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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.

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.



2025 DOG & CAT LICENSING

A FREE Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2025, from 9:00am to 12:00pm 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.medfordlakes.com

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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!

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.

PCC FELLOWSHIP BANQUET

Nancy Stokking, Philadelphia Organist cellist from Medford Lakes, will be guest speaker and performer at the Protestant Community Church Fellowship Banquet at the 8 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 18th.

Mrs. Stokking and her late husband were both musicians at the Philadelphia Orchestra and numerous events in the area. Residents of Medford Lakes and area communities are invited to attend. Breakfast will be served.

**MEDFORD LAKES LIONS FIRESIDE CHAT
 TUESDAY, JAN. 21ST AT 7PM**

Learn more about our projects and how you can make a difference! Join Immediate Past President Jacquie Verish and Service Chairperson Suzy West to hear about Lions events, our service to the community, and how you can get involved. Bring your questions and your curiosity. This is open to everyone – new members, current members and potential members, too. The Fireside Chat will be held at the Lions Lodge, 113 Apache Trail, Medford Lakes on Tuesday, January 21st at 7pm.

Questions? Email Jacquie Verish at jacquieverish@comcast.net

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.

HELP WANTED

Medford Lakes Colony is in need of a Camp Director for its "Extended Hours" Camp program. "Extended Hours" Camp runs 4 weeks in July and serves children in grades 1-5. Qualifications include being at least 21 years of age and having experience with an organized youth camp and at least 1 year of teaching experience with a teacher certification (NJ 8:25-3.2).

Interested applicants should apply on the Colony's website: <https://www.medfordlakescolony.org/employmentapplication>

Questions regarding this position can be directed to camp@mlcolony.org.
 Deadline to apply is February 14th.

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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BOROUGH ORDINANCE
§ 185-13 FEEDING WATERFOWL.

[Added 8-1-1988 by Ord. No. 249]

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- A. Feed any waterfowl.
- B. Create any condition, or allow any condition to exist, which results in a congregation or congestion of waterfowl which:
 - (1) Results in an accumulation of waterfowl feces or droppings; or
 - (2) Results in damage to flora, fauna, or private or public property; or
 - (3) Results in a threat to the public health, safety or welfare; or
 - (4) Results in a threat to the health, safety or welfare of said waterfowl.

§ 185-14 Violations and penalties.

[Amended 4-23-2014 by Ord. No. 615]

Any person, firm, corporation, association or legal party whatsoever who or which shall violate, or authorize or procure a violation, or cause to be violated, any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable as provided under the general penalty provisions found at § 1-15 of this Code. This, however, shall not apply against any municipal employee or officer that authorizes action by permit or otherwise in the ordinary course of their duties.

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Diane E. Wolf, 82, of Medford Lakes, NJ, who passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 25, 2024.

Born in Camden, NJ, on August 23, 1942, she was the daughter of the late Michael and Rose (DeFranco) Rush. Diane resided in Medford Lakes for the last 56 years. She was a 1964 graduate from the Cooper University Nursing School and worked as a registered nurse for many years. Diane worked for the State of New Jersey doing Peer Review of Medicaid and Medicare Medical Records. She finished her career working at McGuire Air Force Base, revising their Medical Review Process. Diane was a parishioner at St. Mary of the Lakes R.C. Church in Medford, where she was a member of the church choir, and worked in the parish office. She enjoyed replicating her Mother's Italian dishes and taking summer trips to Ocean City, NJ with her family.

She is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Don Wolf; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie and Chris Zablocki, and Donna and Ryan Soucie; and a granddaughter Katya Zablocki.

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Erma Jean "EJ" Fisher (nee Loskill), age 88, of Medford, NJ, who passed away in the comfort of her own home while surrounded by loving family on Thursday, December 19, 2024.

EJ was born in Chambersburg, PA, and raised in Shippensburg, PA, before moving to Medford Lakes, NJ. EJ received a bachelor's in business education from Shippensburg University and an MA in business education from Trenton State College and went on to teach at various high schools and colleges within the New Jersey vicinity. EJ was a resident of Medford Lakes for 60 years and was also one of the first teachers, along with her husband Ron, at Lenape High School. She was very active in the community, having volunteered as a Girl Scout leader and serving as the treasurer of a community group that builds floats for the annual Canoe Carnival. EJ was an enthusiastic Penn State fan and delighted in international travel and music. She also really enjoyed attending all her grandchildren's sporting events over the years. But above all, EJ cherished the time spent with family and friends and will be deeply missed by those she leaves behind.

EJ was predeceased by her beloved spouse, Ronald Fisher, in 2006. She is survived by her son, Karl Fisher (Lori), and daughter, Janice Tutterice (David); grandchildren, Kyle, Marta, and Tyler; sister, Kathy Bless; sister-in-law, Ethel Fisher; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions in EJ Fisher's name may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

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.

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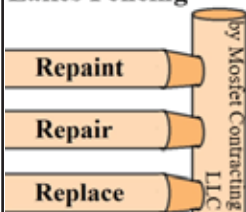
Saturday, January 11th – Large Trash Drop Off and Brush & Leaf Drop Off, 7:30 am - 12:30 pm, behind the Firehouse
 Monday, January 13th – Colony Meeting, 7:30 pm, Demby Annex
 Tuesday, January 14th – Recycle Collection
 Thursday, January 16th – Planning Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, Oaks Hall

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