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BROOKS FIELD HARD SURFACE PROJECT

Big news from Brooks Field: The court replacement project wrapped up its first week of work on Friday, October 30! Crews are on site, and we're excited to see the project taking shape.

Several members have asked about what to expect in the coming months. Here is a (weather dependent) approximate **construction time-line.** Week numbers are from the project start date.

- Weeks 1-2 (late Oct to early Nov): Mobilization, site preparation, and demolition of the existing improvements.
- Weeks 2-4 (early to late Nov): The existing pavement is milled and pulverized in place, followed by grading and subgrade preparation.
- Weeks 3-4 (mid to late Nov): Tennis net post and basketball goal anchors go in, and fence post installation begins.
- Weeks 5-6 (late Nov to early Dec): Electrical conduit is installed and fence posts continue.
- Weeks 6-8 (early to mid Dec): The post-tensioned concrete slab is placed and finished, along with continued parking area improvements.

Then Good Things Take Time

The 30-day cure: Once the slab is placed, it needs to cure for a minimum of 30 days before the court coating can be applied. It's a key step in building a post-tensioned slab, and it's what helps the new courts last for years to come. We'll make good use of that time by installing the fence fabric.

Spring Finishing Touches

After the cure, the color coating and surface finishes need about 2.5 weeks of suitable temperatures and weather. Since the cure carries us into winter, we expect the surface coats to go on in the spring. The final 1.5 weeks wrap up topsoil, seeding, final grading, cleanup, and demobilization.

What This Means for You

The Brooks Field courts are closed during construction, and none of the courts will reopen until the project is complete this spring. The area will be an active construction site over the winter, so please keep clear of the fenced work area.

We'll share updates as the project reaches its major milestones. Thank you for your patience and enthusiasm. We can't wait to see you on the new courts!

A GOOD READ

Looking for a good read? Gene Millers's book, Short Stories For Middle School Boys Only, Because Girls Have Cooties, is just the thing. One of the stories takes place at our own Camp Ockanickon. Gene Miller, the author, will visit Medford Lakes on Wednesday, November 18, at 7:00 pm in Demby Annex. All are welcome. Mr. Miller's book is on sale at Binkley's or on Amazon.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Medford Lakes Colony Board of Directors would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members: Jenna Darcy & Nicholas Crits, 125 Iroquois Trail and Maureen E. Kelly of Lenape Trail.

COLONY MEETING

On Monday, December 14, 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., Dec. 7th. Items for the agenda and questions can be directed to office@mlcolony.org.

ML LIONS TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Deadline to submit changes for the next telephone book is Friday, November 13th. If your listing is incorrect or needs to be added to the Medford Lakes Lions Club Telephone Directory, please send an email to office@mlcolony.org. Be sure to include your name as you want it to be printed, telephone number, and address. Questions – please call 609-654-7747.

Thank you, Medford Lakes Lions Club, for supplying us with this beautiful directory!

YOUR AGE

Members who turn age 65 in 2027: Please email your name, address, and birthdate to office@mlcolony.org. Colony fees will be adjusted to the over age 65 category. Questions can be directed to the same email address or by calling 609-654-7747.

CANOES NEED TO GO HOME

The canoe racks should have been cleared of all items by November 1st. If you still have items on the canoe racks or Colony property, please take them home as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy, please email office@mlcolony.org or call 609-654-7747.

COLONY CENTENNIAL MERCHANDISE ON SALE NOW!

A variety of special one-of-a-kind Colony Centennial Merchandise is on sale now at the Colony Office and at Binkley's on Stokes Road. The merchandise helps Colony members celebrate 100 years (1927-2027) of the Colony's history and traditions!

We currently have sweatshirts and hoodies, and more is coming soon!

Remember to SAVE THE DATE for the Colony's Centennial Celebration on Saturday, July 10, 2027!

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2026 WITCHES PADDLE THANK YOU!

Thank you for a 7th successful year at the Medford Lakes Witches Paddle! We had 71 paddlers at Beach 1 and 26 vendors down Aetna Way this year.

Thank you to our volunteers: Janet Falcon, Chris Falcon, Kevin & Kelly Koch, Donna Hale, Jennifer Parrish, Julia Moore, Marilyn Borrell, James Pandolfo, Warren Graves, Robb Hanold, Joe Parrilla, Gerry Adam, Jim Rimback, Greg Lackey, John Moraglia (The Drone Life), Linda Farwell, Jacquie Verish, Mike Polhemus, Brian DeYoung, Lilly Estevez, Brianne Allen, Amelia Allen, Lewis Kalb, Tommy Evison, Lewis Kalb, Theresa Hurley, Jesse Stubbs, Rosey Asztalos, Crissy Springfield, Emie Logan, Wally Watson, Tessa Viereck, Kristia Adams, MLPD, MLFD, Medford Lakes Colony, and Medford Lakes Borough. A special shout out to Bernadette Longo, Nina Daratsos, and Donna Eschelman who managed all our vendors!

We would also like to thank our sponsors: Happy Place Homemade, Honey Post, Sippin' Serenity & Shear Serenity, Kazmierski Orthodontics, Jersey Pools & Spas/Extreme Board & Ski, Zallie Community Foundation/Shoprite of Medford, Murphy's Fresh Markets, Powerhouse Fitness & Yoga, Paul Ciervo– Broker/ Associate at Keller Williams-Main Street, Medford Fitness, PJ Whelihan's, Angela Lutz Arsenault, Grubr Market & Bakery, and Bob Lutz- Ascend Wealth Management (Cherry Hill, NJ).

Lastly, thank you to the vendors (many Laker owned businesses and clubs) who supported the club and helped with our event this year. Painted Turtle, 9 South Farmacy, Thea's Treasures on Chicagami, Stevie G. Jerky, The Gypsy Caravan (Barbara Cheeseman), The Wild Bird Oasis, The Scouts Troop 48, Thread & Needle (Cathi Mundsinger), Sew What's, Medford Lakes Colony, Lions Leo Club, READ (Gwyneth Kerfoot), Mairi's Cookies, Medford Lakes Women's Club, Rustic Pine (Amy Kusmiesz), Honeycomb Homestead (Stephens Family) , Nadia Neumann, Stick Around Brands (Brian DeYoung), Jacqueline Miller, Theresa Degideo (Witch Hats), ML Garden Club, Kelly Connects, Girl Scout Troop 20128, and Brooke's Bouquets.

All these efforts will help many families this holiday season.

We are looking forward to next year and hope you join us! For more information, visit: www.mlwitchespaddle.com
For additional information on getting involved with ML Lions Club, please visit: https://medfordlakeslions.org

With Gratitude and a Witchful Heart,
Brooke Allen-Watson
ML Lions Club

TOYS FOR TOTS

The Marine Corps Toys for Tots collection bin is now in the Colony Office.
Please bring a new toy for any age child as soon as possible but no later than Thursday, December 10th to help bring joy to a child this holiday season.
Visit www.toysfortots.org or follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/toysfortots

TURKEY RAFFLE SEASON!

It is time again for the annual Medford Lakes Lions Turkey Raffle! Raffle tickets are only $2.00 each and can be purchased from any Lions member, at the Colony Office, or by contacting the Lions at info@medfordlakeslions.org. Tickets can also be purchased ONLINE on the Lions website (minimum $20 purchase) (https://medfordlakeslions.org/turkeyraffle/). If you want individual tickets or have questions, please call 609-654-2300.

The Lions will raffle off 20 turkeys from Murphy's Market (approx. value $40.00) on November 18th at 8:00 pm at the Lions Lodge at 113 Apache Trail in Medford Lakes. All raffle monies benefit the Lions Christmas Charities. Buy a Turkey Raffle ticket today and help support the Lions and its December Holiday distribution of new toys, new shoes, food, and a complete Holiday meal!



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LIONS LIGHT UP YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON

Join the Lions in the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, December 5th at 6:30 PM. Festivities begin at 1 Cabin Circle in the meeting room, with a reading of The Night Before Christmas. We then move outside to light the tree on Ballinger and await a special visitor. Good girls and boys can anticipate a visit from the Jolly Old Elf himself. Refreshments will be served.
Best Wishes to all from the Medford Lakes Lions.





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Sunday, November 15th – 4th Quarter Sewer Payment Due, call 609-654-8898 w/ questions
Monday, November 16th – Leaf Collection Begins (Zone 4-1-2-3), call 609-654-9383 w/ questions
Tuesday, November 17th – Recycle Collection
Wednesday, November 18th – Borough Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Oaks Hall
Thursday, November 19th – Planning Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, Oaks Hall

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