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2026 CANOE CARNIVAL FLOAT AWARDS

Congratulations to all of the winners!

GRAND PRIZE

Mad Paddlers - *MPire Strikes Back*



JAY JONES BUILDERS CHOICE

Mad Paddlers - *MPire Strikes Back*

NEETA DIVISION

- 1st Place: Sink Oar Swim - *Sink Oar Swim*
2nd Place: Topsy Canoers - *Welcome to the Jungle!*
3rd Place: Wiser Budz - *This Budz For You!*

NOKOMIS DIVISION

- 1st Place: What The Float - *Saturday Night Suds*
2nd Place: Medford Lakes Yacht Club - *ML Sandlot*
3rd Place: All Float On - *The Perfect Town*
4th Place: Just 1 mOAR - *Jungle Cruise*

SINGLE

- 1st Place: Hardwick Family - *We Are The People*
2nd Place: Mucking Around - *Three Little Pigs*
3rd Place: The 139ers - *Lucy On The Lake*
4th Place: ML Girl Scouts - *Make The World A Better Place*

ORGANIZATION

- 1st Place: Medford Lakes Lions - *250 Years of Freedom- A Century of Service*

ROOKIE

- 1st Place: The Pineland Mummies - *The Pineland Mummies*

COLONY MEETING

The Colony Board of Directors will not be meeting in August.
The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14th @ 7:00 pm in Demby Annex.

WATERCRAFT LEFT ON THE BEACH

If you are bringing your canoe/kayak/sup to the beach,
please make sure to bring them home.
Watercraft should not be left on the beach,
nor should they be blocking beach and lake access.
Any improperly stored watercraft will be removed.
Thank you for your cooperation.

CAMP COUNCIL

The next Camp Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 17th starting at 6:30 pm in Demby Annex. Mark your calendars. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and found items from camp can be found in Vaughan Hall.
If items are not claimed by Monday, August 17th, they will be donated.
Thank you for your cooperation!

BRONZE SHIELD RECIPIENTS 2026

The first year a child attends camp, they are given a wooden shield with their name on a decal stating, "Medford Lakes Colony Camp Athletic Achievement Award." If a child then successfully attends and completes nine years of our summer camp, they are eligible to earn their Bronze Shield. This achievement started back as early as 1937.

The following campers have received this outstanding achievement:

Hank Asztalos*, Anna Barikian, John Beyer, Parker Billen, Liliana Bruder, Gia Caputo, Dylan Fiorelli, Olivia Gilmartin, Landon Hartman, Kate Hirsckorn*, Jaxon Janice, Olivia Jedwabny, Jayden Johansson, Emelia Kanz, Roman Malinowski, Liam Maybury, Kellen O'Reilly, Cecilia Ries*, Aubrey Ruder, Tyler Schmidlin, Sarah Smith, Anna Stephen, Dante Stevenson*, Calvin Strickland, and Titus Witte

The Bronze Shields will be given out in a ceremony at a later date to-be-determined.
*Additional CONGRATULATIONS to the Bronze Shield Recipients of the Year!

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HISTORIC COMMISSION VACANCY

From time-to-time openings occur on various local boards and commissions due to vacancies and expiring terms.

The Borough currently is seeking an interested individual to serve on the Historic Commission. The Commission meets once a month on the first Thursday at 7:30pm. Duties can be found on the Borough's website listed in the Ordinance section and under the name of the Commission.

Interested residents can download a "Citizen Leadership Form" from the Borough website or pickup one at the Clerk's office. Forms should be submitted to the attention of the Borough Clerk at 1 Cabin Circle, Medford Lakes, NJ 08055.

PFAS TESTING REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

The Burlington County Health Department is requesting your assistance in helping promote our PFAS Testing Reimbursement Program for private well owners throughout Burlington County.

With support from funding provided through the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), this program encourages residents with private wells to test their drinking water for PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances), increase awareness of potential contamination, and provide guidance and resources for residents whose testing identifies elevated levels.

Key program information residents should know:

- Eligible residents may receive up to \$500 in reimbursement for PFAS well water testing.
- Funds are limited and reimbursement is on a first come, first serve basis.
- Reimbursement information must be received by August 20, 2026.
- Residents can use any NJ-certified laboratory listed in the program materials.
- Reimbursements are typically processed within 4-6 weeks after receipts and test results are submitted.
- If PFAS are identified, residents are not required to take action, but assistance and treatment guidance are available.
- Support may also be available through the NJ State Spill Fund for treatment systems when appropriate.

Thank you for your partnership and support in helping us reach Burlington County residents and promote safe drinking water awareness.

To learn more about PFAS visit, <https://dep.nj.gov/pfas/dw/>

Call 609-265-5568 to learn more or see if you qualify and secure your subsidy.

15TH ANNUAL MEDFORD LAKES TRIATHLON SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

Tipsy Canoers will be hosting the event this year while working in collaboration with DQ Events. To enter the race or view the maps of the race course, visit <https://www.dqevents.com/> and click on the 15th Annual Medford Lakes Colony link. While the event may cause some traffic inconveniences during this short period, the funds from the event go to the Colony and our float group. Any questions, please speak with Stefani Kirk: buddykirk5@gmail.com.

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CELEBRITY NEWS

Our own Lew Kalb will be a guest announcer for a portion of an upcoming Phillies game against the Nationals!

This early August radio broadcast is aired on local WIP 94.5 and WMID at the shore, where Lew started his broadcasting career.

More information to follow on the specific game and time. Congratulations, Mr. Kalb!



Amazing Pace 2026
Registration Opens
July 6th!



Stars, Stripes & Shenanigans: Travel the USA Without Leaving Medford Lakes
 Get ready to hit the road—without ever leaving town!

The Medford Lakes Women's Club is excited to announce that registration opens July 6th, 2026 for Amazing Pace 2026, taking place on **Saturday, September 12, 2026**.

This year's theme, "Stars, Stripes & Shenanigans," will take teams on an unforgettable cross-country adventure as they travel the USA through a series of fun, creative, and challenging checkpoints located throughout Medford Lakes.

Gather your team of four, hop on your bikes, and prepare to race from coast to coast as you tackle challenges inspired by iconic American destinations, traditions, and landmarks. Whether you're testing your teamwork, solving puzzles, taking on physical challenges, or relying on a little luck, every stop promises surprises and plenty of laughs.

The Amazing Pace has become one of Medford Lakes' most anticipated community events, regularly selling out and bringing together friends, neighbors, and families for an afternoon of fun, friendly competition, and community spirit.

Event Details:

Saturday, September 12, 2026
 Teams of 4, \$200 per team
 Must be 21+ to participate

At least one team member must be a Medford Lakes Colony member
 Teams that register and pay by July 20th will receive an exclusive clue that may provide an advantage during the race. Regular registration ends August 15th. Use QR to register!

The adventure concludes with a post-race celebrations featuring food, refreshments, prizes, and the crowning of our 2026 Amazing Pace Champions.

Don't miss your chance to experience 50 states, one town, and endless shenanigans.
 Register today and start planning your road trip across America!

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Timothy Blaise Wright of Medford Lakes, New Jersey, who passed away peacefully on July 24, 2026, at the age of 65, from pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his devoted wife of 37 years, Nancy Wright; their daughters, Megan Wright and Emily Layton; his son-in-law Mark Layton, whom Tim treasured as a son; his siblings, Robert Wright (Valerie), David Wright, Margaret Connor (James), Theresa Marie, Mary Beth Lopresti (John), and Kathleen Jack (William); and many nieces, nephews, and their growing families. He was predeceased by his parents R. Donald Wright and Margaret Ann Wright; his brother Christopher Wright; and his and Nancy's infant daughter Mary Beth Wright.

Tim recently moved back to his hometown of Medford Lakes after spending the last five years in Brigantine, New Jersey. The island of Brigantine had a special place in his family's history, and he soaked up every minute of his time there with family and friends on the beach. Prior to living in Brigantine, Tim was a resident of Media, Pennsylvania, for 20 years, where he and Nancy raised their family.

Tim was born on a snowy Groundhog Day in 1961. The sixth of eight siblings, he spent his early childhood in Voorhees Township, New Jersey, until his family moved to Medford Lakes in 1967. He formed lifelong friendships in Medford Lakes, attending Neeta School and Shawnee High School.

Inspired by his brother David, Tim moved to Japan after graduating from Rutgers University. While living in Niigata, Japan, he met and married Nancy Proctor. He earned a law degree from Niigata University. Tim and Nancy welcomed their daughter, Emily, while living there. Last year, Tim and Nancy traveled back to Niigata for a special trip to walk down memory lane and revisit where their story together began.

After a decade in Japan, Tim had a career opportunity to return to New Jersey and was excited to be close to family again. After losing Mary Beth, Tim and Nancy felt a strong calling toward adoption, bringing Megan into their lives and hearts. Tim was a dedicated husband and father, and his great love for Nancy and his two daughters was evident to all, as was their affection for him.

Throughout his career, Tim brought his leadership to executive marketing and strategy roles serving companies based across four continents. His absolute integrity, business competence, technical curiosity, and professional yet personal demeanor enabled him to serve large financial institutions, governments, major card manufacturers, and other industry leaders across the globe.

Tim embraced life and cherished every opportunity to gather with those he loved, whether around a bonfire, on a walk to the Jetty, or at an Eagles watch party. He was a passionate supporter of college wrestling, especially Penn State, and a fierce Philadelphia sports fan. Tim loved attending live concerts and always filled the house and backyard with great music, frequently asking everyone to "crank up the tunes" so they could enjoy albums together.

Tim was known for making friends wherever he went. He never missed a chance to walk his dogs around the neighborhood, greeting anyone in his path. His legacy of friendship, laughter, and love will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Samaritan Hospice where Tim spent his last days. Their doctors, nurses, and staff are truly angels on earth. Donations can be sent to Samaritan Gift Processing Center, PO Box 71425, Philadelphia, PA 19176-1425. Please specify the Samaritan Center in Voorhees, New Jersey.

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Saturday, August 7th - 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

Tuesday, August 11th - Recycle Collection

Wednesday, August 12th - Borough Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Oaks Hall

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