

Happy Father's Day



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For all the Medvil community since 2008.

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Medvil pride.....shows inside!

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BOARD NOTICES

OPERATIONS

The end of May is right around the corner and what a month it has been!

The siding for the Donald Drive Clubhouse has been ordered and is expected to be delivered on June 10th. The contractor plans to start the first week of July.

Most of the fencing has been installed on Partridge Lane. Hopefully, the project will be completed by the end of the month. Needless to say, we had a few setbacks when the paving project started.

Let's talk about that for a minute. I know I don't have to remind you that we've had some setbacks with the paving due to water issues. Unfortunately, the problems we ran into were unforeseen, and were not the fault of the paving company. Luckily, they stayed to work on the problem which took us well into the night. The situations we were finding with water mains and resident shut offs, and are still finding as the project progresses, were nothing short of a nightmare!

Starting Monday the 24th, the contractor will start to rip up the old asphalt on My Way. We're keeping our fingers crossed that we don't run into similar problems as we did with Donald Drive. If so, we will get through it again just as we did the week prior.

I know it's not pleasant being without water but unfortunately, we had no choice. Trust me, it was not a decision either Jeff or I wanted to be responsible for but it's what had to be done.

I want to thank Don Douglas and the team of Seal Tight for sticking with us through a very stressful and frustrating situation. They were professional in every way and a pleasure to work with under the circumstances.

Many thanks to all the residents who offered words of encouragement and thanks. Your support was appreciated and helped get us through a very difficult time.

Last but by no means least, I want to thank Jeff for his devotion to the community. Even though he received some not so pleasant comments, he never wavered. He continued to work diligently alongside the contractors in both instances. He stayed on site till he was sure the situation was under control. That being said, he spent many long hours here at Medvil, taking him away from his own family, but he did what needed to be done for the sake of the community. We are very lucky to have such a devoted employee.

I think this pretty much wraps up the month. Thanks for reading, and as always, should you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you.
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RV STORAGE

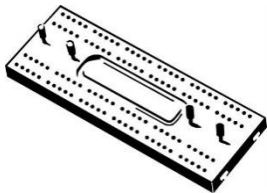
Greetings to all who have been waiting for the nice weather to do your traveling with your RVs, campers, boats, and other recreational vehicles that have been stored here at the Medvil Community. This is a reminder that your annual rental payment for the space where you park your 'toys' is due June 1, 2021.

Also, a reminder for those of you who have a space **outside** the fence: You need to relocate your possessions to the lot (unpaved area) on Constitution Rd from May 1st to September 1st. The temporary relocation is to allow for maintenance during the summer months. We do have space available **inside** the fence. If anyone is interested, please give me a call at (603) 836-5766 for further details.

Jim Eddinger

OTHER NOTICES

RETURN OF FRIDAY NIGHT CRIBBAGE!



Yes, you heard it right; Friday Night Cribbage has been given the green light to resume play, but there are

restrictions and guidelines that will need to be followed. Continue reading for the details.

Play begins on Friday, June 4th @ 6:00 pm
Partridge Lane Club House

Play is restricted to only residents of Medvil Cooperative; unfortunately, at this time your friends or family members who live outside our community will not be allowed to play.

You must affirm that you are fully vaccinated.

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Mask and gloves will be optional, depending on your level of comfort.

If you are interested in playing, or have additional questions, please contact me at (603) 622-2378.

I'm looking forward to seeing some familiar faces.

Susan Soule



MEDVIL'S PRIVATE FACEBOOK

GROUP is off to a good start, now with 63 residents signed up and participating. Seems to be particularly popular with the gardeners and birdwatchers in our community!

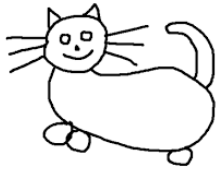
We aim to foster friendly communication, cooperation and community involvement among Medvil residents and friends of our great community. Got some good news you'd like to tell the world about? Sign up at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/medvilmembers> and click the button to join. It's a private group for Medvil residents only, so only members can see who else is in the group and what they post.

You need to have a Facebook account to participate. Just go to the sign-up link, fill in the information and click to agree to a few rules – the basic ones are to be kind and courteous, to respect everyone's privacy, and no self-promotion or spamming – and submit. You'll be quickly approved.



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FERAL CAT PROJECT UPDATE

We've had a bit of a slowdown in trapping because of other urgent matters at the shelter. Three Medvil cats have been trapped. Rigatoni and Tortellini are in the Special Needs program, where volunteers are working with them to see if they can become pets. Fettuccine gave birth to two kittens and is in a foster home, where she is being a great mom to them and to three orphaned kittens!

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Donna Duford



NH SENIOR GAMES

The NH Senior Games are celebrating 34 years of providing the senior community of New Hampshire with 20 individual and team sports. The NHSG's mission is to help promote the development of fitness and active lifestyles for the 50+ age group.

Registrations are now open and we welcome all the residents to meet the challenge in our games and develop **Fitness, Friendship** and **Fun** for a better lifestyle.

Information about the senior games may be found on our web site, NHSeniorGames.org or in one of our brochures located in our mail houses or in the mail room at the Donald Dr Club House.

The NH Sr Games is always looking for volunteers at our sporting events or people to serve on the Board of Directors.

You can reach out to Jim Eddinger at 603 836 5766 for additional information.

Jim Eddinger



"Look out, World! Here I come!"



"Just hit the snooze button for me, if you please!"





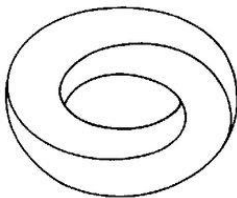
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*“From the school of patience and love. . . I may graduate to somebody’s home someday!!”
Cat pix on this and previous page are from the Manchester Animal Shelter.*

DID YOU KNOW. . .

In the event of a water shut-off, a power shut-off, streets closed for paving, or other inconvenience and emergency, you’ll find out faster and with more time to prepare if you **give your email address to the people in the office.** You’ll get notification, and your email address won’t go beyond the office, either. Let Medvil keep you in the loop!

Suggested by a friendly neighbor in the loop!!



COMMITTEE REPORTS

EVENTS COMMITTEE

We had a small but lively turnout for Marilyn Mill's class featuring Crockpot Cooking on the evening of Wednesday, May 19. She is a great teacher and willing to share the knowledge she has gained through her experience at both the Elliot Hospital and Hannaford Supermarket. I'm sure we all learned something new through the yummy recipes

presented (one of which is shared below) and the questions she answered through the presentation. As an added feature, the Gratitude Grab Bags donated by Hannaford were definitely a nice bonus—thank you, Marilyn. Let's do it again later this year!

The Events Committee is again asking Medvil members to notify the office that you have received your Covid-19 vaccinations. The more members who are vaccinated, the sooner we'll be able to start meeting again in person. We know you're looking forward to another great Friday Fish Fry or Saturday Omelet Breakfast. Help us get there sooner by letting Pam or Kathy know that you've had your shots.

We are planning to hold the Outdoor Yard Sale this year on the weekend of September 25 and 26, 2021, so start looking through your closets and clearing out your sheds. Once again, the participation fee will be \$5, to cover the cost of promotion. If you'd like to rent a table or two, those will be available at \$5 each as well. More info will be coming as we get closer to the sign-up date.

Until then, please stay safe, stay well, and keep an eye out for each other!

Cat Pragoff



EASY SLOW COOKER BANANA-NUT OATS

Ingredients:

- 2 Tbs. unsalted butter
- 2 cups steel-cut oats
- 7-1/2 cups water
- 4 medium bananas, mashed
- 1 cup California walnuts, chopped
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1/ tsp. ground cinnamon

Instructions:

1. Preheat toaster oven to 400°F and arrange chopped walnuts on a baking sheet in a single layer. Toast for 7 to 10 minutes, mixing once halfway through. Allow to cool. Set aside.

2. In a large skillet over medium heat, melt the butter. Add the oats and toast until golden and fragrant, about 2 minutes, stirring as needed. Transfer to a large slow cooker.

3. Pour in the water, bananas, walnuts (reserve a few for topping), brown sugar, salt, and cinnamon. Stir, cover, and let cook for 4 to 6 hours on low.

4. If serving right out of the crockpot, let sit for 10 minutes. Store in the refrigerator for up to 4 days.

Nutrition information: YIELD: 4 cups
Amount per serving: Calories: 287

Total Fat: 11g Saturated Fat: 2g

Trans Fat: 0g

Cholesterol: 6mg Sodium: 95mg

Carbohydrates: 43g Fiber: 5g

Sugar: 15g Protein: 6g

From Crockpot Cooking class, via Cat Pragoff



It is not uncommon for a person to find themselves in need of a little help from time to time.

If you could benefit from a little friendly assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to the Helping Hands Committee.

Need a prescription picked up? Maybe a few groceries?

Or even a ride to/from a doctor's appointment?

Safety and health are of great concern and importance to everyone so gloves and masks will be available.

If you need help or have questions about the committee and what they do, please reach out to Anita O'Brien at akelliher38@gmail.com or by phone at (603)494-4246.



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Contact Irene Gagne at 603-622-1869

MONTHLY POOL

The 5/1 winners were Joe & Diane Lamarre for \$250. All numbers are being played with a guaranteed winner. However, we do not have anyone on the waiting list Please call Irene Gagne at 603-622-1869 to place your name on the list. It's only \$5/month and you can play more than one number.

We have set up 6/7 as the date to collect the July - December pool money.

Yard Sale – Our yard sales for this year are cancelled. We hope to have another yard sale next spring. This will depend on where the country stands on the coronavirus.



Committee Members – We are a committee of nine with two individuals interested. We are looking for more members with fresh ideas that will benefit the Medvil community.

Ideas Needed – You don't have to be a committee member to give us suggestions for projects to use our funds – call Irene with suggestions, including costs.

Irene Gagne

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

The real estate committee activities during May: three showings, one closing, one pending sale, and one listing. We do get lots of inquiries about Medvil homes for sale from our website. Our inventory is low and these interested buyers want to be on our waiting list! Take a look at the video on our website, and you will see why we have a waiting list to get into Medvil! Enjoy the beautiful warm weather. 🌸



If you are thinking of selling your home, the first step is to fill out the Intent to Sell form. **This form can be found on our website at medvilcooperative.com**, filled out and sent to the office. The second step is to locate a realtor. Please consider Medvil Real Estate to help you sell your home. Sales benefit Medvil community.

NOTE: If any resident has a friend or relative who would be interested in viewing any of our listings, please inform them that the way to contact us would be to call the office at 603-497-4440 EXT 2 only, not our real estate representatives' personal phone numbers. Thank you.



Medvil RE Committee - 497-4440
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Website: www.medvilcooperative.com Homes for sale.
Dorrie Kossuth, Chairperson

HELPING HANDS COMMITTEE

As your newsletter was being prepared to go to proofreading and printing, these lovely flowers were being delivered to Medvil's newest residents as a welcome to the community:

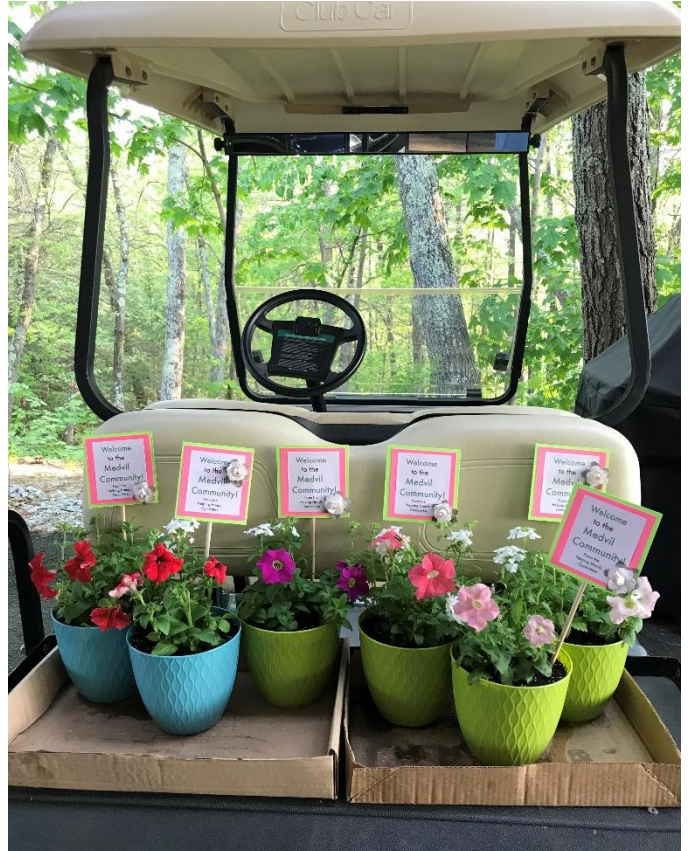


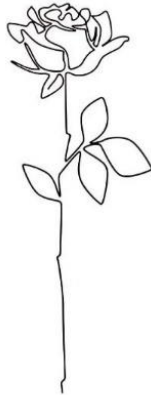
Photo: Brenda White



IN SYMPATHY

Heartfelt condolences to those who have recently lost a loved one:

- The family of Carmel Gill, who died on May 3rd
- The family of David Kimball, who died on May 22nd



We meet them in the lives they've shaped. We enjoy them in the jokes and wisdom they've passed down. Be active in the community they've built. It is a way of walking with them into the future. It is a way of never losing them.

Linda Robinson, Sunshine Lady (603) 851-5209

HEALTHY CORNER

HEALTHY COOKING FOR 1 OR 2— Part 2

1) WAKE UP LEFTOVERS. Instead of eating the same meal two nights in a row, cook up extra side dishes from another meal and use them to have a completely new meal. For example, when making a pasta dinner, roast up extra onions, tomatoes, eggplant and zucchini, roast about a cup or so extra and serve that on toast or a baguette with chopped eggs the next day. 2) MAKE STAPLES IN BATCHES. For example, cooked beans and pastas will keep up to 4 days when refrigerated. Or freeze them for up to four months. When freezing single portions, use a muffin tin; when they are frozen, pop them out and save in freezer bags. 3) BUY FOODS THAT LAST. Eggs will last 3 to 5 weeks, hard cheeses (like cheddar and parmesan) can last up to 4 months. Fresh apples, cabbage, squash,

potatoes, onions, carrots and citrus fruits can last for weeks.

From Ellyn Barnard, courtesy of *Consumer Reports*

SOMEONE ELSE'S STORY...

...that could so easily be our story, if we'd lived in the wrong state, and lacked the right legislation. It has been reprinted from The New York Times.

We don't editorialize often at The Medvil Messenger, and I'm not going to drone on now, either; I'll just say, I lived in an investor-owned park once. We went through hell to turn it into a co-op. Your community of Medvil went through similar turmoil. Though it was touch and go for awhile, both communities have had their happy ending because they occupy states offering rights that the people in the article below have not been given. We also had support from ROC-USA. President Kim Capen says, "Count your blessings. The nonprofit organization that made it possible for us to be where we are today has done the same for over 270 other communities. Unfortunately, they can't save all of them, but shame on a town to turn their back on their long-time residents and the affordable housing that they had."

Let's never take for granted what we enjoy here in Medvil! Let's all do our part to live by cooperative principles and keep Medvil a happy, pleasant place for ourselves and all our neighbors. MB. Wulf

THE EVICTIONS SURPRISED TRAILER PARK RESIDENTS. THE PROTEST STUNNED OFFICIALS.

Campbell Robertson

MOREHEAD, Ky. — Under a slate-colored sky, the holdouts gathered in what remained of the North Fork Mobile Home Park. Around them it looked as if a hurricane had blown through, leaving scattered cinder blocks, capsized sofas and porches affixed to thin air. The small circle — among them single



mothers, a factory worker, a retiree, two community organizers — sat on kitchen chairs discussing their next move: recruiting for a boycott.

“People are going to slam their doors in our face, but we’ll do it anyway,” said Mindy Davenport, 57, who has lived in the park for 26 years. One of the organizers sympathized: It was hard to talk to people you did not know.

Davenport, a former preschool aide, laughed. That was not the issue. “I know everybody in this town,” she said.

For more than two months, a fight has burned in Morehead, a small college town in the hills of eastern Kentucky. It began in early March, when the residents of roughly 65 mobile homes at North Fork were told they had a month and a half to leave and take their homes with them. A new development was coming, bringing restaurants and stores, jobs and tax revenue. The city was subsidizing it. The trailer park had to go.

But as soon as the eviction letters went out, a protest campaign erupted, with chants and rallies, messages of support sent from as far away as California and Maine, and visits from prominent state voices like Charles Booker, a likely Democratic candidate for the 2022 U.S. Senate race. Current and former residents have loudly registered their dissent — with actions like the planned boycott of the eventual shopping center — and laid out a list of proposals to mostly unreceptive city officials, including financial compensation for people forced to move.

And though most of the homes have now been hauled away or left behind, the campaign has rolled on, along with a debate over the obligations of a city to those dislodged by its growth and a lesson about how combative democracy has become — even in a small town — in an age of social media and protest.

“Over the past two years, I have been in a lot of different things, with Black Lives Matter protesting and organizing,” said Faith Plank, 17, who now

lives with her sister and mother in an apartment that is much smaller than their mobile home but costs nearly three times as much. “However, in this case, I don’t think I expected it to go this far.”

The owner of the park and the local officials were caught by surprise. People had always talked of wanting more restaurants and stores, said Harry Clark, the judge executive in Rowan County, where Morehead sits. And while he expected some understandable resistance to the evictions from the long-term residents of the park, he said, “it surprised me how mean they got.”

Joanne Fraley, who with her late husband had owned the park for years, said she, too, was taken aback by the response, insisting that she had been more accommodating than Kentucky law requires.

“It is my intent to leave no one homeless,” she said. But “it’s basically quite simple. I own my own property. I have the right to sell it.”

The park is decades old, sitting on what was once the Fraley family farm. Most of the residents owned their trailers, paying rent — most recently, \$125 a month — for the lots on which the trailers stood. A number of homes had been there for many years and, even if well-kept on the inside, were no longer in shape to be moved.

Some people had come to the park to escape abusive home lives, some to be closer to jobs at the shopping center across the road and some because it was simply what they could afford. North Fork may have been scruffy in spots but it was a neighborhood, with gardens and mutual babysitting and chats over morning coffee.

It is unclear when plans for a development were first broached; the developer, from Lexington, Kentucky, told a news station the project had been in the works for nearly two years. One of the first public discussions was in September, when a development consultant made a presentation to the Morehead City Council, proposing a tax increment financing plan to subsidize a retail center where the trailer park stood.



“We would consider that to be some blight, if you will,” the consultant said. “But we have a plan to redevelop that site in a way that maximizes its value.”

Neither the mayor nor the developer returned messages seeking comment.

Notices of a hearing on the plan ran in tiny font in the back pages of a local newspaper, a weekly that few in the park read. Still, with most city meetings streamed on Facebook, word got out.

Davenport was sitting outside her trailer one afternoon, looking after a group of children, when a neighbor drove by with the news. “‘They’ve sold the trailer park’,” she recalled him saying. “‘They’re going to build a shopping center.’”

Months of rumor followed. Residents called the property manager constantly, several said, and the answer was always the same: No, nothing has been sold.

“I was not going to go out there and make this big announcement that my property was sold and they’d better start looking around and then have the contract fall through,” Fraley said. “At a time when there was COVID, there was maybe a chance it wouldn’t have gone through. And if I’d done that, I’d be sitting there with an empty piece of property.”

Some stopped paying rent. One resident started an online fundraiser. In December, a resident wrote to Clark, lamenting that neither the city nor the park manager would give anyone straight answers. Clark wrote back that a sale appeared likely and advised him to “begin looking for new lots and accommodations immediately.” He also wrote that Fraley was offering \$1,000 per household to help pay for moves that typically cost several thousand dollars. (A nonprofit organization would soon offer additional money, though not everyone qualified.)

Still, many at North Fork did not know whether a mass eviction was really going to happen, and what options they would have if it did. Ashley Caudill, a

former resident, said she called more than a dozen mobile home parks in the county and found most were either full or not accepting trailers older than a certain age, a cutoff that would disqualify some of the mobile homes in North Fork. Those owners would have to abandon their homes, or sell them for cheap.

Finally, in March, the official letter came. “NOTICE TO VACATE.” They had until April 30.

Given the distinctive status of mobile home communities — made up at the same time of renters and established homeowners — a number of states have passed legal protections for residents, said Carolyn Carter, the deputy director of the National Consumer Law Center. Some mandate at least six months advance notice for a park’s closure; that period is two years in Massachusetts. Some require that residents be given the collective opportunity to buy their community if it is going to be sold.

“This isn’t Massachusetts,” Fraley said. Indeed, Kentucky has none of these laws.

Few in North Fork said they were opposed to the development in principle. What infuriated them was that a developer, a property owner and their own government representatives had worked together for months or perhaps years on a project that would throw their lives into disarray and nobody had reached out to them. Their neighborhood was simply, in the word used at the City Council meeting, “blight.”

“I used to be a little shy about telling people where I lived because I was a little nervous that they would look at me differently,” Faith Plank said. She does not feel that way anymore, she said. A few nights earlier, she had stood up at a crowded City Council meeting and talked about her trailer park and how beautiful it was.

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Thanks to Karen Kirkpatrick for bringing this article to our attention.



DEADLINES



and other stuff
YOU want to know about

The Medvil Messenger *wants material!* Recipes, helpful hints, reminiscences, jokes, poems—please keep it upbeat and positive. Original material will take precedence over reprints from other sources, including printouts of email pass-arounds. If you submit previously published material, please try to cite a source. We reserve the right to reject material that may offend, divide our community or cause political arguments. Please submit your items to our email: medvilnewsletter@comcast.net Or place a copy in the Messenger mailbox in the Reception Office in the DDC. (During our Covid-19 lockdown, you may slide it under the office door and we will ask our office volunteers to let us know that it's there.)

Deadline for submissions is noon on the Thursday after the Board Meeting. (BOD meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.)

Medvil Messenger Staff:
Debbie Cyr and MB. Wulf



MEMORIAL DAY

Join us for our Medvil summer kickoff!

Second Annual Neighborhood Picnic

Monday, May 31st 1-3 PM

Donald Drive Clubhouse Picnic Grounds

Picnic to be followed by a

Grand Memorial Day Parade @ 3 PM

All Residents Are Welcome. Masks optional. Bring your own food/beverages. Bring your neighbors, bikes, trikes, golf carts and cars. Walkers and joggers: Join us for a block or the whole loop.





IMPORTANT DIALING CHANGE NOTICE!

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has adopted “988” as a new three-digit number to be used nationwide to reach the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline, starting July 16, 2022.

In order for 988 to work in our area code, 10-digit local dialing must first be implemented.

To complete all local calls, we will now need to dial area code + telephone number. This applies to all calls within our area cord that are currently dialed with seven digits.

Beginning April 24, 2021, you should begin dialing 10 digits (area code + telephone number) for all local calls. If you forget and dial just 7 digits, your call will still be completed.

Beginning October 24, 2021, you must dial 10 digits (area code + telephone number) for all local calls. On and after this date, local calls dialed with only 7-digits may not be completed, and a recording will inform you that your call cannot be completed as dialed. You must hand up and dial again using the area code and the 7-digit number.

In addition to changing the way you dial local calls, all services, automatic dialing equipment, or other types of equipment that are programmed to complete calls to 7-digit local numbers will need to be reprogrammed to complete calls to 10-digit numbers. Some examples are life safety systems or medical monitoring devices, fax machines, internet dial-up numbers, fire or burglar alarm and security systems or gates, speed dialers, mobile or other wireless phone contact lists, call forwarding settings, voicemail services and other similar functions. Be sure to check your personal or pet ID tags, and other such items to ensure the area code is included.

You can still just dial three digits to reach 711 (relay services) and 911 (emergency services).

Any 211, 311, 411, 511, 611 or 811 services currently available to you now can still be reached by dialing their three-digit codes.

If you have any questions regarding any of this information, you can call your current telephone service provider or visit the FCC website at <https://www.fcc.gov/suicide-prevention-hotline>.

