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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: Adam & Rhonda Mastracchio of Lenape Trail, Alex Seccia of Migazee Trail, Charles & Shannon Howard of Setauket Trail, Garret Martin & Kelsey Rosvold of Tontonava Trail, and Carol Souder of Tontonava Trail.

COLONY MEETING

On Monday, May 12, 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, May 5th. Items for the agenda and questions can be directed to office@mlcolony.org.

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MEDFORD LAKES GARDEN CLUB – THANK YOU!

The Medford Lakes Garden Club would like to acknowledge the members of the Beautification Committee who did the spring plant arrangements and wreaths at Vaughan Hall.

A big THANK YOU goes to

Lyn Fasanella Linda Brown Jeannie Cannon
Yvonne Schaefer Christine Dalton Nancie Saraceni

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

We have been experiencing an increase in vandalism, in particular, defacement of Colony property. We are asking that all Colonists be aware. Please report suspicious activity to the police, but do not engage with the culprits. Vandalism to Colony property will not be tolerated and violators will be prosecuted. To get in contact with the ML Police, please call the Non-Emergency Dispatch at 609-267-8300. Emergencies should call 9-1-1.

COLONY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Colony currently has multiple employment vacancies for this summer. Questions regarding these positions can be directed to camp@mlcolony.org.

To apply, please visit: medfordlakescolony.org/employmentapplication

- Five-Year-Old Swim Program Instructor
- Kayak Instructor (Lower Camp)
- Lifeguards
- Senior Counselors (Lower & Upper Camp)

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR CAMP?

Please consider registering for summer camp now rather than later. By registering early, not only does it help your wallet, but it helps the Camp Directors plan, hire, and train staff members.

To register, please visit: mlaasports.com. Questions? Email camp@mlcolony.org.

Please visit <https://www.medfordlakescolony.org/summercamp> for program dates and times

MATTRESS/BOX SPRING POLICY FOR BULK TRASH

COLLECTION & SATURDAY DROP OFF

The Florence Landfill has implemented a new charge for mattress and box-spring waste. The landfill now charges \$13.50 for each mattress and/or box-spring that is delivered to the landfill. Beginning May 1st, a payment of \$13.50 (payable in the Borough Office) is required to drop off or have a mattress/box-spring collected during bulk trash collection. Please review the new policy at medfordlakes.com "Departments" and "Department of Public Works"

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BOROUGH OF MEDFORD LAKES, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Medford Lakes originally scheduled for Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 7:00pm is hereby canceled, and rescheduled for Wednesday April 30, 2025, at 7:00pm at Oaks Hall at Municipal Cabin, 1 Cabin Circle, Medford Lakes, NJ 08055. Formal action may be taken during the Meeting. The Meeting is open to the public.

BOROUGH COUNCIL ORDINANCE ON PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY & CURFEW

The Borough Council is considering a "Parental Responsibility" ordinance similar to many other municipalities in an attempt to address juvenile activity, undesirable and disruptive conduct within the Borough. In addition, Borough Council is considering amending the "Curfew" ordinance to 10:00 p.m. on weekdays and 11:00 p.m. on weekends for juveniles under the age of 18. This ordinance and amendment can be viewed at medfordlakes.com under "News & Events" and "Proposed Ordinances For Public Review". The public is encouraged to review the proposed ordinances and attend the public hearing scheduled for Wednesday April 30th, 7:00 p.m. at Municipal Cabin, 1 Cabin Circle, Medford Lakes, NJ.

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 Owners in particular 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.)

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.

LAKEFRONT OWNERS
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.

MEDFORD LAKES WOMENS CLUB ANNUAL EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH

9:00am - Rubber Duck Hunt ages 1-2 at Brooks Field

9:15am - ages 3-4 at Brooks Fields Basketball Court

9:45am - age 5/Grades K & 1st at Beach 1

10:00am - Grades 2nd, 3rd, & 4th at Jackson Park

All hunts start promptly at the designated time. Please bring your own basket! Please kindly return all empty, closed eggs at the conclusion of the egg hunt. All participants with closed eggs will receive an additional prize!

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LAKEFRONT OWNERS

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.

FREE ART CLASSES FOR VETERANS

Retired ML art teacher, Toni Frary gives art classes to any retired veterans who may be interested. The art class was started in 2018 as a way to provide free art classes to veterans to say thank you for their service. All art supplies are provided to the vets so they can experience high quality art making with appropriate materials. The educational philosophy for this class is that all students can learn and there is a healing component to art making. The class meets the second Friday of the month from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm in the Todd building of the Protestant Community Church. For info, please contact Toni at: tonifrary7@gmail.com



MEDFORD LAKES WOMEN'S CLUB PRESENTS...

BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY



Saturday, April 19th at Vaughn Hall

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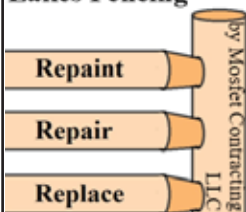
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 Saturday, April 19th – NO Large Trash Drop Off and Brush & Leaf Drop Off
 Saturday, April 19th – Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Tabernacle Township, 163 Carranza Road, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, call 609-268-1220 with questions
 Tuesday, April 22nd – Recycle Collection

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