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# MEDFORD LAKES COLONY NEWS



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## 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.

## BOARD MEMBER OPENINGS

We are looking for all skill sets but our particular interest is for individuals wanting to become involved in the Colony's Recreation program. Please send a letter of interest with background information to office@mlcolony.org. The deadline to apply is Friday, May 31, 2025.

## MISSING CANOE

Missing green Pelican canoe last seen at Brooks Field. The canoe has 2 different colored beige seats. Please contact the Colony Office or 609-410-1055 if found – thank you!

## 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!

## 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.

## HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR CAMP?

Please consider registering for summer camp now rather than later.

Prices are scheduled to increase on June 1st.

To register, please visit: [mlaasports.com](http://mlaasports.com). Questions? Email [camp@mlcolony.org](mailto:camp@mlcolony.org).

## 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](mailto:camp@mlcolony.org). To apply, please visit: [medfordlakescolony.org/employmentapplication](http://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.

## CAMP COUNCIL

The next Camp Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10th starting at 7:00 pm in Demby Annex. Mark your calendars. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend.



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## TAG CHECKING HAS STARTED FOR THE SUMMER SEASON

Tag checking will begin Memorial Day weekend and will continue through Labor Day weekend unless warranted further into September. Spot-checking may occur during all daylight hours, up until Colony areas close at dusk.

As we're sure you know, Colonists should carry member tags while using any Colony property, and their guests should have guest tags (available at the office). Checkers will be visiting Colony beaches AND any park or property where vandalism or Colonist complaints have been an issue. All Colonists (not just paid checkers) have the right to ask to see someone's tag, and to ask non-members to leave. More information can be found on page 5 of the Colony Rules & Bylaws.

Your Colony Board, Office and Field Staff (some of whom you likely know personally) is trying to take a reasonable approach to tag checking. When there are problems, we will be checking more often. When there are no problems, we will instruct checkers to relax a bit. It may not always appear perfect, but it's the best system we have to protect your family and your investments.

Thank you for your support & understanding, and we hope you have a great summer!

## 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:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/MedfordLakes/MedfordLakesColonyMemorialDay5KRun>

## CURBSIDE BULK TRASH PICKUP

The next scheduled curbside bulk trash pickup is June 2nd. If you want a pickup at your curbside on June 2nd, please call 609-654-9383 between May 26th – 30th and leave a message. Your message should include the following: your name, address, a contact phone number to return your call if necessary, and what you are leaving at the curbside for pickup. Do not put items out to the curb until the night before the pickup. Questions? Please contact Public Works at 609-654-9383.

## CELEBRATION OF LYNN KINDRACHUK

For those who loved Lynn, The Kindrachuk's will be having a Celebration of her on June 7th beginning at 2pm. It's the gala she always dreamed of. She would be so happy to see you there. 106 Meeshaway Trail.

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We all need to do our part to remedy this serious problem – please pick up after your pet!

### ML CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Medford Lakes Cancer Support Group will have their next gathering at noon on Tuesday, June 10th at Ott's Tavern. All Medford Lakes residents with cancer (either active or in remission) are welcome on the second Tuesday of the month.

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Saturday, May 24th - NO Large Trash Drop Off  
Monday, May 26th - Borough and Colony Offices Closed, Memorial Day  
Tuesday, May 27th - Environmental Commission Meeting, 7:30 pm, Oaks Hall

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