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THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who paid their Colony dues in the month of January. Your loyalty to our Colony is important to us all and impressive. Without our members, we are nothing.

COLONY MEETING

On Monday, March 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, March 3rd. Items for the agenda and questions can be directed to office@mlcolony.org.

MEDFORD LAKES GARDEN CLUB

The next Garden Club General Meeting and Luncheon will be Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 11:30AM until 3:00 PM Vaughan Hall, 79 Tecumseh Trail, Medford Lakes, NJ 08055. The speaker is Dr. David Kim of Pain Management Solution. His topic is "Gardening for Seniors". Join us! Please RSVP 973-223-3019.

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.
Deadline to apply is February 21st.

CURBSIDE BULK TRASH PICKUP RESUMES MARCH 3RD

Large trash curbside is the 1st Monday of the month beginning in March and ending in November. The next scheduled pickup is March 3rd. If you want a pickup at your curbside on March 3rd, please call 609-654-9383 between Feb. 24th – 28th and leave a message. Your message should include the following: what you are leaving at the curbside for pickup, your name, address, and a contact phone number to return your call if necessary. Do not put items out to the curb until the night before the pickup. Questions? Please contact Public Works at 609-654-9383.

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. Any submitted applications will be considered for positions after vacancies are recognized. Questions? Email camp@mlcolony.org.

"EXTENDED HOURS" CAMP AUGUST UPDATE

The Colony has decided to suspend its "Extended Hours" August Camp program for 2025 due to low enrollment numbers over the past few years and survey feedback. We hope to have this program up and running again in the future. Questions can be directed to camp@mlcolony.org.

CAMP REGISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE (2025)

	March	April	May	June	July
Camp (Grades 1-9) 4 weeks	\$425.00	\$450.00	\$500.00	\$575.00	\$725.00
Preschool Camp 3 weeks	\$315.00	\$330.00	\$365.00	\$420.00	\$530.00
Five-Year-Old Swim 4 weeks	\$250.00	\$255.00	\$255.00	\$255.00	\$255.00
"Extended Hours" July 4 weeks	\$550.00	\$575.00	\$625.00	\$700.00	\$850.00

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COLONY CAMP DATES 2025

Registration will begin in March @ mlaasports.com!

ML Colony Camp will be held from
 Mon., June 30th - Fri., July 25th
 (with NO MLC Camp on July 4th)
 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

"Extended Hours" Program will be held from
 Mon., June 30th – Thurs., July 24th
 (NO EH Camp on July 4th)
 for children entering grades 1-5
 1:30 – 6:00 pm, Monday – Friday

If Camp is canceled for the day, EH will run from 8:30 am – 6:00 pm
 If Camp has an early dismissal, EH will run from Camp's dismissal to 6:00 pm

Preschool Camp will be held from
 Mon., July 7th - Fri., July 25th
 for potty-trained children ages 3, 4, 5, and 6
 (or if entering Kindergarten in Sept. 2025)
 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Monday – Friday,
 at Nokomis School – more hours added for 2025!

Five-Year-Old Swim will be held from
 Mon., June 30th - Fri., July 25th
 (with NO FYO Swim on July 4th)
 for children entering Kindergarten in Sept. 2025
 Sessions will be held at 1:45 pm, 2:15 pm,
 or 2:45 pm, Monday – Friday, at Beach 3

ATTENTION YOUNG WOMEN

**GRADUATING SHAWNEE
 MARKETTA MCCABE SCHOLARSHIP**

Marketa was a Medford Lakes resident studying civil and environmental engineering at Rowan University. She strongly advocated for greater representation of women and minority groups in STEM fields. Cardiac arrhythmia tragically caused Marketa's heart to stop in her sleep on March 13, 2021. She was almost 20 years old. In honor of her legacy, Marketa's Journey, Inc., a non-profit organization, was created to provide scholarships for young women interested in pursuing STEM, particularly those interested in engineering or environmental studies. To date, Marketa's Journey has awarded almost \$10,000 in scholarships, donated \$1,450 to local organizations, and contributed 410 hours of volunteer time. Application deadline for this year's Shawnee Scholarship of \$1,000 is 3/15/2025. Apply directly via Marketa's Journey website: <https://marketasjourney.org/scholarships/>

**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. 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 (artmjomjc@aol.com) if you have any questions or need any additional information.

**MEDFORD LAKES EDUCATION FOUNDATION
 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2025**

The MLEF is pleased to award a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who lives in Medford Lakes. In order to be considered for this award, the student must have graduated from 8th grade at Neeta School. Interested students need to submit an essay that discusses how their education in Medford Lakes helped them achieve success in high school. Essays must be a minimum of 250 words for consideration. Essays should be submitted to: MLEF.edu@gmail.com; deadline for submission is March 31, 2025.

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MLAA SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF STEVEN FLYNN

MLAA would like to thank Chelsea Michlovsky and Gary Miller on behalf of the Canoe Kids on the Block family and the amazing Medford Lakes community who donated \$1,000 in honor and loving memory of Steven Flynn to establish a new MLAA scholarship fund for children needing financial assistance to participate in recreational sports.

Steven's love and dedication to the MLAA has made such an impact on those around him, including his son Jackson, who is now, a very involved and dedicated coach and MLAA Adult Basketball Commissioner. An entire generation of athletes were inspired by Coach Flynn. He was an amazing coach that made everyone feel welcome, he spent lots of time organizing and assisting with the Presidents' Day Basketball tournaments and made wonderful memories with those who were blessed enough to know him. He was a huge pillar in this community, a coach to many, and did all he could to make his athletes successful and encourage their love of sports. We are beyond thankful and appreciative to all that donated and helped to make this happen so that we can keep his legacy alive and help future athletes that wish to follow their dreams.

**MLAA NIGHT AT THE SIXERS!
WEDNESDAY MARCH 26TH @ 7:00 PM
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- 100 Tickets
- Center Mezzanine
- \$52 per ticket
- MAX four tickets (contact Greg Lackey at text 609-923-8804 or email Gregory.lackey10@gmail.com if that is a family issue)
- Child must be registered to play MLAA basketball
- Order the tickets to gregory.lackey10@gmail.com

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Tickets are transferred by email through a Ticketmaster account, so must have an email address for transfer. Tickets will be distributed after all the tickets are sold and seats are sorted by (1) team or (2) age group or (3) by request.

The goal is for teams to sit together in their age groups.

GO SIXERS!

JOIN OUR BEACH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE AS A REFEREE!

Love the beach and want to get involved in an exciting sport? Medford Lakes Adult Beach Volleyball is looking for referees to help keep the games running smoothly—and no prior volleyball experience is required! If you're new to the game, we'll provide the training you need.

Shifts Available:

- Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and/or Thursdays (6pm-10pm) from April- August.
- Commit to just one night per week at minimum—more availability is welcome!

This is a paid position!

Enjoy the sun, meet great people, and be part of the action on the sand!

Interested?

Contact Andrew Stehle (afstehle@gmail.com) or Allison Kelly (allison.d.kleeman@gmail.com)

MARKETA'S JOURNEY

Please join our Fourth Annual Memorial Walk celebrating nature in honor of Marketa McCabe and her passion for protecting the environment. All proceeds will be donated to the Marketa's journey inc. 501(c)3 non-profit organization scholarship fund. Supporting young women studying Engineering & Environmental Sciences.

Date: Saturday, April 5, 2025

Rain or Shine

Time: Staggered start any time between 10am - 12pm

Please finish your journey by 1 pm

Place: Camp Ockanickon - YMCA of the Pines

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Register online: <https://www.raceentry.com/marketas-journey/race-information?t=r>

Online registration will close at 3pm April 4, 2025

Walk-up registration will open at 9am April 5, 2025

Enjoy music, great food trucks, fishing, art, Girl Scout activities with official patches, and fun activities for all ages. Indoor seating is available in a beautiful lodge. Cedar Run, Homeward Bound Pet Adoption, Rowan University.

Following in Marketa's footsteps, this will be an environmentally friendly event. Please be mindful of what you bring, pack everything with you, and stay on the designated trails to avoid damaging natural habitats. The trails are approximately 0.5 to 5 miles long, and walking is optional.

Thank you for your kind donations!

For more information, to donate or purchase merchandise, please visit:

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, February 22nd – Large Trash Drop Off and Brush & Leaf Drop Off, 7:30 am - 12:30 pm, behind the Firehouse

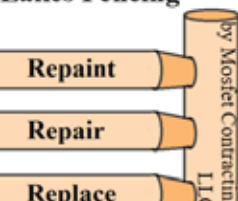
Tuesday, February 25th – Recycle Collection

Tuesday, February 25th – Environmental Commission Meeting, 7:30 pm, Oaks Hall

Wednesday, February 26th – Borough Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Oaks Hall

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