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THE MEDVIL MESSENGER

For all the Medvil community since 2008.
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Medvil pride.....shows inside!
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BOARD NOTICES

OPERATIONS

As you're reading this month's newsletter, summer is coming to an end. With all the rain we received, it was not what we could call a normal summer. I have to say I was grateful, though, because it meant I didn't have to water the landscaping at the Donald Drive entrance! I admit it was a lot of work during that hot spell, but I think the results were well worth it, so I am not complaining by any means.

The rain also interfered with our pedestal replacement program. We planned on doing ten this year, and so far we've completed four. We are planning one more shutdown, date and location to be determined.

Unfortunately, we are at the mercy of Eversource's schedule to shut down the transformer. They typically book 2 weeks out, but their schedule is also behind due to the rain. As before, once I know which residents will be affected by the shutdown, I will be calling you with a heads up. Starting time is 8:30 with a 1:00 deadline to finish.

The vinyl siding at the Donald Drive clubhouse is wrapping up with just a bit of painting to do to complete the project. I hope you're all happy with the results. It looks like a whole new building!

For those residents who enjoy Medvil's pond, I'm sure you've noticed the extensive cleanup that took place. All the scrub, brush and weeds between the trees have been removed and it looks amazing.

The sale of mulch and loam has come to a close for this year. I'm happy to say we had numerous residents take advantage of the new program we put in place. For those who did, I hope it helped to simplify your yard projects. We intend to continue it next year.

Last but not least, I want to welcome Shawn Porter. Shawn is our new full-time employee and has been with us now for several weeks. Shawn is a hard worker and has already proven to be an asset to the Maintenance team. It's great to have you on board, Shawn!

Sad to say, however, that as summer comes to an end it also means an end to Jarod's time here at Medvil. Jarod was hired to help with the summer projects because we had not yet found a new full-time employee. His work was impeccable with a real attention to detail. He was a real asset to Maintenance over the summer. Jarod will be returning to college to complete his senior year. You will be missed, Jarod, and we wish you the very best life has to offer!

Fred will still be with us till mid-October, so he'll be around to help with fall cleanup. I can't believe that's almost right around the corner.

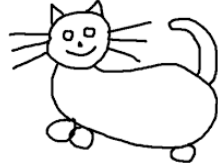
As always, thank you, Jeff, Shawn, Fred and Jarod, for all your hard work in keeping the community looking the best it can be.

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OTHER NOTICES

FERAL CAT PROJECT UPDATE



Lots has happened since June. Before I get to the details, I'd like to clarify some things. I think that some residents are under the impression that all the feral cats and kittens will return to Medvil after being trapped, neutered, and vaccinated. The Trap, Neuter, Return Program, or TNR, has as its main goal to reduce the population by limiting reproduction, with the added benefit of finding homes for adoptable cats who can then have a safer, longer, healthier life.

Most of the adult cats here are too feral to be tamed and will return to the cooperative. All kittens go to foster homes to be socialized and then to permanent homes with loving adopters. If adult cats show some signs that they might be social, special volunteers work with them with hopes of getting them used to people and into loving homes. This has been done with a handful, and only one cat, Tortellini, has been able to be adopted. The shelter had hope for Rigatoni and Fettuccine, but they were recently returned, as was Spaghetti, who did a good job rearing her kittens, Linguine, Farfalle, Gemelli, Macaroni, and Orzo, who have all been adopted.

Since the last publication of *The Medvil Messenger*, two adult cats, Lasagna and Gnocchi, and two kittens, Piccata and Caprese, were trapped. Gnocchi is at the shelter being evaluated for sociability, Lasagna is in the socialization program, and the kittens are at my house being socialized. Cavatappi's kittens, Vermicelli, Capellini, Pappardelle, and Orecchiette, were trapped. Three of them are up for adoption. The fourth is being monitored for a possible medical condition.

Buttons - who was already pregnant again when she was trapped - will be available for adoption soon, and her kittens, Felt and Velcro have been adopted. Tagliatelle took good care of her kittens, Fusilli, Bucatini, and Rotini, and was returned to Medvil.

Her kittens have been adopted. Fettuccine's kittens, Penne and Ziti, have been adopted as well.

This program has been very successful so far. Nine adults have been spayed or neutered, a whopping 16 kittens have been adopted, and a few adults have been given a chance at a new, safe, happy life in loving homes! Without this program, the population would have increased by 18 (the total number of kittens trapped so far), plus, the females who were trapped could have EACH had up to three more litters this year, and some of the female kittens would have been able to have litters this summer, too!

Our community is made up of cat lovers, cat haters and everything in between. This program benefits everyone. The population is being controlled, cats are in less danger, and there will always be good mousers around.

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Donna Duford

Below and next page: Gnocchi, Caprese and Piccata: The Rachael Circle Three!





WANT TO JOIN A CLOSE-KNIT GROUP?



Do you knit? Do you crochet? Got yarn? Need yarn?

Wednesday afternoons from 12:30 to 2:30 a group of women from the

community meet at Partridge Lane clubhouse to knit, crochet, chat and generally enjoy each other's company. Sometimes we call this a support group. Got a problem with the project you're working on? We'll offer our opinions and advice and one of us will have the solution. Don't know which colors would look good together? Same thing. There will be as many suggestions as there are people present. Need knitting needles or crochet hooks? We have a stash of both so whether you're new to the craft or a veteran we probably have what you need. We ply our hooks and needles for relaxation, to make hats, blankets, mittens, scarves and more for others and sometimes even for ourselves. Project Linus is a recipient of many blankets and afghans from our group. Native Americans living in poverty in South Dakota get a few packages every year filled with just about anything you want to make. The homeless in Manchester have worn hats, socks and mittens that we have made. We are generally self-supporting, especially buying yarn for our work, but

we have also been fortunate to receive donations from residents and others who have heard of what we do. We get needles, hooks, yarn, fabric, and did I mention yarn?

Perhaps the most thoughtful and meaningful gifts we have received are from residents of Medvil who can no longer knit or crochet and family members of residents who have died. It all gets put to good use and we are very grateful.

Recently a member of the Board of Directors passed away. Sonja Fuller came to our group when she was learning to crochet, stayed for a while then became too busy with community business to come to meetings but continued to knit and crochet at home. Her family has donated all of Sonja's yarn to our group to use in making items for charity and we want to share it. If you are unable to knit or crochet with us, you are welcome to come to the clubhouse to look at the yarn and choose what you would like. All we ask is that your creations go to someone in need. Make a phone call to Rollande Moore or Gini Duford to let us know if you can come to a meeting and what kind of yarn you like to use so we can have a selection available when you come.

Rollande - 603-384-1740

Gini - 603-622-8450

Gini Duford





MONDAY NIGHT CRIBBAGE CLUB

The Monday night cribbage league is currently playing for fun and learning until the end of March. Play starts at 6:30 pm but you should arrive by 6:15 pm so we

know how many tables. There is no cost.

If you have any questions, please call Irene Gagne at 603-622-1869.

Irene Gagne



MEDVIL'S PRIVATE FACEBOOK GROUP

is off to a good start, now with over 80 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.

Len Stuart

ANNUAL MEETING-- JUST A HEADS UP!



The Medvil Cooperative Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 6th. Here are a few things you need to know about this year's meeting:

- It is at the Derryfield Restaurant, 625 Mammoth Road in Manchester.

That's right, no more uncomfortable metal folding chairs! The Maple Ave Elementary School decided two years ago that they were no longer going to rent out their space since we were the only group who used it.

- Registration opens at 8:00 am at which time we will begin serving a continental breakfast. The meeting is slated to begin at 9:00 am.
- Lunch will not be served this year. In the interest of appealing to those folks who don't have an entire Saturday to devote to our meeting, we will make every effort to end the meeting (voting and all) by 12 noon.

The Annual Meeting packets with the full agenda and supporting materials will be in the mail the third week of October.

If you cannot attend the annual meeting, absentee ballots for candidates running for the board of directors should be ready mid-to-late September.

And the most important thing of all? To conduct any business (vote in board members, approve the proposed budget, etc.) we MUST have a quorum. As stated in our by-laws:

VOTING

5.1 *One third of the current Membership shall constitute a quorum at a Membership meeting.*



There shall be no voting by proxy; nor shall a proxy be counted towards the establishment of a quorum. The existence of a quorum shall be established at the beginning of each meeting and shall remain valid until the meeting is adjourned.

And just a reminder, only one Membership interest is assigned to a home, and only one full vote may be exercised under a Membership interest.

If you have any questions regarding the Annual Meeting, please call the office at 497-4440, Ext. 0.

Thank you,
The Annual Meeting Committee



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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS



EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Committee has some new volunteers, and the orientation meeting gave everyone a chance to

get to know one another. The August breakfast was discussed, and everyone is eager to help. Upcoming planned events are a breakfast on September 11th, with another fish fry on October 1st followed by another breakfast on October 9th.

Some of you will remember Sheryl Faye; she is the woman who gave us some insight into the lives of Amelia Earhart and Helen Keller. She will be back November 11th with her presentation of Anne Frank. And the popular (and very entertaining) Meat Bingo will be held the afternoon of November 20th. If you haven't attended one of these before, you really should give it a try. Not only will you have a lot of fun, but if you're lucky enough to win, you'll leave with a delicious cut of meat and enough "fixins" for a complete meal.

The fish fry and breakfast are open to friends and family, but we ask anyone planning to attend to have been vaccinated. Your understanding is appreciated.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming events.

Judy Patrick

An advertisement for 'MEDFORD FARMS SALON' enclosed in a decorative, wavy border. The text inside the border reads: 'MEDFORD FARMS SALON', 'Wednesday - Saturday by Appointment', and 'Pick-up, drop-off & home visits available'. Below the text is the phone number '603-494-4941'. There are also icons of a hair clipper, a comb, and a pair of scissors scattered around the text.





FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Contact Irene Gagne at 603-622-1869

MONTHLY POOL

The 7/1 winner was Mark Decato & the 8/1 winner was Irene Gagne for \$250 each. All numbers are being played so there is a guaranteed winner. There are currently 2 residents on the wait 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.

Yard Sale -- If you have items to donate, please contact Irene. We are taking small donations at this time. Please call Irene to arrange a drop off or a pick up. However, we do not take electronics, TV's, large appliances, furniture, or exercise equipment. **Please do not place any items in the mailhouses.**

Committee Members – We are a committee of 9. We are looking for more members with fresh ideas and help with yard sales.

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

MEMBERS' ARTICLES

MY MOTHER AND THE BOYFRIEND

By Kathleen Baer

My mother at the age of 84 is going steady. The boyfriend is 92. They have a very proper relationship. No premarital sex, no staying out past midnight and no sneaking the boyfriend in at night. Oh, and you'll never hear foul language from them--

she's a Mormon and his father was a Methodist minister.

They met at the local senior center prior to Covid-19. My mother enjoyed the Breakfast Club, chatting with others about current events. She also enjoyed visiting with her painting buddies, showing off new projects. She has been a prolific artist mainly working in watercolor and oils. My home is



full of her paintings. The boyfriend would come for the Writer's Club where my mom would also be in attendance and then on to bingo. He is also a retired physician and pathologist.

Almost 3 years ago, my dad died suddenly. And then Covid-19 hit the country. This caused the closing of the senior center and put many older people into a community-imposed isolation. So, even though my younger sister shares the home with my mother and was home after work every day, these were dark times.

The boyfriend and my mom reached out to each other by phone and with my mom's tutelage, was able to show him how to do "FaceTime" on an iPhone. If you're not familiar with FaceTime, it's a phone call where you get to see the person that you're calling in real-time. Mind you, he was not the boyfriend back then.

At the beginning, they challenged each other to writing assignments. Mostly poems and short stories that they would share each week. After a few months, my mom suggested they put on their masks and go for a ride, just to get out. He had only been living in the same city for 3 years and was not familiar with the area. So, once or twice a week they would venture out in the wilds of Northern Utah.

Since they both got vaccinated for Covid, they are enjoying bird watching on Saturday mornings, they go out to lunch on Thursdays at the senior center



that finally reopened and visit at each other's homes. He has told my mother that doing FaceTime every day at 9 AM, (he seems to be on some schedule) during Covid had saved his life. They also play music together, she the piano and he the cello. And there is the occasional hug and kiss.

Life is really too short, so seize the time you have and enjoy all that you can.

(My sister and I are very happy for them, but rather than use his name, I still occasionally call him "the boyfriend" and my sister calls him "what's his name.")

Bingo is Back!!

So...what are you doing on Thursday nights? Why not come to bingo?

We play eight games every Thursday night at the Donald Drive Club House from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

It's not a lot of money for a whole lot of fun

- sheets of six cards are \$5.00
- sheets of three cards are \$2.00.
- the Progressive Cover All is only \$2.00 for each additional sheet of three cards.

Regular bingo games will win you \$10.00; special games (such as the Krazy Kite or the Small Picture Frame) are worth \$15.00. And the more people who play...the more money we have for prizes. Some of the Progressive Cover All games have been over \$100!!

Is the possibility of winning a substantial amount of money enough of an incentive to join us?

Feel free to bring your favorite beverage and snack, after all you are there to have fun.

We ask all individuals attending bingo be vaccinated.

DEADLINES



and other stuff YOU want to know about

Deadline for submissions is 9 AM on the Thursday after the Board Meeting. (BOD meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.)

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 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.

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	FUTURE EVENTS: Fish Fry, 1 October Breakfast, 9 October					

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 first snow fall

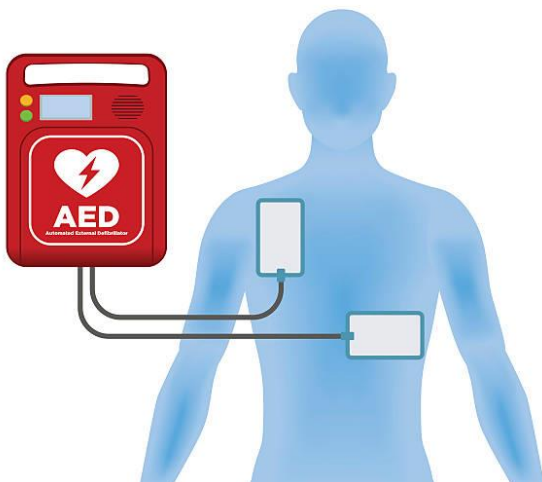
*** Please have your items curbside by that time.**

Automated External Defibrillator



An AED, or automated external defibrillator, is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a portable, easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

The Fundraising Committee is having a training class on the use of this device on September 8th at 2:00 pm, upstairs at Partridge Lane Clubhouse and is inviting anyone who would like to attend. Please call **Irene Gagne at 622-1869** so we know how many want to come. If there are too many for this session, we will schedule an additional one.



LEARN...

**How
To Save
a Life!**

BREAKFAST is Back

featuring

Omelets made your way,

fresh vegetables and a

fresh fruit bowl.

Home Fries

Sausage/Bacon

Waffles/Eggs your way

Coffee, Tea, & Juice



Donald Drive Club House
Come anytime between 8:30 & 10:00 AM

Saturday, September 11th

Tickets on sale at the Volunteer Office - \$8.00 – Kids \$5.00

Please be sure all adult guests are vaccinated.

Don't Forget The 50/50 Raffle!

FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY 2021

October 1st

4:30 or 5:30 pm seatings

Donald Drive Club House

If you are hearing that this is *a restaurant quality meal*, you are hearing correctly. Where can you get a quality haddock dinner that includes:

- 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 for purchase.

Don't forget your money!!



Vaccinated guests are welcome.

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

It's time for our first "Let's Help the Community" drive of 2021!

If you've lived in Medvil for more than just the past year you know we reach out and help Goffstown and some of the charitable organizations in Manchester on a fairly regular basis. We've done food drives, collected clothing for Liberty House, helped the Manchester Animal Shelter stock their pet food pantry and we've even done Toys for Tots.



The editorial staff of the Medvil Messenger (all two of us) reached out to the Goffstown Food Pantry to see what items they needed most. Here's what we were told by Mark Sullivan, President of the Goffstown Network, Inc.

"Thank you so much for your support of the pantry. We have been asking folks to focus on personal care products if possible. Items such as (but not limited to):

- **disposable razors**
- **body wash**
- **deodorant**
- **baby wipes**
- **feminine hygiene products (wipes, pads, etc.)**

Anything you can do is much appreciated. When it is convenient, please let me know your timeframe, we can provide boxes if that would be helpful. Thanks again!!"

It's not often an organization offers to provide the boxes!!

So Medvil, let's do this. Beginning Wednesday, August 25th there will be boxes in the lobby of the Donald Drive Club House; all you have to do is purchase your items and drop them in the boxes, we'll do the rest.

Thanks in advance. If you have any questions, please call the office at 497-4440, Ext. 0 and leave a message.

If you know of a local organization or group that might benefit from one of our drives, please send an email to the Medvil Messenger at medvilnewsletter@comcast.com and we will look into it.

Please keep this page handy for future reference.

Did you know the MTA provides FREE TRANSPORTATION for residents of Goffstown?



General Information:

- ❖ Make a reservation as early as 1 week prior, and no later than 24 hours prior.
- ❖ Priority rides for age 62+ or disabled passengers.
- ❖ Rides available for medical appointments.
- ❖ Connect with MTA Route #6 at Shaws Plaza for Manchester, Concord and Nashua service.
- ❖ All buses accessible for disabled passengers.

For Appointments:

- ❖ Provide the address information for pickup and drop-off locations.
- ❖ Give them the date and time requested, you will be provided with a 30-minute pick-up window.
- ❖ You may ride with a companion.
- ❖ Passengers will need to provide the purpose of the ride.

Reservations call: (603) 623-8801 opt. #1

For those of you who have been asking about the Shopper Shuttle, here's what the MTA told us.

"Because Goffstown now has 5 days a week bus service, running the shuttle wasn't necessary any longer. The kind folks of Medvil are more than welcome to take advantage of the free bus service available and can all book the same time to go to the market if they would like. We have many groups that do that throughout the regional services that MTA provides in different communities".

For additional information or if you have questions, contact
Laurie Makarawicz, Regional Service Coordinator at (603) 792-5154