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# MEDFORD LAKES COLONY NEWS



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## IMPORTANT DUE DATE REMINDERS

April 30th – Camp Scholarship Application Due  
May 31st – Final Day for 2026 Dues Payment. Members not paid-in-full by this date and not “in good standing,” will not have access to Colony facilities or programs.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Medford Lakes Colony Board of Directors would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members: Bryan & Kenady Hague of Algonquin Trail, Steven & Hope Germoso of Cayuse Trail, Eric & Lea Cooper of Kosoto Trail, Megan Weight & Daniel Wood of Lenape Trail, and Maria Schulmann of Mohave Trail.

## COLONY MEETING

On Monday, May 11, 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., May 4th. Items for the agenda and questions can be directed to office@mlcolony.org.

## MEMBERSHIP TAGS

For members who have paid their dues in full, tags are available for pickup in the Colony Office.

## PCC FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The next Fellowship Breakfast at the Protestant Community Church in Medford Lakes will take place on Saturday, April 18th at 8:30 am in the Todd Building. The speaker for this month's gathering is Mark Dibble, the CEO of the YMCA in the Pines. He will talk about the past, present, and future plans for the YMCA of the Pines. All are welcome!

## MEDFORD LAKES MEN'S CLUB

The first meeting of the ML Men's Club was a success and the guys wanted to make this a monthly event! If you're interested in meeting up for some non-political, non-religious discussion about the things we all face in the world, our community and our lives, or you just want to meet some neighbors and shoot the breeze, please join us for our next meeting at the ML Lions Clubhouse on Friday, April 24th at 7:00 pm. Bring your favorite beverage of course and a snack to share if you'd like!

## MEDFORD LAKES EDUCATION FOUNDATION AND NEETA THEATER PRESENT: "THE WIZARD OF OZ" YOUTH EDITION!

We invite all Lakers to follow the yellow brick road to Neeta School Theater to see the classic story of “The Wizard of Oz” on stage. The cast and crew features 46 talented Laker children from 3rd through 8th grade. The show will be performed at Neeta School on April 17, 18, 23, 24, 25th at 7 PM. There is also a 2 PM matinee on April 18th. For best seating, reserve tickets ahead at [www.neetatheater.org](http://www.neetatheater.org) before they sell out. Any remaining tickets will be available at the door (\$10 Adults \$8 Students/Senior Citizens).

## BEACH ATTENDANTS & LIFEGUARDS NEEDED

The Colony is in need of Beach Attendants & Lifeguards to work from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Lifeguard applicants should possess, or be in the process of obtaining, a current Lifeguard Certification with Waterfront Skills, First Aid, CPR & AED Certification.

Interested applicants should complete an online Employment Application: <https://www.medfordlakescolony.org/employmentapplication>

Questions? Please email [camp@mlcolony.org](mailto:camp@mlcolony.org) or call 609-654-7747 – thank you!

## HELP WANTED

The Colony still needs an Upper Camp Archery Instructor & Upper Camp Swim Instructor for its 2026 summer camp season. If you are interested in applying for any of these positions or would like your application on file for any other future openings, please submit an online application & resume at <https://www.medfordlakescolony.org/employmentapplication>

## CAMP COUNCIL

The next Camp Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 4th starting at 6:30 pm in Demby Annex. Mark your calendars. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend.

## LAKEFRONT HOMEOWNERS DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO THE LAKE

All lakefront owners, please do not rake or blow leaves into the lake, and that includes your landscapers. It is a violation of Borough Ordinance and NJ State Law to blow leaves or any other matter into the lakes.

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**LAKEFRONT HOMEOWNERS  
 CUT BACK YOUR TREES & SHRUBS**

Now is a great time to cut back tree branches and shrubs lining the lake shorelines. Leaves in the lakes are a serious problem, contributing to poor water quality, excessive weed and algae growth, and increased sediment volume on lake bottoms. Small trees under 3" in diameter can be cut down, and tree branches can be trimmed without a Borough permit. Any trees larger than 3" in diameter, please consult the Borough Office at 609-654-8898.

*"Stop by in your way to or home from Marketa's Walk!  
 Support our environment and Girl Scouts!"*



Bring your excess clothing, shoes, accessories and household linens to be reused & recycled.

**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00am-12:00pm**

Vaughn Community Hall  
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**PLEASE LIMIT FERTILIZER USE ON YOUR LAWN**

The Medford Lakes Colony through its Lakes Leaders program is recommending that Colonists limit or eliminate spreading fertilizer on their lawns. Lakefront homeowners should limit their fertilizer use, and by ML Ordinance, fertilizer should never be spread within 10' of a lake. (The Colony recommends no fertilizer within 20' of the lake – <https://ecode360.com/14472788>).

Consider using CORN GLUTEN fertilizer (available at Spotts). Why? Fertilizer use is literally "killing" our lakes, creating multiple negative impacts including excessive weed growth, higher nitrogen levels, and oxidation issues. Even if you don't live on a lake, fertilizer can wash into the trails and down storm drains.

Here's another idea: Reduce the size of your lawn, or eliminate your lawn all together, by increasing the size of existing garden beds or shrubbery areas, or creating new gardens, or planting new trees and shrubs.

Please be aware that the water we draw from our wells affects our lake springs. Please conserve water when possible and irrigate your lawns only as needed. Installation of smart sprinkler systems will help the water levels in our lakes and aquifers stay high enough to feed our lakes and keep our town looking beautiful.

**MARKETA'S JOURNEY**

Please join our Fifth 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 18, 2026  
 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  
 1303 Stokes Rd, Medford, NJ 08055

Register online: <https://www.raceentry.com/races/marketas-journey/2026/register>

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.

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.

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**BOROUGH OF MEDFORD LAKES, NEW JERSEY**  
**NOTICE OF REGULAR MUNICIPAL**  
**NON-PARTISAN ELECTION (N.J.S.A. 19:12-7)**

A Regular Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, for the election of a candidate(s) to the following municipal office:

- Two (2) Borough Council Seat(s) – (Term Ending 6/30/30)  
Listed below are the candidates, as they will appear on the ballot:

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Joseph A. Aromando, III  
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**Column 3**

Thomas J. Cranston  
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Persons wishing to vote in the aforementioned election must be registered voters of the district of Medford Lakes Borough for at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of election. Any new voter wishing to register to vote in the aforementioned election must do so by 9:00 pm, Tuesday, April 21, 2026. Persons may register to vote at the following locations:

1. Municipal Clerk's Office, Borough of Medford Lakes, 1 Cabin Circle, Medford Lakes, NJ 08055, Monday through Friday, except holidays, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.
2. Burlington County Superintendent of Elections Office, Eayerstown Road, Mt. Holly, NJ 08060, Monday through Friday, except holidays from 9:00 am until 4:30 pm.
3. Mandated Evening Voter Registration is available on April 21, 2026 until 9:00pm at the Municipal Clerk's Office and the Burlington County Superintendent of Elections Office.
4. Persons may also register using the mail-in registration form.

Mark J. McIntosh, RMC  
Borough Clerk

**SINCERE SYMPATHY**

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of JoAnn Tate of Medford Lakes, NJ, who passed away peacefully on April 4, 2026, at the age of 84. She courageously navigated six months with Lou Gehrig's Disease, sustained by her abiding faith in the Lord. She was the devoted wife of the late Peter J. Tate, Sr. JoAnn is survived by her children: Kristine Tate Kiely (Philip), Peter J. Tate, Jr. (Katharina), and JoAnn Tate Hartley; her grandchildren; Tate William Hartley, Lily Hartley, and Antonia Tate; her siblings: Dagmar Schilike, Donald L'Tainen, and Linda Beuerle; and many beloved nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sisters Dorothea Merz and Martha Plankenhorn. For over 40 years, JoAnn worked as a clinical laboratory technician and medical assistant for Drs. Hollander, Patragnoni, Press, and Iannocone. She was actively involved throughout her life at the Protestant Community Church in Medford Lakes, the Medford Lakes Colony, and the Medford Lakes Country Club. In her later years, she participated in Bible studies and helped teach Vacation Bible School at Cavalry Chapel in Marlton, NJ. In lieu of flowers, contributions in JoAnn's memory may be made to Samaritan's Purse at [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org); Philly House at [www.phillyhouse.org](http://www.phillyhouse.org); [www.USO.org](http://www.USO.org); or the ALS Society at [www.ALS.org](http://www.ALS.org).



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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Saturday, April 18th - Hazardous Waste Collection, Tabernacle Township, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (noon), call 609-268-1220 with questions

Wednesday, April 22nd - Borough Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Oaks Hall

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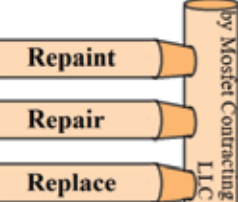
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