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IMPORTANT DUE DATE REMINDERS

May 31st – Final Day for 2026 Dues Payment. Members not paid-in-full by this date and not “in good standing,” will not have access to Colony facilities or programs.

MLGC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT 2026

The Medford Lakes Garden Club is pleased to announce this year’s scholarship recipient:
Shawnee senior Dylan Conklin!

Inspired by his interests in marine conservation and research, Dylan will study marine biology at Stockton University in the fall. He hopes to gain a deeper understanding of marine environments and the effects of climate change. We wish Dylan a great future!

CURBSIDE BULK TRASH PICKUP

The next large trash curbside pickup is scheduled for Monday, May 4, 2026. If you want a pickup at your curbside on May 4th, please call 609-654-9383 between April 27th and May 1st and leave a message. All calls must be received by 4:00 pm on Friday, May 1st – calls received after 4:00 pm will not be added to Monday’s curbside pickup.

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.

All mattresses, boxsprings, or tire payments must be paid by 3:30 pm on Friday, May 1st at the Borough Office.

Questions? Please contact Public Works at 609-654-9383.

E-BIKE BATTERIES

If throwing out an e-bike, please remove its battery before disposing. E-bike batteries are considered electronic waste (or e-waste) and they cannot be thrown in the regular trash.

Questions? Please contact Public Works at 609-654-9383.

PCC FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The next Fellowship Breakfast at the Protestant Community Church in Medford Lakes will take place on Saturday, May 16th at 8:30 am in the Todd Building. This month will feature a slide presentation by Judy Ossameyer, a self-taught photographer and naturalist. Judy’s talk will feature photos of butterflies, moths, and other insects. All are welcome!

WELCOME NEW ADVERTISER!

A warm welcome to the newest advertiser for the Medford Lakes Colony News:

Kelly Stephen with Paws in Motion NJ

She specializes in dog walking and exercise programs!

Please see her ad on the bottom of page 2.

COLONY OFFICE EVENING HOURS MAY 12TH & MAY 20TH

Evening hours will be offered on Tuesday, May 12th and Wednesday, May 20th. The Colony Office will be open from 8:30 am to 7:30 pm on those dates. Use this time to stop by to pay your dues and pick up your member tags.

CANOE LOTTERY RESULTS

To view the results of the 2026 Canoe Rack Lottery, please visit medfordlakescolony.org.

The results are located on the homepage directly below the event calendar. Over the years, many spots remain open and unused by winners, much to the chagrin of others. So please, if you win 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 11, 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., May 4th. Items for the agenda and questions can be directed to office@mlcolony.org.

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ML COLONY MEMORIAL DAY 5K RUN
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<https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/MedfordLakes/MedfordLakesColonyMemorialDay5KRun>
 DATE: Monday, May 25, 2026
 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

2026 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
HOSTED BY THE MEDFORD LAKES LIONS CLUB
 To honor our Nation's fallen, Medford Lakes Lions Club will host a Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25, 2026. The parade procession will begin at 10:00 AM at Wilson field.
 Medford Lakes kids and their families are encouraged to line up at Wilson Field at 9:30 AM in order to join the parade route behind the Shawnee Band and JROTC marching formation.
 Kids are encouraged to adorn their bicycles with patriotic themes. There will be prizes for the best decorations.
 This year the Shawnee Band is back. The event will conclude with a Memorial Day presentation at the 9/11 Memorial.

Story Time
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NO FISHING FROM THE BEACHES & DOCKS

As posted, fishing is not permitted from Beaches 1, 3 & 4 and Areas 2 & 5 or any dock owned by Medford Lakes Colony. This is posted at all beaches and areas.

Anglers are asked to remove any fishing line and tackle that becomes entangled with vegetation. Try avoiding casting around low-hanging trees and scrubs, utility lines and obvious areas where fishing line can get caught. If you see improperly discarded fishing line while you are out, please pick it up and stow it away to be disposed of later (<https://geaugaparkdistrict.org/question/abandoned-fishing-line/>).

There are many places in Medford Lakes where members can fish while keeping beach patrons safe. Please take some time to stake out your favorite fishing spot and help us keep our kids and members safe. The cooperation of the membership is greatly appreciated!

DOCK & BULKHEAD PERMIT REMINDERS

If you do any work to your dock or/and bulkhead, it is necessary to complete an application/permit with the Medford Lakes Colony. There is a \$25 application fee. The applications can be found on our website: <https://www.medfordlakescolony.org/forms>.

Please email questions or concerns to office@mlcolony.org.

NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY

Colonists need to supervise their children, especially near water.

Lifeguards are scheduled to start Memorial Day weekend.

"EXTENDED HOURS" CAMP

The "Extended Hours" Camp program has been canceled for 2026. All children enrolled in this program were issued refunds last week. We hope to have this program up and running next year. Questions can be directed to camp@mlcolony.org.

CAMP COUNCIL

The next Camp Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 4th starting at 6:30 pm in Demby Annex. Mark your calendars. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend.

FISHING VOLUNTEERS

The Colony is looking for a few volunteers to help with fishing during camp hours. Please contact the Colony Office if interested.

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

- Beach Attendants
- Lifeguards – if interested in being a Colony lifeguard but do not have your certification, please reach out to Stefani Kirk at 609-304-3112 or buddykirk5@gmail.com
- Senior Counselors (Lower, Upper Camp & PreK)
- Swim Instructor (Upper Camp)
- Art Director (Lower Camp)
- Crossing Guards

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR CAMP?

Please consider registering for summer camp now rather than later.

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

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

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, May 4th – Curbside Bulk Trash Collection, see article for more information
 Tuesday, May 5th – Recycle Collection
 Thursday, May 7th – Historic Commission Meeting, 7:30 pm, Oaks Hall

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