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# MEDFORD LAKES COLONY NEWS



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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Medford Lakes Colony Board of Directors would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members: Thomas & Angela Sanson of Kihade Trail, Marc Pinsky of Mohawk Trail, Peter & Denise Guerin of Narragansett Trail, Michael & Karyn Cook of Onondago Trail, Emily Frary of Osage Trail, and James & Maureen Byrnes of Piute Trail.

## COLONY MEETING

On Monday, June 9, 2025, the Board of Directors of the Medford Lakes Colony will be meeting at 7:30 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, June 2nd. Items for the agenda and questions can be directed to office@mlcolony.org.

## 2025 DUES – BALANCE DUE BY MAY 31ST

Members this year can pay their Colony dues in two installments: \$400 by January 31st and the balance by May 31st. Interest will be charged at a rate of 1% per month on unpaid balances starting June 1st. If you still need to pay your balance, please remit payment to the Colony Office or pay online at <https://www.medfordlakescolony.org/paycolonydues>. There is a fee to process your payment online. Questions can be sent to office@mlcolony.org or by calling 609-654-7747.

## COLONY OFFICE EVENING HOURS – MAY 21ST

Evening hours will be offered on Wednesday, May 21st.

The Colony Office will be open from 8:30 am to 7:30 pm. Stop by to pay your Colony dues, pick up your 2025 membership tags, or purchase Canoe Carnival merchandise.

## CANOE CARNIVAL APPAREL FOR SALE

Apparel for the 2025 Canoe Carnival is now on sale at the Colony Office and Binkley's 5 & 10. There is something for everyone! Net proceeds from sales are used to offset the cost of security and other necessary expenses to run Canoe Carnival.

## MEDFORD LAKES CC PAGEANT NOMINATIONS

Nominations must be made by Friday, June 20th.

The Canoe Carnival Pageant is scheduled for Friday night, July 25th at Beach 3 @ 7:30 pm.

You can nominate your favorite rising sophomore, junior, or senior to run for King or Queen by calling 609-654-7747 or emailing office@mlcolony.org to provide the Colony member's name, grade they will be entering for the 2025-2026 school year, and a phone number for the nominee or their parent/guardian. Please note that there are limited spaces available and eligible nominees will be contacted by June 25th.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, June 20th. Thank you!

## DONATIONS NEEDED

### FOR CAMP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Can you please donate to the Medford Lakes Colony Camp Scholarship Fund?

No amount is too small to give. So far there have been many applications to the Camp Scholarship Program, and we expect more children to register for Camp asking for a scholarship. If you can give to this fund, please make checks payable to the "Medford Lakes Colony," and drop it off at the Colony Office. Camp is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to enjoy summer in Medford Lakes! Thank you very much for your consideration!

## COLONY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Questions regarding these open position(s) can be directed to camp@mlcolony.org.

To apply, please visit: [medfordlakescolony.org/employmentapplication](https://medfordlakescolony.org/employmentapplication)

### Five-Year-Old Swim Program Instructor

If we do not fill the instructor position for the Five-Year-Old Swim program by June 16th, a decision will be made to determine whether the program will operate this summer.

## PCC MAY FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The Protestant Community Church of Medford Lakes will hold its May Fellowship Breakfast at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, May 17, in its Todd Hall. Members Manny and Linda Estacio will talk about their "streaming" communications program and how volunteers can help.

Residents of Medford Lakes are welcome. Breakfast will be served.

## MEDFORD LAKES GARDEN CLUB

The next Medford Lakes Garden Club General Meeting and Luncheon is Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 11:30 AM until 3:00 PM in Vaughan Hall. We will be helped as we make terrariums.

## RE: MLGC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT 2025

The Medford Lakes Garden Club is pleased to announce this year's scholarship recipient: Shawnee Senior RACHEL HOJNAKI

Inspired by her interests in earth and medical sciences and her concern for our environment, Rachel will major in Biomedical Engineering or Environmental Engineering at Rowen University this coming fall.

Congratulations Rachel!



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## MEMORIAL DAY BIKE PARADE MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025

To celebrate Memorial Day and continue a long-standing Medford Lakes tradition, the Medford Lakes Lions will be sponsoring the annual Memorial Day Bike Parade. All children are invited to decorate their bikes, trikes, wagons or strollers to commemorate the Memorial Day holiday. Each participating child will receive a silver dollar coin for their efforts.

Prizes will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd best decorated bike entries in the following categories:

1. Strollers, trikes, wagons (Pre-school)
2. Kindergarten & 1st grade
3. 2nd & 3rd grade
4. 4th grade and up

There will also be the traditional drawing for two bicycles.

All Parade participants should assemble at Wilson Field, 45 Osage Trail, Medford Lakes, at 9:00 - 9:30 AM. The Parade starts promptly at 10:00 AM and proceeds down Onondago Trail, left on Hiawatha Trail to Lenape Trail, then right onto Stokes and right onto Minnetonka, ending at the Memorial Park by Cabin Circle Drive – across from Oaks Hall.

## MLC MEMORIAL DAY 5K RUN

**DATE:** Monday, May 26, 2025

**TIME:** 8:00 AM Race Start

**RACE DAY BIB PICK UP:** 7:00 AM - 7:45 AM

**LOCATION:** 79 Tecumseh Trail Medford Lakes, NJ 08055

**COURSE:** Flat and fast Chip Timed 5K through and along the shaded trails and lakes of historic Medford Lakes on a USATF certified course. 1 & 2 Mile markers. We will have bottled water and light refreshments at the finish. Please note that in order to space runners out at the start of the race, age group awards will be based on Chip time and not gun time.

**REGISTRATION:** \$15 There will be NO Race Day Registration

Veterans, Active Duty/Reserve Military \$10

### AWARDS:

Overall Male & Female

First Male & Female Veteran/ Active/Reserve Military

Age Groups male and female, 3 deep 10 & Under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+

**AMENITIES:** Light refreshments and water

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** Like us on Facebook for the latest Race Information <https://www.facebook.com/MedfordLakesMemorialDayRun>

ALL Race proceeds benefit Handicap Accessibility

Operation Yellow Ribbon, the organization we have collected for in the past, is winding down its "morale boosting care package business" operations and will no longer be accepting care package donations by the time we hold our race. Thank you for your support of this organization over the past years. Since 2012, Operation Yellow Ribbon has shipped almost 700,000 lbs of goodies and hygiene items that we take for granted here at home to countries in the Middle East where these items are not easy to access. All of your donations in years past have contributed to that number.

To register, please visit:

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## SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of David C. Ritt, 67, of Medford Lakes, NJ, who passed away on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at home.

Born in Glen Ridge, NJ, David was a long time Medford Lakes resident. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from James Madison University, and his Master's Degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University. David was involved with the Boy Scouts of America and obtained his Eagle Scout Award in 1975. He loved music, especially the Rolling Stones, having attended over 80 of their concerts. A musician himself, he enjoyed playing bass in a local band with his friends. He had a passion for volunteering at his local churches. David had a great sense of humor and loved sharing his one-liner jokes. Most of all, he loved animals, especially his dogs.

Husband of the late Laura H. Ritt; he is survived by his three children, Alex, Darcy and Emmy Ritt; his brother, Steve Ritt (Becky); his sister, Kathy Sharp-Brown (Rich); and his beloved dogs, Benny and Lacey.


In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in David's memory to the Voorhees Animal Orphanage at [www.vaonj.org](http://www.vaonj.org); or donations directly to his surviving family.

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### SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Gertrude "Trudy" Hajduk who passed away peacefully on Monday, May 5, 2025, at the home of her daughter in Medford Lakes, NJ, surrounded by her loving family. She was 96 years old.

Born in Flushing, NY, to the late John and Lillian Manning, Trudy spent the last 30 years as a resident of Palm Beach, FL. She was predeceased by her parents and her sister, Lillian Manning.

Trudy was the beloved wife of the late Walter J. Hajduk and the devoted mother of Maryann Hajduk, Ellen (James) Mackle, and Walter J. Hajduk III. She was a cherished Mom-Mom and Grandma to Sam Hajduk, Max Hajduk, and Alex Mackle.

Walter & Trudy moved to Medford Lakes shortly after they married in 1955. So 70 years a Laker. While over time her permanent home became Florida, she returned each summer to Medford Lakes to enjoy the beauty of our little town.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Basilica of St. Edwards, Palm Beach, FL or St Mary of the Lakes Church, Medford, NJ.

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Saturday, May 17th - Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Medford Lakes, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (noon), behind the Firehouse, call 609-654-9383 with questions  
Tuesday, May 20th - Recycle Collection  
Wednesday, May 21st - Borough Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Oaks Hall

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