

SPRINGWATER PARTY LINE

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For those who see this in time: A Springwater Yard Cleanup Day for the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22, 2020, the Town Board members invite all residents to plan their own personal or family spring clean-up by setting aside an hour or more to go outside and pick up branches, collect trash, rake leaves, or prepare a flower or vegetable bed. Enjoy the fresh air and exercise. Say hello to your neighbors (while distancing yourselves from each other). Say thanks! At 6:00 PM, bang your pot, toot a horn or make some noise as a thank you to the essential workers for their hard work in keeping us safe, healthy and fed. Have fun, stay safe and make a difference in Springwater for Earth Day. Please share with your friends in Springwater. Information shared by Town Council.

We hope you are among the people celebrating Earth Day and/or Arbor Day by planting a tree this week. The folks from the Little Lakes Community Association (LLCA) are giving away several trees to people that love trees and want to help the environment. However, trees are not the only thing to plant, and many folks are sharing other plants, for example, winter aconites which have bloomed and are going to seed. All plants use up carbon dioxide and give off oxygen through photosynthesis, so what you plant can be good for the environment. Some are invasive plants because they crowd out the native plants. These include wild honeysuckle bushes or multi-flora rose bushes which are good to cut to the ground this time of year.

Pat Granger writes “I am going to share with you a segment out of Pastor Dawn’s service that she sent out to her parishioners. She wrote the following, “Today, during the coronavirus ‘NY PAUSE’ and global mitigation efforts to save the world from the pandemic, we have the opportunity to reflect, wonder, experience a different way, and ask, ‘What are the ways we are savoring, or taking delight in, our lives?’ ‘What should we do now?’ If we choose to work together with the Holy Spirit to better enable savoring both our world and its people, even in the simplest way, might both be saved?” Think about it. Pastor Dawn Merritt is still available if anyone is in need of pastoral care. She can be reached at (585)346-5303 or (585)519-5524. She is also available at merrittdf@gmail.com. Please continue to keep in your prayers the people that are risking their lives caring for the patients of the Coronavirus, families that have lost someone to the virus and the families that are struggling to put food on the table because they are not working. I know that this pandemic crisis has been stressful on all of us, but just continue to your faith and be patient. Please continue safe distancing, wearing masks, and (washing your hands with hot soap and water or) using hand sanitizer. Everyone stay safe and well this week.

The Springwater Community Food Pantry continues to be open on Saturday mornings from 9 to 11 AM. If you have any questions, please call Teresa Langhorn at 585-245-1223.”

Pastor Dorothy Hotchkiss of the Webster’s Crossing United Methodist Church and the Groveland Federated Parish shared both a Wednesday and a Sunday message as food for thought this past week. Plans are in the works to archive these like the Springwater Party Line at the HemlockandCanadiceLakes.com website.

The Springwater Trails group has temporarily cancelled group hikes in the wake of the precautions we should all take until the virus problem is over. By going to the NY Springwater Trails website you can find some good reading about past hikes, many beautiful photographs, ideas for places to hike on your own when possible, and when and where the group will plan to hike next in the weeks to come.

The Hemlock Community Food Pantry team has been working diligently over the last few weeks to provide food staples in the form of prepackaged bags to anyone in need. We are in need of donations of non-perishable foods and monetary contributions to keep our pantry up and running and to continually serve. The new drop off shed courtesy of the Little Lakes Community Center is located around the back of the building right next to the pantry. Other drop off locations include: Hemlock Post Office and Hemlock United Methodist Church. Monetary contributions can be mailed to Hemlock United Methodist Church, PO Box 147, Hemlock, NY 14466 (Please indicate Food Pantry on your donation). Please watch our Facebook Page for weekly updates. If you are in need, please contact Laurie through the Hemlock Community Food Pantry Facebook page or at (585) 245-4651 or contact@littlelakesNY.org. This information was supplied through Carol at Little Lakes Community Association (LLCA) 585-727-2230.

Livingston County Department of Health continues to offer many services during the COVID-19 response.

Check out their website or social media platforms.

A pastime I have found to keep my mind working is obtaining a new idea every day on Ted Talks on my computer. If you are not familiar with these amazing people that are sharing ideas, (and have new tech) I recommend you type in your favorite subject and the two words “Ted Talks” and you will be surprised at the wealth of information to provide a way to spice up your conversations with others in this time of sheltering at home. For bored children, try old games like Monopoly, jigsaw puzzles, or Pick-up-sticks; journaling; or crafts. Why not learn how to knit or crochet, quilt, embroider or cross-stitch? Or learning a skill like typing by writing letters or e-mails to friends (pen pals) or grandparents, aunts, and uncles? The new technologies like connecting through Zoom or Skype are pretty ingenious as well. Then there is the whole world of music – practice makes perfect – and learning any instrument takes time, and skill comes with patience, practice, a desire to learn using perseverance. Using new technology, people are listening to podcasts (when a friend mentioned this I had to look up the word to obtain a better understanding and it dawned on me that this is what people have when you see them with their phones connected to cords in their ears, multi-tasking), either stories or music they can download.

Do share your stories and thoughts – contact me at kjth@allwesterntrees.com or by phone at 585-669-2659.

Birthdays:

April 23 – Barbara Carney

April 24 –Crista Sanders, Millie Deak

April 28 – Jim Moore, Pat Sheedy, Joe Bogdon, Nick Van Scooter, and Sue Strassner

April 29 – Linda Martindale
April 30 – Bryanna Swift

Anniversaries:

April 25 – Keith & Karen Schnetzer #33
April 25 – Roger & Jamie Schnetzer #51
April 28 – Jerry & Ann Jobson #36
April 30 – Sean & Samantha Irwin #32