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CALL FOR EDITORS

COLONY 100TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK PROJECT *(The Story of Medford Lakes) for our Centennial Celebration*

As part of our Colony's 100th Anniversary celebration, we are creating a commemorative book that will preserve and share our rich history, stories, photographs, and memories for future generations. Our last book was created at the 50-year celebration in 1977.

We are seeking 2-3 volunteer editors to help guide this special project from development through publication. This is a unique opportunity to contribute to an important community milestone and help ensure the accuracy, quality, and readability of the final book.

Project period will be approximately October 15, 2026, through January 31, 2027, and require about 2-3 hours per week of your time. (Some additional time may be required depending on the project's progress and publication timeline.)

Responsibilities May Include: Reviewing and editing submitted content, assisting with organization and consistency of materials, collaborating with committee members, contributors, and other editors, and helping maintain the overall vision and quality of the publication.

Applications: Individuals interested in serving as an editor are invited to submit: name, email address, phone #, and relevant experience and/or résumé.

Colony members are also encouraged to recommend individuals they believe would be well suited for this role. Please include the recommended person's name and a brief explanation of why they would be a good candidate.

Please send all applications and recommendations to: toni.lackey@gmail.com

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to working with members of our community to create a lasting tribute to our Colony's first 100 years.

COLONY MEETING

On Monday, July 13, 2026, 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 Mon., July 6th. Items for the agenda and questions can be directed to office@mlcolony.org.

COMMEMORATIVE BENCH DONATION PROGRAM – WILSON FIELD

The Medford Lakes Colony is pleased to re-open its Commemorative Bench Donation Program for Wilson Field! Each bench comes with a recognition plaque. The cost for a bench and plaque is \$1,000.00. Forms can be picked up in the Colony Office or emailed to you. Please let office@mlcolony.org know if you are interested. Checks should be made out to "Medford Lakes Colony" and dropped off at the Colony Office.

PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET

There is a common misconception that pet waste benefits the environment by fertilizing the soil. Pet waste can contain disease-causing bacteria and parasites that can harm people and water systems; it also contains nutrients that promote the growth of algae and water weeds in our lakes.

We all need to do our part to remedy this serious problem – please pick up after your pet and utilize the dog waste receptacles throughout the Borough.

CANOE CARNIVAL APPAREL FOR SALE

Apparel for the 2026 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.

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SUPPORT OUR CANOE CARNIVAL

As our community is preparing to celebrate the 94th annual Canoe Carnival, we humbly ask for your support. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated. The financial aspects of such an undertaking are significant and your help is essential to making Canoe Carnival possible! We offer several ad options that work for Businesses, Organizations, Float Groups, and Family/Individuals. Sponsorships can be purchased through the Colony Website (medfordlakescolony.org/canoecarnivalsponsorship) or through the Canoe Carnival Committee. Please email Giancarlo DeCristofaro at g.decris@outlook.com to purchase a Sponsorship directly or if you have any questions. All Sponsorship selections must be received by July 3, 2026. Let's continue this wonderful tradition and thank you for your support!

ATTENTION ALL FLOAT GROUPS

The registration form to register your float for the 94th Canoe Carnival is now open online!

<https://www.medfordlakescolony.org/canoecarnival>
 Registration must be completed by Friday, June 19th.
 If you have questions/concerns, please contact
MLCanoeCarnival@gmail.com.

Thank you and looking forward to a great Canoe Carnival!

MEDFORD LAKES CC PAGEANT NOMINATIONS

Nominations must be made by Monday, June 22nd

The Canoe Carnival Pageant is scheduled for
 Friday, July 24th, at Beach 3.

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 2026-2027 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 27th.

Deadline for nominations is Monday, June 22nd. Thank you!

NO CAMP LUNCH PROGRAM THIS YEAR

The Camp Lunch program will not be offered this year. We hope to have this fundraiser up and running next year. Thank you for your understanding.

SHOT RECORDS NEEDED FOR CAMP

NJ State Code requires youth camps to have every registered camper's vaccination record on file.

The NJ Health Department also allows us to accept valid medical and religious exemptions.

At your earliest convenience, if you have not done so already, please drop off a current copy of your camper's vaccination records to the Colony Office – thank you for helping us be compliant!

LOWER CAMP PARENTS

1st and 2nd grade campers should be prepared to ride their bicycles from Nokomis School to Beach 3 (and back to Nokomis) for their swimming lessons each camp day. If you think this could be an issue for your camper, please contact the Colony Office at camp@mlcolony.org.

PCC FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST GUEST SPEAKERS

The next Fellowship Breakfast at the Protestant Community Church in Medford Lakes will take place on Saturday, June 20, 2026, at 8:30 am in the Todd Building. The June speaker will be Mike Johnson, a Rutgers Extension Service Master Gardener. He will discuss the importance of using native plants in landscaping. Included in his talk will be how to use integrated pest management in cultivating plants. The Fellowship Breakfasts will be on summer recess in July and August. They will resume September 19th when Burlington County Historian Eric Orange will talk about the role this County played in the Revolutionary War. All are welcome!

DOCK & BULKHEAD PERMIT REMINDERS

If you do any work to your dock or/and bulkhead, it is necessary to complete an application/permit with the Medford Lakes Colony. There is a \$25 application fee. The applications can be found on our website: <https://www.medfordlakescolony.org/forms>.

Please email questions or concerns to office@mlcolony.org.



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GOT SNEAKERS?

10th Grade Girl Scout Troop #24315 is collecting gently used or new adult sneakers. When you join our sneaker recycling community, you will be making a global impact AND you help the troop earn money for every pair of sneakers you contribute.

Most people throw away their used sneakers every 125-200 days without ever thinking about recycling. Since sneakers are manufactured with materials that are not biodegradable, they remain in landfills or are incinerated, which leads to toxic chemicals in our air and soil.

The process of manufacturing sneakers produces large amounts of CO2 which contributes to the serious effects of climate change and global warming. Recycling and reusing sneakers keep sneakers out of landfills, reduces the need for manufacturing new shoes and sneakers, and supports a growing circular economy.

The drop-off bin for recycled sneakers will be in the Colony Office. Thank you!

NO FISHING FROM THE BEACHES & DOCKS

As posted, fishing is not permitted from Beaches 1, 3 & 4 and Areas 2 & 5 or any dock owned by Medford Lakes Colony. This is posted at all beaches and areas.

Anglers are asked to remove any fishing line and tackle that becomes entangled with vegetation. Try avoiding casting around low-hanging trees and scrubs, utility lines and obvious areas where fishing line can get caught. If you see improperly discarded fishing line while you are out, please pick it up and stow it away to be disposed of later (<https://geauga-parkdistrict.org/question/abandoned-fishing-line/>).

There are many places in Medford Lakes where members can fish while keeping beach patrons safe. Please take some time to stake out your favorite fishing spot and help us keep our kids and members safe. The cooperation of the membership is greatly appreciated!

COLONY PROPERTY IS PACK IN, PACK OUT

If using Colony property, please take your trash and personal items with you when you leave. Overflowing trash cans smell (really) bad, invite unwanted critters, and are an eyesore. Please help us keep the property clean and healthy. Do not put pizza boxes into any Colony trash cans. Signs are posted on the trash cans. Thank you for your cooperation.

COLONY CAMP DATES 2026

ML Colony Camp will be held from

Mon., June 29th - Fri., July 24th

for children entering grades 1-9

8:30 am – 1:30 pm, Monday – Friday

**** Grades 1-4:** Day begins behind Nokomis School

**** Grades 5-8:** Day begins at Brooks Field

**** Grade 9/10:** Day begins with assigned group

Preschool Camp will be held from

Mon., June 29th - Thurs., July 23rd

for potty-trained children ages 3, 4, 5, and 6

(or if entering Kindergarten in Sept. 2026)

9:00 am – 12:30 pm, Monday – Friday,

at Nokomis School - more dates & hours added for 2026!

Five-Year-Old Swim will be held from

Mon., June 29th - Fri., July 24th

for children entering Kindergarten in Sept. 2026

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or 2:45 pm, Monday – Friday, at Beach 3

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Saturday, June 20th – Hazardous Waste Collection, Shamong, 8:00 am – 11:00 am, call 609-268-2377 x304 with questions

Wednesday, June 24th – Borough Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Oaks Hall

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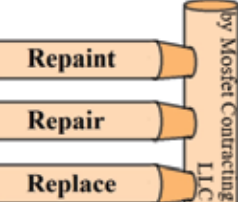
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