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# MEDFORD LAKES COLONY NEWS



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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Medford Lakes Colony Board of Directors would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members: Stephen & Carolyn Burke of Algonquin Trail, Robert & Lorraine Baltison of Chippewa Trail, Dominic & Morgan Nicastro of Hiawatha Trail, Dennis M. Ludwig of Hiawatha Trail, Jeremy & Sara Lackey of Setauket Trail, and Greg & Jackie Gatesman of Stokes Road.

## COLONY MEETING

On Monday, March 9, 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., March 2nd. Items for the agenda and questions can be directed to office@mlcolony.org.

## MEDFORD LAKES GARDEN CLUB MEETING & LUNCHEON

Wed., February 18, 2026, 11:30am – 3:00pm

Vaughan Hall, 79 Tecumseh Trail, Medford Lakes, NJ

Meeting Cost: Free

The next Medford Lakes Garden Club Meeting & Luncheon will focus on RUSSO'S FRUIT AND VEGETABLE FARM located in Tabernacle, NJ. Founded in 1940 by Anthony Russo, Jr., this family farm has owned and operated a 900-acre farm offering a large variety of Jersey Fresh Fruits and Vegetables plus baked goods.

## PCC FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The next Fellowship Breakfast at the Protestant Community Church in Medford Lakes will take place on February 21st at 8:30 am in the Todd Building. It will feature church members Bai Kamara and Nancy Cauffman describing their recent experiences providing medical assistance to people in Sierra Leone, Bai's home of origin. Everyone is welcome!

## BOROUGH NEWS RELEASE

### 2026 ANIMAL LICENSING – DOG'S & CAT'S

Dog and/or Cat Licensing starts January 5th with proof of Rabies Certification through October 31, 2026. The last day to license your pet without a late fee will be March 3, 2026.

Spayed/Neutered Dog or Cat - \$12

Non-Spayed/Non-Neutered Dog or Cat - \$15

Late fee after March 3, 2026, is an additional \$10 per license

Any questions, please contact the Clerk's Office at 609-654-8898 or via email at clerk@medfordlakes.com.

## HELP WANTED – UPPER CAMP DIRECTOR DEADLINE TO APPLY IS FEBRUARY 13TH

Medford Lakes Colony is in need of an Upper Camp Director for the 2026 summer camp season. The Camp Director will assume overall leadership of Upper Camp, staff selection and day-to-day operations. The Camp Director provides leadership, instructional supervision for staff, and interacts daily with campers, staff and families. The Camp Director also works closely with their teams, developing the creative, fun, and wacky traditions that make our camp unique. Interested applicants should submit an online employment application & resume on the Colony's website - <https://www.medfordlakescolony.org/employmentapplication>

## HELP WANTED

The Colony will also need an "Extended Hours" Camp Director & Upper Camp Swim Instructor for the 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>

If we do not fill the Camp Director position for the "Extended Hours" program by April 15th, the program will not be operating this summer.



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## 2026 ML COLONY SUMMER CAMP & ASSOCIATED PROGRAMS

Registration will begin in March on [mlasports.com](http://mlasports.com) – more information will be shared soon!

### MEDFORD LAKES WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP 2026

The Medford Lakes Women's Club is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a female 2026 high school graduate who grew up in Medford Lakes. The successful candidate will need to submit a 1,000-word essay on the following topic: "How did growing up in the Medford Lakes community shape your goals for your future?"

Please send your completed essay to Julia Moore at [juliammoore@yahoo.com](mailto:juliammoore@yahoo.com).

All submissions must be received by March 31, 2026.

### MEDFORD LAKES LIONS CLUB OFFERS COLLEGE & POST SECONDARY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Medford Lakes Lions Club is pleased to offer college and post-secondary education scholarship opportunities to graduating high school students from the Medford Lakes Lions Club service area (08055 and 08088). Our scholarships are based on Community Service performed by the applicant. Applications are available on the Lions Club website: <https://medfordlakeslions.org/scholarship/>. All applications must be received by the close of business on April 15, 2026. If you have questions, drop the Lions an email at [info@medfordlakeslions.org](mailto:info@medfordlakeslions.org).

### WATCH THE ICE & RED FLAGS ARE POSTED

As temperatures continue to drop, we want to send a friendly but important reminder about winter safety. Even when the surface of a lake appears frozen, ice thickness can vary greatly, and it may not be strong enough to support weight. This can create extremely dangerous situations.

If the ice does crack, drop to your hands and knees and crawl off the ice. This helps distribute your weight more widely, while reducing your chances of falling through the ice.

Educating yourself on ice safety and what to do in ice emergencies is a critical step in staying safe on the ice. If you are unsure of conditions, it is best to refrain from any ice activities - if in doubt, don't go out! (<https://preventionworks-nj.org/news-and-events/safety-frozen-lake-or-pond>)

## MLAA NIGHT AT THE SIXERS

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH • 6:00 PM

PORTLAND TRAILBLAZERS

Close out the 2026 MLAA basketball season with the ANNUAL MLAA NIGHT AT THE SIXERS! For players (and their families) who are registered to play MLAA basketball during the 2026 season!

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### BOROUGH ORDINANCE 185-11

Chapter 185. Recreation Areas

Article II. Use of Recreational Property

§ 185-11. Use of waterways.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to create any obstruction to navigation in any waterway.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to extend a dock or pier more than 12 feet into any waterway, measured from the property line along any such waterway, and more than 20 feet in width.

C. It shall be unlawful to throw, place, or dispose of, in any way, any litter into any waterway.

D. It shall be unlawful for any person to diminish the surface quality of any ice-covered waterway, or to create hazards for skaters on any ice-covered waterway, by making or causing holes in the ice (except for ice fishing in designated areas as may be designated by the Medford Lakes Colony Club); by starting or maintaining fires on any ice-covered waterway; or by throwing or placing litter on any ice-covered waterway.

E. It shall be unlawful for any person to construct any bulkhead, or in any other manner rebuild any shoreline, in such a manner that it extends the shoreline more than one foot from that in existence at the time of passage of this article, or in such a manner that it creates an impediment to the natural action of wind and water which did not previously exist, or in such a manner that it substantially enlarges the land area of the property.

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## NEW E-BIKE LAWS

Medford Lakes Police Department has asked us to share the following information: Questions should be directed to the MLPD at 609-654-2156.

Effective January 19, 2026, there are new laws pertaining to riding E-bikes (electric bicycles). If you or your child has an E-bike, please read and understand these new laws.

Under the new laws:

- E-bikes are no longer classified under the three-tier system (Class 1, 2, 3). All E-bikes now fall under one category.
- All E-bike riders must have a valid driver's license (17+) or a motorized bicycle license (ages 15-16).
- Children (age 14) and younger are prohibited from operating E-bikes.
- All E-bikes must be registered with the NJ MVC.
- All E-bikes must have liability insurance.
- A six-month grace period has been established to provide riders with sufficient time to comply with these regulations.

## SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Wayne W. Smith of Medford Lakes, who passed away peacefully on Feb. 3rd, he was 77.

Wayne was born in Riverside, NJ to the late Chauncey and Elizabeth Smith. Wayne was a self-employed contractor for 30yrs then enjoyed a second career as a salesman at F.C. Kerbeck in Palmyra. Following that, he worked as a sales associate at the Home Depot in Delran.

Wayne was a volunteer firefighter with the Delran Fire Department, was mayor of Tabernacle in the early 90s, enjoyed gardening, the beach, a Bacardi & Coke and was an avid "Parrothead."

Wayne is survived by his loving wife, Patricia (nee Wogan), his children, the late Wayne I Smith, Shawn Barnhart, Shannon (Pete) Burke, Justin (Mary) Smith, grandchildren, Samantha Smith, Evan Smith, Lola Smith, Jack Smith, Delaney Burke, Peter Burke, Jameson Burke, Jaeden Barnhart, siblings, Jay Smith, Dean Smith, the late Lambert Smith, and Carol Freas.

Services for Wayne will be held privately.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, memorial contributions in Wayne's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

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Thursday, February 19th - Planning Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, Oaks Hall

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