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WEEDS IN OUR LAKES

Medford Lakes Colony has an annual contract with Aquatic Technology to survey our lakes on a repetitive basis and chemically treat for weeds. The weeds must be at a certain level of maturity or the chemicals used will be ineffective.

Please do not launch your canoe into any lake without first thoroughly washing or steam cleaning it, especially if you are bringing it from another lake. You do not want to introduce a weed into your lake that you brought in from another lake.

The prevention of weeds is the best policy. Everyone needs to be vigilant. **Never rake leaves or debris into a lake and please use zero phosphate fertilizer.** Everything starts with communication. If you notice any problem or concern with your lake, please call 654-7747 or email office@medfordlakescolony.org. Thank you for your help.

AFGHANS FOR SALE

The Colony office is where you can purchase the traditional Medford Lakes afghan in either maroon or blue. They make great graduation gifts! Prices are \$45 each or you can purchase two for \$80. The net proceeds are used for scholarships for our local graduates. Two students from Neeta School will each receive a scholarship this money. Stop by the Colony office window to see an afghan or call Josie Carfagno at 654-7068 if you have any questions or to purchase an afghan.

COLONY OFFICE ACCESS

During the Covid 19 pandemic, access to the Colony office is done via a walk-up window at Demby Annex found in the back of Vaughan Community House, 79 Tecumseh Trail. Please bring ID to pick up your Membership Cards and Tags.

Window hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (call 609-654-7747 between noon – 1 p.m. to make sure we are open).

NO SUMMER CAMP IN ML DUE TO COVID 19

It is with deep sadness that I must inform you that this year's summer camp will be canceled. We have put off making the decision so we could monitor the most up to date COVID-19 news. However, after much deliberation, we feel that we would be jeopardizing the safety of our campers and our staff if we move forward with camp as planned. Changing the protocol of camp jeopardizes the integrity and traditions of our program. Sadly, there is no winning in this situation. We will not risk the health of anyone and have been following the latest advice of the medical experts. We will honor all camper's advancement for this year if the camper was registered last year. We will also honor all incoming first year campers. Information about BSR's (Bronze Shield Recipients) will be coming out later regarding their shields.

If you registered a camper, you will be issued a refund (minus a \$5 processing fee that the Medford Lakes Colony pays for credit card usage). If you do not see a refund by June 9th, please email camp@medfordlakescolony.org. Any questions please contact me at a.t.mccrum@gmail.com

DUES RELIEF FUND

Donations are being accepted for the Dues relief fund. Stop by the Colony Office window to buy a \$10 "Masks are for Heroes" tag. This is not a Membership tag but a great gift for someone required to wear a face mask as a frontline worker.

If you need Dues Relief due to Covid 19, please visit our website www.medfordlakescolony.org and find the form under the "Forms" tab.

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NJ STATE COVID 19 EXECUTIVE ORDER #133

As of Saturday, May 2, 2020 and continues until further notice

To remain compliant with the Governor's Executive Order #133 issued last week, Medford Lakes Colony has updated the rules for use of fields and parks.

What is open for family fun:

All fields and parks: (Wilson, Brooks, Hopkins, Jackson)

Tennis and pickle-ball courts

What is remaining closed:

Playgrounds and playground equipment

Basketball and Volleyball courts

Do's:

Take your family to the field or park for physical activity

Always remind your family to practice social distancing when out in public and on colony property

Wear a mask when possible

Don'ts:

Do not gather in groups.

Do not play pickup games with others

Do not have a picnic

As a reminder, fishing is never permitted off any of the Colony docks or beaches. These are swimming areas and lost tackle has a way of ending up in the feet bathers and swimmers.

THANK YOU, MEDFORD PHARMACY,

A HUGE thank you to Colony News advertiser Medford Pharmacy who donated all the required sanitizers needed to open our beaches! They donated face masks for the lifeguards, spray for equipment, and hand sanitizer too. We could not have done it without your help!

CANOE LOTTERY

The list of Canoe Lottery winners is posted on our website. Please visit <https://www.medfordlakescolony.org/> and scroll down to find the link on the home page.

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The Protestant Community Church of Medford Lakes sponsors the Connect 10 program to provide a listening ear for the community. During our time of isolation because of the pandemic, Connect10 callers keep in contact with those in need so they may share fears and anxieties -- or just hear a friendly voice. Although we do not solve problems, we can listen. If a Colony member is interested in the Connect 10 program or would like more information, please call Kathy Roberts at 609.744.9979. We will connect you with a caller who will check in with you.

MASKS TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

During these unprecedented times, wearing a face mask is a critical way to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. To address this need, as part of my Girl Scout service project, I am making masks to help keep our community and first responders safe. While these masks are not FDA grade, they are made according to CDC guidelines. The masks can be machine washed to keep it fresh and sanitized. If you or your family would like a mask, please email Maddie Holtz at borieholtz@me.com. In the email please indicate your address and the number of masks you need.

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Steve Guertin who was born April 29, 1956 and passed away on May 14, 2020. He was a beloved husband to his wife, Ana of 27 years of marriage, and father to his son, Jake. He was a great father to his son. He was a Special Education Teacher for many years. He was a great person. He enjoyed the outdoors, sunshine, and working in the yard. Steve is survived by his mother, brother, and sister in Maryland. Steve will be missed as an active Canoe Carnival participant who could be counted on every year to label the bleachers and help with security. Forever loved; forever missed.

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LETTER FROM THE BOARD

We have been approved by Burlington County Health Department to open our beaches based on the plan we submitted to them earlier this week. Below is the announcement that will be sent out to our members later this morning.

Thank you to all our Colonists for being patient. Earlier this week, the Medford Lakes Colony Executive Board met with the Medford Lakes Borough and developed a plan to open our beaches, which was approved by the Burlington County Health Department. Anytime you visit the beach, please follow the below rules.

Closed:

- Docks
- Gazebos / Pavillions
- Playgrounds and Playground Equipment
- Port-o-johns

Open

- Beaches
- Swim Areas

- Follow entrance and exit signs when entering or exiting the beach.
- Follow social distancing rules when on the beach or in the water. Keep at least 6 feet away from other visitors not part of your household. Cones/markers will be placed along the water's edge for visual reference. Please accommodate tag checkers and lifeguards if they ask you to spread out.

- Always keep a watchful eye on your children.
- Bring and wear your assigned Colony Membership tags.
- No alcohol permitted on the beach.
- Docks and the pavilions may be used by the tag checkers and lifeguards to keep you safe. They are closed to everyone else.

Remember, keeping the beaches open depends on everyone following the plan. Let's follow the plan, stay safe and stay healthy.

Thank you,

Marcus Gaysek

BEACH CLOSED

If you see yellow tape across the entrances to a beach – the beach is closed. By State law beaches will be closed whenever the fecal coliform count is above the health standard level set by the beach. When a fecal coliform test result is of the level that necessitates a closure, a retest will be taken as soon as possible.

To help us keep our beaches clean please clean up your pet waste immediately. Thank you!

Beach closing will be posted on our website www.medfordlakescolony.org.

TAG CHECKERS ARE ON DUTY

With the season upon us, we are ready to begin our very successful tag-checking program once again.

To use Colony property, you must have on your person, a MEMBER TAG. If you are asked to leave because you do not have a tag you must do so immediately.

It is against the Colony Rules to provide a Member Tag to a non-member. You may purchase guest tags for visitors in the Colony office. A MEMBER MUST Accompany All Guests.

Please set a good example for the kids in our community, wear your tags and be respectful to the tag checkers. This program protects the value of your membership by insuring only member use of our properties.

DO YOU DUMP YOUR DEBRIS ON COLONY PROPERTY?

Please do not dump your yard trimmings/debris on Colony Property. It is very inconsiderate of anyone to dump on a property that is not maintained by you (the dumper). It creates an eyesore and additional work for our skeleton crew. Please be considerate and dispose of your rubbish properly. Call Public Works at 654-9383 if you have any questions regarding how to properly dispose of any item. Thank you.

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Safety Tips for Medford Lakes Residents:

Tips for Walking Safely:

- Walk on the left side of the road against traffic. Move over as far as possible as vehicles approach.
- Always stop at each street corner, look left, right and behind before crossing.
- Follow traffic signals and signs.
- Use paths and sidewalks when available (i.e. utilize Aetna Way not Tabernacle Road.)
- Wear bright colored or reflective clothing while walking at night and in the morning.

Tips for Biking Safely:

- Always wearing your helmet.
- Check to make sure you bicycle is safe!
- Riding on the RIGHT side with traffic.
- Stop at stop signs and look left, right and behind.
- Use hand signals when turning.

Stay Aware!

Heads up, phones down, pay attention! Don't text or talk on your cell phone while walking or biking.

Don't listen to music with headphones while walking or biking.

Remember:

Ride right, walk left, pay attention! Stay safe!

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 Tuesday, June 9 - Recycle Collection

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