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Source: Medford Historical Society—1988



Festival Events

Tree-lighting Ceremony

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 4:30 p.m.
City Hall Plaza in Medford Square

City Hall Tree Display

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Jingle Bell Rock—for Tots, Tweens & Teens



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Welcome to the 2008 Medford Jingle Bell Festival. Thanks to your generous support, we are now celebrating our 10th year.

During the festival, the Medford City Hall Council Chamber is adorned with dozens of holiday trees and other displays donated by various businesses, organizations and private citizens. In addition, homeowners throughout the city graciously open their decorated homes for an exciting and intimate tour.

This year, in honor of our 10-year milestone, we've introduced Medford's Rising Star—a showcase of local talent, and featured the finalists in our first ever *Jingle Bell Rock*.

Proceeds from Festival events benefit Medford Community Family's Buddy Coholan Memory Loss Center, an adult daycare facility for Alzheimer's patients. To date, the Festival has raised over \$150,000 for this most worthy cause.

The Jingle Bell Festival would not be possible without the careful planning of the committee members, and the continued support of Mayor Michael McGlynn and the Dept. of Public Works. Furthermore, we welcome all who would like to become a part of the Jingle Bell Festival Committee.

Most importantly, we thank YOU for your generous and enthusiastic support, which makes this Festival an even greater success each year.

Jingle Bell Festival Committee

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The generous support provided to The Community Family through donations from the Jingle Bell Festival has enabled us to accomplish so much:

- build our beautiful Center;
- double the number of clients;
- purchase a wheelchair van; and
- replace furniture and make repairs.



Most importantly, The Jingle Bell Committee has significantly improved the quality of life for Medford families who are coping with Alzheimer's disease. The Community Family is proud to be a part of this lovely Festival, which is a joyous Medford holiday tradition.

On behalf of all of us at The Community Family—clients, family members and staff—we send a heartfelt thank you to the Jingle Bell Committee, festival sponsors, those who open their homes and festival patrons. We are deeply touched by your support of our Medford Center and its mission of service to those with Alzheimer's disease. Thank you.

Anne Marchetta
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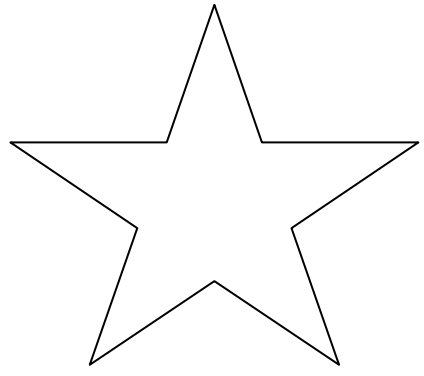


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First Community United Methodist Church is a merger of three Medford churches: First Methodist, Wellington Community Methodist, and Calvary Evangelical United Brethren. The three stained glass windows in the sanctuary attest to that heritage.

First Community (also known to those in the neighborhood as "The Otis Street Church") currently provides worship space for two other congregations, one Brazilian and the other Haitian. We are the home to the Merry-Go-Round Nursery school. We also sponsor Boy Scout Troop 416. We also offer meeting space to various community groups as we are able.

Thank you for coming and please enjoy our place of worship before you continue on your tour. May the peace and joy of the holiday season be with you throughout the coming year.

First Community United Methodist Church


118 TRAINCROFT NW Sue and Mike Minchello

In 1932, the home at 118 Traincroft NW was owned by Henry and Muriel Morrissey, the sister of Amelia Earhart. According to the last owner, Amelia planted two trees in the front yard. In 1937, the home was sold to the Fisks, and later sold in 1942 to Harold and Gertrude Seaver. After Mr. Seaver's passing, The house was difficult to maintain, but Mrs. Seaver continued to live in it until her 100th birthday. In 2004, we bought the house.

We've both lived in Medford our entire lives and were thrilled when this home became available. However, we and our son Matthew, were a bit hesitant at the thought of moving from a recently updated home into an outdated, "walls-falling-down," old house that desperately needed repair. Nevertheless, we followed our instincts and hoped for the "vision" to restore a house that had remarkable potential.



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Both the exterior and interior of the home needed attention. The roof, siding, and windows were replaced, while inside, the ceilings and walls were torn down, rebuilt and hardwood floors were refinished. In the kitchen, the enclosed back porch, pantry and closet were torn out to enlarge the room. New flooring, cabinets, larger windows, and a sliding glass door were added. The bathroom off the kitchen was once part of the "butler's quarters." The original built-in hutch remains in the dining room, as well as the built-in bookcases in the front-to-back living room. The master bedroom had two closets jutting from the walls and led to a window-enclosed porch. The two closets were torn down to enlarge the room and the porch was converted to a walk-in closet.

After a nine-month renovation project, we finally moved in. Over the last year, we have added a mud room, deck, patio with gazebo, a shed and a sprinkler system. In the future, we plan to refinish half of the basement.

It's been a long journey, but one that has been very satisfying. Even Matthew, once skeptical (and even horrified) at the prospect of moving into an old house, is now certain that we made the right decision.

Welcome to our home and we wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season!

Sue and Mike Minchello

66 DAMON ROAD **Laura and Ron Golini**

Built in 1916, we purchased the house in 2001 and live here with our three children, Diana, Elena and Nicholas. Although we still consider it "a work in progress", we are very comfortable here, and love all the original gunwood, glass doors, and glass and brass doorknobs.

Note: Laura's mother made all the curtains, adding to the home's warmth.

Our families gather here every Christmas Eve, where we celebrate authentic Italian traditions. The beautiful Lenox Nativity Set that adorns the mantel was a gift from Edna and Ron Golini. They added pieces each Christmas until the set was complete.

Ornaments labeled with each child's name and the year of purchase hang on the Christmas Tree. When each child leaves the nest we hope they will take the ornaments as well as cherished memories of all their Christmases at 66 Damon Road.

We hope you enjoy the tour and the holidays!

Laura and Ron Golini

3 BARBARA LANE
Linda and Bob Barrile

The home at 3 Barbara Lane is a brick-faced center-entrance colonial. It was built in 1939 by the Wolsey & Lane Co. in what was then known as the Whitmore Brooks Estates. The original structure was a three bedroom, one bath home with a one-car garage.

The home's first owners, Arthur and Catherine Conley, paid only \$5,000 for the home. For 49 years, they lived in the home, where they raised two daughters and a son. The Conleys also made some improvements; they added a second garage and enlarged and enclosed an existing side porch. The land, which is now 30 Franklin Avenue was once a part of the Conley property. The neighborhood children used the "field", as it was known then, to play baseball and other childhood games. It was sold in 1980 for new home construction.

Rabbi Joseph Wosk and his wife were the second owners, purchasing it in 1989. The Rabbi liked the home's close proximity to the Temple Shalom on Winthrop St. where he was assigned. Rabbi Wosk remodeled the kitchen, which then contained the original double-sided soapstone sink (still in the garage) and made other updates. The Wosk family sold the home three years later to the O'Donnell-Woolf family.

Mrs. O'Donnell-Woolf was very much a nature lover and beautified the exterior of the home with an abundance of flowering fruit trees and bushes. The O'Donnell-Woolfs sold the home to neighbors (us) in 1997.

We lived at 7 Barbara Lane prior to purchasing this home. Our family growing family wanted to remain in our neighborhood, and we were happy to purchase the home when it became available. Major renovations followed, including a third floor expansion as well as a new master suite. Renovations were completed just prior to Thanksgiving 1997 and we moved into a 5 bedroom, 2 ½ bath home. Our yard is still known as the "field" of the neighborhood - much like the "field" of the former years.

During our 11 years here, there have been many changes. A two-year basement and first floor renovation was completed in 2008. It included a new kitchen, as well as a bath and mudroom addition. The home contains original moldings in the dining room and two working fireplaces—a fieldstone fireplace in the basement and a brick and mortar fireplace in the dining room. We have made many warm and happy memories here and look forward to creating many more in the future.

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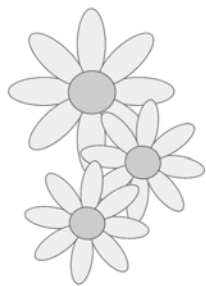
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2 WOBURN STREET Caroline Boyle-Turner and Hank Turner

The Jonathan Brooks House c. 1789, was placed on the National Historical Register in 1975. The oldest part of the house, now the dining room and bedroom above it, was thought to have been built as early as 1692 as a simple wooden frame building. In 1781, Jonathan Brooks, a member of the wealthy Brooks family, bought it and probably used it as part of his tanning business (perhaps as a shop). By 1791, a 2 ½ story gambrel-roofed timber house had been built around the original structure, creating a comfortable house. It remained in the Brooks family until 1979.

Original and notable are the original interior details such as the raised panel walls in three rooms, the six panel doors with brass hardware, and the window seats in the parlor. The one-story "potting shed" may have been a passageway to the barn, which is now gone.

There were fireplaces in every room, including two large brick ones used for cooking. Two are covered, but the rest remain in use. While the ceilings may appear low, they were actually quite high for the time, indicating the wealth and prestige of the original owners.

Caroline Boyle-Turner and Hank Turner

128 PINE RIDGE ROAD Noreen and Pat Kierce

In 2000, we were neither planning a move, nor looking at houses in the area, when the stately turn of the century Dutch Colonial home, located at 128 Pine Ridge Road, overlooking the stunning view of the Mystic Lakes became available. We had always loved the home from a distance and hurried to make an offer after our son called to let us know it was for sale.

Note: At the time, Noreen was undergoing chemotherapy, but it did not stop them from making "the purchase of their life". Pat said it would be good for Noreen's soul because of her passion for re-decorating.

There's a Dutch split door at the front entrance that is original to the home. It is a quiet reminder of times gone by and times yet to come. It is the entrance not only to our home but to our hearts as well and we welcome you in celebrating "The purchase of our life!"

Over the last eight years, the kitchen has been remodeled, and two new bathrooms were designed and installed, one of which is located on the first floor. There have been many more updates throughout the house to bring our home to a new level for the 21st century.

Waterford chandeliers have been purchased from Ireland and adorn both the kitchen and dining areas. In one corner of the dining room is a Victorian era statuary bust that was salvaged from a home on Marlborough Street in Boston's Back Bay. And two glass mirror etageres flank the living room and carry many sentimentally valued Lladro pieces.

Note: Each Lladro was purchased by Pat's mother, Margaret and sister Bridie who resided in County Clare Ireland. They had a piece in hand for each return trip that Patrick and Noreen made to visit them.


There are several pieces of artwork displayed throughout the house. "The Dinner Party," located on the dining room's interior wall, is by Jules Grun. On the outside wall of the dining area is "The Pride of Dijon," and Irish piece painted by William John Henessy (1839-1917). Over the fireplace hangs "A Favour," painted by Edmund Blair Leighton. Finally, Joseph Frederick Soulacroix's "The Embrace" completes the collection.

May Peace, Love and Family fill your homes and hearts this magical season!

Noreen and Pat Kierce

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