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Hi everyone,

Well, it's a beautiful Thursday, albeit a bit chillier than I'd like. But, we'll take it! Mother Nature is giving us a little gift after yesterday's snow!

Daily Updates:

A few changes are in store for my daily updates to you. The RAVE system we have been using to send them (phone message, text message, and email message) is really our emergency alert system. I'm starting to worry that many of you are getting the late afternoon call or text, and hanging up or deleting before you actually listen or read it. I know I am. On the off chance that we needed to actually tell you something urgently, I fear many of you might assume it's a daily update and not listen. So, starting next week, my daily updates will come to you in email format only and will not come over the RAVE system. So you will still get it, but not as a RAVE alert (by text, phone and email). Those RAVE alerts will go back to being only for emergencies. So, please, if you get a RAVE alert after next Monday, take it seriously and listen to it! It means we have something really important to tell you!

Also, the news and updates that we need to communicate to you related to our COVID-19 response are decreasing every day. So, I may start sending updates only every other day. I'll let you know if and when I make that change; thanks.

The Library in the Time of COVID-19:

Some nice news from the Library Committee: Starting tomorrow, our lovely Jean Connor Library will be taking a leaf out of the Pierson Library's book (pun intended!) and offering a take-out service for your enjoyment.

The Library is pleased to provide you access, albeit limited, to our collection of both books and DVDs. While residents are still not physically permitted into the Library to browse around and choose items to borrow, we can offer complete access via the on-line catalog. You can choose your items, books and/or DVDs from what's listed in the catalog, send in an email, and a volunteer will fill your order and leave it for you to pick up when you come to the Community Center for your mail.

Instructions on how this will work are attached. Also, copies will be available in the Community Center. Thanks to everyone who volunteers on this committee for making this work. Rest assured, they are only going to be working in the Library one or two at a time, always masked and gloved! Happy reading!

Interview with Governor Scott:

Really nice interview by Vermont's Senate leader Tim Ashe with Governor Scott about his leadership during this unprecedented time in Vermont's history.

Leadership is hard in the best of times. It's really, really hard during crises.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uRIuG5phfu4>

For Your Entertainment:

Shelburne Museum continues to engage its audience digitally. Visit the Museum's website www.shelburnemuseum.org to view video tours of the Museum's Brick House, founder Electra Havemeyer Webb's Vermont home. Enjoy a new blog post from Museum staff, regional artists, and more every Wednesday. Dance your days away with the Music from the Green playlist. More virtual arts experiences to come! Check the Museum's Facebook for updates.

And today's humor:

- I feel like I'm 16 again. Gas is cheap and I'm grounded!
- Stepped on my scale this morning, and it said: "Please use social distancing; one person at a time."
- Because of the huge increase in deliveries, FedEx and UPS have joined forces and are now Fed-Up.
- I'm so bored I went outside to knock on my own door. Then came back in and said "Who is it?"

Looking forward to providing some nice announcements for you all tomorrow! Just in time for the weekend! Stay tuned.

Best,



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