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Hi everyone,

What a lovely week! I did some additional “shopping” at the Tag Sale on Wednesday. *Again* I needed my car to load all my loot (and to assist Francis with his boxes of treasures). I do miss shopping! Got mom a few puzzles. Picked up some long iced tea spoons, some pots and cooking utensils. Brought it all into the house Wednesday night, and my husband pulled out the three colanders we *already* have while questioning why I thought we needed two more? I told him it was a size thing. He looked a little confused. Not sure he bought it. And then he counted all the cutting boards we already have and wondered why two more of those were necessary? Again, I told him it was a size thing. He stopped asking. And I just kept unpacking the trunk.

Special, sincere thanks to everyone who helped out this year at the Tag Sale. I know it wasn't the usual high profile community-wide event, but the staff loved it! Thanks to everyone. Very much appreciated.

I heard the concert last evening was wonderful. Full house! Thanks again to the Music Committee for being such amazing talent right to our doorstep.

So here's a provocative question for you all:

Because of COVID, what behavior changes have you made?

Which changes will you continue after the COVID pandemic is behind us?

Interesting discussion to have over dinner or a cocktail one evening. I'd love to hear some answers.

Linden Re-opening update

We are expecting to start our Linden-wide testing of Linden Staff (or staff who might interact with Linden residents) and Linden Residents soon. Official dates are still pending. We received the test kits Wednesday and are working with the company to get all of the details in order in the background (nothing happens without some paperwork 😊). We want to ensure that if the community starts hearing a buzz about testing or sees pop up tents and staff in full precautions that it isn't alarming. This testing is our first step towards reducing some restrictions for residents of Linden.

Community Center opening

We are planning for the fall and the weather changes that come with that lovely time of year. We realize that our use of outdoor spaces will get limited over the next few months. We are inviting all the WRRRA committees to join on a Zoom call (there will be 3 options to choose from) to review our plans for re-opening the Community Center common spaces. We would like to keep each session to 35 individuals so we can have time for questions and answers.

We have created a minimum set of precaution standards for any activity/committee/use of these spaces. We will review the timeline for proposals and timeline for opening these spaces. Look in today's Written Cup for dates and times for these Zoom sessions.

COVID transmission and our Air Filtration system:

We are getting asked a lot of questions about our air filtration and the transmission of COVID. The aerosol transmission issue is not fully understood by the scientific community. We at Wake Robin are currently following all the state guidelines around mask wearing, physical distancing, quarantining, etc. As we look to the fall and possibly opening up activities in the Community Center, we will continue to follow all State guidelines, including those for restaurants if/when the Maple Dining Room is reopened.

Currently America's leading virologist, Dr. Fauci, is saying that they are trying to understand the issue and at this time simply do not know if aerosols are a significant source of transmission of the virus. The science is fairly strong that the virus can be in a lingering aerosol. What isn't known is if it is in a dose that can cause disease. There may be another study soon that adds more understanding, but that isn't likely to be the final word.

At the heart of dealing with a new virus is the issue of uncertainty which, unfortunately for us all is the only certainty. So rest assured we are working on this and will do everything we can to keep you all safe. That's our number 1 priority! But a definitive answer on this particular issue is yet to come.

Some pearls of wisdom:

- No matter how educated, talented, rich or cool you believe you are, how you treat people ultimately tells all.
- "I don't trust anyone who's nice to me but rude to the waiter. Because they would treat me the same way if I were in that position." - Muhammad Ali

- “A ship is always safe at shore but that is not what it’s built for.” - Albert Einstein
- A smart person knows what to say. A wise person knows whether to say it or not.
- When Albert Einstein met Charlie Chaplin:
 - Einstein: “What I admire most about your art is its universality. You do not say a word, and yet the world understands you.”
 - Chaplin: “It’s true, but your fame is even greater. The world admires you, when nobody understands you!”
- “Complaining about a problem without posing a solution is called whining.” - Teddy Roosevelt
- “Outside of a dog, a book is a man’s best friend. Inside of a dog, it’s too dark to read.” - Groucho Marx

Have a nice weekend everyone! Stay safe.



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