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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.

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-FqDObCBUO7Vag&index=3

COME OUT TO SUPPORT THE NEETA 8TH GRADE DANCE

PJ's Dine and Donate Wednesday, December 4th • 5-8pm Dine In Only

Please contact Rachael Urban with any questions 609-216-0065 Thank you in advance for your support!

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!

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.

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.

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 16th to help bring joy to a child this holiday season. Visit www.toysfortots.org or follow them on Facebook at www.face-

book.com/toysfortots

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!





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

Thank you in advance for your support. All proceeds to benefit the ML Colony & Nut-N-Butt Paddles - 2025 Carnival Effort

2024 WITCHES PADDLE THANK YOU!

Thank you for a 5th successful year at the Medford Lakes Witches Paddle! We exceeded 80 paddlers this year and set a new fundraising record for ML Lions Club! Thank you to our volunteers: Kevin (King Lion) & Kelly Koch, Jacquie Verish, Patti Lynn Monaghan, Patrick Fletcher, Donna Hale, Jennifer Parrish, Heather Zinn, Marianne Devine, Gail & Dave Crane, Suzy West, Robb Hanold, Mike Polhemus, Lewis Kalb, Gary McGeever, Kristia Adams, & MLFD (Farnsworth Family).

We would also like to thank our sponsors: Jersey Pools & Spas/Extreme Board & Ski, The Farmstead at Medford, Shoprite of Medford, Murphy's Fresh Markets, Kazmierski Orthodontics, Medford Fitness, & Patty B's Hats & Tees. Lastly, thank you to the vendors (primarily Laker owned) who supported the club and helped expand our event this year:

Grazing Affair (April Collison), Mystical Blossoms (Jody Thorpe & Michaline Koveloski), The Celtic Witch (Tara Riley), Sultana Maria Jewelry (Sultana Aschim), SavviCakes (Savannah Smith), Mary Kay (Danielle Hilgetag), The 8th House Dyeing Company (Lindsay Burger), GypsySoul Tarot (Erin Vice), Snappy Hats (Kristen Brondt), Where's Waverly (Ardis Riley), Rustic Pines Decor Co. (Amy Kusmiesz), Goodie Witch Book(Karen Tennett), Breast Cancer Fundraiser (Palazzolo and Trembley Families), Stick Around Brands (Chris DeYoung).

We are looking forward to next year and hope you join us! For more information, visit: www.mlwitchespaddle.com

Witchfully yours,

Brooke Allen-Watson - ML Lions Club

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



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DROP OFF GENTLY USED TOYS: 64 NANTUCKET TRAIL PLACE TOYS IN PLASTIC BINS BY GARAGE DEADLINE TO DROP OFF 12/6

DECEMBER 7 8:00A-8:00P

ALL TOYS THAT WERE DONATED BY OUR INCREDIBLE COMMUNITY WILL BE OUT ON TABLES IN THE DRIVEWAY OF 64 NANTUCKET. EVERYTHING IS FREE. THIS IS A NO JUDGEMENT ZONE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A MAGICAL HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE FOR ALL. ANY PARENTS/CARETAKERS ETC. CAN COME "SHOP" ALL THE GENTLY USED TOYS TO GIFT TO THE CHILDREN IN THEIR LIVES. LET'S MAKE THIS SEASON MAGICAL FOR EVERYONE.

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SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Thomas Joseph King, 93.7, of Medford Lakes, New Jersey who passed comfortably and peacefully at home of natural causes in the company of his immediate family.

Born March 7, 1931, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Died November 1, 2024 at Medford Lakes New Jersey.

Thomas, (a.k.a. dad, Grandpa Tom, Mr. King, Tom, Kingy, King) is survived by his wife of 67 years, Ann Veronica King (Sharkey), and his children, Janice Smith (Harry), Paul A. (Elizabeth), Martin T. (Mary Jean), Cecilia Marie Questad (Scott), Stephen (Richel), Julia Marie Divney (Brian), along with 18 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, and 47 nieces & nephews, all of whom were favorites. He is predeceased by his parents, Samuel Aloysius and Grace, his sons, Daniel and Patrick, his sisters, Dorothy O'Hara, Margaret Hartley, Sr. Mary Kevin King, IHM, and his brothers, Francis X, Samuel Aloysius II, and James.

Thomas, a self-described humanitarian, was born to a Philadelphia family with an 18-generation history in the Schuylkill headwater region of Pennsylvania. He graduated from The West Philadelphia Catholic High School for Boys completing a Science curriculum in 1949. His post-Depression youth influenced his ethos and provided for a cautious approach to most things in life.

Tom enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1951 during the Korean Conflict. After basic training at Parris Island, he was sent to serve as a Marine orderly for Navy Capt. Henry L. Miller, (later RADM Miller, who trained the Doolittle Raiders) aboard the aircraft carrier CV-32 USS Leyte for several tours in the Mediterranean. Capt. Miller surely became a significant mentor to the young Marine. His Marine life continued into retirement, where he made several USMC sponsored trips to Parris Island to inspire and encourage new recruits midway through their difficult initial training.

Upon his return to Philadelphia, he enrolled and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education from Saint Joseph's College in 1962. During this time, he met and married Ann. The young couple set up home in West Philadelphia for a year, but were persuaded to purchase a home in Medford Lakes, NJ while on a weekend visit to his brother-in-law Jack O'Hara's summer home there. Tom and Ann have been members of the Medford Lakes Colony for 64 years

This move to New Jersey was made possible by Tom finding employment at the recently established and newly constructed Lenape High School in Medford. Mr. King would start as a teacher of English and Literature. Upon completion of his Master of Arts in School Administration from Glassboro State College in 1976, he was promoted to Department Supervisor for English & Foreign Language, and finally retiring as Assistant Principal in 1992. He understood the imperfections and limitations of the system he worked in and conspired with like-minded

colleagues to strive for the best student outcomes in all things Lenape.

His Jesuit education fostered a devotion to continuously performing corporal and spiritual works of mercy, which will be known only to the many that received the blessings, along with those who participated by his side over many years. He had a special dedication to adult literacy, visiting the sick, and helping the poor.

Tom was a handy and athletic person. If you were interested, he could teach you to camp, cook, paint, light a fire, sweat a pipe joint, hang a door, ride a bike, plant a garden, play ball or chess, write a poem, analyze a book, swim, canoe, hike, drive, and lots of other stuff. Tom was involved in the athletic activities of his many young children and enjoyed coaching and supporting the Lenape Youth and Medford Lakes Athletic Associations, in addition to involvement in all sorts of scouting and community programs. During retirement, he enjoyed his local and extended family, Lenape colleagues, the community of St. Mary of the Lakes church, USMC cohort, and gym connections.

Thomas was an educator throughout his entire professional career, and even during his hospice care, he was still challenging his children and grandchildren to find ways to inspire others in their community. The family is appreciative of the frequent visitations from St. Mary's parish, friends, relatives, and former colleagues during his hospice, and will be forever thankful to the caregivers who respectfully attended to him during that time.

Semper Fidelis.

If you are inclined to donate in his memory, Tom's favorite charities were The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Medford, NJ, and the American Cancer Society.

HELP WANTED - ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Protestant Community Church, located at 100 Stokes Road, Medford Lakes, is seeking an administrative assistant to work 27 hours per week. Duties include preparing the weekly church bulletin, distributing the monthly newsletter, answering phones, keeping church attendance records, maintaining the church calendar, and other related administrative duties. The candidate will work closely with the church business administrator and pastor. Church Windows experience is a plus but training will be provided. Please respond to Pamela Jones at (609) 654-4220 or submit a résumé and salary requirements to businessadministrator@protestantcommunitychurch.org.

HELP WANTED - PASTOR

The mainstream Protestant Community Church of Medford Lakes, NJ, seeks a successor to our retiring pastor. We are an inclusive, interdenominational faith community located in the pinelands, between Philadelphia and the South Jersey shore. To view the full job description and details, please refer to the Senior Pastor of Protestant Community Church posting on indeed.com. If you have any questions, please email pastorsearch@protestantcommunitychurch.org.







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Thursday, November 21st - Planning Board Meeting, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, Oaks Hall Tuesday, November 19th - Recycle Collection

Monday, November 18th - Colony Meeting, Demby Annex, 7:30 pm

pm, behind the Firehouse, call 609-654-9383 with questions

Saturday, November 16th - Hazardous Waste Day in Medford Lakes, 9:00 am - 12:00 12:30 pm, behind the Firehouse

Saturday, November 16th - Large Trash Drop Off and Brush & Leaf Drop Off, 7:30 am

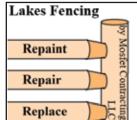
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