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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.

If you need something included on the agenda, please submit it to the Colony Office no later than Mon., April 6th. Items for the agenda and questions can be directed to office@mlcolony.org.

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.

MEMBERSHIP TAGS

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

CURBSIDE BULK TRASH PICKUP

The next large trash curbside pickup is scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2026.

If you want a pickup at your curbside on April 6th, please call 609-654-9383 between March 30th and April 2nd and leave a message. All calls must be received by 4:00 pm on Thursday, April 2nd – 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.

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

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.



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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.neetatheater.org before they sell out. Any remaining tickets will be available at the door (\$10 Adults \$8 Students/Senior Citizens).

MEDFORD LAKES WOMEN'S CLUB ANNUAL

EASTER EGG HUNTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

Happy Easter

9:00AM - RUBBER DUCK HUNT AGES 1-2 @ BROOKS FIELD
 9:15AM - AGES 3-4 @ BROOKS FIELDS BASKETBALL COURT
 9:45AM - AGE 5/GRADES K & 1ST @ BEACH 1
 10:00AM - GRADES 2ND, 3RD, & 4TH @ JACKSON PARK

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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 – thank you!

HELP WANTED – MAINTENANCE (CAMP)

The Colony is in need of a seasonal, part-time maintenance employee, ideally aged 18 or older, to help with daily camp operations from June 29th to July 24th. The ideal candidate would help with general maintenance, minor repairs, equipment setup, and facility preparation to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for campers and staff.

Interested applicants should complete an online Employment Application on the Colony website. Questions can be directed to camp@mlcolony.org – thank you!

MEDFORD LAKES WOMEN'S CLUB PRESENTS...

BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY

Saturday, April 4 at Vaughan Hall

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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.

IT'S BINGO TIME AT THE PROTESTANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Join us on Saturday, April 11th for our first ever PCC BINGO. Doors will open at 6:00 pm with games beginning at 7:00 pm. ONLY 80 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased with cash or check. Cash prizes will be awarded for all 10 games, and there will be an opportunity to purchase tickets for a 50/50 drawing. Light snacks will be available for purchase. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Linda Hoffman at 856-816-5494 or BINGO@protestantcommunitychurch.org. All proceeds benefit the Protestant Community Church. Please join us for a fun evening!

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.

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.

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
- 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.

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Elizabeth R. Paternoster, 59, of Medford Lakes, NJ, who passed away suddenly on March 21, 2026. Born in Pasadena, CA, she was the daughter of Donald and Dolores Ridenour.

Elizabeth was wife to Bruce Paternoster for 36 years and a loving mother to Nathan and Madeline Paternoster. She was the younger sister of Eric, Alan, Lee, and Mark Ridenour, and will be deeply missed by all her family and friends.

She earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Evansville and went on to receive her master's degree in industrial engineering from the University of Michigan. She held many positions since graduate school, most recently having found a home working at Kohl's. Liz was a dedicated employee of over 10 years whose presence will be missed. Additionally, in December of 2025, she celebrated becoming cancer-free after a 4-year battle.

Elizabeth had a deep love for animals; she always had cats and recently welcomed in a new kitten. She found great joy in birdwatching and maintaining her backyard bird feeders. After earning her black belt in Karate, she proudly taught it for many years in Medford, NJ. A lifelong soccer fan, she especially loved cheering on the Liverpool Football Club.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, April 3rd - Borough & Colony Offices Closed
 Monday, April 6th - Curbside Bulk Trash Collection, see article for more information
 Wednesday, April 8th - Borough Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Oaks Hall

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