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# MEDFORD LAKES COLONY NEWS



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## CANOE LOTTERY

If you are interested in a canoe rack on one of our areas or beaches, please complete the following raffle ticket and submit it to the Colony Office with a nonrefundable \$20 check made payable to "Medford Lakes Colony." All funds collected will be a donation to the Dues Relief Fund. The raffle will take place on Monday, April 13th after the monthly Colony Board Meeting.

### CANOE RACK LOTTERY ENTRY

Are you putting a canoe on the rack? Yes or No

or

Are you putting a kayak on the rack? Yes or No

Do you require a low spot on the rack? Yes or No

Is a middle spot acceptable? Yes or No

Is an upper spot acceptable? Yes or No

Do you agree to have your vessel removed on or before November 1, 2026?  
Yes or No

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please place a #1 next to your top-choice location. You may also use #2 - #5 to indicate your other ranked preferences.

Beach 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Area 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Beach 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Beach 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Area 5 \_\_\_\_\_

## COLONY MEETING

On Monday, April 13, 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.

## MEMBERSHIP TAGS

For members who have paid their dues in full, tags are available for pickup in the Colony Office.

## MEDFORD LAKES GARDEN CLUB & LUNCHEON

APRIL 15, 2026, 11:30 am until 3:00 pm

Vaughan Hall, 79 Tecumseh Trail, Medford Lakes

Join the Medford Lakes Garden Club for its Meeting & Luncheon on

April 15, 2026, from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm.

Program to be determined.

## SAVE THE DATE!

ML Stage will present a staged reading of the play DEAR JACK, DEAR LOUISE for one night only, Sunday, April 26th at 5:00 pm in Vaughan Hall.

Sparks fly and love blossoms from a world away when US Army Doctor Jack meets aspiring actress Louise by letter during WWII. Navigating the challenges of distance and uncertainty, they dream of a future together. Tony Award-winning playwright Ken Ludwig tells the joyous, heartwarming story of his parents' courtship entirely in letters.

Tickets will sell for \$12 each and will be available beginning April 6th in the Colony Office. They will be sold on a cash-only basis on the night of the show.

Appetizers will be served during Act I and a variety of desserts will be featured during Act II.



## MEDFORD LAKES EDUCATION FOUNDATION AND NEETA THEATER PRESENT: "THE WIZARD OF OZ" YOUTH EDITION!

We invite all Lakers to follow the yellow brick road to Neeta School Theater to see the classic story of "The Wizard of Oz" on stage. The cast and crew features 46 talented Laker children from 3rd through 8th grade. The show will be performed at Neeta School on April 17, 18, 23, 24, 25th at 7 PM. There is also a 2 PM matinee on April 18th. For best seating, reserve tickets ahead at www.neeta-theater.org before they sell out. Any remaining tickets will be available at the door (\$10 Adults \$8 Students/Senior Citizens).

## 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.

## IMPORTANT DUE DATE REMINDERS

April 15th - Final Decision Day for the July "Extended Hours" Program. If we do not have a director by this date, the "Extended Hours" program will be canceled for the summer.

April 30th - Camp Scholarship Application Due

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.



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**HELP WANTED**

The Colony is in need of an "Extended Hours" Camp Director, Upper Camp Archery Instructor, and 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. Questions can be directed to [camp@mlcolony.org](mailto:camp@mlcolony.org) – thank you!

**MARKETA'S JOURNEY**

Please join our Fifth Annual Memorial Walk celebrating nature in honor of Marketa McCabe and her passion for protecting the environment. All proceeds will be donated to the Marketa's Journey Inc. 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization Scholarship Fund supporting young women studying engineering & environmental sciences.

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2026 (Rain or Shine)

Time: Staggered start any time between 10am - 12pm • Please finish your journey by 1 pm

Place: Camp Ockanickon - YMCA of the Pines

1303 Stokes Rd, Medford, NJ 08055

Register online: <https://www.raceentry.com/races/marketas-journey/2026/register>

Enjoy music, great food trucks, fishing, art, Girl Scout activities with official patches, and fun activities for all ages. Indoor seating is available in a beautiful lodge.

Following in Marketa's footsteps, this will be an environmentally friendly event. Please be mindful of what you bring, pack everything with you, and stay on the designated trails to avoid damaging natural habitats. The trails are approximately 0.5 to 5 miles long, and walking is optional.

*"Stop by in your way to or home from Marketa's Walk!  
 Support our environment and Girl Scouts!"*

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Bring your excess clothing, shoes, accessories and household linens to be reused & recycled.

**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**  
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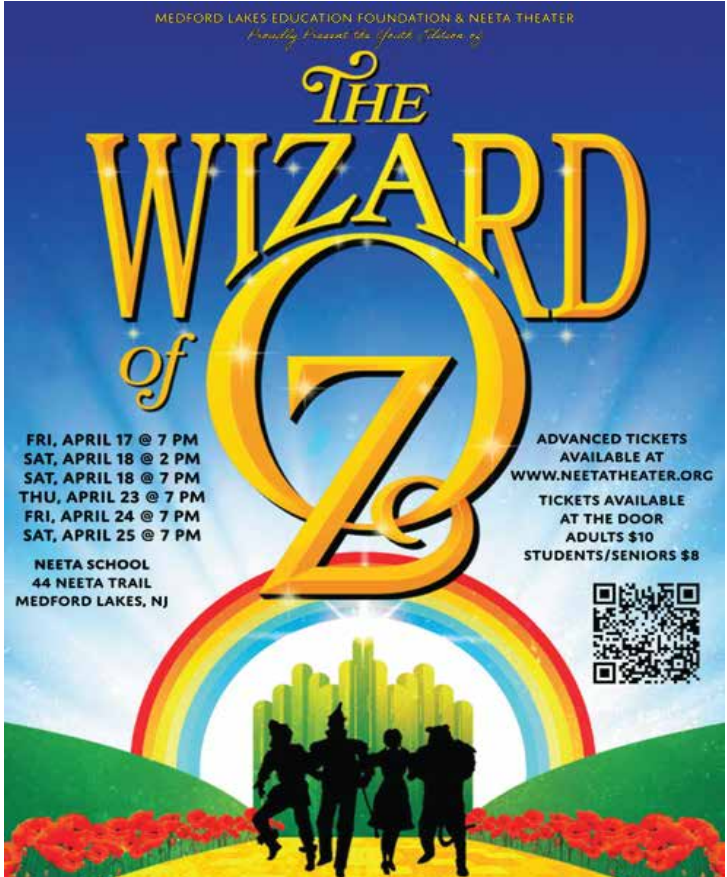
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**MEDFORD LAKES GARDEN CLUB OFFERS A 2026 SCHOLARSHIP**

The Medford Lakes Garden Club once again, invites qualified graduating high school students from Medford Lakes who meet the necessary requirements, to apply for a \$2,000.00 MLGC Scholarship hopefully to be awarded in June 2026 at the Garden Club's luncheon.

To apply, your future plans must include the college where you are going to study any of the following or related fields:

- Horticulture • Environmental Studies • Oceanography • Floriculture
- Environmental Science • Natural Resource Mgt • Horticulture Therapy
- Geology • Forestry • Landscape Design • Animal Sciences • Soil Sciences
- Agriculture • Health And Physical Ed • Botany/Plant Sciences
- Marine Biology • Ecology • Zoology • (or allied subjects)

Applications may be obtained from your school guidance department or on the Colony website: medfordlakescolony.org. Applications can also be picked up at the Colony Office.

Deadline for applying is April 10, 2026.

Please contact your school guidance counselor or Jeanne Cannon 609-760-7060 (artmom-jc@aol.com) if you have any questions or need any additional information.

**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).

**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 homeowners 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 – <https://ecode360.com/14472788>).

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 HOMEOWNERS 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.

**LAKEFRONT HOMEOWNERS 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.



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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Saturday, April 11th - Large Trash Drop-off and Brush & Leaf Drop-off, 7:30 am - 12:30 pm, behind the Firehouse - LID, must be shown for large trash drop-off

Monday, April 13th - Colony Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Demby Annex

Tuesday, April 14th - Recycle Collection

Thursday, April 16th - Planning Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, Oaks Hall

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