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COLONY MEETING

On Monday, March 10, 2025, 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 Monday, March 3rd. Items for the agenda and questions can be directed to office@mlcolony.org.

CURBSIDE BULK TRASH PICKUP RESUMES MARCH 3RD

Large trash curbside is the 1st Monday of the month beginning in March and ending in November. The next scheduled pickup is March 3rd. If you want a pickup at your curbside on March 3rd, please call 609-654-9383 between Feb. 24th – 28th and leave a message. Your message should include the following: what you are leaving at the curbside for pickup, your name, address, and a contact phone number to return your call if necessary. Do not put items out to the curb until the night before the pickup. Questions? Please contact Public Works at 609-654-9383.

ML CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Medford Lakes Cancer Support Group will have their next gathering at noon on Tuesday, March 11th at Ott's Tavern. All Medford Lakes residents with cancer (either active or in remission) are welcome on the second Tuesday of the month.

No program.

No pressure.

No cost (other than what you order).

Confidentiality is the only requirement.

With any questions, please feel free to call Gary at 856-596-2478.

LAKE LEADERS MEETING

The next Lake Leaders Meeting will be held on Monday, March 17th at 7:00 PM in Vaughan Hall. All Colonists are invited – you do not have to live on a lake to be involved with managing our most vital resources and infrastructure!

COLONY CAMP DATES 2025

Registration will begin in March @ mlaasports.com!

ML Colony Camp will be held from
Mon., June 30th - Fri., July 25th
(with NO MLC Camp on July 4th)
for children entering grades 1-9
8:30 am – 1:30 pm, Monday – Friday

- ** Grades 1-4: Day begins behind Nokomis School
- ** Grades 5-8: Day begins at Brooks Field
- ** Grade 9/10: Day begins with assigned group

"Extended Hours" Program will be held from
Mon., June 30th – Thurs., July 24th
(NO EH Camp on July 4th)
for children entering grades 1-5
1:30 – 6:00 pm, Monday – Friday
If Camp is canceled for the day,
EH will run from 8:30 am – 6:00 pm
If Camp has an early dismissal,
EH will run from Camp's dismissal to 6:00 pm

Preschool Camp will be held from
Mon., July 7th - Fri., July 25th
for potty-trained children ages 3, 4, 5, and 6
(or if entering Kindergarten in Sept. 2025)
9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Monday – Friday,
at Nokomis School – more hours added for 2025!

Five-Year-Old Swim will be held from
Mon., June 30th - Fri., July 25th
(with NO FYO Swim on July 4th)
for children entering Kindergarten in Sept. 2025
Sessions will be held at 1:45 pm, 2:15 pm,
or 2:45 pm, Monday – Friday, at Beach 3

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“EXTENDED HOURS” CAMP AUGUST UPDATE

The Colony has decided to suspend its “Extended Hours” August Camp program for 2025 due to low enrollment numbers over the past few years and survey feedback. We hope to have this program up and running again in the future. Questions can be directed to camp@mlcolony.org.

ATTENTION YOUNG WOMEN
GRADUATING SHAWNEE
MARKETA MCCABE SCHOLARSHIP

CAMP REGISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE (2025)

	March	April	May	June	July
Camp (Grades 1-9) for 4 weeks	\$425.00	\$450.00	\$500.00	\$575.00	\$725.00
Preschool Camp for 3 weeks	\$315.00	\$330.00	\$365.00	\$420.00	\$530.00
Five-Year-Old Swim for 4 weeks	\$250.00	\$255.00	\$255.00	\$255.00	\$255.00
"Extended Hours" July for 4 weeks	\$550.00	\$575.00	\$625.00	\$700.00	\$850.00

Marketa was a Medford Lakes resident studying civil and environmental engineering at Rowan University. She strongly advocated for greater representation of women and minority groups in STEM fields. Cardiac arrhythmia tragically caused Marketa's heart to stop in her sleep on March 13, 2021. She was almost 20 years old. In honor of her legacy, Marketa's Journey, Inc., a non-profit organization, was created to provide scholarships for young women interested in pursuing STEM, particularly those interested in engineering or environmental studies. To date, Marketa's Journey has awarded almost \$10,000 in scholarships, donated \$1,450 to local organizations, and contributed 410 hours of volunteer time. Application deadline for this year's Shawnee Scholarship of \$1,000 is 3/15/2025. Apply directly via Marketa's Journey website: <https://marketasjourney.org/scholarships/>

COLONY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Each year there are various positions that need to be filled for the many Medford Lakes recreational activities. With Colony Camp and the beaches, we have lots of great opportunities.

MEDFORD LAKES EDUCATION FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2025

We are always looking for good, talented folks. If you have an interest in any of the roles that are required in running these activities, please submit an Employment Application at medfordlakescolony.org/employmentapplication. Any submitted applications will be considered for positions after vacancies are recognized. Questions? Email camp@mlcolony.org.

The MLEF is pleased to award a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who lives in Medford Lakes. In order to be considered for this award, the student must have graduated from 8th grade at Neeta School. Interested students need to submit an essay that discusses how their education in Medford Lakes helped them achieve success in high school. Essays must be a minimum of 250 words for consideration. Essays should be submitted to: MLEF.edu@gmail.com; deadline for submission is March 31, 2025.

MLAA SCHOLARSHIP
IN MEMORY OF STEVEN FLYNN

MLAA would like to thank Chelsea Michlovsky and Gary Miller on behalf of the Canoe Kids on the Block family and the amazing Medford Lakes community who donated \$1,000 in honor and loving memory of Steven Flynn to establish a new MLAA scholarship fund for children needing financial assistance to participate in recreational sports.

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Steven's love and dedication to the MLAA has made such an impact on those around him, including his son Jackson, who is now, a very involved and dedicated coach and MLAA Adult Basketball Commissioner. An entire generation of athletes were inspired by Coach Flynn. He was an amazing coach that made everyone feel welcome, he spent lots of time organizing and assisting with the Presidents' Day Basketball tournaments and made wonderful memories with those who were blessed enough to know him. He was a huge pillar in this community, a coach to many, and did all he could to make his athletes successful and encourage their love of sports. We are beyond thankful and appreciative to all that donated and helped to make this happen so that we can keep his legacy alive and help future athletes that wish to follow their dreams.

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, 2025. If you have questions, drop the Lions an email at info@medfordlakeslions.org.

MLAA NIGHT AT THE SIXERS!
WEDNESDAY MARCH 26TH

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UP NEXT

ML Stage will present a staged reading of the modern classic ON GOLDEN POND for one night only, Sunday, April 6 at 5 pm in Vaughan Hall. Retired couple Ethel and Norman Thayer are spending their 48th summer at their vacation home on Golden Pond. Their relaxing routine is upended when their daughter Chelsea arrives with her new boyfriend Bill, and his teenage son, Billy Jr. The turbulent relationship between father and daughter, the generation gap between young and old, and the struggles of a long marriage, all combine in a play that illustrates the hilarious, heartbreaking, and human moments of which life is made.

Tickets will sell for \$12 each and will be available beginning March 17 in the Colony office. They will also be sold on a cash only basis at the door. Appetizers will be served during Act I and dessert will be featured during Act II. We'll fill your belly and your soul. The play is rated PG 13.



SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of William S. Hendrickson, Jr., age 65, of Medford Lakes, NJ, who passed away on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at Cooper University Medical Center in Camden, NJ. Born in Philadelphia, PA, Bill resided in Medford Lakes for 63 years and is the son of the late William S. Hendrickson Sr. and the late Mary E. (nee Ferguson) Hendrickson.

Billy was a long time Sales Man for Lakes Appliance in Medford, New Jersey.

He is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Sandra Hendrickson his children Jason, Jackie, Casey and Ryan; four grandchildren, Makenzie, Payton, Jacey and Jackson, his sister, Mary Beth Hendrickson of Medford Lakes, NJ and many aunts, nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Bill's memory to the Medford Lakes Lions Club, in support of their Cabulance Service, P.O. Box 2105, Medford, Lakes, NJ 08055.

LETTER FROM LYNN KINDRACHUK

Lynn Kindrachuk has passed away. But this is not an obituary. This is a letter. From her. From us. Us being her family. There are some things we want to tell you about her.



In 1974, she came to Medford Lakes by way of Canada. She was a prairie girl from Saskatchewan. She moved here with Orest. You all know Orest. She found neighbors who became best friends. She was so good at making friends. She found a new home. And, as was one of her many gifts, she soon helped others do the same. She loved doing that.

She was there for the founding of The Flyers Wives Fight for Lives. It raised millions of dollars for those battling leukemia. She did this and you may not have known that.

She joined a Canoe Carnival float group, The Baker's Dozen. She gave birth to two boys, maybe you know them as well. She earned a Master's Degree. She kept her hair long. She loved Yanni. She learned to play pickleball and mahjong. She loved her dock and her yard and her lake and so very many of you. She never knew exactly where Beach 5 was. She was happy. She was tough. She had too many sneakers. She left us too soon.

She had that kind of smile, you know? The kind that changes weather. She gave those kinds of hugs that made it all alright. We miss her so very very much. She was extraordinary.

And while she is no longer with all of us, there are a few things we believe she would want to pass along. It's hard to be good. It's worth it. Dance when you can. You're probably bad at it. Who cares. Always find a way to forgive.

And finally, thank you. Medford Lakes is not just a place to live. It is a life. It is a wonderful gorgeous life. Please never lose sight of that.

Thank you. This was not an obituary. This was a letter.

Love,
Lynn and The Kindrachuk Family
PS. If you can, call your mom.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 1st – Large Trash Drop Off and Brush & Leaf Drop Off, 7:30 am - 12:30 pm, behind the Firehouse

Monday, March 3rd – Curbside Bulk Trash Pickup, see article for more information


Thursday, March 6th – Historic Commission Meeting, 7:30 pm, Oaks Hall

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