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THE MEDVIL MESSENGER

For all the Medvil community since 2008.
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IMPORTANT NOTICES

WHAT ARE YOU MISSING OUT ON?

Hopefully, nothing--but if you are not receiving Medvil's email blasts it could be that you are missing an important announcement from the Board or maybe the Maintenance Team. It could be a reminder about the next fun thing the Events Committee is putting on. So...if you are not getting our email blasts but would like to, send a message to Board Secretary Karen Kirkpatrick at medvilsecretary@comcast.net with the message "Sign Me Up". Thank you.

The Board of Directors

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT OUR STREET LIGHTS.

We understand that *Greenlight A Vet* is an initiative that gives people a chance to show recognition and support for veterans who have been returning from war zones in large numbers for many years now. We are pleased that so many folks in this community are supporting our veterans; however, it has reached a point where the appearance of so many green lights on the light poles located on our lawns is causing concerns over the safety of our community and our residents. The green lights result in dark areas on the street and make the street numbers and resident's names on the light poles difficult to read which could possibly make it difficult for our first responders to find you in the event of an emergency.

Our rules read as follows:

A. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1) The Cooperative is responsible for:
 - e) Prominent and clear display of street names and house numbers for emergency location (911).
 - f). Replacing sensors and light bulbs in the lamp posts and all exterior lighting around common area buildings.
- 2) The homeowner is responsible for:
 - f) Not tampering with or turning off lamp post lights.

Our Maintenance Team will be by to change the bulbs out to our new energy efficient, longer lasting LED bulbs; they will leave your green bulb at your entrance. Please consider placing your green light bulb in the light fixture on your front porch; that will show your support of our veterans and not compromise your safety or the safety of our community.

Thank you.

The Board of Directors

MONDAY NIGHT CRIBBAGE CLUB

A reminder that the Monday night cribbage league starts on 4/2 for 20 weeks at PLC with an awards banquet on 8/27. We are not playing 5/28. Cost is \$2/week. Anyone interested in joining the group should contact Irene Gagne at 622-1869 by 3/15. If you played last year or have already signed up, you are all set; if you decide not to play, please call. We are currently playing for fun & learning until the end of March.

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Let's Talk Trash!

Greetings Neighbors,

The maintenance team is gearing up for a busy spring with clean up and preparing to work with the garden committee to beautify the community. That, along with several projects planned for the year, is going to stretch them at times and I wanted to remind all of what we need to do to help them as they go about their work day here in Medvil.

It is our responsibility to make sure our recycling and trash is properly bagged and placed at the end of our driveways in time for pick up. Our Maintenance Teams stops in front of each of our 301 homes to toss bags into the truck, if they have to stop and do those things we should be doing it slows them down, so let's all pitch in and do our part.

Here's a reminder of what we need to be doing;

1. Cardboard boxes need to be broken down (flattened) and if there are more than two boxes they need to be bundled together
2. Recyclables need to be put in clear plastic bags and the bags need to be securely closed.
3. A reminder that Styrofoam, regardless of type, is trash not recycle.
4. Metal objects are to be saved for first Monday of the Month (called Metal Monday) and placed at the end of the driveway for pickup.
5. Construction/demolition materials are not part of trash pick-up; it is the homeowner's responsibility to make arrangements for their disposal. It will no longer be picked up by maintenance staff.
6. Large appliances will require a work order and you will be notified when you can put it out for pick up. If you are buying new appliances, many of the companies will remove your old appliances for free, so the best practice is to ask them to take them away when possible.
7. All Monday holidays this year will not affect our pick-up days as many did in the

past, the schedule only changes when national holidays are celebrated on Tuesday or Wednesday (please refer to the attached Transfer Station Holiday Schedule if you have any questions).

We are doing our best to stretch the staff as much as possible to avoid additional costs that would need to be covered by our rents. The maintenance staff appreciates all you do to save them time, so they can attend to their other duties in a timely and efficient manner.

Thanks much for your attention and understanding of our needs.

Kim Capen

4,000+ pounds a week!!

That's how much trash our maintenance team and the volunteer truck drivers collect in one week. Imagine...two tons of trash from our community.



THE METAL PILE IS CLOSED TO "DROP-OFFS"

Unfortunately, too many residents have been dropping off items that do not qualify as metal; one example is older windows that are being replaced in some homes. These windows must have the glass and aluminum separated and then sent for recycling, they cannot be scrapped as metal. There are too many other items being dropped off that do not fall into the category of scrap metal, so beginning immediately residents will no longer be able to bring their own materials to the metal pile behind the Maintenance Garage. All metal pick-up must now be done by our Maintenance Team via a Work Order Request. Work Order Requests can be found online at www.medvilcooperative.com or at the Reception Office at the Donald Drive Club House.

Please be advised that the area behind the garage will be monitored via closed circuit camera.

NEW POLICY REGARDING CARPORTS

In the past few years, the various Boards have struggled with the idea of closing in carports: What's the best way for them to be done to keep the beauty of our community and what is the town's viewpoint on carports? After several meetings with Mark Tessier, Goffstown's Building Inspector, and numerous discussions at our monthly board meetings the Board developed a policy that outlines exactly how carports can be enclosed. The policy is attached and we urge you to review it if you are considering having work done on your carport. If you have any questions regarding the policy and how your carport can be enclosed please call the office at 497-4440, Ext. 5 and leave a message.

NOW HEAR THIS!

The BOD recently installed microphones for each member. This is a great boon for folks who have trouble hearing in a crowded room, especially when several are talking at once. For those of us who are hard of hearing and depend on hearing aids it is a godsend. Now when co-op members (that is ALL of us) attend a meeting, we can be better informed of matters that concern us all. AND, as an added bonus--come away with a new appreciation for the hard work the BOD does in our name! This addition is a big plus. Why don't you sit in on the next BOD meeting and check it out for yourself? You will be glad you did.

This new sound system is brought to you by the hard-working members of the Fundraising Committee. We can always use more members, AND you will meet some really nice folks too. Call Irene Gagne at 622-1869 if you can help. SA

TREE PROGRAM UPDATE

The Tree Program for 2018 has come to an end, resulting in the removal of 114 dangerous/diseased pines and several diseased hardwoods. Many of

these trees have been on the removal list for a considerable amount of time, which makes this year's tree program even more gratifying. Dubois Tree did a great job with their giant crane and skilled arborists/climbers; there were only a couple of instances where their equipment placement caused a short traffic inconvenience for our residents.

What comes next? We begin compiling the list for next year. If you were on this year's list and your trees were not removed, you will automatically be included on the list for next year. If you have a tree(s) you would like to have added to the list, visit the office and complete a Tree Removal Form. This form provides us with the necessary information for us to come and inspect your trees to make sure they meet the necessary criteria before adding them to the list.

PEOPLE WITH WALKING DISABILITY IDENTIFICATION PERMITS

The Governor's Commission on Disability wishes to remind you, if you use the red or blue placard, the State of NH directs that, "The permit should only be hanging from the rearview mirror while the vehicle is parked. **IT MUST BE REMOVED WHEN THE VEHICLE IS BEING DRIVEN.** Driving with the permit hanging from the rearview mirror creates a blind spot, thus causing a driving hazard." For more information refer to the leaflet *Understanding New Hampshire's Parking Laws*, which you should have received along with your permit. Or visit:

<https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/dmv/registration/disability.htm>

Please, friends and neighbors, obey the law and have a safe trip!



The Expanded ROC Leadership Institute is Coming to Manchester!

Join ROC USA, TA Providers and your fellow ROC leaders from across the country to learn how to be a more effective leader and get more done in your community. You are invited to apply and encouraged to talk to your TA Provider, Chris Bourcier at the NH Community Loan Fund (224-6669) for more details.

Workshops will focus exclusively on resident-owned communities:

Building leadership in your ROC ● Improving your leadership skills ● Communication ● Conflict Resolution ● Strengthening your community ● Facilitating group decision make and much more

Join us on the Southern New Hampshire University campus in Manchester on June 7-9, 2018. All expenses will be covered by ROC USA.

Apply today on myROCUSA.org

Applications due March 15, 2018

COMMITTEES



EVENTS FOR ALL MEDVIL RESIDENTS. PLEASE JOIN US!

LOOKING BACK:

If you are reading this newsletter now, our YMCA exercise demonstration has come and gone. That was January 17th and hopefully you were one of the 18 people who braved the snow and came out to help your body. Sandy, personal trainer from the YMCA was on hand to lead us in some fun & beneficial exercises. Hopefully she will be back and YOU will be there.

The **Football Grid** had some lucky winners. They were Tony Roy, Karen Kirkpatrick, Ginnie Frawley and big winner, Walter Houghton.

February 10th was our 1st **Meat Bingo** of the year. This was attended by about 30 residents. This is always good for laughs and winning some yummy meats, 50/50's and surprises.

What is better than a hot bowl of soup or chowder on a chilly winter evening?? On **Friday, February 23rd** Events Committee hosted **Soup and Chowder Evening at DDCH**. You will read the report on this event in the next newsletter. Hoping you were able to join us. This was a **FREE event!**

UPCOMING MARCH EVENTS:

We will be serving Medvil's famous **OMELET BREAKFAST Saturday March 10th at DDC**. Our usual talented chefs will be on board to do the cooking. Cost for this is \$7.00 which includes "select your ingredients" omelet, fresh fruit, beans, home fries, bacon and sausage. Of course, there also will be coffee & tea. Mimosas and Bloody Marys will be available for an additional fee. Time for this is 8:30-10. Come when you can. **Please remember to pay and sign up at the office. This is important!** If able, please give some indication as to whether you will be there early or later. This makes planning easier. See you there.

Your Events committee is committed to lining up varied and interesting times for ALL of Medvil residents. This is, of course, along with keeping our very popular activities. One of these new events will be held at 6:30 PM on **March 21st and is Free**. Have you ever seen a 6-foot puppet? Well, on that Wednesday you will. A **VENTRILOQUIST & MAGICIAN** will be on hand to entertain us. How great! Don't miss this one. And of course, we will be serving coffee, tea and refreshments. This will be at **DDC**. Gather with your friends and neighbors for fun and some laughs. Spread the word!

LOOKING AHEAD:

SURPRISES GALORE! Didn't you truly enjoy Elvis Entertainment Day last June? If you missed it or loved it so much you want to see another show, you have a chance. The committee has four **TRIBUTE ARTISTS** lined up to be with us and show us a wonderful time. This will be super. You absolutely will not want to miss this one. More information will follow.

Thank you to all on the Events Committee for the time and effort they put in to planning and putting on these activities. Please come out and support them and **your** community and have some fun

Have you been missing some of our events because you forgot about them? Give your email address to the office so they can send you our reminders before the event. MB

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:



Fundraising Pool

The 2/1 winner was Tony Roy for \$250. All numbers are being played with a guaranteed winner. There are

currently two residents on the wait list but would like more. Please call the office to place your name on the list. It's only \$5/month.

Consignment Store/Yard Sale

If you have items to donate please contact Irene Gagne at 622-1869. What doesn't get accepted by the consignment stores will be placed in the 4/7 yard sale.

Please do not place any items in the mail houses. Call the office & the volunteer will contact a Fundraising Committee member to make arrangements to rid you of your unwanted items.

Spring Festival – 4/7

We are collecting yard sale items now. 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, TV's, large appliances, furniture, or exercise equipment. We are also looking for volunteers to help set up on 4/6 & to help after the yard sale to pack up & clean up on 4/7. We are in need of "man power" to help with the heavier items.

Committee Members

We are a committee of 6 and are looking for more members with fresh ideas and help with yard sales. You don't have to be a committee member to give us suggestions for projects to use our funds for the benefit of the Medvil community – call Irene at 622-1869.

GARDEN COMMITTEE:

March is here, which means April showers and May flowers can't be far behind. The Garden Committee is looking for people with green thumbs and a love of working with Mother Earth to care for the lovely gardens that adorn the Medvil grounds.

We have several gardens that need your help! Whether you can weed, plant, water or in any way tend to one or more of our gardens, we will reward you with FREE garden gloves, dirt, fertilizer, plants of your choice, and bark mulch. We have help from our Maintenance Staff for the heavy lifting.

So, grab a friend and volunteer to care for one of our gardens together. Remember...in order to keep the Medvil gardens looking great, we need your help. Please call Mary Leonard at 398-5045 or Judy Sullivan at 384-1413.

Thank you!

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REAL ESTATE @ MEDVIL:

If you are thinking of selling your home the **first step** is to fill out the Intent to Sell form (attached) and return it to the office. The second step is to locate a realtor. Please consider Medvil Real Estate to help you sell your home. (see attached "Thinking of Selling Your Home"). All proceeds from sales benefit Medvil community.

Medvil RE Committee - 497-4440 Prompt 2
Dorrie Kossuth.....Chairperson
Paul Allard.....Appraiser
Roger Bruneau.....Photographer
Richard Ball.....Representative
Sue Soule.....Representative
Jean Cass.....Representative
Carol Hallworth.....Representative
Website.....Medvilcooperative.com
Homes For Sale

The month of February the Real Estate Committee had three listings under contract, one pending P&S, and twelve showings.

There have been a lot of viewings of our community both on our website as well as drive-throughs. DK

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WELCOME TO MEDVIL!

May your life be long and filled with happiness.

New resident during January:

Irene Chouinard @ 43 Williams Way

Cindy Duval
Admin Coordinator, Medvil Cooperative

SINCERE CONDOLENCES:



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

- The family of Janet Chase
- The family of Philomena Curtis
- The family of Roger Veilleux

*The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts.
The safest place is in someone's prayers. The last place to be is in God's hands.*

JS



MEMBERS' ARTICLES

ACCOLADES

As many of you may know, it's rare that I'm around or available for many of Medvil's events. Occasionally, I even find myself to be somewhat 'jealous' of those that can avail themselves of the Saturday Coffee Talks, all the delicious breakfasts, the entertaining Bingos (regular and meat) and the daytime events, like the YMCA exercise events or the daytime cookie swaps. But my day will come! Can we all say "Retirement"?

What I do have to say, is that although I'm not around much, there are some 'secret elves' in Medvil that take care of me. . . ones that I would like to publicly acknowledge.

Most Wednesday mornings, I'm gone before the trash pickup by our fine Maintenance team and their volunteers. And yet, when I arrive home on Wednesday evenings, miraculously, my trash barrel is neatly tucked back into its spot under my carport, with lid inside, ready for next week's trash.

*** So, Thank You, to my Barrel Buddy ***

BARDCRAFT

Then, there are those days when I'm snowed-in, like so many of my neighbors, and find that when I open my door to venture out to do the dreaded shoveling, that a 'secret helper' has snow blown my driveway and ramp --- and even a path for the oil delivery guy!

*** So, Thank You, to my Snowblowing Buddy ***

Given the type of work that I do, there are those occasions when I have to go out of town for business. While on those business trips to New Jersey or New York, I have several neighbors who so kindly 'keep an eye on the place' for me. They are ready, willing and able to contact the Goffstown PD on my behalf, if so needed.

*** So, Thank You, to my Watchdog Neighbors ***

I love being able to share with the 'outsiders' just how wonderful Medvil is, but feel the need to also remind myself (lest I take this Community for granted), and The Medvil Messenger readers, as well, of some our 'treasures' . . . that we have a generator to run our Comfort Center, in the event of a power outage; that we offer a Thanksgiving Meal to those who are unable to travel or who may be alone (and even offer to pick them up and bring them to Clubhouse!); that we offer rides to those who want to attend the Annual Meeting at the local school so that they can socialize with neighbors and exercise the democratic process; and offer events for learning, entertainment and socializing, and so much more!

*** So, Thank You, to our Medvil Volunteers ***

I take great pride and comfort in knowing that Medvil is there for us, through volunteerism and genuine caring for its residents, and that when the time comes when I'm not so mobile anymore, and it will, that my Medvil friends and neighbors will continue to be there for me! God bless you all!

Submitted with great appreciation,

Eveleen Barcomb

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SHARP CHEDDAR

Alyn Miller

A piece of cheese did follow me
One grey and rainy day.
It struggled in some deep run-off
And nearly washed away.
I stooped to pick the poor thing up
And put it somewhere dry
And safe from predatory streams
Sent from the gloomy sky.

The cheese was aged and had some bite,
My hand was soon to find.
It was no Brie with silky gut
And gentle rubber rind.
No, it was cheddar through and through,
And blood flowed like the rain.
I dropped that cheese and it ran off.
I clenched my teeth in pain.

When clouds obscure the fair blue skies
And water streams to ground
No more I stop to help a cheese
That I see stalking 'round.
I pick it up with gloves I keep
That cheese teeth can't bite through,
And toss it to a dog I know
Who dearly loves to chew.

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The Medvil Messenger encourages members to submit articles for consideration. Recipes, helpful hints, reminiscences, jokes—anything upbeat and positive. 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.

We don't PROMISE that you'll get your name or Medvil's on a documentary headed for the State Archives up in Concord, but as Browning said--man's reach must exceed his grasp, else what's a heaven for?



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WHAT COULD HAPPEN WHEN YOU SEND US YOUR ARTICLES...



--Screen shot: credits from "Ted's Gift, For Always to the Town of Warren." A Chuck Sackett, Sr. Production for the Warren Historical Society.

--Article reference: "Small Town, Grand Idea", *The Medvil Messenger*, November 2017.



Goffstown Transfer Station 2018 Holiday Schedule

*This is the schedule that Medvil follows for our trash and recycling pick-up; please **save this page** and use it throughout the year in the event you have a question regarding the schedule.*

New Year's Day – Monday, January 1, 2018
Transfer Station closed Tuesday, January 2, 2018
Trash and Recycling pickup on normal schedule

President's Day – Monday, February 19, 2018
Transfer Station closed Saturday, February 17, 2018
Trash and Recycling pickup on normal schedule

Memorial Day – Monday, May 28, 2018
Transfer Station closed on Saturday, May 26, 2018
Trash and Recycling pickup on normal schedule

Independence Day – Wednesday, July 4, 2018
Transfer Station closed on Wednesday, July 4, 2018
Recycling picked up on Tuesday, July 3, 2018
Trash picked up on Thursday, July 5, 2018

Labor Day – Monday, September 3, 2018
Transfer Station closed Saturday, September 1, 2018
Trash and Recycling pickup on normal schedule

Columbus Day – Monday, October 8, 2018
Transfer Station closed on Saturday, October 6, 2018
Trash and Recycling pickup on normal schedule

Veteran's Day – Sunday, November 11, 2018
Transfer Station closed on Saturday, November 10, 2018
Trash and Recycling pickup on normal schedule

Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 22, 2018
Transfer Station closed on Thursday, November 22, 2018
Trash and Recycling pickup on normal schedule

Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25, 2018
Transfer Station closed on Tuesday, December 25, 2018