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COLONY MEETING

On Monday, February 9, 2026, the Board of Directors of the Medford Lakes Colony will be meeting at 7:00 pm in Demby Annex. If you need something included on the agenda, please submit it to the Colony Office no later than Monday, February 2nd. Items for the agenda and questions can be directed to office@mlcolony.org. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend.

LAKE LOWERING ANNOUNCEMENT

In accordance with Board action taken in November, the Board petitioned NJ-DEP (via the Borough as spillway owner) for lake-lowering permits as follows:

Lower Aetna – March 6 to 16

Upper Aetna – March 16 to 25

Although permits have not yet been received, we believe that it is reasonable to plan around these dates. Water-flow in the Aetna system remains strong, and we expect that the State will approve the Borough's application.

As to lake lowering in the Ballinger (West) lake system(s), the Lakes Committee is continuing to monitor their water levels, water table, and watershed conditions, which are not good. Lowering would be harmful to that biosystem because water levels could not be adequately restored in the time periods required by NJ-DEP. Evaluation will continue, but absent any exceptionally heavy snowfalls in the weeks that come, west-side lake front owners should not expect that the Board would approve a lake-lowering in the near future.

MLAA NIGHT AT THE SIXERS

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH • 6:00 PM
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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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MLAA SPRING SPORTS

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HELP WANTED – UPPER CAMP DIRECTOR

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>

5TH ANNUAL MEATBALL THROWDOWN & PASTA DINNER FOR THE MEDFORD LAKES LIONS

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1ST

REGISTER TODAY for the Medford Lakes Lions Club 5th Annual Meatball Throwdown and Pasta Dinner at Vaughan Hall on Sunday, February 1st from 3pm - 5pm. We are again offering the ability to purchase a table of up to 8 people and to purchase charcuterie plates! There will also be some great basket raffles. Use the links below to check out the details, register as a contestant (limit 10) or sign up to attend the event and join in the fun and enjoy some great food! "We Serve" and we appreciate your support!

To buy a ticket or table to the event, buy a charcuterie plate or to register as a contestant, please visit our webpage: <https://medfordlakeslions.org/pastadinner>

Questions? please email edverish@verizon.net



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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.

DANCE FITNESS WITH KATHLEEN

Do you like to dance? Then join Kathleen every Tuesday at 4pm at the Protestant Community Church Memorial Hall located at 108 Stokes Road. Kathleen loves to move and has been teaching Fitness since 1983. She will teach a multi-level Zumba-style class that will be easy to follow, invigorate you, improve your endurance and be fun at the same time!!

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2026 FREE RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC

The Borough will be hosting a free rabies clinic on Saturday, January 24, 2026, from 9am to 12pm (noon) at the Borough Office.

Please bring proof of prior vaccination if you want to receive a three-year certificate.

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 3/3/26 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



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26th

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SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Michael Arland Bacon, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, educator, coach, community servant, and faithful follower of Jesus, who passed away peacefully on January 15, 2026.

Born on November 30, 1939, Michael married the love of his life, Nancy, on September 2, 1961. Together they raised two daughters, Heather and Amy.

Michael was the proud grandfather of seven grandchildren: Heather and Larry's sons Ben, Ethan, and Aaron, and Amy and Ron's children Alexandra, Avery, Ava, and Ron. All of his grandchildren attended Shawnee High School, making it especially meaningful to him to watch them grow, learn, and compete in the very halls and fields where he had taught and coached for over 32 years.

His grandchildren were one of his greatest joys. He deeply loved watching them perform in the marching band, compete in track and cross-country, and play girl's and boy's soccer.

As a pioneer in girls' athletics, Michael founded the Shawnee High School girls soccer program in 1981 and coached for 16 seasons, compiling an outstanding 204-88-26 career record. He guided Shawnee to three South Jersey Group 4 titles, five Burlington County League Liberty Division championships, and an Olympic Conference American Division championship. His teams were also recognized as The Philadelphia Inquirer's No. 1 South Jersey team in each of his final two seasons.

In addition to soccer, Michael dedicated nearly three decades to the Shawnee High School bowling program. He coached both boys' and girls' teams. In 1977, he coached the girls team to their first ever Shawnee state championship, along with many conferences and South Jersey titles during his coaching career.

Michael's life was firmly rooted in faith, education, and service. He earned his Bachelor of Theology from Baptist Bible College in 1964 and his Master's degree from Temple University in 1965. He taught youth ministries for many years at First Baptist Church of Medford. He also was an adult ministry teacher at Shawnee Baptist Church.

Following his retirement from Shawnee High School, Michael continued his commitment to education and the community by being elected to the Medford Lakes Board of Education where he served for many years.

In 2016, he received the Outstanding Service Award from Clark's Summit University in recognition of his years of faithful service to the Lord and loyal support of the university.

Above all else, Michael loved and cared for his family. His life was marked by unwavering faith, quiet strength, and deep devotion to those he loved. Whether in the classroom, on the sidelines, in the boardroom, or in the pews, he was always present, supporting, guiding, and loving without condition.

He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Nancy; his daughters Heather and Amy; his sons-in-law Larry and Ron; his grandchildren Ben, Ethan, Aaron, Alexandra, Avery, Ava, and Ron; and many extended family members, former students, athletes, church family, and friends whose lives were forever changed by him.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Shawnee Baptist Church, 303 Oakshade Road, Shamong, NJ 08088 // www.shawneechurch.org

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Saturday, January 24th – Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (noon), Oaks Hall

Tuesday, January 27th – Recycle Collection

Wednesday, January 28th – Borough Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Oaks Hall



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