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THE MEDVIL MESSENGER

For all the Medvil community since 2008.
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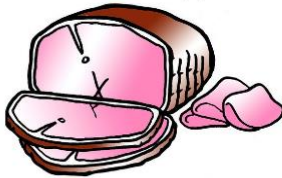
Medvil pride.....shows inside!
Edition 147

COMING ATTRACTIONS



* December 18th.
The Browns' Luncheon

* January 8th.
Ham & Bean Supper



***See inside this issue
for more information!**

* January 19th.
Soup & Chowder Night



A Christmas Concert



*Medvil's own D Street Band
has offered to perform a Christmas concert for us.*

All are welcome!

*This gifted band specializes in fun,
folk, oldies, easy-listening and classic rock.*

*Partridge Lane Club House (upper level)
Sunday ~ December 12th
2:00 - 4:00 pm*

If you would like to bring an unwrapped toy, we would appreciate it, but a donation is not required.



BOARD NOTICES

OPERATIONS



The month of November was busy with leaves, leaves and more leaves. Thanks to the residents who volunteered on the Community Clean Up Day, we were able to get a big jump on it at the beginning of the month. As you know, there's a lot of ground to cover, so any amount of help was appreciated. I want to thank those residents who were willing to help that day. They were: Joyce Wilson, Mike Boudreau, Donna Zajac, Sue Proulx, Frank and Debbie Boudreau, Charlene Kach and John Kyriakoutsas. Though we were fighting the wind every step of the way, we were still able to accomplish quite a bit. A reminder: after the first snow, leaf bags will no longer be collected.

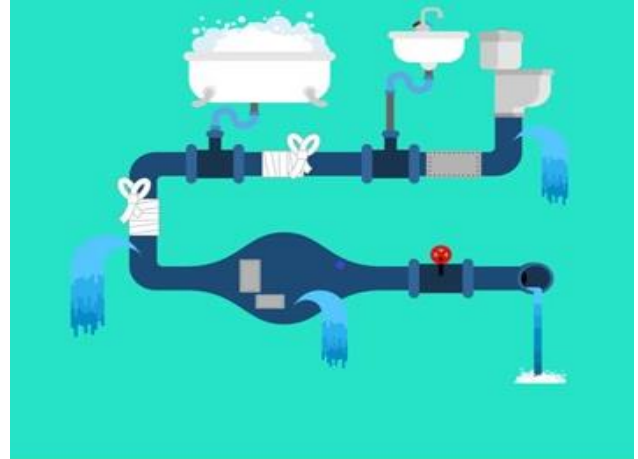
Jeff and Shawn have been busy getting ready for (dare I say it) snow season! I'm afraid it's right around the corner. The road salt supply has been replenished and salt buckets have been placed at the clubhouse entrances as well as both mail houses. The leaf box will be removed from the truck and replaced with the salt spreader and we will be ready to go. Wood protectors were built for all the new shrubs at the Donald Drive entrance. Not only will it protect our investment from snow damage, but it will also discourage the deer from satisfying their hunger on our beautiful shrubs.

Please remember, when plowing, we are allowed 12 inches from the edge of the road in order to push the snow back. Those residents who have rocks, bricks or small landscape fences may want to remove them to avoid any damage from the plows. Also, keep in mind that shoveling snow into the roadway is not allowed.

I hope you are all enjoying the Holiday decorations throughout the community as well as the clubhouses. Though this is not an Operations task, I

wanted to be able to thank Diane Scott (Dale Scott's sister.) Diane asked if she could refresh the wreaths hanging at the mail houses and she did a beautiful job! Thank you, Diane for your generosity. It was much appreciated.

Sewer System Takes Another Hit . . .



**PLEASE STOP . . .
AND THINK . . .
ARE YOU CAUSING THIS? ? ?**

I'm afraid I need to address a not-so-pleasant topic yet again. On November 18th we had another issue with blocked sewer pipes caused by flushed wipes at the Partridge Club House. I have addressed it several times in the past but it's continuing to happen.

I need you all to understand the cost involved in clearing this problem which could easily be avoided. So far this year we have spent close to \$5,000.00 on this issue. Unfortunately, this past incident flooded the men's room, and it has yet to be determined if the floor will need to be replaced--which is just a year old.

PLEASE! Do not flush ANYTHING other than human waste and toilet tissue. Wipes, adult diapers, paper towels and rags,



batteries and spoons and grease have all been found to be the cause of these blockages. We have been fortunate thus far that these blockages have not undermined the sewer pipes. Should that happen, it would involve digging up the pipes to replace them which could involve residents' yards and our roads. I'm sure you can imagine how costly this would be.

We all have a vested interest in the Medvil budget. Please do your part by adhering to this request and let's avoid this unnecessary spending. Your cooperation will be appreciated by all.

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

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OTHER NOTICES

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL MEETING AND LOTS OF PEOPLE TO THANK!

First, to the homeowners and residents of Medvil, thank you for showing up. With 109 households represented (our goal was 99) we made our quorum and were able to conduct the business necessary to keep Medvil moving forward into 2022 and beyond.

Then to the team of volunteers who made it all happen:

Meeting Organizers

- Karen Kirkpatrick
- Kim Capen
- Jim Eddinger

Packets

- Pam Gallagher
- Judy Patrick
- Rachel Hogan
- Kathy Langlois
- Debbie Boudreau

On-Site at Meeting

- Pam Gallagher
- Judy Patrick
- Diane Lamarre
- Barbara McDermott
- Joyce Wilson
- Dolly Piccolo
- Rich Piccolo
- Judy Sullivan
- Stan Fudala

Sound

- Jack Cyr
- Dave Kirkpatrick

Thank you all so very much.

Deb Cyr
Meeting Organizer



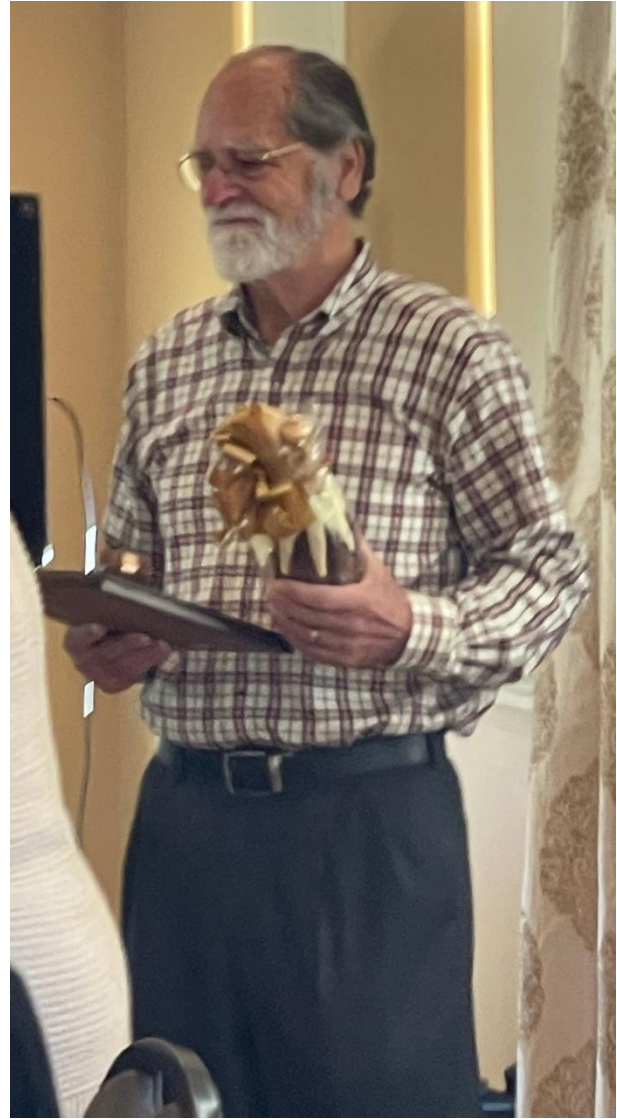
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS OF NOVEMBER 6TH, 2021

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Director-at-Large - Peggy Hatfield
Director-at-Large - Jim McNeil
Director-at-Large - Anita O'Brien
Director-at-Large - Dan Daigle

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At Right: Outgoing President Kim Capen is warmly appreciated for his many years of service to our Medvil Cooperative. In his capacity as a member of the Board of Directors of ROC, he continues to work for the support and betterment of Medvil and other resident owned communities.

Photo: Dolly Piccolo



THE RECEPTION OFFICE WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW...



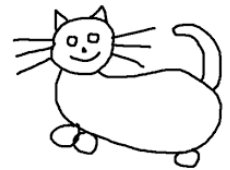
'Tis the season...for LOTS of boxes and packages! They are piling up quickly so please come by and pick up your parcels in a timely manner so we have room for more. Thank you.

Pam Gallagher

The Medvil Messenger

OTHER NEWS

FERAL CAT PROJECT



It's been another quiet month. No trapping, returns or adoptions. The feeding station is in its new spot, and the winter shelters are set up. We put two igloo-style dog houses on pallets and lined them with straw for extra insulation. Thanks to Ken Aldrich for making doors for them with cat-sized holes!



When we were moving the feeding station, we set up a game camera to see if the cats were using it. Every day, a tabby cat with a light blue collar was among the cats who visited. If this is someone's missing pet, please contact me so we can get you reunited. k9dancer@aol.com.

Donna Duford =^..^=



A little warm shelter for our feral feline friends



Possibly lost pet with light blue collar

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**EVENTS
COMMITTEE**



When you read this Sheryl Faye, the Fish Fry, Meat Bingo (with the largest group in attendance every) and Thanksgiving will all be a fond memory. We hope everyone had a great month.

The events group had another good meeting and we have already started producing ideas for 2022. It is

hard to believe we are close to the start of a fresh new year.

Once again Leah & Allen Brown will be doing their Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 18th. Please see the attached flyer that outlines the sign-up and pick-up procedures.

Coming in January; a Ham & Bean Supper with an oldies dance on Saturday, January 8th, price is \$5 per person. Also, later in January on the 19th we



will be hosting a Soup & Chowder night. See the attached flyers for additional information.

And just in case you haven't seen their flyer, The D Street Band will be having a Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 12th from 2:00-4:00 pm at Partridge Lane Club House (upper level).

Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Judy Patrick



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.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Contact Irene Gagne at 603-622-1869

MONTHLY POOL

The 11/1 winner was Kathy Langlois for \$250. All numbers are being played with a guaranteed winner. There are currently seven residents on the wait list as six people signed up at the annual meeting. Please call



Irene Gagne at 603-622-1869 to place your name on the list. It's only \$5/month and you can play more than one number.

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

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

Ideas Needed -- You don't have to be a committee member to give us suggestions for projects to use our funds for the benefit of the Medvil community -- call Irene with suggestions and costs.

Irene Gagne

THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE HAS RAISED ALMOST \$69,000 SINCE 2007

Here is a partial list of items purchased for the good of the community:

PARTRIDGE LANE CLUBHOUSE

Downstairs:

- Automated external defibrillator (AED)
- Stove
- 72 chairs with rack
- 12 - 8' & 8 - 6' tables with dolly trucks
- 6 bar stools
- Television
- 2 pool table repairs
- 2 large trash cans

Upstairs:

- Automated external defibrillator (AED)
- 6 swivel chairs
- Portion of lighting
- Card tables & chairs
- 10' Christmas tree
- 2 floor lamps



Donald Drive Clubhouse

Outside:

- Canopy & sign

Downstairs:

- Automated external defibrillator (AED)
- Stove
- Flooring
- Countertop & double sink

Upstairs:

- Automated external defibrillator (AED)
- Television
- 6 vertical blinds for conference & supply rooms
- Storage cabinets for supply room
- Conference room sound system
- 10' Christmas tree
- Meeting "owl" for zoom
- 2 surveillance cameras

DDC Pavillion:

- Water fountain & accessories
- Swing and bird bath
- Kegeator
- 3 fryers & 4 tanks
- DDC shed roof
- 8-burner grill with 2 large gas tanks
- 2 sets of grilling utensils
- 6 picnic tables

Other:

- 3 entrance signs & est. 2006 add-on
- 10 years of community living
- Medvil brochures (250 x 3)
- Medvil key chains (500 x 3)
- Medvil pens (500 x 2)
- Newsletter colored printing – 100th issue
- Park bench & walk – Constitution Road
- Gem truck
- Snow blower
- 9 first aid kits (clubhouses & garage)

We are looking for other projects that will benefit the community.

Irene Gagne

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

Life is good in Medvil. That is why Medvil Real Estate since last month has had only three showings, one sale pending, and no current listings. . . and a long list of people waiting to move into Medvil! If you are thinking about selling your home, please consider letting Medvil Real Estate help you. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Dorrie Kossuth



And once again, time-tested recipes come your way from. . .

THE ANSWER LADY

My friend swears he saw a recipe years ago on TV for a veggie burger that was made using frozen corn



but I can't find it anywhere. I see tofu recipes, bean recipes, but nothing using corn. Does it even exist?

(from Doubting Thomas)

This recipe was featured on the Food Network years ago, and it is always a big hit because it uses ingredients most of us have in our pantries or freezers. It's easy, plus it tastes great.

Veggie Burger

3 tablespoons olive oil
3/4 cup fresh corn kernels or frozen, thawed
6 mushrooms, finely chopped (or substitute canned)
2 scallions, finely chopped
1/2 red bell pepper, finely chopped
1 clove garlic, finely chopped
1 teaspoon cumin
Dash of cayenne pepper
1/2 cup chopped fresh spinach
1 carrot, peeled and grated
1 small potato, peeled and grated
1 egg white
Salt and pepper
1/2 cup fresh breadcrumbs (can substitute oats)
1 cup plain yogurt
2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint

In a large skillet, heat 1 tablespoon oil over medium high heat. In a food processor, pulse corn, mushrooms, scallions, and bell pepper. Transfer pulsed vegetables to skillet and cook for 3-4 minutes. Add garlic, cumin and cayenne and cook for 30 seconds. Remove from heat and stir in spinach. Add carrot and potato and stir to combine. Add egg white and season with salt and pepper. Stir in enough breadcrumbs so that the mixture holds together. Shape mixture into 6 disks and place on a plate. Chill for 1 hour.

Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in non-stick skillet and cook veggie burgers until golden on each side. In a small bowl mix together yogurt and mint for garnish.

Yield: 6 burgers, serves 2-3
Prep Time: 1 hours 30 minutes
Cooking Time: 25 minutes
Difficulty: Easy

My grandmother used to make Hummingbird Cake for the holidays. Do you think you can find the recipe for me? Thanks.

(from Reminiscing)
Here you go:

Hummingbird Cake

3 cups all-purpose flour
2 cups white sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon baking soda
1-1/4 cups vegetable oil
3 eggs, beaten
1-8-ounce can crushed pineapple with juice
1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
3/4 cup chopped pecans
1/4 cup chopped black walnuts
2/3 cup mashed bananas

Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease and flour three 9-inch round cake pans (or one Bundt pan). Spoon batter into the prepared pans. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes. Let cakes cool in pans for 10 minutes. Then turn out onto racks to finish cooling. Frost with Whipped Cream Cheese Frosting.

Whipped Cream Cheese Frosting

1 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
1 cup powdered sugar
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 1/2 cups heavy whipping cream

Whip ingredients together to form gentle peaks. Using a spatula, frost cooled cake, top and sides, then trim as desired.



Happy Holidays, everyone!

The Answer Lady lives among us and bets some of you know who she is! Do YOU have a general interest question for The Answer Lady? Let us know.



NEIGHBORLY RECOMMENDATIONS



Time for something new! This column will be for you to tell your neighbors about good things. For example, have you seen a good

movie, read a good book, enjoyed a local event or received a good and useful service? Use this column to spread the word to your Medvil neighbors!

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THE LOANER'S CLOSET

for DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

6 West Broadway, Unit 6, Derry, NH 03038

Phone (603) 432-0877 Ext. 3

During the summer, I had hip replacement surgery, and just prior to the surgery, it was necessary to assess my medical equipment needs. I was able to get all of the devices that I needed (five in all) for as long as I needed, through The Loaner's Closet AT NO COST. This is a wonderful resource that I wanted to share with Medvil residents.

Operated by the Community Caregivers of Derry, The Loaner's Closet is open to any and all NH residents, and you do not need to meet any criteria. It is a great resource for needed medical equipment - without a large price tag: FREE to borrow.

The equipment is donated and is available at no charge for as long as needed. Clean and gently used donated equipment is sanitized in a state-of-the art HUBSCRUB Machine, using antibacterial detergent and UV Light technology, both before it is loaned out, as well as when it is returned for the next consumer's need.

The most common items donated and requested are:

Bath Seats, bed assist rails, step stools, blood pressure kits, canes, commodes, crutches, gait belts, grabbers, knee scooters, manual wheelchairs, raised toilet seats, rollators, sock aids, transfer benches, transport wheelchairs, versa frames, walkers and bariatric equipment of all types. In addition, they can supply consumable items such as Adult diapers, pull ups, under pads, rubber gloves and supplemental drinks.

If you are in need, be sure to CALL FIRST to be sure the item(s) is (are) available and can be set aside for you. They are wonderful!!

Eveleen Barcomb



OF SEASONAL INTEREST

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

Good luck. The answers can be found on page 11.

Question #1: What popular Christmas beverage is also called “milk punch?”

Question #2: How many ghosts show up in *A Christmas Carol*?

Question #3: The movie *Miracle on 34th Street* is based on what real-life department store?

Question #4: In which modern-day country was St. Nicholas born?

Question #5: In the movie *It's a Wonderful Life* what happened every time a bell rang?

Question #6: Which Hollywood actor placed six different roles in *The Polar Express*?

Question #7: Which Christmas song contains the lyric “Everyone dancing merrily in the new old-fashioned way?”

Question #8: Which one of Santa’s reindeer has the same name as another holiday mascot?

Question #9: How many gifts in total were given in “The Twelve Days of Christmas” song?

Question #10: Which fairy tale was the first gingerbread house inspired by?

Question #11: What is the best-selling Christmas song ever?

Question #12: What popular Christmas song was actually written for Thanksgiving?

Question #13: What was the first company that used Santa Claus in advertising?

Question #14: Three of Santa’s reindeer’s name begin with the letter “D.” What are they?

Question #15: Who wrote, “Christmas doesn’t come from a store, maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more?”



ANSWER TO TRIVIA:

Answer #1: Egg Nog
Answer #2: Four
Answer #3: Macy's
Answer #4: Turkey
Answer #5: An angel got its wings.
Answer #6: Tom Hanks
Answer #7: "Rocking Around the Christmas Tree"

Answer #8: Cupid
Answer #9: 364
Answer #10: Hansel and Gretel
Answer #11: "White Christmas" by Bing Crosby
Answer #12: "Jingle Bells"
Answer #13: Coca-Cola
Answer #14: Dasher, Dancer, and Donner
Answer #15: Dr. Seuss



. . .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.)

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Irene Gagne



The Events Committee is pleased to announce a free Holiday Luncheon on Saturday, December 18th



Due to lingering concerns about COVID-19 and because we want to keep all our friends and neighbors safe and well, the luncheon will again be a drive-through event at the Donald Drive Clubhouse, where all registrants will pick up a hot turkey dinner with all the fixings, dessert included!

Registration is required. If you would like to sign up for this dinner, please call the Reception Office at (603) 497-4440, Ext. 0. The office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. **The deadline to register is Friday, December 3rd.**

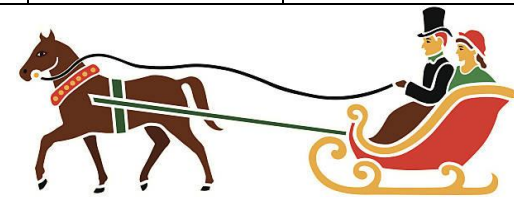
When you call to make your reservation, you will be assigned a pick-up time. This is to ensure your meal will be ready to go and to help avoid possible traffic jams at the club house. ***Please be sure to adhere to your assigned time.***

If you are physically unable to get to the clubhouse, we will be happy to bring your meal to you; be sure to indicate you need delivery service when you sign-up.

*This is a free event, sponsored by the Events Committee,
and made possible through the kind generosity of
Leah & Allen Brown of John Brown Excavating, Goffstown, NH
and is for Medvil residents only.*



December 2021						
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FUTURE EVENTS: Ham and Bean Supper January 8th Soup and Chowder Night January 19th						



Metal Pick-up: 1st Monday of the month, beginning at 8 AM *
Trash & Recycling Pick-up: Every WEDNESDAY beginning at 7 AM *
Yard Waste Pick-up: Every Thursday until first snow fall
 * Please have your items curbside by that time.

What do you get when you combine

a Ham & Bean Supper with



dancing to the oldies?

An evening of tasty food and lots of fun!!!

Saturday ~ January 8th ~ 5:00 pm
Donald Drive Club House

Boston baked beans ~ ham ~ coleslaw ~
rolls with butter ~ New England brown bread ~
coffee and dessert

And your favorite music from back when we were kids!

Please join your friends and neighbors for this fun night
out...you don't even have to drive very far!!

Cost is just \$5.00 per person.

Where else can you go and have so much fun for so little money?

You must sign-up and prepay at the
Medvil Reception Office
Monday - Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
(603) 497-4440, Ext. 0

We hope you can make it! ~ The Events Committee

Soup & Chowder Night

Wednesday
January 19th
5:00 pm
Donald Drive Club House



Thanks to the members of the Events Committee, there will be lots of soups and chowders to sample.

Coffee and dessert will round out the evening.

This is a free event but to ensure we have enough for everyone, please call the Medvil Reception Office at (603)497-4440, Ext. 0 to let us know you are coming. They are open Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Don't forget the 50/50 raffle!



Please come and enjoy this fun (and delicious) evening however if you have a favorite soup or chowder you'd like to share with other 'soup connoisseurs', please let us know what it is you'll be bringing when you call to sign up.

Because this is a free event, attendance is limited to Medvil residents only.