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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Medford Lakes Board of Directors would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members: Stephen Arfuso & Natalie Fisher of Chinook Trail, Collin Villari & Hannah Towhey of Manhasset Trail, Philip Sathmary of Minnetonka Trail, Drew & April Wagner of Minnetonka Trail, Andrew Hull & Elyse Gurnowski of Stokes Road, and Elizabeth Kurtz of Wabun Trail.

COLONY MEETING

On Monday, February 10, 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, February 3rd. Items for the agenda and questions can be directed to office@mlcolony.org.

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!

A donation submission form has been set up on the homepage of medfordlakescolony.org.

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.

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES IN JANUARY

Medford Lakes Colony depends on our Colony members to be able to pay for the routine expenses to keep our properties maintained and safe. Thanks for your loyalty to our Colony.

There is a drop box on the doorstep to Demby Annex (79 Tecumseh Trail – in the back of Vaughan Hall). Please leave your completed form for beach tags, remittance form, and your check in an envelope. Or you can have your bank mail us a check – the account number would be your address. You would just need to drop or mail us your completed form for beach tags.



WELCOME NEW ADVERTISER!

A warm welcome to the newest advertiser for the Medford Lakes Colony News:



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Please see their ad on page 2.

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.

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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!



2025 DOG & CAT LICENSING

A free rabies clinic will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2025,
 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
 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

DANCE FITNESS WITH KATHLEEN

Do you like to dance? Then join Kathleen every Tuesday at 4pm at the Protestant Community Church Memorial Hall located at 108 Stokes Road.
 Kathleen loves to move and has been teaching Fitness since 1983.
 She will teach a multi-level Zumba-style class that will be easy to follow, invigorate you, improve your endurance and be fun at the same time!!
 There is no charge for the class but a donation to the church would be most appreciated!

**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

**4TH ANNUAL MEATBALL THROWDOWN AND
 PASTA DINNER FOR THE MEDFORD LAKES LIONS
 SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2ND**

REGISTER TODAY for the Medford Lakes Lions Club 4th Annual Meatball Throwdown and Pasta Dinner at Vaughan Hall on Sunday, February 2nd from 3pm - 5pm. We are again offering the ability to purchase a table for up to 8 people and to purchase charcuterie plates. Use the links below to check out the details, register as a contestant (limit 10) or sign up to attend the event and join in the fun and enjoy some great food! “We Serve” and we appreciate your support!

To register as a contestant:
<https://medfordlakeslions.org/makesomemeatballs/>

To buy a ticket or table to the event, and to buy a charcuterie plate:
<https://medfordlakeslions.org/pastadinner/signup/>

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.

HELP WANTED

Medford Lakes Colony is in need of a Beach Supervisor to manage its Lifeguards and Beach Attendants (also known as Tag Checkers). The Beach Supervisor will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Colony beaches from Memorial Day to Labor Day and provide lead supervision for Colony Lifeguards and Beach Attendants. Applicants should be over 18 years old with previous management experience (preferred). Applicants should also possess valid Lifeguard Certification with Waterfront Skills or be willing to be trained & certified.

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 21st.

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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://prevention-works-nj.org/news-and-events/safety-frozen-lake-or-pond>)

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Steven E. Flynn, 70, who passed away suddenly at home on December 1, 2024. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Faye Gravatt; his two beloved children, Jackson T. Flynn and Hannah Rose Flynn, both of Medford Lakes; his two sisters, Sandra Walker and Kathy Lovell of Massachusetts; his sister-in-law, Pamela Gravatt of North Carolina; and five nieces and nephews.

Steve was born and raised in West Boylston, MA and attended Worcester State College. After living in the greater Boston area, Steve moved for a short time to North Carolina, but eventually settled in Medford Lakes, NJ where he resided for the past 31 years. Steve was a skilled carpenter and had a 40-year career as a Project Manager building custom residential homes. Steve loved basketball and was an avid, life-long player, both competitively and recreationally. He was involved with MLAA for many years as a coach for rec basketball, and also served as the Neeta School boys basketball coach for several years.

Steve had a great sense of humor and kept everyone laughing. He will be remembered for his amusing impressions and witty comments. He was great fun at gatherings over the years with friends and relatives. Steve greatly enjoyed riding his bike around Medford Lakes, and especially loved his family vacations at Long Beach Island. He will be sadly missed, always.

FOUND

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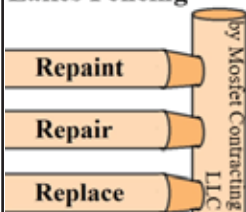
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 Wednesday, January 22nd – Borough Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Oaks Hall

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