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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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OPERATIONS

The lawn mowers are all tucked away and speaking of lawns, on behalf of the Maintenance Team, I would like to thank Gerry Montminy who volunteered to take on the task of maintaining all common areas in the community. Since he has experience maintaining golf courses, it goes without saying that the common areas were pristine. With Gerry doing the mowing it freed up the maintenance team to work on many projects, so THANK YOU Gerry for your time! Now on to snow blowers!

With the start of the Covid virus residents have had more time to focus on their home improvement projects that they may have been putting off.

I would like to take the time to remind all residents that before you start construction on your home improvements please remember that according to the Medvil rule C. Building and Structures which states "all buildings, additions, porches, utility buildings, towers, carports, decks etc., require a detailed plan of the structure and its location on the

lot, and a complete list of all building materials being used. The plan must comply with Goffstown's building codes, and federal and state regulations." We are not only concerned about ensuring that improvements are aesthetically pleasing to the neighborhood but are also constructed safely.

A full copy of the Medvil rule along with a sheet titled "When are Permits Required" are attached to this newsletter. Please keep this information close by for future reference when considering your home improvements so you can stay in good standing in the community.

I also want to thank the Maintenance Team for their hard work and devotion to the community. It's not easy conforming to yet another Operations Director but I feel we have accomplished this seamlessly. So, THANK YOU!

Thank you.

Odie Perron
Operations Director

SCAM ALERT!

During the past week I've had three emails that purported to be from fellow Medvil residents. The gist of all of them is the sender wants to ask a favor. There are no links to click; the sender wants a reply to this brief and cryptic message. This seemed suspicious to me--all the purported senders, I barely know! So I went looking into it. And once again, it's Google to the rescue!

If you get one of these emails, don't respond. **No one you know well enough to expect a "favor" from you is going to put you through a two-step process just to tell you what it is.** This is a "phishing" scam that has made the rounds in other communities over the past year. For example, University of Buffalo had it back in May. **The sender is impersonating people you may know,** or at least know of, and if you respond to his email, he'll try to hit you up to buy gift cards or tickets or make a similar transaction on his behalf and promise to "pay you back next week." **He'll try to catch you off guard with this by conveying a sense of urgency.** For example, he's been suddenly detained "out of town" at the last minute, and his kid's birthday is coming up. But what's really happened is that somebody's managed to gather a lot of emails and programmed a way to make it look like their own emails are coming from them. The "favor?" Your money in his pocket!

So what to do? Forward suspicious emails to the provider from which they are sent. If that's different from your provider, then for good measure forward them to your own as well. Email providers want to stay on top of email scams, and your provider's website will tell you exactly how to report such activity. For example, here's where you go for that with Comcast:

<https://internetsecurity.xfinity.com/help/report-abuse>

Stay safe, neighbors, and have a happy holiday season.
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

EVENTS COMMITTEE



As we close out the very UN-Event-filled 2020, we do have some news for you from the Medvil Events Committee.

First, we would like to once again thank Leah and Allen Brown and their helpers for their kind thoughtfulness in providing our Holiday Luncheon on December 20th. If you would like to send them a card, the address is Brown Excavating, 568 Mountain Road, Goffstown, NH 03045.

Thank you as well to Leona Brown, who made the cute face masks the elves were wearing that day; and thanks to our great maintenance crew for making sure the snow was cleared from the parking lot and the cones were available for traffic control.

Thank you to the members of Events Committee who expended extra effort during these difficult times to work before, during, and after the Luncheon: Marge, Karen, Kim, Dave, and Richard.

Once we are able to meet again—and we hope that will be sooner rather than later in 2021—we will have a

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couple of new additions to the kitchen at the Donald Drive Clubhouse to make meal preparations a bit easier: two new omelet pans to replace the warped ones our Omelet Master, Kim, and his associate chefs have been using for the past couple of years, along with —TA DA!—a speedy conveyor toaster so that your toast will be nice and warm when the butter hits it. We've also added a small portable ice maker so Jim won't run out at the bar and we'll have enough to keep drinks cool for our picnics.

As the year ends and we start afresh, let's hope that the New Year will once again bring us together with joy.

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FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Contact Irene Gagne at 622-1869

MONTHLY POOL



The Fundraising Committee 50/50 Monthly Pool has #09 and #32 available as of January 1st.

Anyone interested in playing a number or an additional number should contact **Irene Gagne at 622-1869** as soon as possible as money needs to be paid prior to the 1st of each month.

We are asking for at least 4 months to be paid at this time to avoid having to gather during the pandemic.

The 12/1 winner was Dave Kirkpatrick for \$250. All numbers are being played with a guaranteed winner.

There is currently no one on the wait list. Please call Irene Gagne at 622-1869 to place your name on the list. It's only \$5/month and you can play more than one number.

Yard Sale – Our yard sales were cancelled for 2020. We are hopeful that we can still have a yard sale in the not-too-distant future. Time will tell. If you have items to donate, please hold onto them. Call Irene to let her know you have items so you are on a list to contact when a new

date is scheduled. If you do not have room to store your items, let Irene know & she will see if other arrangements are available.

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

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

Ideas Needed – However, you don't have to be a committee member to give us suggestions for projects to use our funds – call Irene with suggestions, including costs.

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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.

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE



We have currently two listings, had two closings, three showings, and no pending offers. We did receive a number of inquiries from both voicemail and emails from our website viewings, requesting information about Medvil. *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.*

DK

If you are thinking of selling your home, the first



step is to fill out the Intent to Sell form. **This form can be found on our website at medvilcooperative.com**, filled out and sent to the office. The second step is to locate a realtor. Please consider Medvil Real Estate to help you sell your home. Sales benefit Medvil community.

Medvil RE Committee - 497-4440 Prompt 2
Website: www.medvilcooperative.com Homes for Sale

Dorrie Kossuth, Chairperson

A MESSAGE TO OUR CANINE COMMUNITY

On behalf of all my canine friends I want to thank the Medvil community, the Board of Directors, and all our canine parents for providing us a place to run and play fetch.

If you haven't seen our dog park, it's directly behind the garden near the Partridge Lane Club House. The maintenance department provided the labor to put up all of the fencing and gates and our canine parents on the dog park committee provided all of the funding for the materials needed and will continue to provide the maintenance to keep our park an attractive new amenity. The rules for the dog park are below and if you have any questions please feel free to reach out to my Dad, Michael O'Brien, at (518) 928-0969.

Thanks, Bradley O'Brien



DOG PARK RULES:

This park is for approved Medvil residents only.

To qualify for use of the dog park the homeowner needs to show the appropriate homeowner's liability of \$300,000 and provide a copy of their dog's up to date current immunizations to the Dog Park Committee. When you have the documents ready to drop off, please call the number above.

- No dogs without an adult. No children allowed in the dog park.
- Watch your dog at all times. Discourage barking and digging. If your dog digs a hole fill it in. The dog needs to leave if barking cannot be controlled.
- Your dog must always wear a collar or harness. Spiked, prong or pinch collars are not allowed.
- Dogs must be leashed upon entry and exit from the park.
- Clean up after your dog.
- No aggressive dogs. Watch for signs of aggression. If you arrive at the park and there are other dogs already there, always ask: "Is your dog friendly or would you prefer we wait?"
- No dogs in heat. No puppies under 4 months old.
- If your dog gets in a fight, exchange contact information, and leave. You are responsible for any injury caused by your dog. If a dog bite occurs, contact the Goffstown police department.
- Dogs must be licensed and immunized.
- No glass containers and do not bring food into the park.
- No more than 3 dogs in the park at one time. If the limit has been reached and you are in the area with your dog, should another resident arrive to use the park, please be considerate and leave within 10 minutes so the others may enter.



- If you are not able to control your dog via commands do not enter the park while any other dogs are in the park and please ask anyone approaching to wait until you remove your dog.

This park is a privilege and your access to it can be denied if you do not follow the rules.

NEIGHBORLY NOTES

SOMETIMES IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS THAT MEAN THE MOST



My Mother had a host of sayings that I called “truisms,” as I learned early in life that these sayings were so often spot on. One “truism” that has come to mind lately is “How you treat others will be how you are treated.” Of course, we all

know the “chickens will come home to roost.” And in these times, we are realizing how much the little things mean. The small kindnesses are treasured. Many years ago, my husband and I had the care of six of our grandchildren while the parents were working. We had rules and knew that they weren’t always followed but we had neighbors who told us of their behavior, so we weren’t too worried when they went off to play. We later learned about one of their summer-time activities. On trash pick-up day they all headed for a short road just up from our house. A resident told us about a half-dozen kids who ran up the road, dispersing to grab the empty trash barrels and haul them up to their respective houses, replacing the lids and then running off to get another barrel up to its house. She told us how much that delighted her, but I never quite understood until a few weeks ago.

Recently, I opened my door to go out and bring in my empty trash barrel, but it was already under my carport with the lid securely in place! I felt what that other lady must have felt that day so long ago. Someone had taken a few moments to bring my barrel into my carport. This has happened again the last few weeks. Such a small

gesture that means so much. I haven’t been able to thank that person as I don’t know who it was, so I would like to thank him/her now. You are one reason that Medvil is a good place to live. Thank you.

Editor’s Note: This article was submitted anonymously to the Medvil Messenger by a thankful neighbor.

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY



The Medvil Messenger has learned that Joan and Tony Roy will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on January 28th! We are sure their Medvil friends and neighbors join us in congratulations on this happy occasion.

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MEDFORD FARMS SALON

Wednesday - Saturday by Appointment

Pick-up, drop-off & home visits available

494-4941

CONDOLENCES

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

- Ellen Morrissette, who lost her husband Paul

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



WINTER SAFETY INFORMATION

DOES YOUR HOME HAVE SIDE VENTS LIKE THIS? →

If it does, depending on how close they are to the ground, fire departments in New Hampshire want you to be sure to keep them clear of snow buildup at all times. Don't let nature's drifts block these vents; and, when operating your snowblower, aim the snow away from them. This is to prevent potentially fatal buildup of carbon monoxide in your home.

The vent pictured is for a gas appliance here in Medvil. All sources of combustion in your home must be vented, and it is so typical of homes in Medvil to have their oil furnace vents up on the roof along with the sewer stacks, that we may forget other kinds of appliances might vent horizontally. Appliances that might vent either way would typically burn propane or natural gas: kitchen ranges, gas log fireplaces, certain small heaters, gas clothes dryers and non-electric water heaters. But wood pellet stoves and fireplace inserts also might vent through a wall—or through your roof. If you have one or more of these appliances, make sure you *know* where they vent, and never let anything block this, including snow.

Another kind of danger can occur if you allow snow to pile up in front of the lint exhaust from your clothes dryer. I recently had our local handyman reroute mine from underneath my home (what *was* the installer thinking???) out through the skirting, so now I have to be careful not to let snow accumulate in that area. You don't want lint to build up in that vent. This is a direct fire hazard. Ask any firefighter about dryer fires!

Now, I can hear you saying, as I did at first, "Those vent pipes up on my roof aren't posing any problem. I'd be in danger of a *roof collapse* before the slightest whisp of carbon monoxide could affect me if I let the snow on my roof get anywhere *near* blocking those tall pipes!" But snow isn't the only thing that can block them and carbon monoxide isn't the only gas to worry about. Did you



Photo: Jane Von Geldern

know your sewer stacks can ice up? Even if they're capped! The warm, moist fumes from your bathroom and kitchen rise up to vent out those pipes and, under certain conditions, can freeze and block them. The result will be your entire house smelling like a

dirty toilet. So if you notice something like this happening on a cold day, have whoever does handyman jobs for you check that stack for the possible culprit.

And, as an aside, after a snowstorm like the one we've just had, if you can't get your entire roof cleaned off, at least go out with a snow rake on an extendable handle and clear the roof back from the eaves a few feet all the way around. And do this for a few days in a row as changing temperatures and weather conditions alter the snowscape up there. Not only will this take some weight off your roof and prevent leaks as a result of immediate ice dams forming along the eaves when the sun comes out, it will give the melting snow higher up room to run down—away from your vent pipes. Because, in fact, sometimes those pipes



Photo: Jane Von Geldern

aren't all that tall. Consider the short, uncapped vent stack at right. This photograph was taken three days after our recent storm. The snow looks to be about halfway up the stack. An equally heavy storm before this roof is cleared could bring the snow dangerously close to blocking the top of the stack. Probably only a remote possibility, but hey, after what we've seen in 2020, The Year Out of Hell—let's not take any chances! (And knock down all those pretty icicles, too: a big one can drop down and stab someone through the head. I saw it in a movie once! Just sayin'.)

MB. Wulf, with help by Jane Von Geldern



THE STATE WE'RE IN
THE STATE WE LIVE IN!



A BIT OF GOFFSTOWN HISTORY

Did you know... The first fair ever in Goffstown was held on the Fair Ground north of Shirley Station of the Boston & Maine Railroad, on October 1-3, 1878. There was an exhibition of horses, cattle,

oxen, steers, sheep, swine and poultry, and a splendid display of fruit, grain and vegetables of all kinds. In the exhibition hall was a fine show of farming tools, mechanical implements, inventions, stoves and hardware, and in the adjoining hall were flowers, canned goods, household furnishings, antique and modern, and fancy goods.

From Ellyn Barnard, courtesy of the Goffstown Residents Association

Editor's note: We hope to bring you more in the way of Goffstown history in future issues, in no particular order, but focusing at some point on history specific to the area now occupied by our very own Medvil Cooperative.

NEW HAMPSHIRE BREWING BY THE NUMBERS

(Statistics courtesy of the NH Brewers Association 2019)



91 – Craft breweries in the state

117,314 – Barrels of craft beer produced per year those breweries

4,177 – The number of people the brewing industry employs

8 – The Granite State's ranking on the list for breweries-per-capita in the USA

\$452 Million – The annual economic impact of the brewing industry on the state's economy.

From Deb Cyr

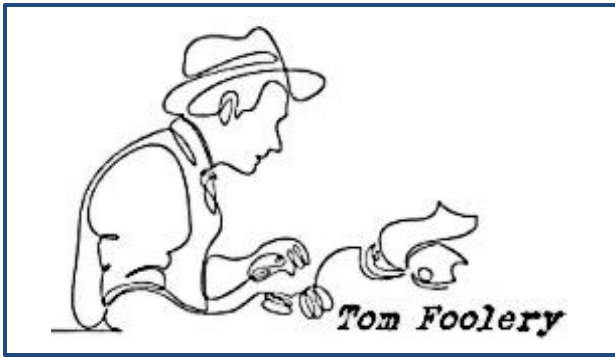
NEW HAMPSHIRE'S PIRATE PAST...

... is relatively scant given our rich coastal heritage. There was Dixy Bull around these parts, documented fact from 1632, when he attacked Pemaquid, Maine. Forty men in four ships sailed out from what is now Portsmouth on the Piscataqua River, but they failed to capture Dixy before bad weather forced them to turn back, so he escaped. Where he ended up from there, nobody has proven, but somebody had an opinion and wrote "God destroyed this wretched man." Rumors of other swashbucklers and buried treasure in these parts seem mostly to be wishful thinking, notwithstanding the pirate-themed establishment at Weirs Beach. Well, your *Medvil Messenger*, believing so rich a history as piracy should not be reduced to miniature golf, would like to redress the insufficiency of New Hampshire's past with a pirate tradition of our own: Behold! We have drummed up some hearties to DISPATCH THE YEAR 2020 IN THE MANNER IT DESERVES:



**TO THE PLANK,
 SCURVY KNAVE!**





Big city columnist Tom Foolery is joining our staff to bring you edgy observations, erudite essays, dystopian ponderings, literary musings, and incisive challenges.

At press time, however, we are being informed Tom remains off-grid and incognito, seeing out the remainder of “an interesting year” urban spelunking in abandoned malls, flask in pocket and a very stern dog by his side. We are sure that will yield some thought-provoking columns! Meanwhile in his stead, guest columnists have contributed lighter fare, which we present you, below.

FORGOTTEN HISTORY

Uncovered by Karen Fitzpatrick

Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail, and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him . . . a super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.

THE FIRST STEP

By Alyn Miller

A trivet saves a table
A table saves a rug
A rug saves a floor
A floor saves some dirt
Dirt saves the bedrock
Bedrock saves the mantle
The mantle saves the core
If you don't have a trivet
Then buy one from the store.

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DEADLINES



**and other stuff
YOU want to know about**

The Medvil Messenger encourages members to submit articles for consideration. Recipes, helpful hints, reminiscences, jokes, poems—please keep it upbeat and positive. Due to space considerations, original material will take precedence over reprints from other sources, including printouts of email pass-arounds. If you submit previously published material, please try to cite a source. We reserve the right to reject material that may offend, divide our community or cause political arguments. Please submit your items to our **email: medvilnewsletter@comcast.net** Or place a copy in the **Messenger mailbox in the Reception Office in the DDC. (During our Covid-19 lockdown, you may slide it under the office door and we will ask our office volunteers to let us know that it's there.)**

Deadline for submissions is noon on the Monday after the Board Meeting. (BOD meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.)

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