

Before we get started, The First Lady would like to acquaint you with her platform during our administration, as well as debut some of her latest fashion choices. MyThea?

Everything old is new again. How 'bout that Classic Pill Box Hat? Updated for an older generation.

Shall I call us to order?

Opening Statement

What a difference a year makes, huh? Remember where we were a year ago, when Mary made her first Opening Statement? What we were dealing with? There has been a lot of water under the bridge (and down the septic) since then. The park had 2 really big problems. One has been resolved and the other is really close to completion. I'm proud of the Park and all of you for figuring those things out. We did it.

I think about you all a lot, both individually and collectively. Especially since listening to you at the work session. I've been doing considerable reading lately about HOAs and Covid, (and Covid and HOAs...) and what that means for the Park and for each other. What can we do to help keep each other safe? help each other *feel* safe? What is the Boards place in that? Where does the individuals responsibility lie?

I know some of you better than others, but it appears to me that we all have such different relationships with safety and risk (for a plethora of reasons) - I can't imagine that we will ever find consensus on how we are supposed to behave and act in this **new to all of us** era of Covid.

Where on the spectrum, between being absolutely safe and staying on our individual lots and in our own houses on the one hand and on the other hand - acting irresponsibly by having a (nude?) Sadie Hawkins Dance and Slumber Party at Radclyffe with all the windows and doors closed. There is a wide range of behaviors between those two things. Where should we be?

I've had people say to me "If one of us gets Covid - we're all dead." I'm not sure that's right. I know that in the winters that the flu has spread throughout the park unabated. Well of course it did. Think about what we were doing as a group here in the winter - Fun Stuff - hanging out in Radclyffe, eating, drinking, cackling, *singing*, **together**. Inside. With no ventilation. Of course flu and colds spread around the park. That's why we aren't doing any of those fun things now.

Sometimes I think we should do what most HOAs have done and close all the Common Areas. It would be tricky, but we could figure it out. Only one person at a time

in the office - Melinda could bring our mail to the door during office hours, (She would enjoy the exercise, I'm sure) Only one person in at a time to get their mail after hours. Laundry limited to one person in the building at a time and do a wipe down of machines after we finish. No use of the workout room. Close Radclyffe **altogether**. As soon as Septic construction is complete we could close all of the restrooms.

These are pretty Draconian measures and I'm not saying that we should do them, but that's one end of the spectrum of Park /Board /rule making. If we do, god forbid, find ourselves with a Covid positive case in the park - I think we'll need to take those steps. Maybe before that.

So, I want you to know that as a Board, we think about these things. A lot. My personal belief is that it's best that the Board have as light a touch as possible while mitigating risk to the Park. But I don't have any qualms at all about us pulling the trigger on more restrictive rules if the situation warrants it. I know a lot of you will be mad, but I'm more than willing to take the heat if it keeps you safe.

I think we all know that when we venture out of our homes, we open ourselves up to some risk, even in Non-Covid times. I know that we are all at different places with that risk, for different reasons. I ask that we try to be tolerant of each others choices, each others fears, and in my case, forgetfulness.

I would never in a thousand years want to make any one of you feel uncomfortable, so please, do not hesitate to ask me to put my damn mask on. Especially if I am working outside on a project, I may forget to pull it up. My days of thinking about two things at once have passed, I'm afraid. (Some days, thinking about one thing at once is pretty challenging.)

And conversely..., If any one of you is behaving in a manner I find questionable - I have the option of simply walking away or of letting you know how I am feeling. I would hope that you would extend that same courtesy to me and that we would all extend that same courtesy to one another. We can figure out how to make this work. We just have to pay attention to what we are doing and help each other through this. And keep talking about it. It's my belief that Common sense and civility can't be legislated. It has to come from within us.