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Hi everyone,

Hope you all had a lovely weekend. What a gorgeous one! Got my farmers' market fix in. Finished a book. Started another. Cooked. All the things I love to do to keep stress at bay. Culminated in our weekly FaceTime visit with Ben in New Brunswick. He's great as always. His big news: He bought himself some new red Converse sneakers! Honestly I felt like we had crossed a line into adulthood when he told us he had purchased his own shoes. I know it's crazy but I guess I just don't have to worry about his wardrobe any longer. It's his problem now. Another stressor out the window! Now if he'd just find a job...

I have had a few emails from folks saying they've heard rumors of a naming contest for the booth at the check point. Hate to squash enthusiasm, but it's really only a temporary structure and naming it feels pretty permanent to me. Cute as it is going to be, as soon as we can, I'm hoping it's shut up tight (and maybe even moved) until a future need presents itself.

I continue to get asked to reconsider the **visiting days to include a weekend day**. Right now we have a skeleton ES staff on weekends. We are in the process of hiring two new security folks so I will revisit the request in a few weeks once the new folks have started and had some training.

I have also been asked to remind everyone to **please wear their nametags**. It's terribly hard to recognize each other with masks and hats and sunglasses on. Nametags really help. Thanks!

Just got this slide deck from the VT. Dept. of Health today. Some interesting information about COVID cases in VT if you like to look at charts and graphs. <https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID19-Weekly-Data-Summary-8-7-2020.pdf>

Several of you have asked about **masks with a clear panel covering the mouth** to assist folks who lip read. Here's some information that Meagan was able to find to inform your purchasing.

What to know about buying a clear face mask:

(Note that it hasn't been determined if clear face masks are as effective at preventing the spread of coronavirus.)

- Look for masks that are fog-free -- the seller should list that.
- It needs to be durable enough to wash, or you'll buy disposable masks in packs.
- The mask needs to be breathable.
- The mask should wrap around your nose and chin and be snug enough to prevent gaps.
- If you sneeze in the mask, wash it as soon as possible because there's no cloth to absorb the debris.

You can search on Etsy, Amazon, and many other online stores. Many require them to be air dried or other precautions while laundering them, please review these details.

Exciting Linden Update!!

We will be opening the Salon for Linden Residents! Got the green light from our regulators. We will start this on Tuesday 8/18. Tuesdays and Wednesdays will be reserved for Linden Resident use only on an ongoing basis.

Staff can assist in making appointments or residents can call Sondra directly.

Please do not stop by to make an appointment.

And of course, all residents will need to wear a mask for their appointment.

Where can I find the link to...?

Sherri and Jena are getting lots of inquiries about the link to activities and programs that are announced in Written Cup and Happenings. Just as a reminder, **both Written Cup and the Happenings calendar are posted on the resident portal weekly.** If you know there is an event/program that you'd like to attend, and you can't find the announcement in your emails, please go to the Resident portal first. The links are embedded in the Written Cup and Happenings documents so it's easy to just click on the link and you will be connected to the program. It is really too hard for us to send a reminder out for every event/program we have scheduled so we'd appreciate you all using the resident portal as your first go-to spot to find info. Thanks.

Don't forget we are having our virtual community Cup meeting on Thursday. Let Sherri know by noon on Wednesday if you would like to be on

the agenda with an announcement. We will send out a reminder and the Zoom link first thing Thursday morning.

And some good humor for today!

- I never called you stupid, but when I asked you to spell “orange” and you asked me “the fruit or color?”, it kinda caught me off guard.
- Why do eggs come in flimsy Styrofoam cartons and batteries come in a package only a chain saw can open?
- Husband and I went grocery shopping with masks. Got home, took off masks, brought home wrong husband. Stay alert people!
- Me: Please bring me a screwdriver. Wife: Flathead, Phillips, or vodka? And that was when I knew she was the one.
- I just read a book on marriage that said treat your wife like you treated her on your first date. So after dinner tonight, I’m dropping her off at her parents’ house.
- Parenting tip: When you lose your children in the house, turn off the Wi-Fi. They’ll come out immediately. Your neighbors may even drop by as well.

Have a good week. Looking forward to seeing your smiling faces on Thursday at Cup!

Stay well,



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