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We wish you a Merry Christmas and Blessings for the New Year! Our church has been an important part of Medford Lakes since it was chartered in 1931. Our doors have been open to all who want to celebrate the joy of Christmas. This year on December 24th, we are offering the following services:

**Christmas Eve Morning:**

10 am Sanctuary

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5 pm Children's Pageant

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**THANK YOU TO THE MLGC**

Thank you to the Medford Lakes Garden Club for taking the time to decorate the outside of Vaughan Community House for the holidays. The wreaths and decorations are beautiful. Interested in joining the Medford Lakes Garden Club? Please contact Bobbie Bates at 609-859-9060 or email bobbiebates01@g-mail.com.

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DECEMBER

NO CURBSIDE PICK UP.  
NO DROP OFF 23rd OR 30th.

**SANTA'S SLEIGH - THANK YOU**

Santa and his elves would like to thank you for your support this year! We want to wish you and your families a happy, healthy, and safe 2024!

See you again next year.

- Nut-N-Butt Paddles Float Group

**THANK YOU**

Thank you, Nutt-N-Butt Paddles, for your generous donation of \$150.00 to the Colony from your annual Santa's Sleigh fundraiser. The Colony is grateful for your continued support.

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## SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Jay Paul Jones of Medford Lakes, who passed away suddenly on December 11, 2023. He was 88 years old.

Jay was a proud and loving father and grandfather who loved spending time with his family and friends. He was kind and friendly and will be remembered for his warm smile, positive attitude, and great sense of humor.

A 52-year resident of Medford Lakes, Jay loved his hometown and was very active in his community. He was a past President of the Medford Lakes Colony, a longtime member of Medford Lakes Country Club, and was passionately involved with Canoe Carnival for more than 50 years. He spent many years as treasurer of the Canoe Carnival Committee and was a 2021 inductee into Canoe Carnival Hall of Fame.

Jay was preceded in death by his wife, Carol (nee Jones) and sister, Doris Stockum. He is survived by his children, Debbie (Vince) McAneney, Steven (Bella) Jones, grandchildren, Ryan, Shannon, Scott, and Erica McAneney, and Lauren and Lyndsey Jones. He was beloved by several nieces and nephews and countless friends.

A celebration of Jay's life will be held at Medford Lakes Country Club, 70 Oak Dr., Medford Lakes, NJ 08055 on Thursday, December 21, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A formal remembrance will take place at 5:00 p.m. where friends and family are welcome to share their favorite stories and memories of Jay.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in honor of Jay to the ML Canoe Carnival Committee via a link on the ML Colony website at [www.medfordlakescolony.org](http://www.medfordlakescolony.org).

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you are moving or changing your address, please promptly notify the Colony Office by emailing [office@mlcolony.org](mailto: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 2024: Please email your name, address, and birthdate to [office@mlcolony.org](mailto: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.

## SHARE YOUR GARDEN!

Have a garden that is your pride and joy? Show off the fruits of your labor on the 2024 Garden Tour sponsored by the Medford Lakes Garden Club. We are seeking six or more homeowners to generously allow members of the community to tour their gardens on Saturday, June 8th, 2024. Now is the best time to plan gardens and plant perennials! If interested, please call either Jaci Keagy at 717-873-9815 or Karen Lieberman at 973-223-3019.

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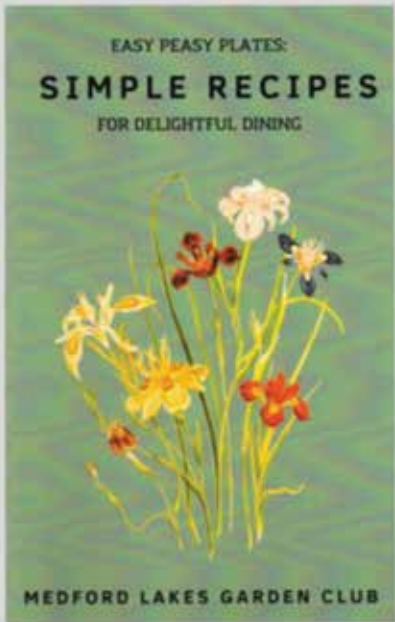


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Senior Exercise Class has resumed @ Vaughan Hall on Thursdays, 9 AM. We will start with a 20-minute GET STRONG video from Curtis Adams, followed by a 30-minute ZUMBA GOLD video from Paula Bickford. Both these videos can be found online at the following websites: [www.seniorexercisetv.com/free-workouts/videos/get-stronger](http://www.seniorexercisetv.com/free-workouts/videos/get-stronger) [www.youtube.com/watch?v=0BH2ec1w-9Q&list=RDCMUCWMi4Qy4XE-FqDQbCBUO7Vag&index=3](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0BH2ec1w-9Q&list=RDCMUCWMi4Qy4XE-FqDQbCBUO7Vag&index=3)



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## RING IN THE NEW YEAR LAKER STYLE!



New York drops a ball...Medford Lakes drops a canoe! Back by popular demand, the Mad Paddlers present the Medford Lakes Canoe Drop on New Year's Eve on Beach 3! We will be hosting two events this year for Medford Lakes residents on Sunday, December 31st. Both events are free to attend. However, we are asking for donations to help offset the cost of the insurance and permits needed.

### Kid friendly NYE Canoe Drop

From 5:00-6:30 PM, we will host a family friendly event which will include music and fire pits. The Canoe Drop will happen at precisely 6 PM. Glow items will be available for purchase. All kids must be accompanied by an adult.

### Midnight NYE Canoe Drop

The main event will start at 11:00 PM and conclude at 12:30 AM. The MLPD has asked that everyone be off the beach by 12:30 AM. Please note that many members of our community are coming together to make this event happen: Police Department, Fire Department, ML Colony, etc. Please make sure that all attendees are being respectful of, and adhering to, all Colony and Borough rules during the event, so that this event can continue to happen year after year.

**While we love putting on this event for the community, please consider making a donation to offset the cost of the insurance and permits needed.**

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