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# MEDFORD LAKES COLONY NEWS



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## 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](mailto:office@mlcolony.org) or 609-654-7747.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:office@mlcolony.org).

## 4TH ANNUAL MEATBALL THROWDOWN AND PASTA DINNER FOR THE MEDFORD LAKES LIONS

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 buy a ticket or table to the event, buy a charcuterie plate or to register as a contestant, please visit our webpage: <https://medfordlakeslions.org/pastadinner> Questions? please email [edverish@verizon.net](mailto:edverish@verizon.net)

## BOROUGH TAX INFORMATION

The New Jersey State Statutes charges the Tax Collector with collecting funds needed to support Local Government, County Government, School Districts and Fire Districts.

Tax Collection Due Dates are as follows: February 1st, May 1st, August 1st, and November 1st.

Grace Period: By resolution, the Borough Council permits a grace period. The Grace period for the current year is 10 calendar days. All Tax payments are to be received in the Tax Collector's Office by 4:30 pm on the tenth day of the month in which they are due. Should the tenth fall on a weekend or holiday, the following regular business day will be the last day of the grace period. Any payments received after 4:30 pm will be posted on the following business day with all interest and penalties due for that posting date.

Visit [www.medfordlakes.com](http://www.medfordlakes.com) for more information or call 609-654-8898 with questions.

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**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](http://www.medfordlakes.com)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:camp@mlcolony.org).  
 Deadline to apply is February 21st.

**COLONY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Each year there are various positions that need to be filled for the many Medford Lakes recreational activities. With Colony Camp and the beaches, we have lots of great opportunities.

We are always looking for good, talented folks. If you have an interest in any of the roles that are required in running these activities, please submit an Employment Application at [medfordlakescolony.org/employmentapplication](http://medfordlakescolony.org/employmentapplication). Any submitted applications will be considered for positions after vacancies are recognized. Questions? Email [camp@mlcolony.org](mailto:camp@mlcolony.org).



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**SINCERE SYMPATHY**

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends Robert W. Nuss, Jr., age 81, of Medford Lakes, NJ passed away in the comfort of his home on January 13, 2025.

Bob was born and raised in Abington, PA and resided in Newtown Square, PA during his high school years. He graduated from Marple Newtown High School. He excelled in track and field and even ran the Penn Relays.

He attended and graduated from East Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of Science degree. He joined Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and somehow got the nickname "Nasty". If you called him that, he would say "That is 'Mr.' Nasty to you".

Bob served in the US Army, 4th Infantry Division. He saw combat in Vietnam and was wounded while there. He received his Purple Heart. When asked about it he would say "You would receive a purple heart too if you were running and got shot in the ass".

Bob loved tennis and thought he was the next John McEnroe. He was an avid downhill skier and could not get enough of seeing and skiing the incredible Rocky Mountains.

His career of more than 50 years was in the commercial insurance business. He received many awards for meeting his quota over and over again. His favorite saying was "You help me and I'll buy you a hot dog and beer". It worked!

Bob was a fun and a funny guy, loving time spent with his family and friends and drinking his favorite Grand Marnier.

So, anyone reading this, go out and buy that beer and hotdog, raise your beer glass, and help him get through those "pearly gates"!!!

At the request of the family, funeral arrangements will be private. Memorial contributions can be made to your local animal shelter, Wounded Warrior Project, or the Medford Lakes Lion Club.

**SENIOR SCENE**

The following events are happening.  
Come out and join if you wish:

Every Tuesday — Sewing in Vaughan Hall. 10:00 a.m.

First Wednesday of the month — Pinochle in Demby Annex. 7:00 p.m.

Every Thursday — Exercise in Vaughan Hall. 9:00 a.m.  
Every Thursday — Mahjong in Demby Annex. 1:00 p.m.

Third Thursday of the month. Book Club in Demby Annex. 11:00 a.m.

For more details contact Mary-Ann Meehan, 609-654-4398

**MEDFORD LAKES GARDEN CLUB OFFERS A 2025 SCHOLARSHIP**

The Medford Lakes Garden Club once again, invites qualified graduating high school students from Medford Lakes who meet the necessary requirements, to apply for a \$1,000.00 MLGC

Scholarship hopefully to be awarded in June 2025 at the Garden Club's luncheon.

To apply, your future plans must include the college where you are going to study any of the following or related fields:

- Horticulture • Environmental Studies • Oceanography
- Floriculture • Environmental Science
- Natural Resource Mgt • Horticulture Therapy
- Geology • Forestry • Landscape Design
- Animal Sciences • Soil Sciences
- Ariculture • Health And Physical Ed
- Botony/Plant Sciences • Marine Biology
- Ecology • Zoology • (Or Allied Subjects)

Applications may be obtained in your school guidance department or on the Medford Lakes Colony website: [medfordlakescolony.org](http://medfordlakescolony.org). Applications can also be picked up at the Medford Lakes Colony Office.

Deadline for applying is April 10, 2025. Please contact your school guidance counselor or Jeanne Cannon 609-760-7060 ([artmomjc@aol.com](mailto:artmomjc@aol.com)) if you have any questions or need any additional information.

**THANK YOU AFO**

Thank you, All Float On float group, for your generous donation of \$200.00 to the Camp Scholarship Fund from your annual Medford Lakes Christmas Tree Sale fundraiser.

The Colony is grateful for your continued support!

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Thursday, February 6th – Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 pm, Oaks Hall

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