



# 2025 Borough Newsletter

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## Message from the Mayor

Hello Lakers,

What an amazing community we have here in Medford Lakes! This past year has been full of progress, and I’d like to take a moment to share some of our accomplishments—as well as a few exciting projects that are on the horizon.

## Grants Awarded to Our Borough

Each year, we apply for grants that allow us to invest in meaningful improvements across our town. Last year, we were awarded the following:

### **\$1.4 Million “Safe Routes to Schools” Grant**

The largest grant awarded in Burlington County last year! Funds will be used to:

- Install sidewalks along Tabernacle Road near Vaughn Hall
- Rebuild the footbridge leading to Trading Post Way
- Add sidewalks on Tuckerton Road near the crosswalk

### **\$75,000 and \$125,000 Burlington County Grant – Ballinger Lake (Phase 2)**

This will enhance the Ballinger Lake area for residents and visitors alike.

### **\$234,000 State DOT Grant**

This grant supports the installation of storm drains and paving of our trails—projects that are already underway.

## Agreements & Donations

### **South Jersey Gas Partnership**

Following infrastructure repairs, South Jersey Gas will **pave over 20 trails** at **no cost** to Medford Lakes residents.

### **New Equipment for Our Police Department**

Thanks to a generous donation from the **Medford Vincentown Rotary Club**, with support from **Wheelies Bike Shop** and **Acerbo’s Wraps and Graphics**, our Police Department received **two electric E-bikes** to enhance community policing throughout our biking community.

## Upcoming Projects

### **Beach 3 Parking Lot Improvements**

To be completed, like the enhancements made to the Beach 1 parking lot.

## A Year of Teamwork and Community Spirit

I want to express my gratitude to Councilman Tom Cranston, Councilman Jerry Yowell, Councilman Matt Bailey, and Deputy Mayor Dennis O’Neill. Their dedication and collaboration have made events like **Medford Lakes Day** and **First Fridays** possible and helped move many of our shared goals forward.

## Thank You for the Opportunity to Serve

It continues to be an honor to serve as your Mayor. I’m proud of what we’ve accomplished together, and I’m excited about what the future holds for our town.

Here’s to another great year in **Medford Lakes**—a truly special place to live, grow, and raise a family.

Warm regards,

**William Fields**

Mayor, Medford Lakes

## Construction & Tree Permitting

If you plan to renovate or alter the appearance of your home, a construction permit may be required. Construction of a shed, installation of fencing, driveway & inside renovations may also require a permit. **Tree permits are required in Medford Lakes.** Applications must be submitted, and the site inspected, before the removal of any trees. All permit applications are available at the Municipal Office.

## Taxes Due

Third quarter taxes are due August 1<sup>st</sup>; **however**, the county is always delayed in setting the new rate. Therefore, there will be an extended grace period, which will be printed on your tax bill. Payments received after the grace period will accrue interest back to August 1, 2025, pursuant to state statute.

### **Please visit us on the Web!**

Our website provides information that can save you time and answer many basic questions. The borough code, applications, and other forms for conducting business with the borough are available online.



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## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The Medford Lakes Fire Department is operated by dedicated volunteers. With the increased demands on today’s residents the need for volunteers is critical to maintain the services currently enjoyed. Any resident sixteen (16) years of age or older is encouraged to apply for membership. Applications can be obtained at the Borough Administration Office.

## Senior Wellness Checks

The Medford Lakes Police Department offers a Senior Citizen Check Program that provides a weekly check on borough seniors who live alone and/or may need assistance. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the program, please contact the MLPD at 609-654-2156

## Road Improvement Program 2024/2025

The **Mohawk Trail & Hiawatha Trails** are being repaved. The project, including improved drainage, will be completed for the 2025 school year. The Borough has self-funded programs like this for the last 8 years, along with state grants. We also have over 20 additional trails being paved through our partnership with South Jersey Gas. Please visit our websites “News & Events” for current and upcoming Borough Projects. Our \$1.4 Million Dollar grant for Tuckerton and the new Bridge at Trading Post and Tabernacle Road is progressing, with an anticipated start of early 2027.

**A Note on Leaf Pick Up**

The Borough now uses automated leaf trucks providing a faster and more efficient collection. Leaf collection for the entire Borough can be done in as little as two weeks. Please plan accordingly to get your leaf piles out.

**Leaf & Brush, & Stormwater Regulations**

Leaf & Brush collection policy: Leaf enclosures **MUST** be erected in a straight line or “U” shape, not more than 6 ft off the roadway. **Opening must face the roadway.** Leaves should **NOT be placed in the roadway or on top of storm drain inlets per NJ Stormwater Regulations.**

**Brush** piles should be NO further than 6 ft off the roadway and **not mixed with leaf piles.** **Please DO NOT** place Leaf and Brush Piles between or behind obstacles, or under wires.

**Fall 2025 Pick Up & Order (3,4,1,2)**

Fall Brush 2025: October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Fall Leaf 2025: November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Spring 2026 Pick Up & Order (4,1,2,3)**

1<sup>st</sup> Spring 2026 collection: May 11<sup>th</sup>.

2<sup>nd</sup> Spring 2026 collection: July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Leaf and brush piles must be separated. Residents that miss scheduled leaf and brush collection are not to place at curbside. Property owners must dispose of any additional leaves after pickup is completed.

**Residents can use Leaf & Brush drop off behind the DPW/Firehouse garage on Select Saturdays between 7:30am-12:30pm (refer to medfordlakes.com/calendar)** or make other arrangements to have them removed. The schedule for leaf collection will be posted on the Borough’s website along with signage on trails to keep you posted on when your trail is scheduled. *NO PILES WILL BE COLLECTED AFTER THE ZONE IS COMPLETED. VIOLATORS WILL BE NOTICED*

**\*\*New Policy on Grass Clippings\*\***

Grass clippings **must not be left trail side and/or intermingled with leaf collection.** They must be bagged and placed in the green trash receptacle. We encourage all residents to use a mulching blade to reduce grass clippings in the trash.

**Large Trash Update**

Large trash pickup is scheduled for September 9th (9/2 is a holiday), with the **LAST** pick up in **November**. The first collection of 2026 will be March 2nd. **PLEASE NOTE:** It is a violation of Ord. 244 & Zoning Reg.145-57 to leave trash or bulk items trailside outside of the Trash or Large Trash Collection schedules. Violators will be issued a summons and required to appear in Municipal Court. **NEW:** Charges for the following items have been introduced by the Florence Landfill and will be required to be paid at the Borough Office before pick up or drop off: \$13.50 for each mattress and/or box-spring, \$4.50 each Car tire (no rims), \$5.50 each car tire (with rims), \$9.00 each truck tire (no rims), and \$10.00 each truck tire (with rims). Payments can be made in the Borough office between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, or left in the outside drop box with what items are to be picked up during large trash, or dropped off at the Saturday drop off (no cash in drop box please)

**Saturday Large Trash Drop Off**

Saturday Drop Off is available Saturday from 7:30 to 12:30 (Except Holiday Weekends). The requirement to present identification (NJ Driver’s License preferred) to prove residence within the Borough is strictly enforced. You are limited to 1 residential drop-off per household, per identification, each Saturday. **Acceptable Materials** for Saturday Drop-off and Curbside Collection include beds, furniture, plastic toys, mowers, small machinery, bicycles, etc. All non-pressure treated wood products must be no longer than 4 feet in length. No concrete, asphalt, bricks or stones, construction debris, carpet and no electronic equipment. The Borough does not accept pressure treated wood. *The Borough reserves the right to limit the amount of debris accepted.*

**Electronic Waste**

The Borough offers electronic waste drop off every Saturday (during Large Trash Drop Off) behind the Fire House. Televisions, computers, printers, microwaves, and many other electronics are accepted.

**Policy for Construction Debris**

Residents disposing of construction/demolition debris that does not require a dumpster as determined by the Construction Official must be disposed of at the Burlington County Resource Recovery Complex, 2098 Burlington Columbus Road in Florence, NJ.

**Recycle Coach App**

Download the Free Recycle Coach App available on Google play and the App Store. County pickup is every other Tuesday. Questions call 609-267-6889. Dumpsters at DPW Facility are single steam (flattened cardboard, glass and rinsed plastic)

**HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL**

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month (9am-12pm) Tabernacle Township: Jan., April, July, Oct. Medford Lakes Borough: Feb., May, Aug., Nov. Shamong Township: March, June, Sept., Dec. **(NO GAS)**

**Recycling Cardboard Drop-Off**

Cardboard recycling containers located behind the Medford Lakes Firehouse have lids that require ALL boxes to be flattened BEFORE being placed in the containers. No TRASH or STYROFOAM is to be placed in the containers. Do NOT leave boxes & cardboard on the ground. Thank you for recycling in Medford Lakes!

**Unused Medication Return Unit**

The MLPD has installed a medication return unit at Oaks Hall for the disposal of unused prescription drugs. If you have unused prescription medication, please dispose of it properly in the return unit. Disposing of medication in the garbage or flushing it down the toilet contaminates our water supplies and environment.

**Pet Waste Disposal**

The Borough would like to encourage responsible pet waste disposal. Please be mindful when walking your pet, and dispose of any waste in a responsible, environmentally friendly manner. Please use disposal stations or labeled trash containers.

**Free Rabies Clinic January 2026 (TBD\*)**

Free rabies shots will be provided from 9 am to 12 pm at Medford Lakes Municipal Cabin at 1 Cabin Circle, Medford Lakes NJ in January 2026. Please bring your Cat or Dog for a free shot. \*Date will be announced online

**Dog & Cat Licensing (Due 1/2026)**

Please remember to license your dog or cat. To license your pet, you must have a rabies certificate from your vet valid through November 1<sup>st</sup> of the licensing year. The fee for licensing is \$15.00 per pet, \$12.00 if your pet is spayed or neutered. (\$10 late fee per pet after 1/31)

**Flag Drop Off**

The Courtland James Daley Flag Drop Box is available in the foyer of Municipal Cabin. Please use this donated box by the Daley family to dispose of any tattered US Flags.

**Schools Open=Drive 25**

Residents are reminded that the speed limit on residential streets is 25 MPH. Just a reminder as school opens and our children are on the streets!

**Borough Hours**

**Borough Admin Offices:** 609-654-8898, M–F 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
**Department of Public Works:** 609-654-9383, M-F 7:00 am - 2:30 pm (Summer 6:30 am - 2:00 pm)  
**Wastewater Department:** 609-654-2013 (Emergency:609-267-8300) M-F 6:30 am - 2:30 pm (Summer 6 am - 2 pm)  
**Medford Lakes Police Department:** Emergency 911  
M-F 8 am - 4 pm  
Non-Emergency Number: 609-267-8300