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# ***THE MEDVIL MESSENGER***

## **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

*Picnic  
9 July*



*Ice Cream  
13 July*



*Flags  
23 July*



*Meat Bingo  
6 August*



*Fish Fry  
12 August*



*Chicken Cookout  
27 August*

**SEE INSIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION!**

## BOARD NOTICES

### OPERATIONS

Summer is officially here and now the days will start getting shorter. Just 6 more months till Christmas! Sorry, I had to throw that in there. 😊

I now have a crew of three and much is being accomplished. We're nearing the end of our mulching around the community. Jarrod is meticulous with his mulching, which shows he takes pride in his work. The common areas look great. Fred has been working on the Work Orders for tree and limb removal. (only those that can be done safely) and assisting Jarrod from time to time with the mulching.

Since we're speaking of mulch: We will be receiving one more delivery of mulch in order to complete our common areas. If any residents are entertaining the thought of purchasing mulch for your home, you may want to do so sooner rather than later. Because we order in such a large quantity, once this order is used up, we will not be ordering more.

In addition to assisting Jarrod and Fred, Jeff has been continuing the long and tedious process of locating resident curb stops (shutoffs) and water main shutoffs that are not currently visible. We're finding water main shutoffs that need to be dug up because they are covered with dirt. Once they are dug up, they are painted blue so they will be easier to locate in case of an emergency. It is a slow process, but the goal is to have all shutoffs located and documented and easily accessible for emergencies.

If you haven't noticed, the pergola that was located in the common area on Rachael Circle has been relocated to the bench area on Constitution. One of

the winter projects we had was Jeff disassembling the pergola, pressure washing it to remove the mold and staining it. Last week Jeff, Jarrod and Fred worked diligently reassembling the pergola and installing it where the bench is located on Constitution. A few added flowerpots and hanging plants make for a nice resting place for the many walkers. It was a fun project to do and we hope it is enjoyed by many.

The paving project this year is going well. By the time you read this newsletter it may possibly be completed. We are thankful it was done this year without any issues--which was a relief to all, I'm sure.

I have a few thank yous that are in order. First is to Deb Allaire who made a patriotic door decoration as well as a beautiful summer wreath for the Donald Drive Clubhouse door. I'm sure they took a great deal of time to complete. Your donation is much appreciated by all.

I also want to thank John Kyriakoutsas who volunteered to paint the two bridges in the pond area of Donald Drive Clubhouse. Not an easy task since the bridges span over water. Great job John, the bridges look bright and clean, and really stand out. We appreciate the time it took you to complete the task.

Our flag ceremony has been rescheduled since we couldn't have it in June. It will now take place on Saturday, July 23rd at the Partridge Clubhouse parking area at 10:00 AM. Light refreshments will be served. If you've never attended in the past, you may want to partake this year. It's a way of disposing of your tattered and faded flags in a respectful manner. The ceremony is performed by members of the VFW and we have Bob Blais to thank for making the arrangements for us. Thank you, Bob!

A few reminders: As I mentioned, summer is here. Please be aware of the temperature and check your trash cans to be sure there are no maggots



present. They seem to like the humid weather and trash combination. If there are maggots in your trash can the trash will be left behind. We will not be making special trips once the problem is taken care of. You will be responsible to either bring it to the transfer station or wait for it to be picked up the following week. I found this solution online which may be helpful: "Bleach kills maggots, vinegar spray is also helpful in killing maggots fast. Simply mix 1 cup of vinegar with boiling water and pour solution into the trash can. The acidic odor of the vinegar also repels the flies and stops them from coming back." There are other solutions available to you online as well.

PLEASE, as we've mentioned numerous times already: Do not approach the maintenance team when they are on a mower or using a chainsaw or weed whacker. These pieces of equipment are loud and require the worker to wear hearing protection. That being said, they will not hear you approaching them. This presents a dangerous situation and we don't want to see anyone get hurt. If your question needs immediate attention, please give me a call.

That's all I have for this month. Thanks for reading.

Thank you, Jeff , Fred and Jarod, for all your hard work and dedication to the Medvil Community!

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## RULES VIOLATION REFRESHER

The following is the procedure regarding notification of rules violations. This is according to Medvil Community Rules A.6.

1. First letter is a notice.
2. Second letter, a fine is assessed and a reminder that if the rule violation is not taken care of it will be sent to our attorney.
3. A letter letting you know that it has been sent to our attorney for follow up.

Anytime during this process, you can, with notice, come to an executive session of a board meeting to ask for an exception due to extenuating circumstances.

Please remember that it is the membership who votes on the rules; it is the board of directors who are charged with enforcing them.

Have a wonderful 4th of July and enjoy the summer!!

Lucille Pelletier, President  
Board of Directors

## OTHER NOTICES

### FAREWELL PARTY FOR EVELYN CONNOR

Saturday ~ July 30th ~ Noon to 3:00 pm  
103 Donald Drive. **NO PRESENTS** but Gift Cards are acceptable. Please bring your favorite appetizer, entree, or dessert to share and your own beverage. **NO ALCOHOL.** RSVP by July 23<sup>rd</sup> to Joyce Wilson at 603-384-1275.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS



### EVENTS COMMITTEE

First, we wish everyone a Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>. We are happy to announce that July is a month of **FREE EVENTS!**

On July 9 we will be hosting a Picnic with burgers, hot dogs and sausages with peppers and onions. We ask that people bring a side dish, appetizer, or dessert to share; see the attached flyer for more information. Although this is a free event, we still



ask you call the office so we can have an estimate of the attendance and an idea of what you will be bringing.

On July 13 there will be the very popular Ice Cream Social starting at 6:00 pm in the DDC. Again, we ask for people to sign up at the office, so we know how much ice cream to purchase.

Lastly on July 23 we are hosting a pancake and waffle breakfast. We'll also be serving with bacon, sausage, fruit and coffee. But you'll need to sign up by Wednesday, July 20 so Kim can go shopping for the supplies.

**Because these three events are free, attendance is limited to Medvil Residents only.**

And now let's talk about August!

- Saturday, August 6 is the rescheduled Meat Bingo.
- Friday, August 12 is our very popular Fish Fry. It's still only \$10 and you must register and pay by Wednesday, August 10.
- And finally, on Saturday, August 27 we'll be hosting a grilled chicken cookout at the DDC. It's just \$10 per person but you must sign up and pay no later than Wednesday, August 24.

For more information on any of these upcoming events, please see the flyers included with this double-issue of the newsletter.

The Events Committee hopes to see you at these events to have a good time, good food and mingle with your neighbors.

The Community Wide Yard Sale took place on 6/25 & 26. A quick shout out to Diane Lamarre and Barb McDermott for taking on the task of making sure this event was advertised in social media, signs were made and placed throughout the local area for travelers to see, each participant had balloons tied to their lampposts and maps with a list of addresses were made available to those coming into our

community to spend what we hope was lots of money. Every member of the Events Committee gives their all when it comes to making the fish fry, a picnic or an ice cream social happen so that members of Medvil can come together in friendship and community.

## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE



**Fundraising Pool**—The 6/1 winner was Joe McLaughlin. All numbers are being played with a guaranteed winner. There are currently three residents on the wait list but two numbers are taken as of 7/1. **Call the Volunteer Office to place your name on the list – 603-497-4440, Option 0.** It's only \$5/month and you can play more than 1 number.

**Yard Sale**—Our next yard sale is 10/1 and we are looking for donations and volunteers.

Please call Irene to arrange a drop off or a pickup. However, we do not take electronics, TV's, large appliances, furniture, or exercise equipment.

**Please do not place any items in the mail houses or libraries.**

**Consignment store** – We are preparing to go to our first consignment store drop off.

**Cookbook** – Please contact Irene if you are interested in submitting a recipe (or 2) for a Medvil cookbook. Also, if you are interested in purchasing such a cookbook.

**Committee Members** – We are a committee of eight and we are looking for more members.

**Ideas Needed** – You don't have to be a committee member to give us suggestions for projects to use our funds, or fundraising ideas, for the benefit of the Medvil community – call Irene with suggestions and costs, etc.

Irene M. Gagne







## REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

The Medvil Real Estate statistics from May 25, 2022 through June 25, 2022: four showings, two Purchase and Sales Agreements pending, and currently one listing.

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](http://medvilcooperative.com). The Intent to Sell can be filled out online and printed then given to Medvil Real Estate Office 30 days before listing your property.**

The second step is to locate a realtor. Please consider letting Medvil Real Estate help you sell your home. Sales benefit Medvil community. Medvil RE Committee - 497-4440 Prompt 2 Website: [www.medvilcooperative.com](http://www.medvilcooperative.com) Homes for Sale

Dorrie Kossuth, Chairperson



**HELPING HANDS**

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.

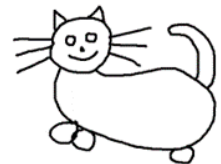
If you need help or have any questions about the Committee and what they do, please reach out to Anita O'Brien at [Medvil21@comcast.net](mailto:Medvil21@comcast.net)

Or by phone at (603) 494-4246.

## MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS

### THE FERAL CAT PROJECT

Last month the Manchester Animal Shelter restarted the trapping program. We trapped a cat that turned out not to be feral.



Unfortunately, he did not have a microchip. I posted his information on the Medvil Membership Facebook page and put flyers up in both mail houses. The shelter also posted his information on their Facebook page. No one contacted the shelter about him, so he has been placed up for adoption.

Ray Pelletier and his son will be building a new feeding station for us! It will be a more attractive wooden structure which will also enclose the food



**MEDFORD FARMS SALON**

Wednesday - Saturday by Appointment

Pick-up, drop-off & home visits available



603-494-4941





bin. We looking forward to having a neat, good-looking structure worthy of Medvil! Thanks, Ray! Please contact me if you see or hear of cats outdoors that are not in the vicinity of the feeding station on Partridge Lane so we can get them neutered, vaccinated and returned. Thank you.

Donna Duford  
603-622-8450

## TASTY TIDBITS by Cat Pragoff

When it's hot, hot, hot, it is definitely time for salad, and do I have a few to share with you! These take advantage of those yummy goodies from your gardens—cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers—and the luscious herbs you're growing as well. Bon appetit!

### Crunchy Cucumber Salsa (makes 10 servings)

#### Ingredients:

2 cups finely chopped cucumber, peeled and seeded  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1/2 cup finely chopped tomato, seeded

1 1/2 tsp. lemon juice  
1/4 cup finely chopped red onion  
1 1/2 tsp. lime juice  
1 finely chopped jalapeno pepper, seeded  
1/4 tsp. ground cumin  
2 tbsp. fresh parsley, minced  
1/4 tsp. seasoned salt  
4 1/2 tsp. fresh cilantro, minced  
Dash fresh ground pepper  
1/4 cup reduced-fat sour cream  
Baked tortilla chips

#### Directions:

- Combine cucumber, tomato, onion, pepper, parsley, cilantro and garlic in a bowl. Be sure to seed the cucumber and tomato first; otherwise, you'll have a very watery salsa!

- In a separate bowl, stir together the sour cream, lemon juice, lime juice, salt and pepper. Mix well, then pour over the cucumber-tomato mixture and stir to coat.

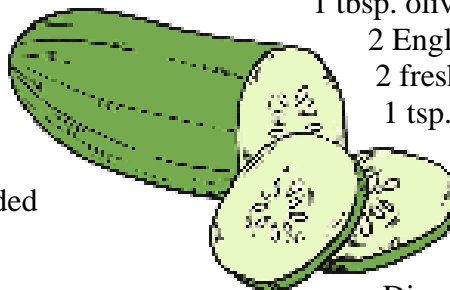
- Chill for about 20 to 30 minutes, then serve with baked tortilla chips.

The second one is a savory-sweet side-dish that would be a lovely companion to something from the grill—it goes very well with chicken or fish, especially salmon.

### Cucumber Ginger Salad (makes 4 servings)

#### Ingredients:

2 tbsp. rice vinegar  
1 tbsp. honey  
4 tsp. soy sauce  
1/4 tsp. Sriracha chili sauce  
1 tbsp. olive oil  
2 English cucumbers  
2 fresh gingerroot, minced  
1 tsp. sesame seeds, toasted  
2 tsp. sesame oil  
Green onions (or scallions), thinly sliced



#### Directions:

- In a small bowl, mix the first 7 ingredients together to make the dressing. Stir well and chill.
- Trim the ends and cut the cucumbers into 3-inch sections. Julienne each section into thin strips.
- To serve, toss the cucumber with the sesame seeds and the dressing. Sprinkle with the sliced green onions.



Of course, what is summer without an old stand-by that's sure to please?

### **Traditional Garden Salad**

(Makes 8 servings)

Ingredients:

- 3 large tomatoes, cut into wedges
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tbsp. cider vinegar
- 1 large sweet onion,
- 1 clove garlic, minced and cut into thin wedges
- 1 tsp. fresh basil, minced
- 1 large cucumber, cut into thin slices
- 1 tsp. chives, minced
- 1/2 tsp. salt

Directions:

- Combine vegetables in a large bowl.
- In a small bowl, whisk together the dressing ingredients until well blended.
- Drizzle the dressing over the vegetables until well coated. Serve immediately.

And last but not least, a little something different, possibly as a final course.

### **Strawberry-Cucumber-Honeydew Salad**

(Makes 8 servings)

Ingredients:

- 16 oz. fresh strawberries, halved
- 1 cup honeydew melon, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 English cucumber, halved lengthwise and cut into 1/4 inch slices
- 3 Tbs. honey
- 2 Tbs. lime juice
- 1 tsp. grated lime zest

Directions:

- Combine strawberries, cucumber, and honeydew in a large bowl. Chill until serving.
- In a small bowl, whisk together the remaining ingredients until well blended. Just before serving, pour gently over the strawberry mixture; toss gently to coat.



Seeing that your newsletter staff always takes a month's hiatus at midsummer, here are some **BONUS RECIPES**, kindly shared by Tracy Wyman, to tide you over until we return with the next issue for your reading pleasure:

### **BERRY PIES FOR SUMMER**

By Tracy Wyman

#### **Festival Strawberry Pie**

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 TB cornstarch
- 1 1/2 cup water
- small box of strawberry Jello
- cooked pie shell
- fresh strawberries, washed and leaves removed



Pile strawberries in cooked pie shell. Mix first 2 ingredients in saucepan. Then add water and bring to boiling. Boil 2 minutes. Add box of Jello and stir till all dissolved. Pour over strawberries and refrigerate till firm. Serve with whipped cream. Hint: place pie shell on plate before pouring Jello mixture. This will help you move the pie into the frig without spilling.



## Rhubarb Surprise Pie

3 cups diced fresh rhubarb  
Unbaked pie crust  
Small (3oz) box strawberry Jello  
1/2 cup unsifted flour  
3/4 cup sugar  
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon  
1/4 cup melted butter

Arrange rhubarb in pie shell. Sprinkle with Jello. Combine flour, sugar, cinnamon and melted butter in bowl. Mix until crumbly. Sprinkle crumb mixture over top of the pie. Bake in 350 oven 50 minutes or until rhubarb is tender and topping is golden brown. Cool on rack.



## Double Good Blueberry Pie

Baked 9" pie shell  
3/4 cup sugar  
3 TB cornstarch  
1/8 tsp salt  
1/4 cup water  
4 cup blueberries  
1 TB butter  
1TB lemon juice

Combine sugar, cornstarch and salt in saucepan. Add water and 2 cups of blueberries. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a boil and is thickened and clear. Mixture will be quite thick. Remove from heat and stir in butter and lemon juice. Cool. Hint: I put in frig till cool. Place remaining 2 cups in pie shell. Top with cooled, cooked blueberry mixture. Chill. Serve with whipped cream.

## AND WE BRING YOU A BONUS JUST IN TIME FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup>! HOW TO SELECT A GOOD WATERMELON:





**WE'VE SPOTTED A VISITOR. . .**

**“♪ My cousin has great changes coming:  
one day he'll wake with wings!”--from  
Cousin Caterpillar by The Incredible String  
Band**



This little fellow showed up on Riverledge this week, and I've seen one over here on Rachael Circle, too! They're Monarch caterpillars, and these vivid black, yellow and white striped larvae are preparing to become glorious Monarch butterflies! They have a very specific diet—they dine on our native milkweed plants. In fact, they hatch upon them, about four days after mother Monarchs deposit their eggs on the undersides of the leaves. But the beautiful Monarch butterflies are down by 85% in recent years due to loss of habitat and careless use of pesticides. The good news is that by being a gracious host to the odd wild milkweed that might pop up here and there in your garden, you can help their species survive. If that term “weed” gives you pause, remember that any plant actively welcomed is no longer a “weed!” And once you've seen this plant's pretty pink flower clusters—that smell like carnations!—you'll find it hard to scorn. What an honor to have this colorful youngster hatch, dine, cocoon in an out-of-the-way place and emerge as a fabulous orange and black masterpiece with a four-inch wingspan that can carry him all the way to his winter home in Mexico—all because you offered a milkweed a little space in your garden! Doesn't that sound like a fun thing to do this summer?

*Photo by  
Jane Von Geldern*

MB. Wulf



*Monarch Butterfly. . .plus  
two ubiquitous flowers of a  
New England midsummer:*



*Hemerocallis fulva—Tawny  
Daylily, AKA “Ditch Lily”*



*Liatris spicata--Blazing Star,  
AKA "Gayfeathers"*





## THE COMMUNITY GARDENS



*Photo by Lucille Pelletier*



You may have seen residents out tending this land under the power lines between Rachael Circle and Partridge Lane. There's been a dedicated area here for residents' vegetable gardens for several years now, and more and more of your neighbors seem to be joining the fun each year. In case you were wondering how they're doing--it looks like folks could have a bumper crop this year!







## **THE DOG PARK**

### **A Message to all Dog Owners**

If you haven't noticed, there has been an upgrade to the dog park. There is now fresh pebble stone inside the park and fresh new grass at the entrance. All these upgrades were provided by the hard work of Carl Bragg and Ray Pelletier. A thank you to the Fund-Raising committee for helping to pay for a portion of the upgrades. If you have not submitted all your documentation to the office please do, so you can enjoy the park with your furry friend. You can also reach out to me with any questions or make donations to help keep the park beautiful.

Regards,  
Mike O'Brien  
[Mrobrien1@comcast.net](mailto:Mrobrien1@comcast.net)



*Photo by Louise Pelletier*

Our dog park looks great! Thanks for all the hard work that's been done!





...and other stuff  
you want to know about

The Medvil Messenger wants more material! Family recipes, helpful hints, reminiscences, jokes, poems, gardening advice, reviews of your latest vacation and day trip discoveries, hilarious tales of your pets' antics—just about anything. Please keep it upbeat and positive. Original material will take precedence over reprints from other sources, including printouts of email passwords. 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](mailto:medvilnewsletter@comcast.net) Or place a copy in the Messenger mailbox in the Reception Office in the DDC. Deadline for submissions is noon on the Thursday after the Board Meeting. (BOD meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.)

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YOUR NEWSLETTER  
COMMITTEE  
WISHES YOU  
BLUE SKIES AND  
SUNNY DAYS  
AS WE COMMENCE  
OUR SUMMER BREAK. . .



.. AND WE INVITE  
YOU TO JOIN US IN  
LATE AUGUST  
AS WE RETURN WITH  
SEPTEMBER'S ISSUE  
OF  
THE MEDVIL  
MESSENGER.







Join us for the return of the  
**Annual Neighborhood Picnic!**

**Saturday, July 9th**

**12:00 – 3:00 PM**

**Donald Drive Clubhouse  
Picnic Grounds**

The Events Committee will be cooking:

- hamburgers
- hotdogs
- sausages with peppers & onions
- French fries

We'll also supply the buns, condiments, and paper goods!

AND we'll be selling raffle tickets that you can redeem for cold beer, wine or soft drinks!

**Please read!  
Updated information**

**Because we need to know how much food to buy,  
you must sign-up ahead of time!**

*If you have a favorite side dish or dessert you'd like to share,  
please let the office know when you call.*

Call the Reception Office at 603-497-4440, ext. 0  
Monday – Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Sign-up closes at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, July 6th.**

*Because this is a free event, attendance is limited to Medvil residents only.*

# Whether you like it plain



# or with everything on top,

## please join us for the return of our **ICE CREAM SOCIAL.**

**Wednesday, July 13th  
6:00-8:00 pm  
Donald Drive Club House**

Seats are limited and because we need to know how many gallons of ice cream will be needed, **you must sign-up!**

Call the Reception Office at 603-497-4440, ext. 0  
Monday – Friday  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Registration closes at 4:00 pm on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

And don't forget your money for the  
50/50 Raffle!!!



***Because this is a free event, attendance is  
limited to Medvil residents only.***

# It's a question as old as time.

## Which is better?

Pancakes  
with maple syrup?



Or waffles with  
strawberries and whipped cream?

Come find out at our **FREE**  
**pancake and waffle breakfast!!**

Saturday ~ July 23rd  
8:30 am ~ Donald Drive Club House

Additional menu items include  
bacon ~ sausage ~ beans ~ fruit salad

**You must sign-up ahead of time.**

Call the Reception Office at 603-497-4440, ext. 0  
Monday - Friday  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Registration closes at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, July 20th.

But don't sign up just because it's free! We buy enough food to make sure everyone has enough to eat and if you don't come, the extra food goes to waste. **Don't be a NO SHOW!**

And remember your money for the  
**50/50 Raffle!!!**



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# MEAT BINGO!

It's exactly what it sounds like  
but not what you might think it is.

***We use playing cards!***

**Rescheduled Date**

**Saturday ~ August 6th**

**Donald Drive Club House**

**1:00 – 4:00 pm**

Selections may include, but are not limited to, pork, beef, chicken, etc., maybe even fish...whatever looks best at the butcher shop at the time of purchase.



Cards are \$1.00 each per game or  
\$15 to play sixteen games.

*Please come and bring a friend or family member, the more the merrier. It's always lots of fun!!*

**Don't forget your money!!**



**And feel free to bring your choice of  
beverages and snacks.**



# FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY

August 12th ~ Donald Drive Club House

4:30 or 5:30 pm seatings

If you haven't been to one of these before now,  
then you're missing out.

- A good-sized portion of deep-fried haddock
- The best French fries you'll ever taste
- With coleslaw and dessert



**All this for \$10.00!**

No tax, no tip, and beverages are available.

**Don't forget your money!!**



Make your reservations and pay at the  
Reception Office daily from  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

*Sign-up closes on Wednesday, August 10th @ 4:00 pm*

*The Events Committee would like to thank the residents of Medvil for their continued support of all the activities we host throughout the year; all of which allows us to offer low cost/no cost events and helps defray the cost of our annual Christmas Party*



# Something yummy is heading your way!!

And it's all for the low price of  
**\$8.00 per person!**

Grilled chicken ~ potato salad ~ Caesar salad  
corn on the cob ~ dessert & coffee

Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>  
DDCH Picnic Area

Check-in begins at 4:30 pm  
Dinner begins at 5:00 pm  
(or whenever the chicken is ready)

Beverages are available with the purchase of a raffle ticket.

**Don't forget your money!!**



Make your reservations and pay at the  
Reception Office daily from  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

*Sign-up closes on Wednesday, August 24th @ 4:00 pm*

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