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THE MEDVIL MESSENGER

COMING ATTRACTIONS

11 May *Fred Marple*



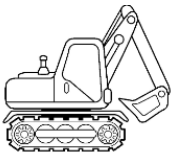
4 May *Potluck*



18 May
Meat Dingo

SEE CALENDAR FOR MORE INFO!

FROM THE BOARD



OPERATIONS

Spring has sprung with—finally!--some warm weather. Pinecones and leaves were abundant last year and some yards are still in need of raking. We started yard waste pick up earlier this year because of the light snow fall, with that one surprise snowstorm after many of you had been able to start your spring yard clean up. The board has noticed some yards are still in need of raking and hopefully they won't have to send out notices. We have a beautiful community, and we hope you are doing your part to keep it that way.

To make it easier for us to maintain and improve our lots, maintenance will sell and deliver brown bark mulch and loam. The price this year is \$40 a yard for mulch and \$32 a yard for loam, delivered, starting on April 24th. To order either, you will need to place your order with the office reception volunteers and pay them by check only, no cash please. Only checks can be processed with Evergreen Management.

We had a few drainage issues this past winter. Maintenance Has started to address them with new drains, especially where there is shifting ledge and ground water has created new outlets for water to escape.

Tree stump grinding will start in the next couple weeks for those trees that were removed this year, as well as a few others that residents have asked to be removed this year. They have been prioritized based on how much they are disrupting your ability to maintain and to make good use of your lots.

Many of the front yard trees on the west side of the community have overgrown the small space between homes and the road. They are dying and/or their roots are causing damage to homes and pavement. Several have been removed and many more face the same fate in years to come.

Replacement trees are coming that are more suitable for the space we have for them to grow. Many will be placed between homes instead of directly in front, depending upon how much distance there is between the home and the street, so they don't create the same hazard as those being replaced.

Trees of five to six feet are being planted this year and small trees at a lesser cost are being purchased and planted in nurseries for replacements in years to come. The trees are two hybrid varieties of Japanese Maple. They have red and green foliage like the maples they are replacing. They will start out with a circular water bladder for the first year or two that will ensure they get the right amount of water without the need for homeowners to water them. The bladders will be filled by maintenance staff.

Each spring we try to hire a part time person to help maintenance with spring and fall cleanup as well as mowing and maintaining the areas around the septic fields, mail houses and clubhouse. Getting help is a challenge these days, but we hope to be as lucky as we were when we hired our college student Jarod.

Enjoy your summer and hopefully, we'll have a little more sunshine than we did last year to help. Until next month. . .

Kim Capen
Operations Director

IT'S GARDENING TIME AGAIN!!

Well, almost, and for those of you who would like a spot in our Community Garden, now is the time to sign up. There are sign-up sheets in the mail room at the DDC but do it quickly as there are just a few spots left.



GENERAL NOTICES



USED INK & TONER CARTRIDGES

Staples allows us to bring up to 20 used cartridges monthly for \$2 each. This is \$40/month we can use towards office supplies.

There has been a great response so keep them coming!

If you, family, or friends work for a company who discard their ink & toner cartridges, please ask them to save them for Medvil.

Just place them in the bin below the shelf to the left in the DDC mailroom.



HAVE YOU MET MEDVIL'S STYLIST?

Hello! For those of you I haven't met, my name is Kristin, and I am the owner of **HAIR BY KRISTIN STEWART**. I am pleased to be the



latest Hair Stylist in your community. I have worked in the hair industry for over 18 years and have loved it from the very start. I offer a variety of services ranging from Brazilian Keratins, customized color services, to just a wash and cut. My mission is to help every person who leaves my chair feel the best and most beautiful/handsome version of themselves through their hair. I strive to go the extra mile with my clients. I make sure to consult with each client so that we are on the same page and individual wants are discussed. Together, we'll find a style that fits best for your hair type. I look forward to meeting more members of this community.

You can book your appointments online at hairbykristinstewart.schedulista.com or you may call/text 617-999-5132.

Please be sure to visit my social media pages at [Instagram.com/hairbykristinstewart](https://www.instagram.com/hairbykristinstewart) and [facebook.com/hairbykristinstewart](https://www.facebook.com/hairbykristinstewart)

COMMITTEE NEWS



Contact Irene Gagne at 603-622-1869

Committee Members--

We are currently a committee of six but have some residents who are interested in joining the committee.

Monthly Pool – The winner for 4/1 was Jocelyn Bergeron for \$250. All numbers are being played with a guaranteed winner. There are three residents on the wait list but we would like to have more.

Call Irene to place your name on the list. It's only \$5/month and you can play more than one number.

Yard Sale – 4/6/2024 – After all expenses we raised almost \$800 at the yard sale. The winner of

the 50/50 for \$123.50 was Lindsey Lagasse, the granddaughter of a resident. A BIG THANK YOU to all who volunteered to set up, display items, bake, cook, pack up, clean up, sell 50/50 tickets, etc. and deliver unsold items to several agencies.

Now that our closet is bare, we are accepting items for our 10/5 yard sale.

However, we do not take electronics, TVs, large appliances, furniture, or large exercise equipment.

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

Consignment Store – The consignment store accepted 33 items on 1/26 and so far, 28 items have sold. We will be doing another pick up/drop off on 3/22.

Ideas Needed – You don't have to be a committee member to give us suggestions for projects to use our funds for items that are good for the community. We also need suggestions and costs, etc. or ideas for a fundraiser.

Irene Gagne

EVENTS COMMITTEE



Here's what's coming up from the Events Committee:

FRED MARPLE, Saturday, May 11, 6:00PM. His show is titled "Welcome to Frost Heaves" - stories and songs from "the most under-appreciated town



in New Hampshire." This is a grab bag of humor related to Frost Heaves, songs, and audience interaction. Because this is a **FREE** event, it is open only to Medvil residents. Space is limited to 80 attendees. Please note: this show will be at PLC Upper Level.



MEAT BINGO,
Saturday, May 18,
1:00 – 3:00PM.
No need to sign-up. Cost is \$15.00 for 16 games or \$1.00 / game.
DDC Lower Level.

You must sign up ahead of time for each of these events. The Reception Office at the Donald Drive Clubhouse is open Monday – Friday, 10AM – 2PM. After hours, there is a sign-up sheet outside the office, which you can then complete and put it in the envelope, along with your check, and place the sealed envelope in the locked box just above the sign-up sheets.

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

Karen Kirkpatrick



RESOURCE COMMITTEE

The Resource Committee Senior Discounts

informational packets

helping seniors with fuel and electric assistance, USDA program, various websites to check out, and much more are available at the Donald 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. You **DO NOT** have to belong to the Meals on Wheels home delivery program. The Dine Out Club is a separate program. Enjoy a meal in a relaxed restaurant dining experience. The three restaurants participating in the Dine Out Club are The White Birch in Goffstown, Francoeur’s Cafe in Manchester (**only on weekdays**) and The Village Eatery in Merrimack. Menus for these Club meals are in the Resource packets. Any questions, please call Dorrie at 603-289-3143.

SNHS Fuel & Electric Assistance Program
Applications for 2023-2024, Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties can be picked up at the Donald Drive Clubhouse Mail Room.

Dorrie Kossuth

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE



The Medvil Real Estate statistics from March 19, 2024 through April 16, 2024: one new listing and three Purchase and Sales pending. No other activity.

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



HELPING HANDS 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?

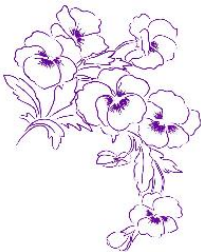
If you need help or have any questions about the Committee and what they do, please reach out to Anita O'Brien at:
Medvil21@comcast.net

Or by phone at: (603) 494-4246.

IN SYMPATHY

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

- Janet Berube on the loss of her husband Francis.



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

TASTY TIDBITS

by Cat Pragoff

Now that spring has finally arrived, it's time to take advantage of all the lovely May produce available to us. How about a scrumptious pasta primavera? Maybe a warm salad using broccoli and chickpeas is more to your liking. Or perhaps, for a little zing, you'd prefer a few roasted radishes? They're all here, along with a sweet treat. Bon appetit!

Pasta Primavera with Asparagus and Peas

(makes 4 servings)

Ingredients:

¼ lb. sugar snap peas, stems trimmed

½ lb. asparagus, ends snapped

2 Tbs. unsalted butter

¾ cup fresh English peas *see note

¼ cup spring onion, thinly sliced

2 cloves garlic, finely chopped

½ tsp. fine sea salt (more as needed)

Black pepper, as needed

12 ounces fettuccine, preferably fresh

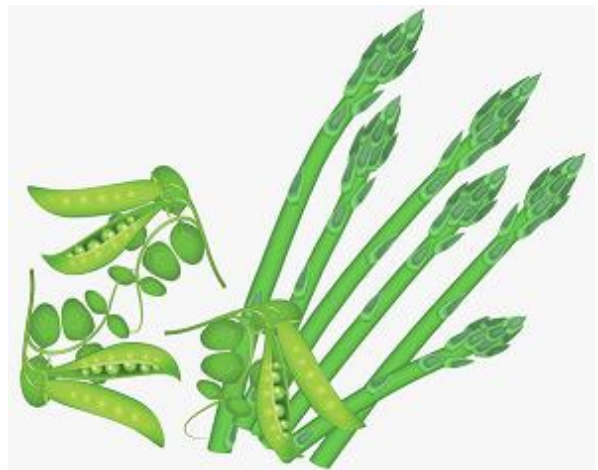
⅔ cup grated Parmigiano-Reggiano, at room temperature

½ cup whole milk Greek yogurt, at room temperature

3 Tbs. parsley, finely chopped

1 Tbs. tarragon, finely chopped

* Frozen peas can be used, but add them only at the very end



Directions:

- Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over medium-high heat.
- While the water is coming to a boil, slice snap peas and asparagus stems into 1/4-inch pieces, leaving asparagus tips whole.
- Melt butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add snap peas, asparagus, English peas, and spring onion. Cook until vegetables are barely tender (not soft or mushy), 3-4 minutes. Stir in garlic and cook 1 minute more. (*This is where you would add frozen peas, if using.) Season with salt and pepper; set aside.
- Drop pasta into boiling water and cook until *al dente* (1 to 3 minutes for fresh pasta, slightly more for dried pasta).
- Immediately toss pasta with vegetables, Parmigiano-Reggiano, yogurt, and herbs. Season generously with salt and pepper if needed.

Warm Broccoli, Chickpea and Rice Salad

(makes 4 servings)

Ingredients:

- 1 cup short-grain brown rice
- 4 cups water, plus more if needed
- One (150ounce) can no-salt-added chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- One broccoli crown (12-16 ounces), trimmed and cut into florets
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 Tbs. fresh lemon juice
- 2 tsp. Dijon mustard
- 2 tsp. agave nectar
- 3 cloves garlic, pressed or finely grated
- 1/2 tsp. fine salt, plus more to taste
- 1/4 tsp. freshly ground black pepper, plus more to taste
- 1/2 cup walnut halves, chopped
- 1/2 cup dried cherries
- 1/2 cup lightly packed fresh flat-leaf parsley, chopped
- 1/2 cup pitted green olives, drained and chopped

Directions:

- In a medium saucepan over medium-high heat, combine the rice and water and bring to a boil.

Reduce the heat slightly to achieve a gentle boil and cook until the rice is almost tender, about 20 minutes. Add the chickpeas.

- If you have a steamer insert that fits on the saucepan, attach it and add the broccoli, cover and cook until the broccoli is tender, 3 to 4 minutes. (If you don't have a steamer insert, continue cooking the rice and chickpeas in the uncovered saucepan; in a large microwave-safe bowl, combine the broccoli with 1/4 cup of water and cook on HIGH until crisp-tender, 3 to 4 minutes.)
- Make the vinaigrette: While the rice is cooking, in a bowl large enough for the entire salad, whisk together the oil, lemon juice, mustard, agave, garlic, salt, and pepper until emulsified.
- When the broccoli is cooked, transfer it (while it's hot) to the vinaigrette and gently toss to coat. Drain the rice and chickpeas and transfer them while they're hot to the bowl with the broccoli and vinaigrette. Gently toss to coat and let sit for five minutes.
- Stir in the walnuts, cherries, parsley and olives. Taste and season with more salt and/or pepper if needed. Serve warm with crusty bread.



Roasted Radishes

(Makes 4 servings)

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. radishes, halved and ends trimmed
- 2 Tbs. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 tsp. sea salt
- 1/8 tsp. black pepper
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. dried parsley
- 3/4 tsp. dried minced onion

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 425°F. Place the radishes in a 9.13 greased baking dish. Drizzle with olive oil, add the seasonings, and toss until the radishes are well-coated.



- Bake for 20-25 minutes, stirring occasionally, until radishes are golden brown and easily pierced with a fork.
- *Optional: sprinkle of sesame seeds and/or poppy seeds to serve.

Nutella Banana Bread

(makes 1 9-inch loaf)



- Ingredients:
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, plus more for greasing the pan
 - 2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for flouring the pan
 - 1 tsp. baking soda

- 1-1/2 cups mashed bananas (from about 3 medium bananas)
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 3/4 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/4 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/3 cup chocolate-hazelnut spread, like Nutella

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350°F. Butter and flour a 9x5x3-inch loaf pan.
- In a medium bowl, stir together the flour, baking soda and salt.
- Brown the butter: Melt the butter in a light-colored saucepan over medium heat. Cook, occasionally scraping the bottom and sides of the pan with a rubber spatula, until it turns a deep golden brown and smells nutty. Watch carefully during this process so that the butter doesn't burn. Transfer the butter to a large heat-safe mixing bowl and let it cool slightly.
- When the butter has cooled a bit, add the mashed bananas, sugar, yogurt, eggs, and vanilla extract. Stir until well-combined, then add the flour mixture and stir until just combined—don't overmix.
- Pour half the batter into the prepared pan and spread it evenly with a knife or offset spatula.

Spoon half the chocolate-hazelnut spread in several dollops over the top and use a skewer or toothpick to swirl it into the batter. Spoon and spread the remaining batter over the top followed by dollops of the remaining spread. Swirl in the spread, then baked for 55-60 minutes or until golden brown and a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.



READERS' CONTRIBUTIONS

WHY VOLUNTEER?

By Karen Kirkpatrick

Did you know that in addition to creating bifocals, Benjamin Franklin also established the very first volunteer fire department in Philadelphia? His famous quote, “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,” reflects his commitment to fire prevention.



Another famous volunteer was Ella Fitzgerald. The “First Lady of Song” used her voice not only for jazz but also to raise awareness. In 1958, she recorded a public service announcement for the March of Dimes, highlighting the fight against polio.

Former President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn dedicated their lives to “Habit for Humanity.”

Those are all pretty impressive.

One doesn’t have to volunteer for national or international causes to feel good. Did you know that volunteering locally not only helps others, but it can ease loneliness and give you a sense of purpose?

It also can impact your social life and bring fun into your world – seriously, who doesn’t like to laugh? So next time you see a request for volunteers, really think about it. You may find that volunteering even a couple of hours a month can have a profound impact on your life.

AND WHERE WAS THIS AT CHRISTMAS? ? ?



Thanks to Linda Kinville for this splendid photo of Mother Nature's ironic timing. . .just days after Easter.





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

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

Linda Lutz Corriveau
603-647-4565

*My experience is in the humanities/healthcare. I would enjoy the opportunity to help my neighbors in our community with **home care** if needed. 3/24*

Fred Horstkotte
603-674-8203
*Repair work on **lawn mowers, oil burners and air conditioners.** 4/24*

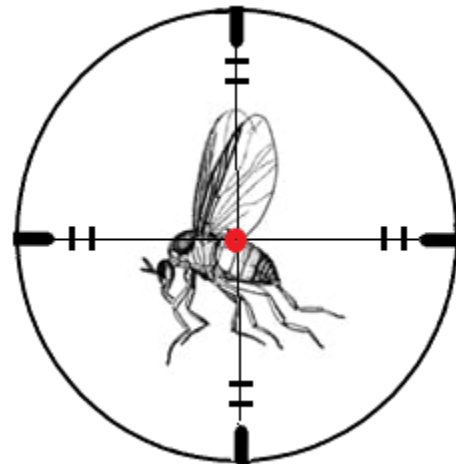
Cathy Dubois
Csd080818@gmail.com
603-801-9873
Background in Occupational Therapy and Activity Directing Would love to help you participate in your favorite activities in the community. Call for more details. 5/24

The Medvil Messenger is always looking for more material! Family recipes, helpful hints, reminiscences, jokes, poems, gardening advice, reviews of your latest vacation and day trip discoveries, hilarious tales of your pets' antics—just about anything. Please keep it upbeat and positive. Original material will take precedence over reprints from other sources, including printouts of email pass-arounds. 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.)

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We at The Medvil Messenger wish all of you a happy black fly season. . .



MAY 2024

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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.**



MEDVIL FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

	Period Ending:	3/31/24							
Year to date (YTD) Results	YTD Budgeted	YTD Actual	%	Satisfactory Results	Concerning Results	Unsatisfactory Results			
Cash & Reserves				Green	Yellow	Red	Remarks		
Total Income Received	\$453,525	\$461,394	101.7%	over 98%	95-97% of budget	under 95%			
Unbudgeted Income		\$10,794					R.E. Commissions, Comcast contract & Salon		
Total Lot Fees	\$450,600	\$450,900	100.1%	over 98%	95-97% of budget	under 95%			
Operating Acct. Balance		\$124,450							
All Reserve Acct. Balances		\$742,551					Includes Money Market & investment CD's - \$20,833 monthly transfer		
Expenses									
Total Expenses	\$392,530	\$358,763	91.4%	less than 3% over budget	3%-4% over budget	4.1% over budget			
Utilities									
Water	\$30,000	\$37,983	126.6%	less than 3% over budget	3%-4% over budget	4.1% over budget	Overage due to increase in rates & water pipe leak repairs		
Heat, Electric, Telephone, & Internet	\$14,250	\$10,182	71.5%	less than 3% over budget	3%-4% over budget	4.1% over budget			
Other Expenses									
Capital funds expended	\$314,714	\$95,544	30.4%	less than 3% over budget	3%-4% over budget	4.1% over budget	\$18,259 & \$8,455 carryover for PLC roof & shelterlogic add'l \$3K approved on 3/19 included in YTD budgeted \$		
Mortgage Expenses	\$232,813	\$232,376		no late payments		late payments	Principal & Interest		
All other expenses	\$222,901	\$185,654	83.3%	equal to or less than 100% budget	101%-110% of budget	111% or more			
Total Net Income ***	\$60,995	\$102,631	168.3%	equal to or over 100% budget	98%-99% of budget	under 98%	*** Includes unbudgeted income		
Debt Coverage Ratio	1.100%	1.363%		greater than 1.1%		less than 1.1%			
<p>Note: This Report is intended to provide Medvil residents with a 'snapshot' of our financial health at the end of each month. For more information, you can read the full detailed monthly Financial Report posted in the Medvil mail room or by contacting the Medvil Treasurer. Your Board of Directors welcomes your suggestions, questions, and feedback.</p>									

Cinco de Mayo Neighborhood Potluck!!



**Saturday, May 4th
Donald Drive Club House**

**4:30 pm Happy Half-Hour
5:00 pm Dinner**

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 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.
And be sure to let us know what you are bringing.**

And this year we will have entertainment!

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!

As seen on *NH Chronicle*

Fred Marple

presents Yankee humor, music,
and assorted nonsense.

Saturday, May 11, 6:00PM
Partridge Lane Clubhouse

Here's what people are saying:

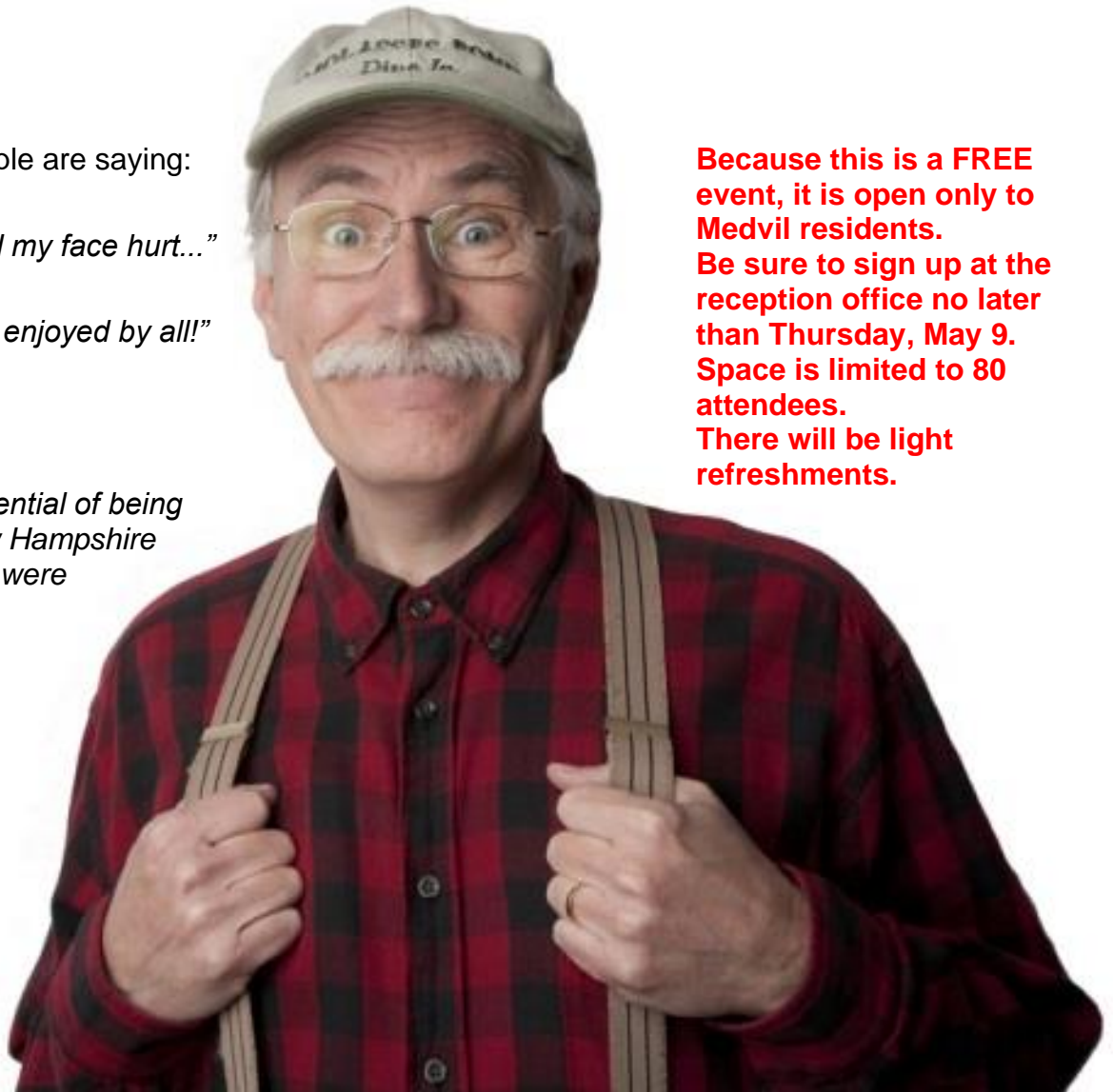
"laughed so hard my face hurt..."

"a great evening enjoyed by all!"

"a hoot!"

*"Fred shows potential of being
the voice of New Hampshire
as Bert & I once were
to Mainiacs."*

**Because this is a FREE
event, it is open only to
Medvil residents.
Be sure to sign up at the
reception office no later
than Thursday, May 9.
Space is limited to 80
attendees.
There will be light
refreshments.**



Meat Bingo

**Saturday
May 18th
Donald Drive Club House**



Starts at 1:00 pm til about 3:00 pm

Great fun and great cuts of Beef, Chicken and Fish

A great afternoon of fun and with 2 50/50 raffles

\$1.00 per card

\$15.00 for 16 games

No advance sign up necessary, just show up and plan on a fun afternoon.

"These are social events designed to bring people out of their homes to mingle with each other and to build a strong community. Come meet your neighbors and have a great time."

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.



It's time for The Community Wide Yard Sale

sponsored by The Events Committee

**Saturday ~ June 1
8:00 am to 2:00 pm**

Here's how it works.

- You must sign up at the office by **2:00 pm on Thursday, May 30.**
- The cost to participate is just \$5.00; this provides the Events Committee with the money to advertise the yard sale.
- Signs will be posted at the entrances and throughout the surrounding community. Maps will be available near each entrance.
- Homes participating in the yard sale will have their addresses listed on the maps made available to everyone coming into Medvil.
- We will not be providing balloons but feel free to purchase and display your own.

Want to participate but don't have any tables?

- Tables will be available to rent, the cost is \$5.00 per table. Due to last year's overwhelming response, **we must limit the tables to one (1) per household.**
- Tables will be delivered on Friday, May 31 and picked up on Monday, June 3.

Ready to participate?? Go to the Reception Office at the Donald Drive Club House, Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to sign up and pay.

The top portion of the image features a blue field with white stars, mimicking the canton of the United States flag. The stars are of varying sizes and are arranged in a pattern that suggests a waving flag.

LET US CELEBRATE


Medvil

VETERAN'S

Thursday, May 9th 4pm-7pm

**THE GOFFSTOWN AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
WOULD LIKE MEDVIL'S VETERANS TO JOIN US FOR
A MEAL! EACH VETERAN IS WELCOME TO BRING A
GUEST.**

RSVP to Rose
by MAY 1st:
603-660-9354

The bottom portion of the image features the red and white stripes of the United States flag, waving across the bottom of the poster.

Let's Help Them Out!



Our mission is to show others how much a senior dog can enrich a home, make a wonderful companion, and give the gift of unconditional love, no matter how long their time is. Old Dogs Go To Helen is not a facility or a shelter, it is a sanctuary. We take in senior, hospice or special needs homeless dogs and give them the care they need and a soft place to land until they are ready to pass on.

This is something we are extremely passionate about. However, we can only take so many dogs in at a time, and when other dogs need help or care, we often step in and pay for their medical help or treatments.

We currently have 19 dogs under our care, with 14 in our own home and five in foster homes. Old Dogs pay for all the medical and comfort care these dogs need until they pass on. While they are with us, they undergo any treatments, diagnostic work, surgeries, and more to meet their needs. Not to mention a never-ending supply of chicken nuggets.

Helen St. Pierre, Founder

There are boxes in the lobby at the Donald Drive Clubhouse

Donation deadline extended
until Friday, May 3!!!

Here's a short list of supplies that are needed.

- ❖ Glad ForceFlex Tall Kitchen Drawstring 13 Gallon Trash Bags *
- ❖ Dixie 10" Paper Plates, 2x Stronger, Microwave Safe, Soak Proof, Cut Resistant (these plates are used to feed the dogs)
- ❖ Bounty Paper Towels *
- ❖ Tide Liquid Laundry Detergent *
- ❖ Dog Toys and Beds Are Also Appreciated

* Generic brands for everything **except** the paper plates are gladly accepted. Check out their complete Wish List on Amazon.

If you would like to learn more about Old Dogs Go To Helen, check them out at <https://olddogsgotohelen.com>.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Medvil Cooperative

Board of Directors Meeting
Live Session with Zoom Broadcast
March 19, 2024
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Board Members in attendance: Dorrie Kossuth, Irene Gagne, Frank Boudreau, Debbie Cyr, Len Stuart, Anita O'Brien, Sue Soule

Remote via Zoom: Norm Proulx, Kim Capen

Meeting called to order by President Dorrie Kossuth at 6:00PM. A quorum was present.

1. Member Comments: A resident asked if background checks had been received on several new member applications and was told they would be voted on at this meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report for February 2024: Presented by Irene Gagne: see attached report.

3. Secretary's Report: Deb Cyr moved, seconded by Sue Soule, to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2024 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

4. Operations Report: presented by Kim Capen

- There were no new requests for home or shed improvements.
- No security issues to report.
- Extra \$2,500 spent on cleaning up leach field means we will come up \$2,000-\$3,000 short on work for cleaning up stumps from previous years' cuttings. Kim moved, seconded by Irene Gagne, to authorize up to an additional \$3,000 to complete the stump grinding. Motion carried.
- Kim sought the approval of the board to survey the eastern portion of the community regarding the potential replacement of the streetlights with one uniform type rather than the seven different styles now in use in that area, for reasons of standardization and ease of repair and maintenance. There was lengthy discussion on the various types and which put out the most light. Kim said he would obtain additional information and put together some materials for comparison. Consensus was to proceed.
- With mild winter and earlyish spring, maintenance is now doing regular yard waste pickups on Thursdays.
- Lawn repair from plow damage will begin as soon as it's practicable to put seed in the ground. Residents are reminded to hand water and care for the seeded areas.
- Residents are also reminded that replacement trees will take extra care and hand watering once they're placed.
- Residents are asked to please NOT directly call Don, our maintenance manager, unless there's an actual emergency requiring attention. Calls in the middle of the day interrupt his work in progress and

require extra time to respond. The best way to put in a work order is through the work request page on medvilcooperative.com, or fill out a paper form at the Donald Drive reception office.

- Loam and mulch will be for sale at the maintenance building again this year. Price has not been determined.

5. Membership: Len Stuart moved, seconded by Irene Gagne, to approve the following applicants for membership. All have successfully passed background and income checks. Motion carried.

- a) David Balestriet – purchasing 66 Partridge Lane
- b) Susan & Michael Keaton – purchase of property pending
- c) Beverly Costa – purchasing 59 Rachael Circle
- d) Austin Dibble - purchasing 59 Rachael Circle
- e) Linda Blais – second resident 96 Williams Way

6. Committee Reports submitted for review: reports attached.

- Events: Upcoming events included breakfast on March 30, ham & bean supper on April 13, and the first fish fry of the season on April 26.
- Fundraising: Yard sale coming up April 6.
- Helping Hands. Assisted 4 residents, delivered 1 welcome gift
- Nominating. Two seeking reelection. Monthly newsletter articles planned on 4 positions open in November.
- Real Estate. 3 houses for sale during month, two under Purchase & Sale agreements
- Resource
- Technology: Len Stuart asked for a consensus of the board to obtain a detailed quote from a local IT vendor for hardware and services for an upgrade to Medvil's business technology.
- Ad-hoc committee for rules, bylaws, and policies: in final editing stages, draft policy handbook should be ready for board soon.

7. Old Business:

8. New Business:

- Kristen Stewart, who rents the hair salon at Partridge Lane, asked the board's permission to place a small A-frame type sign on site when she is present to advertise her services. After discussion, consensus of board was to allow it, since former operator of the salon had previously been allowed to have a sign.
- Residents, particularly those new to the community, were reminded to ask the board or contact maintenance about trees and bushes on their sites, and NOT to remove them on their own. Doing so may cause damage to underground utilities.
- There was a resident inquiry regarding solar panel installations. Len Stuart was told by the Goffstown building inspector it can't be done in Medvil because the roofs of manufactured homes will not support the weight of the solar panels and their related structures. With a heavy winter snow load, there's a risk of collapse.
- Consensus of the board was to once again schedule the annual meeting at the Derryfield Country Club in Manchester, with the best date appearing to be Saturday, Nov. 2. Deb Cyr will contact the Derryfield regarding the date availability.
- Sue Soule will be getting a list of volunteers for Spring planting and decorating, the same group that did it last year.

- Frank Boudreau provided a report he compiled on the annual audit services cost for other large ROCs. His survey of the five largest ROCs in New Hampshire showed Medvil in the middle of the pack in terms of audit costs per housing unit, and the latest contract for fiscal 2023 with longtime auditor Pechansky & Co. of Manchester, which amounts to roughly \$24/unit, to be competitive, and well below the \$27/unit average for the Top 5. The Finance Committee will prepare specifications and issue a request for bids for the services for fiscal 2024.

9. Member comments: A resident asked about removing shrubs on site and was advised to put in a work order to have it done by maintenance. Having the work done by Medvil avoids the danger of disturbing underground lines and utilities. Another resident addressed the streetlight issue, saying that the globes do not provide more light than the street lamps on the east side of the community, that safety should be the primary issue in any change, and the project should be put to a membership vote.

Motion by Dorrie Kossuth, seconded by Sue Soule, to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. before going directly into executive session. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Anita O'Brien, seconded by Sue Soule, to exit the executive session at 7:57 p.m. and move immediately into regular session. Motion carried.

Motion made by Anita O'Brien, seconded by Sue Soule, to send letter to a resident regarding occupancy. Motion carried.

Motion by Deb Cyr, seconded by Anita O'Brien, to allow lot rent to accrue on a property until probate process is completed. Motion carried

A motion was made by Anita O'Brien, seconded by Sue Soule, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes taken by Leonard Stuart on March 19, 2024

Meeting Minutes Approved by the Board of Directors:



April 16, 2024

Leonard Stuart, Secretary

Approval Date

**REPORT OF FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 4/16/24**

The last committee meeting was held on 3/26/24.

Old Business

Jocelyn Bergeron won the 4/1 monthly pool for \$250. We currently have 3 persons on the wait list.

We have a balance of \$10,991.40 as of 3/31.

We dropped off 25 items and 14 were already sold by the end of March.

New Business

Our yard sale was a success once again, netting almost \$793. The winner of the 50/50 for \$123.50 was Lindsey Lagasse, the granddaughter of a resident.

The beneficiaries of our left overs were very happy to receive them.

We continue to receive donations.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 4/23/24.

We now have 6 Committee Members

Respectfully Submitted,
Irene M. Gagne, Chair

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

February, 2024

Over the month of February, the Technology Committee quizzed three local computer service vendors -- Ace Computers, Computer Commuter and Grolen Computers – about how they'd accomplish four basic tasks to start upgrading Medvil's business technology:

- Develop a central digital file repository
- Provide regular, automated backups
- Set up and administer accounts and permissions
- Be available for hardware and software support

After a separate meeting and discussion, the committee settled on the approach proposed by Josh Schoenfeld of Computer Commuter:

- Custom-built file server with security firewall for local storage of files
- Daily backup of working files to local server
- Daily/weekly file backup to cloud service
- VPN (virtual private network) for secure access to files from anywhere.
- Permission-based access as required to various folders on server.
- Operational support as required

Based on similar installations he's done, Schoenfeld's rough guess at overall cost was under \$5,000.

Ace Computers would be used for on-call support in the event of CC's unavailability or emergency.

Neither firm expressed any interest in a contracted relationship with Medvil, so there would be no continuing financial obligation. After initial installation and setup, services and support would be billed as incurred, at approximately \$100 per hour.

NEXT STEPS FOR THE COMMITTEE : With Board's approval:

- obtain a detailed and itemized proposal from Schoenfeld for the hardware, software and labor aspects of an installation.
- Start talking with Medvil's various stakeholders about what files they need to have available on the server: administration, real estate, membership, rules/bylaws, etc., in order to plan a file structure and sharing/access needs.

GRANT-WRITING COMMITTEE REPORT—APRIL 2024

- Committee met on 4/09/24: present were Frank Boudreau & Cat Pragoff; BoD President Dorrie Kossuth joined briefly
- Discussed the ROC•USA/ROC Association Better Together Grants Program—since we received the information too late to provide a detailed application by the 5/5/24 deadline, decided to postpone our application until next year's program opens
- Finally got a response to the Franklin Savings Bank query this week; now we have a contact point to continue our investigation
- Still waiting to hear back from Representative Pappas' grants assistant
- Looked into the UNH Cooperative Extension Service Trees Program for possible free trees and/or education and guidance on tree replacement; this info has been passed on to Operations

Respectfully submitted,

Cat Pragoff
 Chair Medvil
 Grant-Writing Committee

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR APRIL 16, 2024 BOARD MEETING

The Medvil Real Estate statistics from March 19, 2024 through April 16, 2024 : 1 new listing, 0 showings, 3 Purchase and Sales pending, and 0 closings. No other activity.

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

Respectfully submitted
Dorrie Kossuth, Chairperson

Monthly Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on By-Laws, Rules, and Policies April 16, 2024

A Draft of the *Medvil Policy Handbook* (including a Table of Contents and Instructions) has been completed and distributed to the Board for their review and comment. A *Policy Review Sheet* will be completed by each Board member to capture their remarks and feedback after reviewing individual policies; Review Sheets will be submitted to the Ad Hoc Bylaws, Rules, and Policies Committee Chair on or before April 30, 2024. Board comments will be consolidated and then refined by the Committee Chair (Frank Boudreau), Board President (Dorrie Kossuth), and Board Secretary (Leonard Stuart) into a Final Draft for approval by the full Board of Directors.

Report submitted by Frank Boudreau