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Hi everyone,

Father's Day coming up this weekend. Thank you to all the dads out there. Hope you have a lovely, relaxing, celebratory day. I am going to make sure I have a donut and cup of "good" coffee that my dad always loved. When he died, we felt compelled to go around to the coffee and donut shops in town to pay up any outstanding tabs since he rarely had any cash on him and he couldn't resist stopping if he had the time. We thought he might owe a few some \$ and wanted to make sure we got him squared away with the merchants. They loved him. We loved him. I think about him every day. Dads are important. Happy Father's Day.

In case the seamstresses in our community are getting bored and looking for another project, we could always use more cloth masks. Surprisingly, we seem to be running low. The box in the vestibule for residents to take a mask is almost always empty. Same for the clean masks available each shift for staff. So any and all new ones would be very much appreciated.

I got the opportunity to speak (via Zoom of course!) to the Shelburne Select Board on Tuesday evening. A nice way to introduce myself and start that important relationship building. I made a point of highlighting the critical partnership we have with Shelburne Police, Fire and Rescue and how much we appreciate their service to our Wake Robin community, especially during this COVID pandemic. Also gave a shout out to the Shelburne businesses, especially Shelburne Market, Kinney Drugs and Rte. 7 Deli and Liquor who have really done an exceptional job accommodating us during our period of lockdown. I think they appreciated hearing that.

**Absentee Voting:**

I understand that in the past, voting came to Wake Robin. This year, we cannot have onsite voting. So, given that the primaries are August 7<sup>th</sup>, you will see posters around campus with tear-offs that give you the phone number of the Town Clerk (985-5116) to request an absentee ballot. Diana Vachon is eagerly awaiting your calls!

## **Family Visits in Linden! Finally!**

Exciting news came out yesterday. Governor Scott announced that we can start to arrange visits with Linden residents' friends and families soon. We received the guidance yesterday afternoon. We are finalizing policies and procedures but here is a sneak peek of what to expect. We will start this Wednesday 6/24 for Spruce and Cedar, Juniper will begin the following week 6/29. Here's how it will work:

- All visits are scheduled in advance by emailing Kim Surprenant.
- A schedule of visitations will be established for each neighborhood at the designated **OUTSIDE** locations for the residents and their visitors to meet.
  - Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays 10a-12p and 2p-4p
    - Spruce can accommodate 6 visits at a time
      - Spruce Deck
    - Cedar and Juniper 4 visits at a time
      - Cedar - Community Center parking lot
      - Juniper - Secret Garden
  - Visits will be 45 minutes in duration
  - Limited availability to ensure we accommodate a minimum 1 visit a week for all residents.
  - Visitors will access these outside locations directly, not entering the building.
  - 2 visitors per resident.
  - Cancellations due to weather or other circumstances will be communicated with a minimum of 1-hour notice.
- All visits will be monitored by staff from a distance but close enough to intervene if they need to remind residents and visitors of the guidelines.
- All visitors will be screened at the checkpoint
  - Temperatures taken, review of symptoms.
  - All visitors will be tracked on a log of date, time, contact information and where they are coming from for each visit for tracing purposes.
  - All visitors will be from Vermont at this time-any visitor that has entered the state for a longer period will be required to quarantine for 14 days prior to approved visit.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at each visitation site and residents and staff are required to sanitize hands prior to visit.
- Residents and visitors will remain at least 6 feet apart.
- No touching or passing of objects will be allowed.
- Visitors will be required to provide their own facial covering and must wear for the entire duration of the visit.

- No food or drink during the visit.
- Residents will be encouraged to wear a mask (if they can tolerate it).
- Each area will be sanitized between visits by the staff observing the visit.

A lot of rules, we know, but these are set by the State and we are obligated to follow them. And we are excited to finally have our Linden residents visiting in person with loved ones, so it's worth it!

Well, my humor from earlier this week clearly struck some funny bones! There's more where that came from. There are some funny ones today!

- There's no hope - (but I could be wrong...)
- Good judgment comes from experience; experience comes from bad judgment.
- I'm going to make it through this year if it kills me!
- Wine is to women as duct tape is to men...it fixes everything.
- I'm working on my second million. (I've given up on my first.)
- If you're on top of everything, it's hard to get to the bottom of anything.
- Quantum mechanics: The dreams stuff is made of.
- Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
- Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'
- A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: 'Keep off the Grass.'
- The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
- A backward poet writes inverse.
- In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
- If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.

And my personal favorite for today...

- I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

Have a nice weekend everyone. Stay well.

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