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COMMITTEE REPORTS

EVENTS COMMITTEE

I hope everyone had a safe, happy, tasty Thanksgiving. We here in Medvil have much to be thankful for: good friends and neighbors, a safe and well-maintained community that's close enough to grocery shopping and the library, but just far enough away to feel like we're out in our own little bit of countryside.



While we're still in the throes of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Events Committee won't be scheduling any new programs until we know that we can meet again without worry. However, registration for the drive-through Christmas Luncheon was a great success! We had 192 folks sign up!

You will be hearing more from the committee later this month with details on how things will progress on December 20th. Look for an email blast and flyers in the mail houses for more information in the coming weeks. Until then, please continue to wear your masks, wash your hands, and social distance, so that we will all be well when we meet again.

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FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE



Contact Irene Gagne at 622-1869

Fundraising Pool – The 11//1 winner was Barbara McLaughlin for \$250. All numbers are being played with a guaranteed winner.

There is currently only one resident on the wait list. **Please call Irene Gagne at 622-1869 to place your name on the list.** It's only \$5/month and you can play more than one number.

Yard Sale – Our yard sales were cancelled for 2020. We are hopeful that we can still have a yard sale in the not-too-distant future. Time will tell. If you have items to donate, please hold onto them. Call Irene to let her know you have items so you are on a list to contact when a new date is scheduled. If you do not have room to store your items, let Irene know & she will see if other arrangements are available.

However, we do not take electronics, TV's, large appliances, furniture, or exercise equipment.

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

Ideas Needed – However, 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.

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MEDFORD FARMS SALON
Wednesday - Saturday by Appointment
 Pick-up, drop-off & home visits available
 494-4941

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE



The month of November the Real Estate Committee had four showings, four listings, one under contract and one closing. Happy Holidays!

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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.

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 Website: www.medvilcooperative.com Homes for Sale

Dorrie Kossuth, Chairperson

CONDOLENCES

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



- Dorothy Morgrage in the death of her husband Malcolm
- Rodolphe Simon in the death of his wife Lorraine

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



HELPING HANDS COMMITTEE

Helping Hands is a new committee with the intent of being able to offer a "helping hand" to the members of our community through a volunteer network of our Medvil family. It is not a replacement or an extension of Medvil maintenance; it is exactly what the name states, a way to provide a helping hand in our community.

Thank you for those of you have asked to be on the list of volunteers. **I am looking for additional residents who would like to become part of our network of community volunteers.** If you are interested in knowing more and helping, as your time permits, I would love to hear from you.

We are ready to accept requests for help. Please email me, Anita O'Brien, at Akelliher38@gmail.com or call 603-494-4246 any time after 5:30 PM during the week or after 9:00 AM on the weekend.

Thank you.
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DOG POOP

If you are not picking up after your dog, please do so. People are tired of finding poop on their lawns and in the common areas and keep asking the board to do something about it.

If you are a dog owner who does the right thing and does not leave your dog's poop behind, thank you very much.

Please note: this is an item we will run in the newsletter from now until it is no longer a problem.

or going dry, and they may notice that their water has some sediment in it. [Residents using community water] have restrictions but on their water use, mostly for outdoor watering...and that can range from a total ban on all outdoor watering to watering on only certain days of the week, to no lawn watering and only hand watering of gardens. Right now, we have 165 community water systems with water restrictions in place.

LIFE IN INTERESTING TIMES...

DROUGHT MANAGEMENT

(Reprinted from the October 15-21, 2019 issue of The Hippo.)

Why the drought will continue, and how to save water.

According to the United States Drought Monitor's most recent data on New Hampshire (released Oct. 6, 2020), 21.99 percent of the state is experiencing extreme drought and 73.07 percent of the state is experiencing severe drought. Stacey Herbold, manager of the Water Conservation and Water Use Registration and Reporting programs at New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and a member of the Drought Management Team, talked about how the drought has affected the state and what residents can do to conserve water.

Q: What impact does a drought have on New Hampshire residents?

We see agricultural operations having to work really hard to keep their crops going. [Residents with wells] may see their well supply running low

Q: What caused the drought? Is it due only to environmental factors, or are people also partially responsible?

It's the increased water use during the summer, coupled with [environmental factors]. Spring is one of the most important times of the year for recharging groundwater. We had a really low snowpack in early spring and below-average rain in the spring, so that started us off in a deficit as we went into the summer. In the summer, we continued not to get enough rain to make up for it, and when temperatures rise, a lot of water ends up going to evaporation. Water use also increases during the summer months because of outdoor watering. A lot of people turn on their irrigation system and leave it running even when watering isn't necessarily needed.

Q: What kinds of water systems are used in New Hampshire, and what does a drought do to them?

Approximately half of the state is on their own private residence with well water, while the other half is on some kind of community water system. Community water systems usually have a diverse set of water sources. They may have wells in

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various areas, surface water sources and back up [sources], so they're a bit more resilient when it comes to a drought. Residential well owners tend to have either dug wells or bedrock wells. Dug wells are shallower wells that are in unconsolidated material above the bedrock. During a drought, they're the first to run low on water, but they're also the first to recharge when it rains. Bedrock wells are drilled down into the bedrock and receive water from various small fractures, and it takes longer for them to be impacted by low groundwater levels, but they take much longer to recharge...it could take weeks to months.

Q: How can people conserve water during a drought?

During the summer months, a reduction in lawn watering is the main thing, and not washing down driveways, power washing houses or washing cars with the hose constantly going. As we move into the colder weather, people really need to focus on how to conserve water indoors. Do full loads of laundry and full loads in the dishwasher. Take shorter showers. Don't run water while doing other things. Turn off the faucet while you're brushing your teeth. When you're doing dishes, fill up a basin rather than letting the water run. One simple thing that people don't think about is that you don't always need to have your faucet on full blast. If you're just rinsing vegetables off, you could turn it on half-way. Residential well owners need to space out how they use water throughout the day and throughout the week. You shouldn't be showering, running the dishwasher, and doing laundry all at once.

Q: Should people be buying their drinking water?

Not necessarily. The percentage of the amount of water we use drinking is so small, it doesn't really make a difference.

Q: When is the current drought expected to end?

Different outlets are predicting that the drought will improve but not necessarily go away. We could enter the winter while still in a drought. Then, our next chance for a really good groundwater replenishment won't come until next spring.

Q: Is water conservation important even when there isn't a drought?

Yes. It should be practiced every day. Water is not an infinite resource, and it takes all of us to make sure we have the water supply we need. One of the basic things homeowners should be doing is replacing their outdated water fixtures. Older toilets and washing machines are some of the biggest water wasters. This can also save you money on your utility bills, and newer appliances can save a lot of energy, which could save your money on your electric bills.

OF SEASONAL INTEREST

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA



Good luck. The answers can be found on page 5.

Question #1: What popular Christmas beverage is also called "milk punch?"

Question #2: How many ghosts show up in *A Christmas Carol*?

Question #3: The movie *Miracle on 34th Street* is based on what real-life department store?

Question #4: In which modern-day country was St. Nicholas born?

Question #5: In the movie *It's a Wonderful Life* what happened every time a bell rang?



Question #6: Which Hollywood actor played six different roles in *The Polar Express*?

Question #7: Which Christmas song contains the lyric “Everyone dancing merrily in the new old-fashioned way?”

Question #8: Which of Santa’s reindeer has the same name as another holiday mascot?

Question #9: How many gifts in total were given in the song *The Twelve Days of Christmas*?

Question #10: By which fairy tale was the first gingerbread houses inspired?

Question #11: What is the best-selling Christmas song ever?

Question #12: What popular Christmas song was originally written for Thanksgiving?

Question #13: What was the first company to use Santa Claus in advertising?

Question #14: The names of three of Santa’s reindeer begin with the letter “D.” What are they?

Question #15: Who wrote, “Christmas doesn’t come from a store, maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more?”

NEW HAMPSHIRE: GOOD AT GIVING



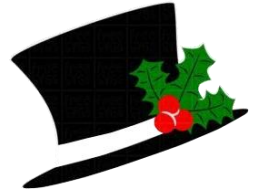
*(Reprinted from the November 19-25, 2020 issue of **The Hippo**.)*

New Hampshire is the 15th most charitable state, according to a new study from personal-finance website WalletHub, which compared the 50 states using data that indicated charitable behavior, from volunteer rates to donated income. The Granite State ranked third for

percentage of population that donated time, seventh for charities per capita, 13th for volunteer hours per capita, 16th for volunteer rate and 18th for percentage of the population that donated money.

Our closest neighbors’ rankings were varied, with Maine coming in ninth, Massachusetts ranking 21st and Vermont coming in at 36th.

LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP



Love is like the wild rose-briar;
Friendship like the holly-tree.
The holly is dark when the rose-briar blooms,
But which will bloom most constantly?

The wild rose-briar is sweet in spring,
Its summer blossoms scent the air;
Yet wait till winter comes again,
And who will call the wild-briar fair?

Then, scorn the silly rose-wreath now,
And deck thee with the holly's sheen,
That, when December blights thy brow,
He still may leave thy garland green.

--Emily Brontë, 1818-1848

Answers to CHRISTMAS TRIVIA, page 3:

- Answer #1: Egg Nog
- Answer #2: Four
- Answer #3: Macy’s
- Answer #4: Turkey
- Answer #5: An angel got its wings.
- Answer #6: Tom Hanks
- Answer #7: *Rocking Around the Christmas Tree*
- Answer #8: Cupid
- Answer #9: 364
- Answer #10: Hansel and Gretel
- Answer #11: *White Christmas*
- Answer #12: *Jingle Bells*
- Answer #13: Coca-Cola
- Answer #14: Dasher, Dancer, and Donner
- Answer #15: Dr. Seuss



The Medvil Messenger encourages members to submit articles for consideration. Recipes, helpful hints, reminiscences, jokes, poems—please keep it upbeat and positive. Due to space considerations, 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 Monday after the Board Meeting. (BOD meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.)

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