



CORONAVIRUS (COVID19) UPDATE 05/05

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

We are still holding at 18 confirmed COVID-19 cases in town. This is encouraging news as our town's numbers continue to flatten. As always, we will continue to be vigilant with the protocols we have in place in addition to working with the governor's office to safely begin the process of reopening our town.

A few updates and reminders:

- Please continue to monitor the town website for the latest information on the pandemic.
- Be sure to visit explorewashingtonct.com for all the latest goings on in town. They do a wonderful job of providing daily updates on all things Washington.
- All of the Steep Rock preserves are monitored on the weekends by town employees. Please abide by all parking rules in place.
- As of this morning, the governor has closed schools for the remainder of the academic year.

As one might imagine, this year's Memorial Day events will be quite different from years past. The town of Washington along with the town of Roxbury have cancelled their parades. Washington will however have many of our other traditional events. We will be having a ceremony at the Town Hall to honor our veterans and to present the recipient of this year's Major Stephen Reich Award. Our American Legion will be doing the "chicken in a box" dinner with curbside pick-up at the Legion Hall bridge. All of these events will be conducted with social distancing and COVID-19 protocols in place.

Our shout out today goes to John Vandenbosch, owner of the G.W. Tavern. Three weeks ago John and his staff prepared 125 fresh cooked meals to give away to food service workers affected by the COVID-19 crisis. The following week he prepared and distributed over 150 meals to give away to the general public. Tonight he is preparing 300 meals to give away! He truly represents the best of what our community is all about. Well done John and thank you!

Thought of the Day: **"You better cut the pizza in four slices because I'm not hungry enough to eat six."**

Yogi Berra

Thank you to all and stay well.

Jim Brinton
First Selectman