball league, especially proud of his years playing with Brett. His passion of sports included playing football for Shawnee High School, and years spent in the Medford Lakes Bowling League, a love he inherited from his father.

Karl is survived by lifelong friends, cousins, and extended family, all of whom will remember his kindness, humor, loyalty, dedication, and sense of community.



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