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THE MEDVIL MESSENGER

COMING ATTRACTIONS

*6 May
Breakfast*



*Also 6 May...
Potluck*

*20 May
Meat Bingo*



SEE CALENDAR FOR MORE INFO!

BOARD NOTICES

OPERATIONS

Don and his part time team are busy raking up leaves, preparing and bark mulching common area landscape beds and keeping up with work orders as they come in. We have several drainage issues along Donald Drive entrance and Kelly Court. We are getting quotes on those areas that need outside services to do and are preparing to take care of those areas we have the equipment and expertise to do. A lot of time and effort have gone into getting

all our equipment, trucks, and lawn care equipment ready for the season. Lawns that have been damaged by plows are being addressed and if you have some damage and we have not addressed it yet, please submit a work order so we don't overlook it. The response time is extremely good for work orders and issues that are being pointed out that need maintenance staff attention.

Starting May first our full-time assistant to Don will be on board. Luke is as anxious to get started as we are to get him started on having an impact on the team and the maintenance of our community buildings, landscape and infrastructure. I cannot

express how lucky we have been at putting together a team in such a short period of time.

We elected to not do any replacement of roads this year, but we have lots of issues with potholes and deteriorating roads that will be addressed with the team this summer. We will be using hot-top instead of cold patch to go around the community to repair areas that are in need. A new hot top compactor has arrived, and we expect that will help us to do repairs that last.



As I mentioned at the board meeting, the infrastructure for the power lines that run through our community will be replaced this year in late summer or early fall. They should not disrupt our access to homes and getting around in the community and before they start there will be information forwarded to all of the community.

Dark Brown Bark Mulch and Loam will be available for delivery by the maintenance staff if you would like. The price is \$40/yard for Loam and \$45/yard for Bark delivered and you must order by the yard. Orders can be placed at the office with the volunteer receptionists.

Leaf and branch pick up is on Thursdays. Please have your leaf bags and branches at the curb by 7:00 am. A quick reminder that leaf bags cannot be used for branches as these leaves need to break down for purposes of creating mulch. Also, a reminder that small metal items are picked up on the first Monday of the month. If you are in doubt about whether it can be picked up, please call me at the office to be sure.

One last item to talk about this month: The board voted to return to the policy of putting names as well as the house number on the signs that go on your outside light pole. If you are one with only the street number on your sign and want your name as well, please submit a work order in person to the office with your signature on it for us to order it.

Until next month, enjoy this great spring weather we have looked forward to since fall left us last year.

Kim Capen
Operations Director

REMINDER – RENT INCREASE

If you do Bill Pay/Direct Pay please notify your bank of the rent increase or go online to change the amount to \$500. You should also do a one-time check for the past due amounts of \$35 each for February, March & April.

If you have any questions, please call me at 603-622-1869 or Michelle Brent at Evergreen Management at 603-622-7000.

Irene Gagne
Treasurer

BOARD MEMBER OFFICE HOURS

Hello Medvil Members,

At the last board meeting it was discussed that we should make ourselves available for anyone in the community to bring us their questions or concerns. This doesn't mean we will have instant answers, but it may be more convenient for those who cannot make Coffee House **on Saturday morning**.

Please don't be afraid to approach us with your concerns, questions, or ideas. Speaking up and talking to us, in a thoughtful and respectful manner, shows you are interested in our community and contributing to its continued success.

We work hard every day to make sure this community stays fiscally sound and remains the beautiful community we all enjoy living in. We hope you'll continue to work with us.

We have heard on several occasions that people are unwilling to come to the board because they are afraid of being evicted; please keep in mind that no one on this current board testified at the most recent eviction hearing nor does anyone on the current



board have any first-hand experience with any of the allegations presented at the hearing. The decision to pursue an eviction is never made without careful thought and consideration; until recently there has only been one other time in the history of Medvil that an eviction has become necessary.

As for the office hours we have selected three different days and times:

- Partridge Lane Club House at 12:00 PM on Tuesday
- Donald Drive Club House Wednesday at 5:00 PM and Thursday at 1:00 pm.

As always if these times and dates are not convenient, please contact the office by calling 603-497-4440, emailing medvil@comcast.net or placing a note in the mailbox outside the board office to set up a date and time.

The Board of Directors

GENERAL NOTICES

A HEARTFELT GOODBYE!

In 2010, I became aware of the opportunity at Medvil (thanks to my in-laws, Joann and Brad Thorp). I had been working in salons for over 16 years and the timing was ideal to take a chance and venture out on my own. I was excited, yet nervous and about to take a huge risk.

After having an open house, parents who calmed my nerves and a supportive husband, I secured a full schedule for my opening week. I was thrilled!



Through the years, I have forged amazing relationships that will definitely last a lifetime. The community at Medvil has always been kind to me and my dogs. I'm certain they miss going "to work" as well.

It has been incredibly difficult for me to make the decision to close up shop. Life has been a bit challenging for me these past five years and it's time to focus on other things.

When you receive a diagnosis involving cancer, your world changes. Perspectives change. Life is short and precious. I'm not sure what the future holds, but please know I am "retiring" from the industry.

The kind words, gifts, cards, and prayers my family and I have been receiving have touched us more than words can express.

Thank you for thirteen amazing years! I will truly miss my Medvil family!

Wishing you all love and light,
Ronisa, Charlie and Evie too!

MESSAGE FROM THE RECEPTION OFFICE

We are currently looking for someone to join our team of volunteers. If you are interested and would like to learn more about the duties involved, please call the office at 603-497-4440 and leave a message for Pam Gallagher.

And a quick reminder. Please come to the mail room at the DDCH and pick up your packages in a timely manner; any packages left in the mail room for a period of three weeks will be returned to the post office. If you are going to be away for an extended period of time, please arrange to have your packages (and your mail) picked up.



MEDVIL BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE. . .

. . .is looking for volunteers to brainstorm and implement seasonal project ideas to enhance the beauty of our community. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Langlois at: (603) 384-1523 or Rachel Hogan at: (603) 540 – 4950. More details to follow.

Jocelyn D. Bergeron

MEDVIL COOPERATIVE COMMUNITY GARDEN 2023



Community garden space for personal use

Medvil Cooperative offers residents an opportunity to grow their own produce. The area reserved (located near the Partridge Lane clubhouse) provides **20 garden plots** each year to interested residents. If you had a garden last year, you may request the same plot.

Currently, there are 11 of the 20 plots still available.

Please stop at the office for a garden request form and Resident and Coop responsibilities.

The plots are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis so return your form to the office soon.

If you have any questions, contact Kathy Langlois at (603) 384 – 1523 or Jocelyn Bergeron at (603) 860 - 6141

COMMITTEES

EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Events Committee works hard to bring you fun things to do, great food to eat and,



occasionally, something that helps you in your day-to-day life. We host breakfasts, fish fries, and spaghetti suppers just to name a few of the events we host on a rotating monthly basis. You will find posters in the Medvil Messenger and in each mail house describing the month’s event along with information on the cost (some are free to Medvil residents) and how to sign-up. Events are also listed on the monthly calendar attached to each edition of the newsletter.

We meet the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM in the lower level of the Donald Drive Clubhouse. If you think you might like to join our committee, please stop by at one of our meetings.

We have two events scheduled for May. On Saturday, 5/6 we will be hosting one of our famous Omelet Breakfasts. On Saturday, 5/20 please join us again for Meat Bingo! The last Meat Bingo was such a success we thought we’d do another one. Flyers with all the pertinent information are attached to this newsletter.

Kim Capen
Committee Chair



Contact Irene Gagne at
603-622-1869

Fundraising Pool—The winner for 4/1 was Rose Blais for \$250. All numbers are being played with a guaranteed winner. There are two residents on the wait list at this time but we would like to have more. **Call Irene Gagne to place your name on the list.** It’s only \$5/month and you can play more than one number.

Yard Sale 4-1-- After all expenses, we netted \$763.

The winner of the 50/50 was Dee Ann Richi, a daughter of a resident.

The Committee thanks everyone who supported



us: volunteers, donors of items and bake goods, drivers, packers & the cleanup crew, etc. We had over 20 volunteers over the three-day period.

All unsold items went to Savers, St. Matthew's Church (clothes) & the Goffstown Library.

Now that the closet is empty, we are accepting items again. Call Irene to set up a pick up or delivery appointment.

However, we do not take electronics, TV's, large appliances, furniture, or exercise equipment. **Please do not place any items in the mail houses or libraries.**

Consignment store – The consignment store sold most of the items brought in on 2/15. We dropped off 20 more items on 4/14.

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

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

Irene M. Gagne

The Medvil Real Estate statistics from March 21, 2023 through April 18, 2023: One new listing, seven showings and three Purchase and Sales pending.



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

Dorrie Kossuth,
Chairperson



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 Dr Clubhouse Mail Room.

Dine Out Club: These resource packets contain the information and the application to join the Dine Out Club for anyone 60 and older, which is not Meals on Wheels. Any questions, please call Dorrie at 603-289-3143.

Dorrie Kossuth



HELPING HANDS

It is not uncommon for a person to find themselves in need of a little help from time to time.

If you could benefit from a little friendly assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to the Helping Hands Committee.

Need a prescription picked up? Maybe a few groceries? Or even a ride to/from a doctor's appointment?

Safety and health are of great concern and importance to everyone, so gloves and masks will be available.

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

Or by phone at (603) 494-4246.



IN SYMPATHY

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



- The family of Gloria Poitras
- Edmond Joyce Jr. in the death of his son

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



As we prepare to print this month, we are still in the process of arranging to

move the feeding station to the new location chosen for distance from homes. This will probably involve a single move for the station and several gradual moves of a proxy station where the ferals will be fed while they are being led toward the new location. During this process you may see an igloo doghouse in various places out in the field near the Partridge Lane entrance. This will be the proxy. We assure you this will be temporary, and we ask that you kindly not interfere with it. Thank you, on behalf of the kitties and our friends at the Manchester Animal Shelter.

MB. Wulf, for Donna Duford

TASTY TIDBITS by Cat Pragoff

Aah, May, with its aromas of grilled burgers, ribs, and hot dogs, and maybe even some chili on the back burner. Corn on the cob, too, I'd bet! How

about a nice pasta salad to go with it, and a couple of easy to make, warm weather desserts for later? Here you go—enjoy!

Pasta Salad with Peas, Tomatoes & Parmesan

(makes 6 servings)



Ingredients:

- 1 cup rotini (tri-color works well)
- 1/2 cup green beans

- 1/2 cup peas, frozen
- 6 cherry tomatoes
- 4 tsp. Parmesan cheese, grated
- 1 Tbs. herbs, mixed (basil, mint, parsley), finely chopped
- 1 Tbs. olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, small
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste

Directions:

- Cook the pasta in salted water according to the package directions. Drain and cool slightly. Set aside.
- Peel and chop the garlic. Sauté lightly in the oil. Deglaze slightly with some of the pasta water.
- Add the beans and peas.
- Halve the tomatoes and add them to the pan with the peas and beans.
- Simmer until the beans are tender and the peas and tomatoes are warmed through.
- Remove from heat and add to the rotini. Mix together, adding the salt, pepper, and chopped herbs.
- Sprinkle with grated Parmesan, and serve either warm or cold.

Fruit Salad with Cool Whip and Pudding

(makes 10 servings)

Ingredients:

- 1 8 oz. Cool Whip
- 1 package instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 can pineapple tidbits with juice, 20 oz.
- 1 cup strawberries, sliced in half
- 1 cup raspberries



- 1/2 cup green grapes, sliced in half
- 1/2 cup red grapes, sliced in half
- 2 medium bananas, sliced

Directions:

- Pour the pineapple juice into a large bowl. Add the instant pudding mix and stir with a whisk until smooth and creamy.



- Add the Cool Whip and stir with a whisk until it's smooth. Do not over-stir.
- Add the fruit, stirring in each type carefully with a large spoon until they are combined.
- Cover with plastic wrap and chill in the fridge for at least an hour before serving.
- Plate, serve, and enjoy.

Lemon-Blueberry Nice Cream

(Makes 4 servings)

Ingredients:

- 3 medium ripe bananas, sliced and frozen
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup cold water, as needed
- 3/4 cup frozen blueberries



Directions:

- Place frozen banana slices, lemon juice, and vanilla extract in a food processor.
- Process until it is smooth, adding cold water to loosen the mixture if necessary.
- Transfer to a bowl and stir in the frozen blueberries.
- Serve immediately or store in an airtight container in the freezer for up to a month.

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Here's a little something extra, to take advantage of those luscious strawberries in the market (if you use frozen, make sure to defrost them overnight and drain well before making this recipe; otherwise, you'll wind up with strawberry slush!)



Strawberry Mimosas

(makes 6 servings)

Ingredients:

- 1 quart fresh strawberries (about 3-1/2 cups)
- 1-1/2 cups orange juice
- 2 cups champagne, chilled (or non-alcoholic sparkling wine of your choice)
- Optional: orange slices or sliced strawberries for garnish

Directions:

- Place strawberries and orange juice in a blender; cover and blend until they are smooth.
- Press the mixture through a fine mesh strainer.
- Pour about 2/3 cup of the mixture into each champagne flute, topping with 1/3 cup champagne. Garnish each with a strawberry and an orange slice.

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*A general favorite is the old *Syringa vulgaris* that years ago grew next to every New England kitchen door and porch, barn and springhouse. By late May whole villages are perfumed with a scent that Edward Bunyard called "the very heart and soul of memory." Mrs. Wilder wrote that "Next to Box and Wild Grape it seems to me the most memory-stirring of all the fragrances." Longfellow*

firmly declared "I shall not go to town while the Lilacs bloom," nor did he.

From *The Fragrant Year* by Helen Van Pelt Wilson and Léonie Bell



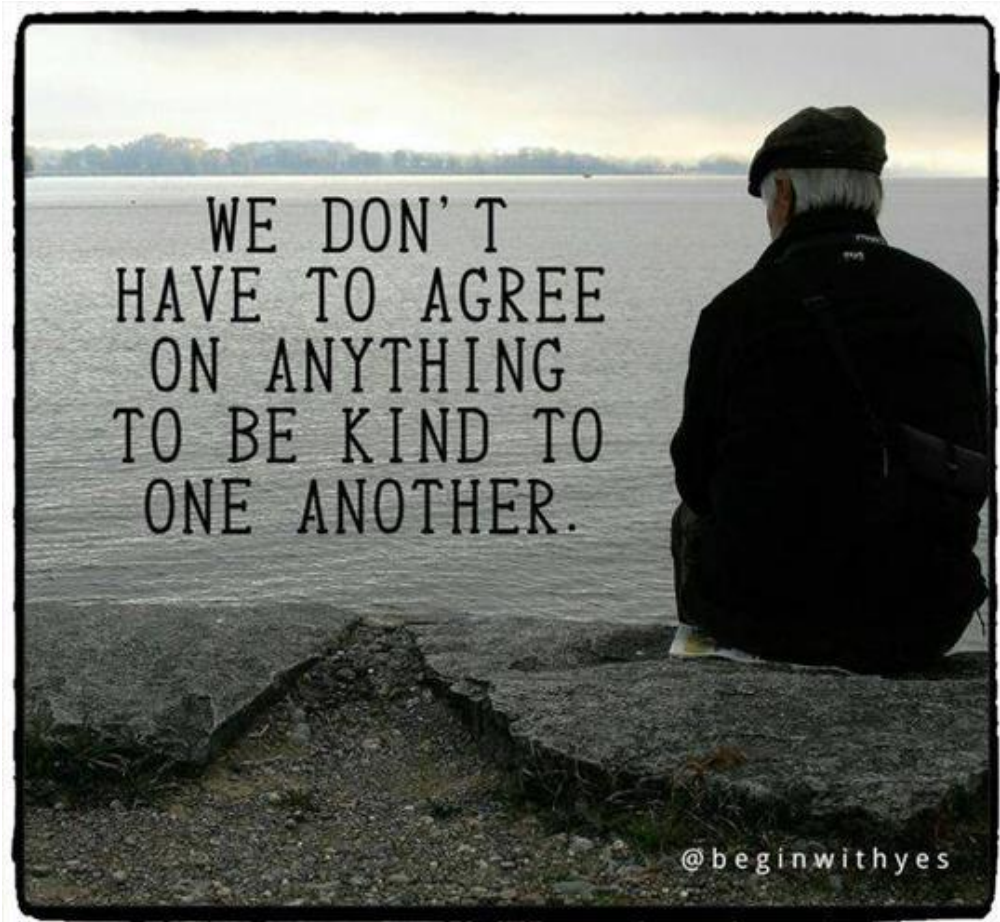


...and other stuff
you want to know
about


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

Medvil Messenger Staff: Debbie Cyr and MB. Wulf
Additional Proofreading: Irene Gagne



MAY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30 Cribbage PLC	2 10 & 7 Play Pool PLC	3 10 Pool PLC 12:30 Knitting PLC	4 6:30 Bingo DDC	5 6 Cribbage PLC non-league	6 8:30 Breakfast DDC 5:30 Potluck DDC
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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.**



Omelet Breakfast

**Saturday
May 6th
Donald Drive Club House**



Serving any time between 8:30 and 10:00 am.

Start the day with an omelet made your way with your choice of veggies, ham and cheese.

(Scrambled or fried eggs are also available!)

And served with toast, home fries, baked beans, sliced fruit and all the coffee you can drink.

\$8.00 for adults

\$5.00 for children under 12

Sign up at the Reception Office
Monday through Friday pm
9:00 am to 4:00

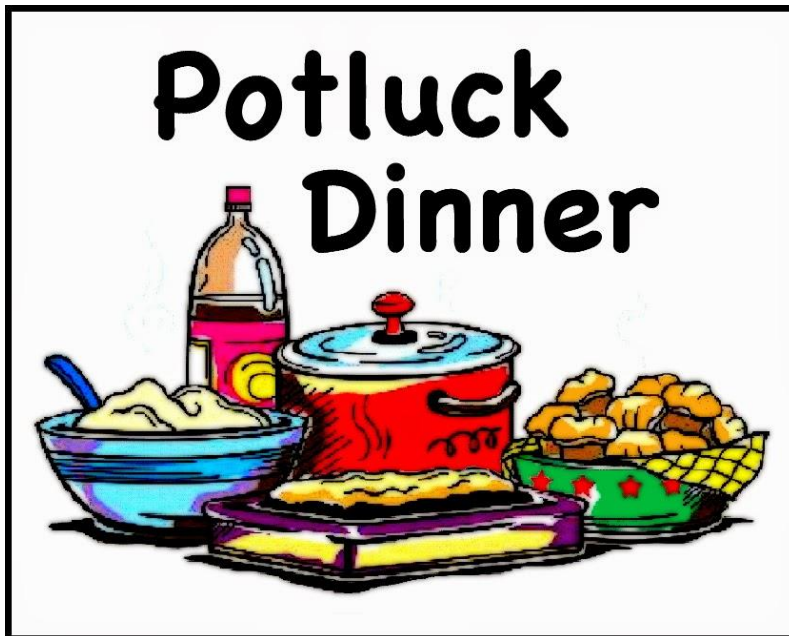
Don't Forget The 50/50 Raffle

**The last day to sign up is
Thursday, May 4th!**



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.

Cinco de Mayo is just around the corner and it's as good a time as any for a fun and festive



**Saturday, May 6th
Donald Drive
Club House
5:30 – 8:00 pm**

A time for friends and neighbors to come together and celebrate all the things that make Medvil a great place to live. This is also a good time to visit with those in Medvil that you haven't had a chance to meet yet.

Please bring a dish to share (appetizer, main dish or dessert) and your own beverage of choice. And no, it doesn't have to be Mexican food, just bring your favorite dish!!

If you are not up for cooking, a donation of paper plates, cups, napkins and disposable cutlery would be wonderful, but optional.

**Sign up at the Medvil Reception Office
Monday - Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.**

**And be sure to let us know what you are bringing!
We don't want to end up with 32 bowls of potato salad.**

We hope to have some fun music and please, if you'd like, dress in your festive clothes to go along with the theme of Cinco de Mayo.



This isn't sponsored by any one committee or any official group, this is just a bunch of friends who want to get together and thought it was a great idea to invite EVERYONE!

Because it was such a huge success in February
We're doing it again!!

MEAT BINGO!

Saturday ~ May 20th
Donald Drive Club House
12:00 – 3:00 pm

Selections may include, but are not limited to, pork, beef, chicken, etc...whatever looks best at the butcher shop at the time of purchase. And some items come with everything you need for a complete meal.

There are fifteen games; cards are \$1.00 each per game.

Games may be purchased individually BUT if you purchase all 15 games in advance, you get to play a final "bonus" game.



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

And feel free to bring a beverage of your choice. Snacks too!

And one lucky  goes home with the door prize!

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