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CANOE LOTTERY

If you are interested in a canoe rack on one of our areas or beaches, please complete the following raffle ticket and submit it to the Colony Office with a nonrefundable \$20 check made payable to "Medford Lakes Colony." All funds collected will be a donation to the Dues Relief Fund.

The raffle will take place on Monday, April 14th after the monthly Colony Board Meeting.

CANOE LOTTERY ENTRY

Are you putting a canoe on the rack? Yes or No

or

Are you putting a kayak on the rack? Yes or No

Do you require a low spot on the rack? Yes or No

Is a middle spot acceptable? Yes or No

Is an upper spot acceptable? Yes or No

Do you agree to have your vessel removed on or before November 1, 2025?
Yes or No

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please put a #1 by the location you would like to win a spot. You can also put #2 - #5 to rank your preference.

Beach 1 _____ Area 2 _____

Beach 3 _____ Beach 4 _____

Area 5 _____

COLONY MEETING

On Monday, April 14, 2025, the Board of Directors of the Medford Lakes Colony will be meeting at 7:00 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, April 7th. Items for the agenda and questions can be directed to office@mlcolony.org.

MEMBERSHIP TAGS

For members who have paid their dues in full, tags are now available.

Guest tags are also on sale in the Colony Office through March 31st:

- Daily guest tags – dated the day you use them - \$2/tag
- Seasonal guest tags – good for the entire year - \$10/tag

On April 1st, daily tags will go up to \$5/tag and seasonal tags will go up to \$20/tag.

Questions – call 609-654-7747 or email office@mlcolony.org

CURBSIDE BULK TRASH PICKUP

The next scheduled curbside bulk trash pickup is April 7th. If you want a pickup at your curbside on April 7th, please call 609-654-9383 between March 31st – April 4th and leave a message. Your message should include the following: your name, address, a contact phone number to return your call if necessary, and what you are leaving at the curbside for pickup. Do not put items out to the curb until the night before the pickup. Questions? Please contact Public Works at 609-654-9383.

WOMEN LEADING THE WAY – MARCH 29TH

Join us on March 29th starting at 5pm in Vaughn Hall for an evening celebrating local women led businesses, vendors & creators!! Medford Lakes Women's Club will have guest speakers on social media, financial literacy, a place to get headshots done as well! Come support your local women owned businesses for a night empowering women in leadership, business, and creativity!

CANDY & SMALL TOY DONATIONS NEEDED FOR MLWC EGG HUNT

The MLWC will host its annual egg hunt for children ages one through ten on April 19th. Candy and small toy donations are needed for egg stuffing. Please drop off packages of peanut-free, individually wrapped candy and small toys to the Colony Office by April 4th. Thank you for your continued support of this fun event!

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COLONY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Colony currently has multiple employment vacancies for this summer. Questions regarding these positions can be directed to camp@mlcolony.org.

To apply, please visit: medfordlakescolony.org/employmentapplication

- Beach Supervisor
- Canoe Instructor (Upper Camp)
- “Extended Hours” Camp Director
- Kayak Instructor (Lower Camp)
 - Lifeguards
- Senior Counselors (Upper Camp)
- Swim Instructors (Lower & Upper Camp)

**CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN ON
 MLAASPORTS.COM**

Please register in March for the best price. Prices are scheduled to increase on April 1st. For more information of program dates and times, please visit: <https://www.medfordlakescolony.org/summercamp>

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

PLEASE do not wait because we need you to register now!

If you are interested in applying for a Camp Scholarship or want to know more information, please call (609) 654-7747 or email camp@mlcolony.org.

An application can be found by scrolling to the bottom of the <https://www.medfordlakescolony.org/summercamp> page OR by visiting the Colony Office.

If you can donate to this fund, please do! Any contribution is greatly appreciated!

CAMP COUNCIL

The next Camp Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9th starting at 7:00 pm in Demby Annex. Mark your calendars. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend.

ADULT BEACH VOLLEYBALL

All volleyball registrations are due by March 31st! For more information visit <https://www.mlaasports.com/adultbeach>

Check out our NEW Laker League! A new laid-back, coed 6s volleyball league designed for players who love the game but prefer a fun, social atmosphere over competition. This self-officiated, self-scored league is gender-blind, meaning teams can be any combination of male or female players—even all one gender! To keep things light and enjoyable, all serves must be underhand, and there are no playoffs—just good vibes. Whether you’re here for the game or the camaraderie, our goal is simple: have fun, meet new people, and enjoy the sport without the pressure of competition! Laker League will be scheduled on Monday evenings!

ML CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Medford Lakes Cancer Support Group will have their next gathering at noon on Tuesday, April 8th at Ott’s Tavern. All Medford Lakes residents with cancer (either active or in remission) are welcome on the second Tuesday of the month.

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.

**SPRING WILL HAVE SPRUNG!
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The Medford Lakes Lions are sponsors for the American Red Cross Blood Drive to be held Friday, April 11th at Vaughan Community House. Appointments are from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM and can be made on the www.redcrossblood.org web-site. First time donors welcome. Questions? Call 609-605-1399.

LIONS CLUB PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

The Lions Club of Medford Lakes Annual Palm Sunday Breakfast will be on Sunday, April 13th from 8:00 – 11:30 am at Vaughan Community House at 79 Tecumseh Trail. This breakfast, served by local Lions, features 2 slices of bacon, 3 pancakes, scrambled eggs and Lion Ed’s famous home fries for \$10. We will offer “eat-in” or “take-out” options again this year.

Your choice must be decided in advance when purchasing your tickets. Tickets must be ordered in advance by 5:00 pm on Thursday, April 10th. For additional information and to order your tickets, please visit our website: www.medfordlakeslions.org/palmsunday

**MEDFORD LAKES EDUCATION FOUNDATION
 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2025**

The MLEF is pleased to award a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who lives in Medford Lakes. In order to be considered for this award, the student must have graduated from 8th grade at Neeta School. Interested students need to submit an essay that discusses how their education in Medford Lakes helped them achieve success in high school. Essays must be a minimum of 250 words for consideration. Essays should be submitted to: MLEF.edu@gmail.com; deadline for submission is March 31, 2025.

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SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Thomas Douglas Miller, age 82, of Medford Lakes, NJ, born in Bayonne, NJ, who died on March 15, 2025. Tom was raised by his sister Marjorie Giubardo and her husband Phillip Giubardo Sr. Tom was fortunate to marry his Livingston High School sweetheart, Joyce Carolyn Miller (formally Moorhead). Their love and marriage of 62 years thrived due to mutual admiration, respect, love of family, and an unwavering commitment to their shared priorities. Tom's passion for Joyce burned bright to the very end.

By the time Tom was 26, Joyce had birthed three boys, Brian, Kevin, and Robert (Bob). Tom & Joyce have made their daughters-in-law, Lisa, Claudia, and Christa, feel like daughters from day one.

Tom was a great husband and dad. Nothing was more important to him. He always made time for his wife and kids. He never told his family, "I'm too busy right now." Tom's boys could always count on him. He was always present. Always available. Tom knew from age 21 that being present was crucial. He knew when to kick his sons in the ass, when to give sage advice, and when to let them figure out things for themselves. His sons could not lie to him, even though they tried. Somehow, he always knew.

Tom coached all three boys in baseball and soccer for many years before high school. Tom was a good multi-sport athlete and showed his prowess as the shortstop for the often-victorious Odd Couples Float Group softball team.

Tom's greatest legacy was teaching his three boys to be great dads. They learned from the best. Tom's three sons have eight wonderful kids, Lauren, T.J., Lucas, Kyle, Mackenzie, Ryan, Sarah, and Samuel, who love their Pa Tom and Grandma Joyce beyond words. As a grandfather, Tom earned frequent Pa-points at countless events, including wrestling matches, lacrosse, field hockey, musicals, recitals, concerts, speeches, etc. Four years ago, Tom's great-grandchildren started popping out like gremlins. Six of them already: Sophia, Cooper, Eliza, Emery, Jake, and she-who-will-be-named-in-May. Lauren, T.J., and Kyle are already great parents and understand the values taught by Pa Tom and Grandma Joyce. Pa Tom and Grandma Joyce also love their grandchildren's significant others, Kyle Firth, Jordan, Monique, Sam, and Jamison.

Tom was a big brother to Phillip Giubardo Jr, Margie Centuori, and their spouses Karen Giubardo and Joseph Centuori, who had four nibblings Tom loved dearly: Jackie, Phillip III, Jenny, and Dennis. Phillip Jr. and Margie were in their teens when Tom was a young father. They adored him and looked up to their mentor, brother, and dear friend. Tom and his immediate family spent many summer days in Point Pleasant with the Giubardo/Centuori clan. Tom honed his early fishing skills as a kid in Point Pleasant and lived in his first house there with Joyce and his boys. It was a special place for him.

Tom was close to his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Gary and Shelly Moorhead, their sons Scott and Brad, and now with Scott's husband, Jeff. They have two awesome kids, Zoey and Otis. Tom was a great example to Scott and Brad as well. He's no doubt playing cards and watching soccer with Brad right now.

When Tom's boys were teenagers, the Millers and Moorheads started vacationing in Sea Isle City. They started with one house, and the tradition grew to four as the family grew. Some of Tom's happiest memories were of family, cards late into the night, digging into crabs and other seafood, and fishing in Sea Isle. Everyone was welcome in Sea Isle, as there were turnstiles of friends from the Miller/Moorhead family who visited. Pa Tom and Grandma Joyce love a big tent and couldn't possibly have too many kids and friends in that tent. Little kids instantly gravitated to Pa Tom. Pa Tom and Grandma Joyce love hosting the entire Miller and Moorhead families for Christmas.

Tom had many interests, including all sports, especially the Philadelphia and Rutgers teams, any light stakes card game, literature, history, golf, cinema, and food. He was a ringer in Trivial Pursuit. He loved to cook, especially for his family. Fishing was always his number one activity. He was a favorite of the mates of the Gambler in Point Pleasant, the Miss Chris in Cape May, and the Susan Hudson in LBI. His Everglades fishing trips over 20 years with his grandson Kyle, brother Phil Jr., and nephew Phil III are legendary.

Tom believed there was no bad time for a gimlet. Vodka. Tequila. Rum. Whichever. Tom had a proper perspective on work-life balance, where his work provided for a family that never needed anything they didn't have. Fun with family and making jokes were priorities. To Tom, a joke, prank, or sarcastic remark was always appropriate. Almost nothing was off limits, and his family was frequently in his crosshairs.

Tom's smile lit up any room he was in. Ask anybody in Medford Lakes about Tom, and they'll mention his smile, positivity, and laid-back persona. He instantly made people feel joy.

Tom is most remembered for his love of family, infectious smile, sense of humor, and ability to create laughter at any moment. He recently quipped, "At our age, a friend with benefits is a woman who drives." He passed his traits down to an extensive family. He was greatly loved and will be missed by all who knew him.

Tom's family and friends will celebrate Tom's life at a location and date to be announced soon.

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Virginia A. Germano (née Mast) of Ocean City, NJ, who passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 15th, 2025. She was 73 years of age. Born in Irvington, NJ, she has resided in Ocean City for the past 5 years moving there from Medford Lakes, NJ. She was the daughter of the late Richard A. and Sarah A. Mast.

A retired Teacher for the Medford Lakes School District in Medford Lakes, NJ, Virginia taught for the School District for over 30 years until her retirement in 2019. She is a graduate of the NJ State University.

She is the Beloved Wife of Denis C. German of Ocean City, NJ and the Loving Mother of Rachel D. Ulriksen and her husband Christopher of Medford Lakes, NJ, Matthew Germano and his wife Marie of Medford Lakes, NJ and Patrick Germano of Philadelphia, PA. She is also survived by her brother Keith Mast of Scottsdale, AZ and her 5 grandchildren Dana, Kayla and Kevin Ulriksen and Daniel and Charles Germano.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy the family requests donations to either the Medford Lakes Education Foundation, PO Box 71, Medford, NJ 08055 or the Medford Lakes Home and School Association, 135 Mudjekeewis Trail, Medford Lakes, NJ 08055.

MEDFORD LAKES WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP 2025

The Medford Lakes Women's Club is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a female 2025 high school graduate who grew up in Medford Lakes. The successful candidate will need to submit a 1,000-word essay on the following topic: "How did growing up in the Medford Lakes community shape your goals for your future?"

Please send your completed essay to Julia Moore at juliammoore@yahoo.com.

All submissions must be received by April 4, 2025.



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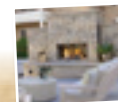
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 29th – Large Trash Drop Off and Brush & Leaf Drop Off, 7:30 am - 12:30 pm, behind the Firehouse

Thursday, April 3rd – Historic Commission Meeting, 7:30 pm, Oaks Hall

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