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# MEDFORD LAKES COLONY NEWS



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## COLONY MEETING

On Monday, March 9, 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., March 2nd. Items for the agenda and questions can be directed to office@mlcolony.org.

## CURBSIDE BULK TRASH PICKUP

**MUST SCHEDULE BY 4:30 PM ON FEB. 27TH**

The first large trash curbside pickup of the year is scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2026.

If you want a pickup at your curbside on March 2nd, please call 609-654-9383 between Feb. 23rd and Feb. 27th and leave a message. All calls must be received by 4:30 pm on Friday, Feb. 27th – calls received after 4:30 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, Feb. 27th at the Borough Office.

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

## 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>

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.

## 2026 ML COLONY SUMMER CAMP & ASSOCIATED PROGRAMS

Registration will begin in March @ [mlaasports.com](http://mlaasports.com)

Questions can be directed to [camp@mlcolony.org](mailto:camp@mlcolony.org) or 609-654-7747

Please visit [medfordlakescolony.org/summercamp](http://medfordlakescolony.org/summercamp) for a list of dates and times.

### CAMP REGISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE (2026)

	Mar.	April	May	June	July
Camp (Grades 1-9) for 4 weeks	\$470	\$495	\$545	\$620	\$720
Preschool Camp for 4 weeks	\$525	\$550	\$600	\$675	\$775
Five-Year-Old Swim for 4 weeks	\$250	\$255	\$255	\$255	\$255
"Extended Hours" July for 4 weeks	\$550	\$575	\$625	\$700	\$800

## MEDFORD LAKES WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP 2026

The Medford Lakes Women's Club is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a female 2026 high school graduate who grew up in Medford Lakes. The successful candidate will need to submit a 1,000-word essay on the following topic: "How did growing up in the Medford Lakes community shape your goals for your future?"

Please send your completed essay to Julia Moore at [juliammoore@yahoo.com](mailto:juliammoore@yahoo.com). All submissions must be received by March 31, 2026.

## 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).

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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 \$1,000.00 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 - Ariculture
- Health And Physical Ed - Botony/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 (artmomjc@aol.com) if you have any questions or need any additional information.

**WOOD FLOWER WATERING CAN WORKSHOP THURS., MARCH 19TH AT 6:30 PM**

The Medford Lakes Lions are hosting a night out on Thursday, March 19th at our Lodge. Come and join in on the fun creating a beautiful and everlasting Wood Flower Watering Can arrangement led by Dana Cortright of Cascade Queen Designs. Dana will provide all supplies for this project, and the wood flower are available in a variety of colors.

GRAB A FRIEND AND JOIN THE FUN! This is a BYOB event, and some light refreshments will be provided.

Use this link or QR code to sign up online. The cost is \$40 per person.  
<https://medfordlakeslions.org/flowerarrangement>



**MLAA NIGHT AT THE SIXERS!**

Sit with your MLAA BB team!

SUNDAY March 15th @ 6:00 PM - \$44 per ticket

SIX people get to go on court for Sixer pregame!  
 Two MLAA Players participate in CAPTAINS MEETING!  
 Two MLAA Players participate in GAME BALL photo!

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**PCC HELP WANTED ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

The Protestant Community Church, located at 100 Stokes Road, Medford Lakes, is seeking a detail-oriented, personable, and organized Administrative Assistant to work 27 hours a week supporting the daily operations of our church community. This role serves as the primary point of contact for visitors, congregants, and the wider community, while also providing event coordination as well as administrative and digital communication support. This position requires someone who is amicable, dependable, and comfortable managing a variety of administrative responsibilities. The Administrative Assistant will work closely with the Business Administrator and the Pastor to ensure clear communication, smooth scheduling, and accurate record keeping. Strong communication skills, computer skills, attention to detail, and the ability to work collaboratively in a faith-based environment are essential. Physical requirements include walking distances on campus, carrying up to 20 pounds, use of step ladders and stairs, and good overall mobility. We are an inclusive, interdenominational faith community located in the Pinelands, between Philadelphia and the South Jersey shore. Please submit a résumé and salary requirements to [businessadministrator@protestantcommunitychurch.org](mailto:businessadministrator@protestantcommunitychurch.org).

The Administrative Assistant reports to the Business Administrator/Manager and is accountable to Senior Pastor and the Board of Trustees.

**Key Responsibilities and Qualifications**

- The ideal candidate will demonstrate the ability to:
- Serve as a primary point of contact for daily communication with the church congregation as well as the wider community
  - Use computer hardware and software, calculators, and standard office tools
  - Answer phone calls, emails, and in-person inquiries
  - Maintain church attendance records and work with church software
  - Manage and update the church calendar
  - Prepare and distribute church bulletins and other materials
  - Provide general administrative support as needed
  - Have strong attention to detail and organizational skills
  - Use a friendly, professional communication style
  - Feel comfortable working in a collaborative, community-centered environment

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## LAKER BASKETBALL

The MLAA is pleased to report a very successful President's Day Tournament, held from February 13th to February 16th. Vaughan Hall hosted several incredible basketball games featuring teams from Medford Lakes, Tabernacle, Southampton, Medford, and Mount Laurel.

Our Medford Lakes teams fought hard to earn championships in all three divisions. The 5th-grade Laker girls went 4-0 over the weekend, defeating Mount Laurel in the championship game! The 5th-grade boys team defeated Tabernacle in a thrilling finish, and our 6th-grade boys team closed out their Vaughan Hall tournament careers with a victory against Medford!

The MLAA would like to thank the parents, referees, and coaches who participated. Most importantly, we want to thank our commissioners, Adam Sidor and David Malinowski, who worked tirelessly to ensure this unique tournament was a success.

Please stop by Vaughan Hall during the weekend of February 27th to March 1st to watch our 4th-grade Laker teams compete in the March Madness tournament!

## 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.

### NEW for 2026: Marketa's Celebration and Walk Scholarship

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded the Marketa's Journey Memorial Walk to support women entering engineering/environmental field. Apply by 3/15/2026. The application can be found at <https://forms.gle/WRVJRJWsgRQFt9bd6>.

Application criteria:

- Identify as a woman
- Graduating high school senior
- Pursuing engineering/environmental studies in college

## SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Jacqueline Mary Amodeo (née Cote), who passed away on February 13, 2026.

Jacqueline was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend. Her greatest joy was the time she spent with her family.

Jacqueline was born on June 28, 1942. She was raised in Vermont and later New York. She and Peter eventually made their home in Medford Lakes, New Jersey, where she became a longtime and cherished member of the community. Over the years, she built lasting friendships and was known for her kindness and generosity.

Jacqueline is survived by her husband of 63 years Peter, her children Jeannette Amodeo (William Kelly), Elisa Ristine (Ronald), and James Amodeo, her grandchildren Nicholas Ristine, Peter Ristine, Caroline Ristine, Mary Kelly and James Kelly, her great grandchildren (to whom she was known as Gigi) Riley and Callahan and her sister Kathleen Sheehy. She was predeceased by her brother John "Tony" Cote.

She treasured every moment spent with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She delighted in their accomplishments, big and small, and never missed an opportunity to attend their games, performances, or special events. Her pride in them was boundless, and her love was evident in every hug, cheer, and word of encouragement.

Jacqueline was deeply involved in her husband's softball league. For many years, she could be found down at Brooks Field, enthusiastically cheering him on as he played, keeping the scorebook, encouraging players from the sidelines and celebrating each moment with genuine excitement.

Always wearing a smile, her energy and loyalty, were felt by everyone around her. She brought that same dedication and enthusiasm to every part of her life.

Above all, Jacqueline loved her family more than anything. She consistently put others before herself, making everyone she knew feel special, valued, and deeply loved. Her home was a place of comfort, warmth and love.

She will be dearly missed and forever remembered.

## SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS

Senior Exercise Class has resumed in Vaughan Hall on Thursday mornings starting at 9:30 am.

We start with a 20-minute GET STRONG video from Curtis Adams, followed by a 30-minute ZUMBA GOLD video from Paula Bickford. Both these videos can be found online at the following websites:

[www.seniorexercisetv.com/free-workouts/videos/get-stronger](http://www.seniorexercisetv.com/free-workouts/videos/get-stronger)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=0BH2ec1w-9Q&list=RDCMUCWmi4Qy4XE-FqDQqCBUO7Vag&index=3](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0BH2ec1w-9Q&list=RDCMUCWmi4Qy4XE-FqDQqCBUO7Vag&index=3)

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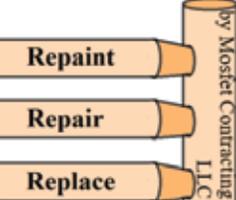
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 Thursday, March 5th – Historic Commission Meeting, 7:30 pm, Oaks Hall

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