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*Happy Anniversary to Medford Lakes Colony
First meeting held on November 12, 1927.*

Thank you to all Colony Members for your loyalty.

RESULTS OF ELECTION

The results of October 28th's election are as follows:

In the matter of the dues increase with installment payment options, the vote was:
204 in favor and 186 opposed. That vote carried.

In the matter of the Board's authority to enact cost-of-living increases up to 2.5%, the vote was:
146 in favor and 242 opposed. That vote failed.

Understandably, this was a contentious issue with strong feelings on both sides, which was reflected in the narrow vote. This was a situation that no one wanted. For those who supported the board's recommendation for increased dues, we sincerely appreciate your trust and will prove to you that we deserved it. For those who opposed our recommendation, we know that we must work to earn your trust and will work hard to do so.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY-ELECTED DIRECTORS:

Nicole Abate

Nicole is a program and project manager in the defense industry. She brings a skill set from a career in contract and budget administration, engineering, and computer science. She has degrees from Arcadia University (Bachelors - Computer Science) and Penn State (Masters - Systems Engineering). She also has certification credentials in Program Management, Department of Defense Acquisition, and Finance.

Susanne Dennis

Susanne is currently a Director of Operations in the chemical and metal manufacturing industry. Her responsibilities include oversight of payroll, inventory, accounts payable, and report preparation for accounting department and audit review. She also has experience in the non-profit sector as a fund-raiser and event planner.

Matthew Donnelly

Mathew has a strong background in financial statement and document review and analysis. He brings a skill set from a career in financial planning, credit analysis, asset accumulation, and small business benefit management. He is a graduate of Gettysburg College with a degree in Business Management.

Charles Howard IV

Chuck is retired from the United States Air Force (Lt. Colonel) and New Jersey Air National Guard (Commander). His service included a role as a Finance Director with large budget administration responsibilities. He also has extensive property management and construction oversight experience. He is a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy with degrees in Political Science and Math.

VETERANS DAY - NOVEMBER 11TH

Veterans Day is a celebration to honor America's Veterans of all wars for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. Thank you to all who served.

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COLONY MEETING

On Monday, November 18, 2024, 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.

If you need something included on the agenda, please submit it to the Colony Office no later than Monday, November 11th. Items for the agenda and questions can be directed to office@mlcolony.org.

CANOES NEED TO GO HOME

The canoe racks should have been cleared of all items by November 1st. If you still have items on the canoe racks or Colony property, please take them home as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy, please email office@mlcolony.org or call 609-654-7747.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you are moving or changing your address, 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. Thank you!

ML CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Medford Lakes Cancer Support Group will have their next gathering at noon on Tuesday, November 12th 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.

YOUR AGE

Members who turn age 65 in 2025: 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.

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS

Senior Exercise Class has resumed @ Vaughan Hall on Thursdays at 9:00 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

www.youtube.com/watch?v=0BH2ec1w-9Q&list=RDCMUCWmi4Qy4XE-FqDQbCBU07Vag&index=3

TURKEY RAFFLE SEASON!

It is time again for the annual Medford Lakes Lions Turkey Raffle! Raffle tickets are only \$2.00 each and can be purchased from any Lions member, at the Colony Office, or by contacting the Lions at info@medfordlakeslions.org. Tickets can also be purchased ONLINE on the Lions website (minimum \$20 purchase) (https://medfordlakeslions.org/turkeyraffle/). The Lions will raffle off twenty turkeys from Murphy's Market (approx. value \$40.00) on November 20th at 8:00 pm at the Lions Lodge at 113 Apache Trail in Medford Lakes. All raffle monies benefit the Lions Christmas Charities. Buy a Turkey Raffle ticket today and help support the Lions and its December Holiday distribution of new toys, new shoes, food, and a complete Holiday meal!

**KEEP THE PROMISE OF THE SEASON!
 GIVE BLOOD!**

The Medford Lakes Lions are sponsors of an American Red Cross Blood Drive to be held Tuesday, December 10th 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 Red Cross website (www.redcrossblood.org). First time donors welcome. Questions? Call 609-605-1399.

**ARE YOU READY FOR
 THE 52ND ANNUAL TURKEY TROT?**

Loyal Turkey Trotters – registration is open! To register, please visit: https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/MedfordLakes/MedfordLakesColonyTurkeyTrot5K

This event does fill up fast, so please register today!

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SAVE THE DATE!

Medford Lakes Women's Club Holiday House Tour is back!
December 15, 2024 • 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
More information coming soon!

SANTA'S SLEIGH PHOTO-OP - RETURNS AGAIN!

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*** Please reserve your date & time by Wed. - Nov 20th ***

Select your picture day - Please include family name, address & phone
Cost: \$ 25.00 per house / small group - Donations will also be accepted
Sleigh Arrival (will confirm approx. time 1-2 days before your scheduled day)

Sunday – December 1st • 10am – 3pm
Sunday – December 8th • 10am – 3pm
Sunday – December 15th • 10am – 3pm

Thank you in advance for your support
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MLAA BASKETBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

The 2025 MLAA Recreational Basketball registration is now open at mlaasports.com for Boys & Girls Grades K-8 and High School Boys Grades 9-12! The season runs from late December through March. Questions should be directed to MLAA Volunteer Basketball Commissioners:

Dave Malinowski - davemal25@icloud.com
Adam Sidor - asidor7@gmail.com

Anyone interested in coaching/assistant coaching should email Dave or Adam to discuss details.

**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.



**MEDFORD LAKES GARDEN CLUB
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20
11:30AM – 3:00PM**

Come join the Medford Lakes Garden Club for a Pot Luck lunch as JoAnne Russo teaches us how to make a Winter Arrangement.

If you are not a member of the Garden Club the cost of supplies is \$35.
As this is a Pot Luck Lunch, please bring something to share with the group (store bought is ok).
RSVP 210-913-0866



GOT SNEAKERS?

7th Grade Girl Scout Troop #24315 is collecting gently used or new adult sneakers. When you join our sneaker recycling community, you will be making a global impact AND you help troop earn money for every pair of sneakers you contribute.

Most people throw away their used sneakers every 125-200 days without ever thinking about recycling. Since sneakers are manufactured with materials that are not biodegradable, they remain in landfills or are incinerated, which leads to toxic chemicals in our air and soil.

The process of manufacturing sneakers produces large amounts of CO2 which contributes to the serious effects of climate change and global warming. Recycling and reusing sneakers keeps sneakers out of landfills, reduces the need for manufacturing new shoes and sneakers, and supports a growing circular economy.

The drop off bin for recycled sneakers will be in the colony office. Thank you!

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CALENDAR

Call DPW, Borough of Medford Lakes at 609-654-9383 with questions

NOVEMBER:

Hazardous Waste – Medford Lakes – 16th
Large Trash pick up – 16th & 23rd – NO DROP OFF 30th

DECEMBER:

Hazardous Waste – Shamong – 21st
Large trash drop off – 7th, 14th, 21st – NO DROP OFF 28th.

Closed – November 28th & 29th, December 25th



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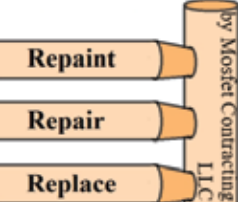
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, November 9th – NO Large Trash Drop Off – Public Works Closed
 Monday, November 11th – Veterans Day – Colony Office Closed
 Tuesday, November 12th – Leaf collection begins, call 609-654-9383 with questions
 Thursday, November 14th – Borough Council Meeting, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Oaks Hall

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