

CORONAVIRUS (COVID19) UPDATE 04/17

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

As I mentioned in my last update, we are seeing some flattening of the curve locally and at the State level. What is most important is that we do not take our foot off the gas. It is critical that we remain vigilant in our practices. With that said, I will share a few reminders:

- If you are going out shopping, banking, to the post office or anywhere, please wear a mask. This is not just for your protection but also for the protection of others. This is critical in the efforts to stop the spread of COVID19.
- Maintain social distancing and hygiene practices. These are proven effective in a situation that has been otherwise somewhat unpredictable.
- Continue to follow the guidelines that have been put in place at our outdoor recreation areas.

What am I thankful for today? I am thankful that laughter is still the best medicine. I am replacing my "Thought of the Day" with a submission from one of our residents. I am hopeful it leaves you with a smile.

- 1. Half of us are going to come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks; the other half with a drinking problem.
- 2. I used to spin that toilet paper like I was on Wheel of Fortune, now I turn it like I'm cracking a safe.
- 3. I need to practice social distancing with the refrigerator.
- 4. I still haven't decided where to go for Easter the living room or the bedroom.
- 5. Every few days, try your jeans on just to make sure they still fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
- 6. I don't think anyone expected when we changed the clocks, we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone.
- 7. This morning, I saw my neighbor talking to her cat again. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. When I got back into the house, I told my dog, and we both laughed.
- 8. I'm so excited it's time to take out the garbage. What should I wear?

Thank you to all and stay well.

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