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THE MEDVIL MESSENGER

COMING ATTRACTIONS

*31 January
Fish Dinner*



*9 February
Superbowl Party*

*22 February
Spaghetti Dinner*



SEE CALENDAR FOR MORE INFORMATION!



OPERATIONS

NOTICES

Greetings Neighbors,

The tree service is busy removing dangerous, damaged and dying

trees. These are the three main criteria we

the beauty of our community is not only based upon how we care for our homes and lots, but the landscape which includes trees. This is what separates us from looking like a trailer park and enhances the value of our properties which, if you haven't noticed, has increased substantially. The maples and oaks that are being removed from the fronts of homes are being replaced with Japanese maple hybrids which grow quickly but to a

consider when removing trees. "I don't like the leaves it produces" is not a consideration because

height of only 15 to 20 feet and have roots that are better contained. Thank you to everyone for your patience as the tree company approaches your area. They are letting folks know when they expect they will block your driveway, so you have an opportunity to move your vehicle to the street



beyond their work to get out if you need to.

As most of you know by now, we were not awarded any grant money from the Price Fund Grants. We will soon be applying for other available grants

for our water and septic needs. The community voted to approve an engineering study of our underground water system needs including estimates to replace the system, as well as camera work on our sewer lines to determine issues we might face in the future. The study will start soon, and this will provide us with important information needed as we get ready to apply for support in repairing and replacing our water lines and septic fields.

A big thank you goes out to Mike Boudreau and Mark Simpson who did our plowing in this last snowstorm while covering for Don who was on a well-deserved vacation. We are blessed to have volunteers with plowing experience in our community.

Hopefully not many of us have experienced frozen pipes during the very cold spell. Just a reminder that it is helpful to open your cabinet doors under sinks in the kitchen and bathrooms so that those pipes get the warm air of the room and that helps to prevent them from freezing.



Don made quick work of replacing the street light fixtures on the east side with the newly approved

globe lights. The uniformity is quite evident, and the streets are better lit. Also, concern has come up that some homes have their shed lights plugged into the outlet under your home that was provided for the streetlights and the heat tape. Some sheds have been plugged into this outlet with the use of splitters or power cords. I believe this is the case with many of the older homes because newer home sheds were wired directly. If you have this situation, it is advisable to have an electrician look at it and make a recommendation for you to have the shed properly wired.

Until next month, stay warm and hope for an early, I mean very early spring.

RULES COMPLAINT FORM NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Residents who wish to report a violation of Medvil Community Rules to the Board of Directors are now able to do so through the Medvil website.

The online complaint form, based on the paper document available at the Donald Drive office, is located at: www.medvilcooperative.com/rule-complaint.html. It can also be accessed from a link on the documents page of the website. Hard copy is still available at the office for those wishing to file on paper.

Name, email address and phone number must be supplied to file a complaint. You may choose to not have your name disclosed to the subject(s) of the complaint. Anonymous complaints will not be accepted.

Once filled out and submitted, the online form goes to the board secretary and is circulated to the rest of the board. The board discusses violations in executive session at its monthly meetings.

Len Stuart
Board Secretary / Webmaster



GENERAL NOTICES

MONDAY NIGHT CRIBBAGE

- Starts 4/7 at 6:30 pm at PLC
- Arrive by 6:15 pm
- \$2/week plus 660 & 23 clubs, as options
- Residents only
- Any questions or to sign up by 3/15, call Irene Gagne at 603-622-1869



INK & TONER CARTRIDGES

Staples changes the number of cartridges we can recycle based on our purchases. Keep bringing used cartridges as we still get \$2 each. We use the rewards toward future purchases. There is no expiration date.

Keep them coming!!

If you have family, friends or work for a company who discard their ink and toner cartridges, please ask them to save them for Medvil. Just place them in the bin below the center shelf in the DDC mailroom

MONTHLY POOL: PLAYERS NEEDED!

There is only one person on the wait list for the monthly pool and we would like to have more names available in case someone drops out. There are 100 players – winner gets \$250 if all numbers are played. Otherwise, it is ½ of the proceeds.

The cost is \$5/month, and you can play more than 1 number.

Contact Irene Gagne at 603-622-1869 to be placed on the list.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

Medvil is looking for a few folks to help with a project. We are bound by law to keep permanent records of all our meeting minutes; all 16 years (almost) worth and paper records aren't the best way to do this.

We need a few people to spare a few hours to take the minutes and run them through a scanner. That's it. Nothing difficult, maybe a bit tedious, but very much needed. Even one or two hours of your time will be helpful.

The scanner is in the board office and someone from the board will be with you at all times. If you're interested, please call the Reception Office at 603-497-4440, ext. 0 and leave your name and phone number. I will call you back to arrange a date and time. Thank you in advance.

Mary Leonard
Director-at-Large

MY MEDVIL "ANGELS"

I want to thank all my neighbors and friends in the Medvil Community who have helped me over the past 5 months while I've been healing and gaining back my 'pre-accident' strength.

My 'angels' have **cooked** for me (many kinds of soups – YUM); **provided rides** to doctor appointments, physical therapy appointments, luncheon gatherings and even to the Annual Meeting at The Derryfield; **shopped** for me at the grocery store, post office, and pharmacy; and **delivered** numerous packages over Christmas from the mail hut. I've even had a 'trash angel' that has repeatedly **put out my barrels** on Tuesday evenings and **bring them in** under my carport on Wednesday morning! One of my neighbors has come over and **vacuumed** and even helped **make my bed** on laundry day (those fitted sheets can be

quite a challenge!) And I cannot forget my angels who have helped with **snow removal** too!

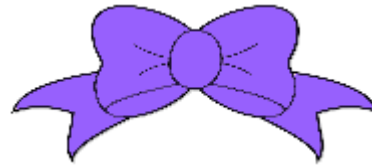
Kudos to all for helping me so much!

Where else, but Medvil, could I find so many helping hands? I've been blessed for sure! For all of you (and you know who you are)*, I give a **HEARTY THANK YOU!** I truly could not have done it without you! **GOD BLESS MY NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS .**

*[I didn't want to forget anyone, so I didn't name names, but "you know who you are!"]

Eveleen Barcomb

COMMITTEE NEWS



DECORATIONS COMMITTEE

We'd like to give a big thank you to all the volunteers who helped remove the Christmas decorations and packed them for storage at the Partridge Lane Club house. They include: Claire Montminy, Debbie Lambert, Dorrie Kossuth, Mickie St Laurent, Norm Proulx, Peggy Hatfield, Shirley Poland, Sue Proulx.

And the volunteers who removed and packed for storage all the Christmas decorations at the Donald Drive Club House: Mary Leonard, Doug Murphy.

We hope you enjoy the Valentine Decorations ♥

The Decorations Committee
Chairs: Hank Bernadini & Norm Proulx
Coordinator: Sue Proulx





Committee Members—We are a committee of six and we are looking for more members.

Monthly Pool – The winner on 1/1 was Diane Meagher for \$250. All numbers are being played with a guaranteed winner. **There is only one person on the wait list but we would like to have more. Call Irene to place your name on the list.** It's only \$5/month and you can play more than one number.

Yard Sale--The next yard sale is 4/5/25 and we are accepting donations. Contact Irene to make arrangements. If you're moving out, moving in, remodeling, etc. give us a call. We are willing to help you rid yourself of unwanted items. However, we do not take electronics, TVs, large appliances, furniture, or exercise equipment.

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

Consignment Store--All items brought in on 12/6 have sold.

Purchases – We purchased decorations for both clubhouses, mail houses, entrances & common areas for the Beautification/Decorating Committee. We also paid for the Christmas tree & refreshments for the Tree Lighting at DDC.

Ideas Needed – You don't have to be a committee member to give us ideas for fundraising or projects to use our funds for the benefit of the Medvil community – call Irene at 603-622-1869 with any suggestions.

Irene Gagne

EVENTS COMMITTEE

Meat Bingo was held on January 18. From all accounts, it was a blast.

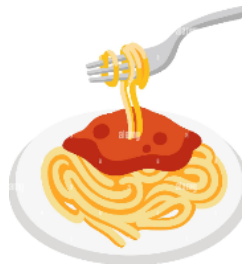
Upcoming Events:



Baked Haddock dinner on Friday, January 31. Two seatings: 4:30 PM and 5:30 PM. Cost is \$12:00 / per person. This event does require

that you sign up and pay ahead of time. The Reception Office is open Monday – Friday, 10:00AM -2:00PM. If the office is closed, there are signup sheets on the table outside the office.

Superbowl Party – Sunday, February 9, 5:30 PM at PLC Lower Level. Check out the attached flyer.



Spaghetti Dinner – Saturday, February 22, 5:30 PM, DDC Lower Level. Cost is \$5.00 / person. Again, you must sign up and pay ahead of time at the Reception Office.

Speaking of Events, the committee is looking for residents who would like to be part of an Auxiliary Committee that would help when you wanted to, and in which case, you would be welcome with open arms. There's no commitment on your end, it's just that sometimes we need extra help, and it would be good to be able to call folks. For new residents, it's a wonderful way to meet other people.



If you're interested, please email Sue Proulx at medvil.sueproulx@gmail.com.

If you'd like to come to one of our monthly meetings, please do. We meet the first Wednesday of every month downstairs at DDC at 6:00PM.

As mentioned previously, the Events Committee would like to have more events outside in the spring, summer, and fall. To that end, we are looking to raise money for an outdoor event tent. We have been offered \$2,000.00 in matching funds, if we can raise \$2,000.00. We now have \$622.00! Most wicked cool.

The Events Committee thanks you in advance for your attendance at these and all future events.

Karen Kirkpatrick

RESOURCE COMMITTEE

The Resource Committee Senior Discounts informational packets helping seniors with fuel and electric assistance, USDA program, various websites to check out, and much more are available at the Donald Drive Clubhouse Mail Room.

Dorrie Kossuth



REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

The Medvil Real Estate statistics since December are unavailable at this time.

The Real Estate Committee does not have set monthly meetings. We meet on an as-needed basis.

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. **The Intent to Sell can be filled out online and printed, then dropped off at the Board Office for the Office Admin, in the mailbox on the wall by the door 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 - 603-384-2819

Website: www.medvilcooperative.com Homes for Sale

Respectfully submitted,
Dorrie Kossuth, Chairperson

NEW RULES COMMITTEE FORMED

As members of Medvil, we received a copy of and an orientation to the Cooperative Rules when we joined the Community. These Rules are meant to set out the standards and guidelines that govern our Cooperative of 301 homes and 400+ residents and ensure safe, peaceful, and enjoyable living conditions. But occasionally new Rules are needed and current Rules need to be amended or discarded in light of changing circumstances; these Rule changes can only be approved by the full Medvil Membership, usually at our Annual Meeting. The process for making Rule changes takes time and requires a way for members to offer suggestions throughout the year.

So, on December 17, 2024, the Medvil Board of Directors officially established a new Rules Committee whose purpose is to "Receive suggestions from the Community for possible rule changes; assist in drafting proposed rules for Board consideration, [and] after Board approval, prepare [a] summary of proposed rule changes for legal vetting and for presentation and approval by the Membership at the Annual Meeting." If you feel an existing Community Rule needs to be amended or



discarded, or if you'd like to propose a new Rule, please complete a [Rule Change Request Form](#) . This Form can be filled out either *on-line* (see below) or in *paper form* (copies in the Old Mail Room) and submitted to the Committee for further action addressed to "Board Secretary" by mail or by depositing it in the suggestion box near the Board Office at the Donald Drive Clubhouse.

To view a copy of the current Medvil Rules approved at the November 2, 2024 Annual Meeting OR to submit your suggestion for a Rule change using the [Rule Change Request Form](#), go to www.medvilcooperative.com/documents.

Frank Boudreau, Board of Directors

TASTY TIDBITS

by Cat Pragoff

February is here already, and whether you're rooting for your favorite football team in the Superbowl or making a surprise treat for your special "someone" (sweetheart, grandchild, or otherwise,) we have a line-up of sweet goodies for your menu planning. Some of these might be familiar old favorites, some might be new to you, all are pretty easy to make and don't take much time or too many ingredients, so the chef can enjoy them as well.



Chocolate Chip Blondies

(Makes 3 dozen blondies)

Ingredients:

1-1/2 cups packed brown sugar

1/2 cup butter, melted

2 large eggs, lightly beaten, at room temperature

1 tsp. vanilla extract

1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 tsp. baking powder

1/2 tsp. salt

1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

Directions:

- Combine the brown sugar, butter, eggs, and vanilla in a large bowl until just blended.
- In a separate bowl, mix the flour, baking powder, and salt; add to the brown sugar mixture, then stir in the chocolate chips.
- Spread the mixture in a greased 13x9" baking pan. Bake at 350°F until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 18-20 minutes.
- Cool on a wire rack for at least 10 minutes. Cut into bars and serve.

Easy Apple Tart

(makes 6-8 servings)

Ingredients:

4 large apples, peeled and thinly sliced

3 Tbs. granulated sugar, plus more for sprinkling

1 tsp. ground ginger

1 tsp. lemon zest

1/2 tsp. ground cloves or allspice

1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon

1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil or melted unsalted butter, plus more for the pan

8 (13x18") sheets phyllo dough

1/2 cup orange marmalade, thinned with 2 Tbs. boiling water

1 Tbs. honey, warmed, for drizzling

Directions:

- Heat oven to 375°F.
- In a large bowl, toss the apples with the sugar, ginger, lemon zest, cloves, and cinnamon.
- Lightly oil a 12x18" baking sheet and lay a sheet of phyllo dough on top. Drizzle with olive oil, then using a pastry brush, lightly paint on more oil. Continue layering sheets, painting each with olive oil until you've used all 8 sheets.



- Using a pastry brush, coat the top layer with the thinned marmalade.
- Add the apples, leaving behind any liquid; use the palm of your hand to flatten them into an even layer to cover the entire top.
- Fold the pastry edges over to make a 1" border. Sprinkle the edges lightly with sugar.
- Bake at 375°F until golden and crisp, 30 to 40 minutes. Drizzle with honey. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Rum Balls

(Makes 30-35 rum balls)

Ingredients:

1-1/2 cups finely crushed vanilla wafers (about 50 cookies)
 1/4 cup dark rum
 1/4 cup honey
 2 cups finely ground walnuts
 Confectioners' sugar, for dusting

Directions:

- Combine the vanilla wafer crumbs, rum, honey, and walnuts in a medium bowl until roughly blended.
 - Shape into balls about 3/4" wide. Dust completely with a light coating of confectioners' sugar. Place in individual candy-size paper cups.
- **NOTE:** If you plan to freeze the rum balls, do not dust with sugar until they are defrosted.

Sheet-Pan Lemon Ricotta Pancakes

(Makes 6 servings)

Ingredients:

4 Tbs. unsalted butter, melted, plus more for greasing
 1 cup whole milk
 1 lemon
 2 cups all-purpose flour
 2 tsp. baking powder
 1 tsp. baking soda
 1/2 tsp. Kosher salt

4 large eggs
 1 lb. whole-milk ricotta
 1/2 cup granulated sugar
 2 tsp. almond extract

For the Lemon Whipped Cream

1 cup heavy cream
 1/3 cup powdered sugar
 1 lemon, zested (about 2 tsp.)

Directions:

- Heat oven to 400°F and grease a 13x18" rimmed sheet pan with butter.
- Pour milk into a large measuring cup and add zest and juice of 1 lemon (about 2 tsp. of zest and 1/4 cup juice); set aside. The milk will begin to curdle; this is okay.
- In a large bowl, add flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Whisk and set aside.
- Place two medium bowls next to each other. Separate

the eggs, placing the egg yolks in one bowl and the egg white in the other. With a hand mixer, beat the egg white until stiff peaks form; set aside.

- To the bowl with the egg yolks, add the curdled milk mixture, the ricotta, sugar, almond extract, and the cooled, melted butter.

- Place the hand mixer in the bowl with the yolk mixer (no need to rinse the mixer) and beat until creamy, about 1 minute. Slowly add the flour mix and stir until a smooth batter forms.

- Add a large spoonful of the egg whites to the batter and mix to lighten. Then carefully fold in the rest of the whites. The batter will increase in volume.

- Pour the batter into the prepared baking sheet and shimmy pan to spread the batter evenly. Bake for 15 minutes until firm and slightly puffed.

- While the pancakes bake, make the lemon cream. Pour cream into a large bowl. Add powdered sugar and zest. Whip until pillowy peaks form, about 4 minutes.



- Cut pancakes into squares and divide among plates. Serve lemon cream on top of pancakes and enjoy warm.

Forgotten Chocolate Cookies

(Makes 30 cookies)

Ingredients:

2-3/4 cups confectioners' sugar
 Generous 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
 (natural or Dutch-processed)
 1 Tbs. cornstarch
 Pinch fine salt
 3 large egg whites
 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
 2 cups finely chopped pecans or walnuts

Directions:

- Position a rack in the middle of the oven and preheat to 350°F.
- Line two large sheet pans with parchment paper or silicone liners.
- Place the confectioners' sugar, cocoa, cornstarch, and salt in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment (or in a large bowl with a hand mixer.) Beat on low speed just to combine. Add the egg whites, one at a time, on low speed to incorporate, then increase the speed to high and beat until thoroughly combined, about 1 minute. Stir in the vanilla and nuts.
- Scoop or drop in heaping tablespoons of dough onto the sheet pans (about 15 per sheet). Bake one pan at a time, for 12 to 15 minutes, or until the cookies are shiny and firm on the outside but still a little soft on the inside. Note that smaller cookies will bake faster.
- Remove the pan from the oven and let the cookies rest for 2 minutes. Using a metal spatula, transfer the cookies to a wire rack to cool. Repeat with the second sheet pan.
- Serve warm or at room temperature.

French Toast Casserole

(Makes 8 servings)

Ingredients:

1 Tbs. unsalted butter
 10 cups 1-inch cubed bread, from a large loaf of day-old French bread
 2 cups whole milk
 6 large eggs
 1/4 cup lightly packed light brown sugar
 1-1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
 1 tsp. Kosher salt

For the Topping:

4 Tbs. unsalted butter, melted
 1/2 cup lightly packed light brown sugar
 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
 Pinch Kosher salt
 Fresh berries, confectioners' sugar, maple syrup and/or toasted chopped nuts, for serving (optional)

Directions:

- Grease a 9x13" baking dish with butter, then place the bread cubes in the pan and spread into an even layer.
- In a medium bowl, combine the milk, eggs, brown sugar, vanilla, cinnamon, and salt. Whisk until smooth.
- Pour this mixture over the bread and press gently to help the bread absorb the liquid. Set aside, covered, for at least 30 minutes at room temperature, or up to 12 hours in the refrigerator.
- Heat the oven to 400°F and let the casserole sit at room temperature while the oven heats. Meanwhile, make the topping: in a small bowl, mix the butter, brown sugar, cinnamon, and salt with a fork until smooth.
- Dollop the mixture over the casserole, then gently spread with the back of a spoon until the entire surface is covered.
- Baked, uncovered, until puffed and golden brown, 30 to 35 minutes. Cut into square and serve hot. Top as desired.



IN SYMPATHY

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

- The family of Lorraine Villeneuve on her passing
- Dolores Duhaime on the death of her sister, Yvette (Babe) Larnard



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.



READERS' CONTRIBUTIONS

Linda Robinson, Sunshine Lady (603) 851-5209

HOW TO SAVE MONEY, HELP YOUR COMMUNITY AND TAKE CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Hello, Medvillers! With so much concern about our aging leach fields, and with Medvil considering the introduction of individual meters to measure household water use, I thought I'd offer some information to think about concerning one of our favorite household appliances. The one we use the most--the TOILET!



LOW FLUSH TOILETS CONSERVE WATER.

They use between 1.28 and 1.6 gallons per flush, promoting water conservation. Compared to older, traditional toilets that use 3.4 to 5 gallons per flush, low-flush will save approximately 27,000 gallons per year **per household**. This is especially beneficial in areas with limited water resources or where water conservation is a priority. With 301 homes in Medvil, just think of all the water and bill savings we could have if all homes were equipped with these.

Do they clog? How do they work?

EFFICIENT DESIGN: Low flush toilets often incorporate a more efficient bowl and trap design to enhance the flushing mechanism. This design ensures that waste is effectively removed even with the reduced water volume.

GRAVITY-FLUSH SYSTEMS: Many low flush toilets operate using gravity. When the toilet is flushed, the water in the tank is released and flows into the bowl. The bowl is designed to create a siphoning effect that pulls waste out of the bowl and into the sewer line. They are also fitted with a larger exit hole of 2" and a fully glazed throat, making it easier for waste to be removed.

PRESSURE-ASSISTED SYSTEMS: Some models use a pressure assisted flushing system, which stores air in a sealed tank that pressurizes the water in the bowl when flushed, resulting in a powerful flush. (not recommended if your home is older).

DUAL-FLUSH OPTION: Some low flush units come with a dual-flush feature, allowing users to choose from lower volume for liquid (typically 0.8 gallons) and a high-volume flush for solids.

LOW-FLUSH TOILETS ALSO REDUCE WASTEWATER.

Lower flush volumes contribute to a decrease in the overall volume of wastewater generated by the community. This is important for leach field



systems, which are designed to handle a specific amount of effluent. Reducing the volume can help prevent overloading the system. This can **improve leach field performance**. With less wastewater entering the leach fields, there is a lower risk of saturation and reduced potential for system failure. This can extend the lifespan of the leach fields and improve their overall performance. Reduced wastewater flow can also lead to **less-frequent pumping** of septic tanks and **less maintenance** of the leach fields, resulting in **lower long-term maintenance costs** for residents and the community.

LOW-FLUSH TOILETS ARE EASIER ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

By conserving water and reducing wastewater volume, low flush toilets help to protect groundwater resources and reduce the risk of contamination.

LOW-FLUSH TOILETS CAN SAVE MONEY

In the early days of automobiles, tires were Lower water usage can lead to **lower water bills for Medvil**, resulting in overall cost savings for the community. This is an important consideration whether our water usage continues to necessitate lot fee increases or we go to a system of individual meters. Directly or indirectly we all now feel the burden of high water bills. Bringing those bills down similarly benefits each of us. Additionally, less wear and tear on leach fields can mean reduced maintenance and replacement costs over time, allowing Medvil to direct money to other needs and wants benefitting residents.

LOW-FLUSH TOILETS CAN HELP KEEP US ALL STAY HEALTHIER

By minimizing the risk of leach field failure, low flush toilets can contribute to better sanitation and public health outcomes, reducing the potential for contamination of local water sources.

Overall, the implementation of low flush toilets in a community with leach fields can yield significant benefits in terms of environmental sustainability, public health, water conservation, and economic savings.

Your neighbor, Jane Von Geldern

FASCINATING FACTS

- National Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day this year is Monday, January 27. I didn't know there were so many uses for bubble wrap. You can find a video on youtube.com on Bubble Wrap Acrylic Painting Techniques.
- Cheese is one of humanity's ancient foods, said to have its roots over 7,000 years ago. Today, there are over 2,000 varieties of cheese in the world!



considered the dressing of a car's wheel, so the name derives from the word "attire." Originally, tires were made from solid rubber attached to a metal rim, but the result was a bumpy ride. The first air-filled tires were patented in 1845.



- The word “Beagle” was coined in the late 15th century for a “small type of hound formerly kept to hunt hares.” One of the most accepted theories of how the name came to be is that it derived from the French word *becguele*, which translates as “noisy person” or “gaping throat.” Huh ...
- Ancient Egyptians worshipped cats so much that during the 525 BCE Battle of Pelusium between the Persians and Egyptians, the Persians emerged victorious by using cats, ibises, and other animals the Egyptians considered sacred as hostages. According to the Greek historian Polyaeus, the Egyptians dared not fire their arrows when their Persian opponents held cats aloft in front of them, allowing the latter to take the city of Pelusium with relative ease. I don’t think cats have ever forgotten this.
- WD-40 name derives from “Water displacement perfected on the 40th try.”
- Before he recorded hit songs, Bobby Darin was a songwriter for Connie Francis.



- If you’ve thought about parasailing (in the summer of course), I strongly recommend you don’t do it on an extremely windy day.

(Editor’s note: Okay, I wanna hear the story behind this!)

- Speaking of summer, a lot of humans will eat outside in the warmer weather and go the bathroom in the house. Dogs, on the other hand, go to the bathroom outside and eat in the house. Huh ...

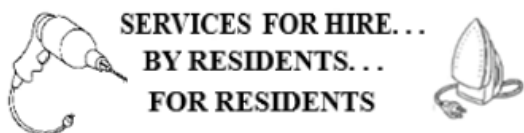
Karen Kirkpatrick



Editor’s note: The above illustration was created on Craiyon (<https://www.craiyon.com>), a site where you can go online and have AI make a picture for you. I went there and told it I wanted “ancient warriors using a cat as a human shield,” and it actually generated an image of this without a moment’s hesitation. I swear to God the world is becoming curiouiser and curiouiser.

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*For **residents only** who have services and/or skills that might be of help to folks living in Medvil. We will list names, phone numbers and/or email addresses and a two or three line description of the service you offer (housekeeping, carpentry, plumbing, etc.) Listing will run three consecutive months, then be removed. Should you wish the listing to run for another three months, please contact the newsletter.*

Send your listing to The Medvil Messenger at medvilnewsletter@comcast.net.

Barbara McDermott 603-785-5743



Cat sitting by cat owner. Lots of experience with finicky cats and cats requiring daily medication. References available upon request.

12/20

John Adams 603-892-6509

Handyman, yard cleanup, mowing, hedge trimming, Leaf blowing, weed whacking, Any interior needs besides electrical. Something not listed? Give me a call and I will see.

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Scott Corriveau 603-647-4565

Anyone needing any interior carpentry work, light electrical with 40 years experience.

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The Medvil Messenger is always looking for 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 pass-arounds. 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 hard copy with a staff member 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.)

If you want to receive The Medvil Messenger by email only, please send a request to medvil@comcast.net, and you will be placed on the list for a monthly mailing of the Messenger and any related announcement/event flyers.

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Metal Pick-up: 1st Monday of the month, beginning at 8 AM *
Trash/Recycling Pick-up: Every WEDNESDAY beginning at 7 AM *
Yard Waste Pick-up: Every Thursday until 1 December

**** Please have your items curbside by that time.**



A tip from your Maintenance Team:

It's cold outside!!

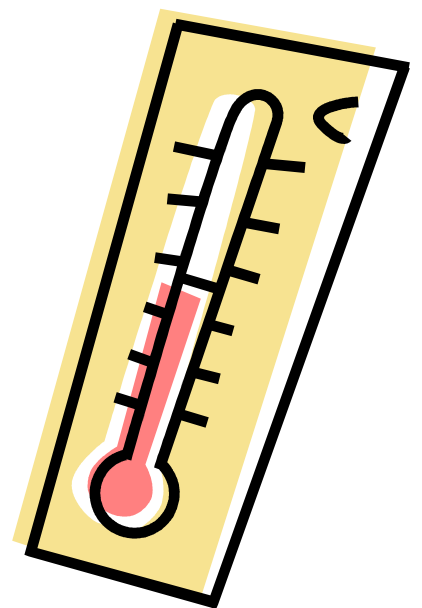
And winter is just beginning!

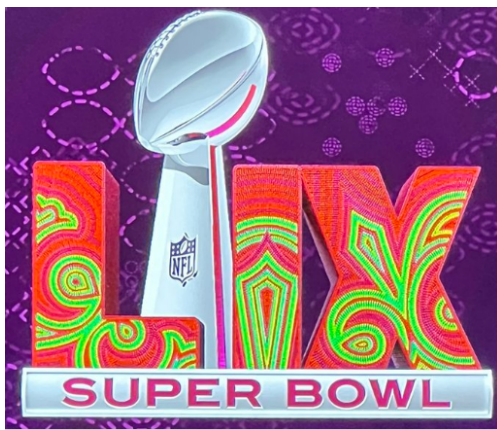


To help keep pipes from freezing, especially at night, consider keeping the cabinet doors under your sink **OPEN**.

You can also keep a slow drip running out of your faucet on the really cold nights.

If your pipes do freeze, consider calling a professional to thaw them out; many house fires are started every year by homeowners attempting to thaw out pipes on their own.





ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL??

WE ARE!!

The most-watched television program in America will be played on
Sunday, February 9.

Kick-off is at 6:20 pm; doors open at 5:30 pm.

Partridge Lane Club House – Lower Level

WHAT ELSE?

- ❖ You will be able to purchase raffle tickets which may be exchanged for a glass of wine, a beer or the carbonated beverage of your choice.
- ❖ Pulled pork sliders are on the menu; if you're coming and would like to bring a dish to share (mac & cheese, appetizer, etc.) that would be great.
- ❖ The Events Committee will supply napkins, plates, cups, plastic ware and ice.
- ❖ And we're raffling off a Ring Battery Doorbell with head-to-toe video, live view with two-way talk and motion detection! You can purchase raffle tickets at the door. Tickets purchased for beverages will also be included in the drawing.

**Please sign up so we (a) know how many people to plan for,
and (b) don't end up with 15 mac & cheese casseroles.**

Call the Medvil Reception Office @ 603-497-4440, ext. 0

*So come have some fun with your family, friends and neighbors and watch some great football
(even if it isn't the Patriots) on our brand new 85" TV.*

But remember, there's always next year!!!



Sponsored by the Events Committee.



THE SUPER BOWL GRID IS BACK!

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What is the Super Bowl Grid?

The Super Bowl Grid (sometimes known as Super Bowl Squares) is made up of 100 squares and is a fun way to make a little wager on the outcome of the Super Bowl.

Here's How it Works

Each square is worth \$5.00 and anyone participating in the Grid can purchase as many squares as they want. When the Grid is officially closed (usually the Friday before the Super Bowl) any unsold squares become assigned to the Events Committee.

Drawing the Numbers

Once the grid is full, numbers 0-9 will be randomly drawn; these numbers represent the last digit in each team's score. The top and side of the grid represent the AFC and the NFC.

Winning Squares

The winning squares are determined by using the last digit of each team's score at the end of each quarter.

Payouts are as Follows

First Quarter - \$25 Second Quarter - \$50 Third Quarter - \$50 Final Score - \$175
The remaining \$200 will be used by the Events Committee to sponsor upcoming events.

You can purchase as many squares as you like!
Come to the Medvil Reception Office
Monday - Friday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.



Please join us for a Spaghetti Supper!

Caesar salad, garlic bread & dessert

Saturday ♡ February 22nd
Donald Drive Club House

Dinner will be served at 5:30pm
\$5.00 per person



You will be able to purchase raffle tickets which may be exchanged for a glass of wine, a beer or the carbonated beverage of your choice.

Make your reservations and prepay at the
Medvil Reception Office
Monday - Friday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.
Final sign-up is Thursday the 20th

Due to the response we received at our ham & bean supper, we will again be conducting **one game of cover-all bingo**. Cards are \$1.00 each (limit 2 per person).

BINGO					
12	18	41	47	61	
7	26	39	54	70	
4	27	FREE 4705 SPACE	49	63	
5	23	35	58	73	
3	30	32	52	75	

Don't forget your raffle money!!



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.

MEDVIL FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

	Period Ending:	12/31/24								
Year to date (YTD) Results	YTD Budgeted	YTD Actual	%	Satisfactory Results	Concerning Results	Unsatisfactory Results				
Cash & Reserves				Green	Yellow	Red	Remarks			
Total Income Received	\$1,814,100	\$1,927,849	106.3%	over 98%	95-97% of budget	under 95%				
Unbudgeted Income		\$125,449					R.E. Commissions, Comcast contract & Salon , etc.			
Total Lot Fees	\$1,802,400	\$1,806,900	100.2%	over 98%	95-97% of budget	under 95%				
Operating Acct. Balance		\$72,204								
All Reserve Acct. Balances		\$897,101					Includes Money Market & investment CD's & \$20,833 monthly transfer - \$40,000 transferred to Operating to be reversed in Janaury, 2025			
Expenses										
Total Expenses	\$1,590,108	\$1,541,556	96.9%	less than 3% over budget	3%-4% over budget	4.1% over budget				
Utilities										
Water	\$144,000	\$179,356	124.6%	less than 3% over budget	3%-4% over budget	4.1% over budget	Overage due to increase in rates & water pipe leak repairs			
Heat, Electric, Telephone, & Internet	\$57,000	\$33,556	58.9%	less than 3% over budget	3%-4% over budget	4.1% over budget				
Other Expenses										
Capital funds expended	\$314,714	\$161,298	51.3%	less than 3% over budget	3%-4% over budget	4.1% over budget	\$18,259 & \$8,455 carryover for PLC roof & shelterlogic add'l \$3K approved on 3/19 included in YTD budgeted \$ - spent \$10K for mower & \$6,930 for globes from 2025 budget			
Mortgage Expenses	\$946,207	\$937,121		no late payments		late payments	Principal & Interest			
All other expenses	\$929,385	\$835,941	89.9%	equal to or less than 100% budget	101%-110% of budget	111% or more	includes \$9,500 for drainage issue & \$9,000 for repairs to trash truck			
Total Net Income ***	\$223,992	\$386,292	172.5%	equal to or over 100% budget	98%-99% of budget	under 98%				
Debt Coverage Ratio	1.100%	1.321%		greater than 1.1%		less than 1.1%				

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Note: This Report is intended to provide Medvil residents with a 'snapshot' of our financial health at the end of each month. For more information, you can read the full detailed monthly Financial Report posted in the Medvil mail room or by contacting the Medvil Treasurer. Your Board of Directors welcomes your suggestions, questions, and feedback.

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