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COLONY MEETING

Please join the Medford Lakes Colony Board of Directors for the first scheduled meeting of 2025 on Monday, January 13, 2025, beginning at 7:30 pm in Demby Annex. 2024 Colony President Steve Warren will hand the gavel over to incoming President Will Saraceni. Best wishes to Will and the entire board in 2025.

2025 DUES

Invoices were mailed to members last week. Please check your mail for your invoice. Questions can be directed to the Colony Office at office@mlcolony.org or 609-654-7747.

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're encouraged to:

1.) Give what you can to help a neighbor. Donate through your 2025 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, fair manner.

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

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you are moving or changing your address (even if it is temporary hold), 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.

MEDFORD LAKES LIONS CLUB

The Medford Lakes Lions Club is a group of service-minded men and women who are interested in improving our communities. We are young people, families, and Baby Boomers alike. To become a Lion is to become an active volunteer, a member of a respected international organization, a leader in the Medford Lakes community and a friend to people in need!

To learn more, please visit <https://medfordlakeslions.org/>

LIONS DIRECTORY

Thank you to the Medford Lakes Lions Club who supplies us all 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 or put the information on your return card with your 2025 Colony dues payment. Be sure to include your name as you want it printed, telephone number and address. Questions – please call 654-7747.

PROJECT MEDICINE DROP

The effort to stop the abuse and diversion of prescription drugs begins at home. MedReturn drop boxes offer a safe, sustainable and secure way to dispose of unwanted or expired household medicines and prescription medications. They accept solid pharmaceuticals such as pills, capsules, patches, inhalers, and pet medications. However, they do not accept syringes or liquids.

A MedReturn drop box can be found outside the Borough Offices at 1 Cabin Circle Drive in Oaks Hall. Their hours of operation are 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Please call 609-654-2156 with questions.

BOROUGH TAX INFORMATION

The New Jersey State Statutes charges the Tax Collector with collecting funds needed to support Local Government, County Government, School Districts and Fire Districts. Tax Collection Due Dates are as follows: February 1st, May 1st, August 1st, and November 1st.

Grace Period: By resolution, the Borough Council permits a grace period. The Grace period for the current year is 10 calendar days. All Tax payments are to be received in the Tax Collector's Office by 4:30 pm on the tenth day of the month in which they are due. Should the tenth fall on a weekend or holiday, the following regular business day will be the last day of the grace period. Any payments received after 4:30 pm will be posted on the following business day with all interest and penalties due for that posting date.

Visit www.medfordlakes.com for more information or call 609-654-8898 with questions.


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2025 DOG & CAT LICENSING

A free rabies clinic will be held on
 Saturday, February 15, 2025,
 From 9:00am to 12:00 pm
 at Oaks Hall Located at
 1 Cabin Circle
 Medford Lakes, NJ 08055.

Please bring proof of last rabies vaccine if you would like a three (3) year vaccination certificate.

A one (1) year vaccination certificate will be issued if proof of previous vaccination is not provided.

NO LICENSES WILL BE ISSUED AT THE CLINIC

A Medford Lakes Municipal License is available at the Borough Clerks office during normal business hours or can be mailed to the Borough Office at 1 Cabin Circle, Medford Lakes, NJ 08055.

Forms are available in the office and are downloadable from the website at: www.medford-lakes.com

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION:

Collection of Christmas Trees will start on Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

District Order (3,4,1,2)

Questions? Please call Public Works at 609-654-9383 – thank you!

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 - Paper shreds are too small to sort.
- You can recycle it at County Shredder Events or the County Resource Recovery Complex.

To learn more, visit burlcorecycles.com, call (609) 499-1001, or download the Recycle-Coach App.

ML CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Medford Lakes Cancer Support Group will have their next gathering at noon on Tuesday, January 14th at Ott's Tavern. All Medford Lakes residents with cancer (either active or in remission) are welcome.

No program.

No pressure.

No cost (other than what you order).

Confidentiality is the only requirement.

With any questions, please feel free to call Gary at 856-596-2478.

JOSEPH'S HOUSE

Thank you to all the supporters of Joseph's House, a homeless shelter in Camden.

Special thanks to Bill Stephan, from Amega Enterprises, for the help in providing the truck for the donations. As usual, the Medford Lakes Lions Club, the Colony and the Protestant Community Church came through for our neighbors in Camden. It is especially meaningful, when our young people are part of the compassionate helpers. This year, Gavin Vitelli, Graham West, Nico DiEva and Cole Spellman were our young helpers. Their help was essential to load the truck and help our Donaters unload their cars.

We had another successful drive, due to the generosity of our borough residents. It is simply amazing that our small community shows up for Joseph's House every year.

Joseph's House serves people every day of every year. Your help makes their lives a bit better. Thank you and have a peaceful New Year.

WATCH THE ICE

If you ever venture onto a frozen pond or lake, you should do so with extreme caution. Even during periods of very cold weather, ice can crack and cause you or your child to fall into the icy water.

Icy water is very different from the water you swim in during the summer. It is extremely dangerous, as it prevents your body from functioning properly.

Never skate without first checking to make sure the ice is at least 6 inches thick. Ice thickness is not uniform across a body of water. Always check the thickness of the ice in more than one area.

Never skate on a pond or lake by yourself. Use the buddy system and bring a friend!

There should also be someone watching from solid ground.

If the ice does crack, drop to your hands and knees and crawl off the ice. This helps distribute your weight more widely, while reducing your chances of falling through the ice.

Educating yourself on ice safety and what to do in ice emergencies is a critical step in staying safe on the ice. If you are unsure of conditions, it is best to refrain from any ice activities - if in doubt, don't go out! (<https://preventionworks-nj.org/news-and-events/safety-frozen-lake-or-pond>)

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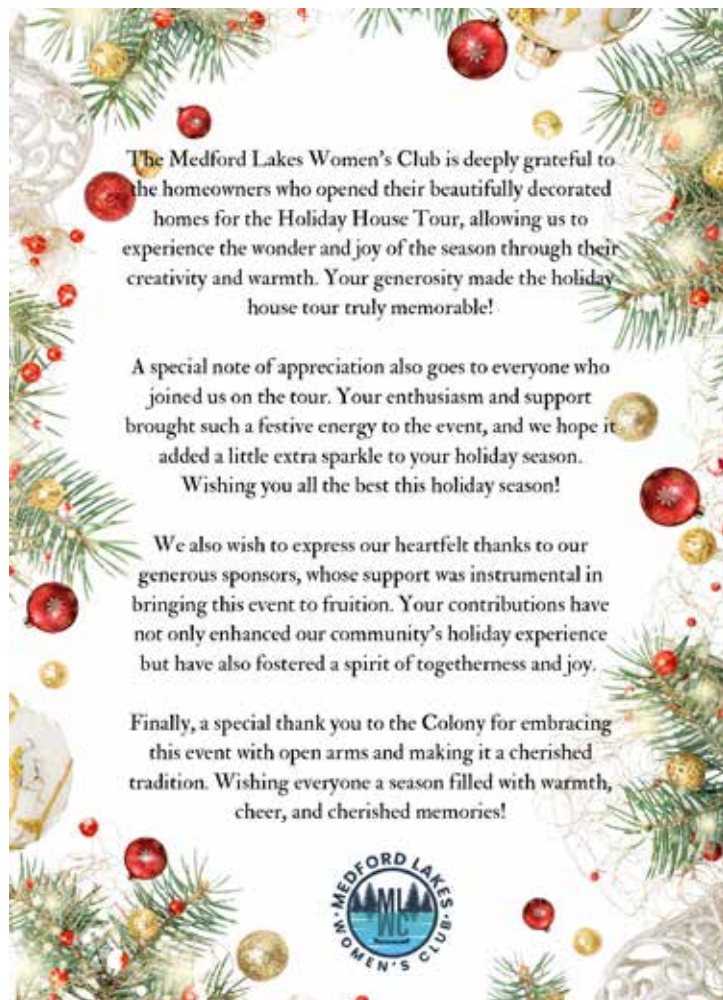
MEDFORD LAKES GARDEN CLUB

The next Garden Club General Meeting and Luncheon will be on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 11:30AM until 3:00 PM, Vaughan Hall, 79 Tecumseh Trail, Medford Lakes, NJ 08055. The program will feature Erica Lizrizzi from Ted's Terrain. She will teach us about Indoor Plants and Succulents. Join us!

Please RSVP 973-223-3019.

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS

Senior Exercise Class will resume on January 9th in Vaughan Hall 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=RDCMUCWmi4Qy4XEFqDQb-CBU07Vag&index=3




The Medford Lakes Women's Club is deeply grateful to the homeowners who opened their beautifully decorated homes for the Holiday House Tour, allowing us to experience the wonder and joy of the season through their creativity and warmth. Your generosity made the holiday house tour truly memorable!

A special note of appreciation also goes to everyone who joined us on the tour. Your enthusiasm and support brought such a festive energy to the event, and we hope it added a little extra sparkle to your holiday season. Wishing you all the best this holiday season!

We also wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our generous sponsors, whose support was instrumental in bringing this event to fruition. Your contributions have not only enhanced our community's holiday experience but have also fostered a spirit of togetherness and joy.

Finally, a special thank you to the Colony for embracing this event with open arms and making it a cherished tradition. Wishing everyone a season filled with warmth, cheer, and cherished memories!




The Medford Lakes Women's Club would also like to extend a special thanks to:

In Dietro Caffe and Wine Bar for donating the coffee and pastries at the Lions Lodge

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Brooke's Bouquets, Royal Flowers, Richardson's Flowers, and Stems by Meg for the beautiful floral arrangements displayed at each home.

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Saturday, January 4th – Large Trash Drop Off and Brush & Leaf Drop Off, 7:30 am - 12:30 pm, behind the Firehouse

Wednesday, January 8th – Borough Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Oaks Hall

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