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COLONY MEETING

The Colony Board of Directors will not be meeting in August. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14th @ 7:00 pm in Demby Annex.

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

New Board Members, to begin a term in January 2027, are needed.

If you are interested in serving on the Medford Lakes Colony Board of Directors, please attend the monthly meetings of the Board and send your resume to office@mlcolony.org.

WATERCRAFT LEFT ON THE BEACH

If you are bringing your canoe/kayak/sup to the beach, please make sure to bring them home.

Watercraft should not be left on the beach, nor should they be block-in beach and lake access.

Any improperly stored watercraft will be removed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

CAMP COUNCIL

The next Camp Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 17th starting at 6:30 pm in Demby Annex. Mark your calendars. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and found items from camp can be found in Vaughan Hall. If items are not claimed by Monday, August 17th, they will be donated.

Thank you for your cooperation!

BRONZE SHIELD RECIPIENTS 2026

The first year a child attends camp, they are given a wooden shield with their name on a decal stating, "Medford Lakes Colony Camp Athletic Achievement Award." If a child then successfully attends and completes nine years of our summer camp, they are eligible to earn their Bronze Shield. This achievement started back as early as 1937.

The following campers have received this outstanding achievement:

Hank Asztalos*, Anna Barikian, John Beyer, Parker Billen, Liliana Bruder, Gia Caputo, Dylan Fiorelli, Olivia Gilmartin, Landon Hartman, Kate Hirsekorn*, Jaxon Janice, Olivia Jedwabny, Jayden Johansson, Emelia Kanz, Roman Malinowski, Liam Maybury, Kellen O'Reilly, Cecilia Ries*, Aubrey Ruder, Tyler Schmidlin, Sarah Smith, Anna Stephen, Dante Stevenson*, Calvin Strickland, and Titus Witte

The Bronze Shields will be given out in a ceremony at a later date to-be-determined.

*Additional CONGRATULATIONS to the Bronze Shield Recipients of the Year!

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**15TH ANNUAL MEDFORD LAKES TRIATHLON:
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026**

Tipsy Canoers will be hosting the event this year while working in collaboration with DQ Events. To enter the race or view the maps of the race course, visit <https://www.dqevents.com/> and click on the 15th Annual Medford Lakes Colony link. While the event may cause some traffic inconveniences during this short period, the funds from the event go to the Colony and our float group. Any questions, please speak with Stefani Kirk: buddykirk5@gmail.com.

ATTENTION MEDFORD LAKES RESIDENTS
 As of January 1, 2027, Medford Lakes will no longer provide dog waste bags at receptacle stations.

Due to cost and maintenance upkeep, waste bags can no longer be provided.

Residents will be responsible for cleaning and disposing of their dog's waste in the receptacle stations.

We also ask that residents do not dispose of waste in random resident trash cans unless there is a "Dispose of Bagged Dog Waste Here" sticker on the front of the can.

Questions should be directed to the Borough Office at 609-654-8898.



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>.

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SEWING CIRCLE

There is a group of Colonists who gather at Demby Annex every Tuesday morning from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (noon) to stitch and chat and enjoy each other's company. We all have different projects we are working on and there are always helping hands if the need arises!



Amazing Pace 2026
Registration Opens
July 6th!



Stars, Stripes & Shenanigans: Travel the USA Without Leaving Medford Lakes
 Get ready to hit the road—without ever leaving town!

The Medford Lakes Women's Club is excited to announce that registration opens July 6th, 2026 for Amazing Pace 2026, taking place on **Saturday, September 12, 2026**.

This year's theme, "Stars, Stripes & Shenanigans," will take teams on an unforgettable cross-country adventure as they travel the USA through a series of fun, creative, and challenging checkpoints located throughout Medford Lakes.

Gather your team of four, hop on your bikes, and prepare to race from coast to coast as you tackle challenges inspired by iconic American destinations, traditions, and landmarks. Whether you're testing your teamwork, solving puzzles, taking on physical challenges, or relying on a little luck, every stop promises surprises and plenty of laughs.

The Amazing Pace has become one of Medford Lakes' most anticipated community events, regularly selling out and bringing together friends, neighbors, and families for an afternoon of fun, friendly competition, and community spirit.

Event Details:

Saturday, September 12, 2026
 Teams of 4, \$200 per team
 Must be 21+ to participate

At least one team member must be a Medford Lakes Colony member
 Teams that register and pay by July 20th will receive an exclusive clue that may provide an advantage during the race. Regular registration ends August 15th. Use QR to register!

The adventure concludes with a post-race celebrations featuring food, refreshments, prizes, and the crowning of our 2026 Amazing Pace Champions.

Don't miss your chance to experience 50 states, one town, and endless shenanigans.
 Register today and start planning your road trip across America!



DECEMBER 12TH 2026

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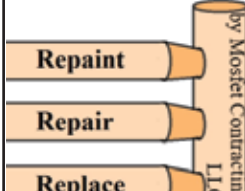
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Saturday, August 15th – Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Medford Lakes, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (noon), behind the Firehouse, call 609-654-9383 with questions

Monday, August 17th – Camp Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Demby Annex

Thursday, August 20th – Planning Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, Oaks Hall



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