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## CANOE LOTTERY RESULTS

To view the results of the 2025 Canoe Rack Lottery, please visit medford-lakescolony.org.

Over the years, many spots remain open and unused by winners, much to the chagrin of others. So please, if you won a rack space, place your watercraft as soon as possible. If you do NOT plan to use your rack space, please inform the Colony Office – the spot will be re-raffled.

## 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.

## CURBSIDE BULK TRASH PICKUP

The next scheduled curbside bulk trash pickup is May 5th. If you want a pickup at your curbside on May 5th, please call 609-654-9383 between April 28th – May 2nd 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.

### Mattress/Box Spring Policy for Bulk Trash Collection and 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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## 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.

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



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## ML CAMP LUNCH SERVERS

Hello, I am managing the camp lunch this year and will be overseeing volunteer coordination, similar to the school's approach. A predefined list of volunteers will be maintained, and only those individuals will be permitted to participate daily. We will no longer accommodate volunteers not on the approved list. We would like to extend these opportunities to parents of campers. If your child is a BSR, please refrain from responding. Interested individuals should contact me via text, Rachael Urban @ (609)217-0065. We appreciate your assistance and will create a formal schedule soon.

## 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](http://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.

## 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.

## PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET

There is a common misconception that pet waste benefits the environment by fertilizing the soil. Pet waste can contain disease-causing bacteria and parasites that can harm people and water systems; it also contains nutrients that promote the growth of algae and water weeds in our lakes.

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



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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.

### 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.

## ML CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Medford Lakes Cancer Support Group will have their next gathering at noon on Tuesday, May 13th at Ott's Tavern. All Medford Lakes residents with cancer (either active or in remission) are welcome on the second Tuesday of the month.

No program.

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Confidentiality is the only requirement.

With any questions, please feel free to call Gary at 856-596-2478.

## 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](mailto:tonifrary7@gmail.com)



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Saturday, April 26th – Large Trash Drop Off and Brush & Leaf Drop Off, 7:30 am - 12:30 pm, behind the Firehouse  
Wednesday, April 30th – Borough Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Oaks Hall  
Thursday, May 1st – Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 pm, Oaks Hall

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