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Mayor's Corner

Here we are in what seems to be our 2nd year of coping with the Covid-19 and its multiple, what seems like, never ending variants. But this is still a nice warm alternative to most of our homes in the North country. The sun still shines and it is for the most part much warmer. We can be outside and do many activities other than fighting snow and ice. Most of the outdoor activities of the park are operating including the swimming pools. Every Tuesday morning on 7th street we play bean bags. We start at 10 am in front of site 776. Join us.

It has been a real pleasure to welcome our Canadian friends back after not seeing most of them last year. We have several new residents this year and Bill and I have welcomed them onto our great street.

Unfortunately some of our residents of previous years have died. I can think of five for sure and they are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. They will be missed.

Our Wednesday street meetings have been canceled due to Covid. I know that many of us have done what we can to prevent Covid by getting vaccinated with all three shots,

wearing masks etc. and I for one greatly appreciate it. I see it as our main way, at the moment at least, to combat this disease.

Spring Bug Spray

We will be spraying for bugs again on March 11th. Zack Meyers, our person who does the spraying, has informed us that he must raise the price per unit from 15 dollars to 20 dollars per unit due to rising prices of the spray and gas. It is still a great bargain.

Multiple Losses for N. Eighth Street Family

Jean Streppa

It is with a sad, heavy heart that I report on the many deaths our N. Eighth Street Family has suffered since our last newsletter in March of 2021. In the absence of obituaries for each of the deaths, I shall list those people no longer with us. Our memories of each person will be a tribute to their lives and respective contributions to our N. Eighth Street Family. It will not be the same without them, yet, they will never be forgotten.

In order of their deaths: Gene Laliberte, August, 1938 – May, 2021; Barbara Mackinaw, August, 1938 – July 2021; Gerald "Jerry" Horazuk – March, 1941 –

Sept, 2021; Larry Kraitberg– Sept, 1939 - December, 2021: Laverne Hugg October, 1924 – December 2021.

Our sincere sympathies to all the families listed above, as they cope with the loss of their loved one and as they carry on those holiday traditions in their absence.

An Imaginary Conversation With Omicron

By Jean Streppa

Here we are about half way through another winter in paradise. OK – I know this has been a long, never-ending two plus years of multiple rounds with and about Covid 19 and all its corresponding mutations. We had Alpha, Beta, Delta and now Omicron; actually this variant is the 13th such variant of the SARS- CoV – 2 to be named by the World Health Organization’s classification system for variants of interest or concern. Anyway – I digress!

If I could speak to this variant – oh the things I would say!!!! First off: GO AWAY! NOW! And take all your disease infested viral friends with you. And don’t come back EVER!!

You are a miserable, cowardly albeit powerful wretch that is wreaking havoc not just on our country – yes, country, but the whole world. You are everywhere at the same time. Warm climates, cold climates and in-between climates. You LOVE humans, yet you KILL them. If you don’t murder them, you often leave them seriously wounded for life upon your departure. Who needs that!?!

Vulnerable people? Everyone is vulnerable. You don’t care if they are old, young, or in-between. As long as they are human, they meet your qualifications. Disabled, newborns, people of color, world athletes and on and on! IT DOES NOT MATTER!

Oh yes – early on, I said you were a coward. Well – you ARE invisible, a kind of silent stalker just waiting to pounce. And pounce you do!! You wreck everything too. Big and small: economies – world wide –, all transportation systems, all supply chains (food, electronics, autos, trucks, etc. lg. corporations and small businesses) – nothing is exempt, or so it seems. You have changed the way we live and function, from day to day and since 2020 to the present time. Cancellations of large and small events are everywhere and Worldwide. All because we are afraid of you! You KILL! Or cripple!!!

I do have one idea on how to cope with you, however. It is not perfect, but it is all there seems to be for now. It’s a vaccine plus a booster against the virus. Yes, you can invade a human anyway and you do, but your ability to KILL is severely diminished. Sure, you can make us miserable with the virus – severe headache, maybe fever and chills, sometimes loss of taste and smell, etc. It’s not great, but at least I hope to live to tell my story – unlike being unvaccinated, where upon I might not survive at all.

Besides being vaccinated, I can also use something called mitigation measures. That would include things like masking anytime I am around people I don’t live

with (K-95 masks are recommended), washing my hands (30 seconds minimum), keeping six feet away from people I don't live with; staying home if I feel ill and lastly, being tested if I suspect I may be carrying the virus. Again, none of this is perfect, but it is the best we have at the present time. For myself, I'll do what I have to do to avoid you! I WANT

**NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU NOW
OR EVER! GO AWAY – THE SOONER
THE BETTER!**

Inform. for this article from a variety of print and media sources from early 2020 to present time.

**Happy New Year to Everyone!
Lets hope 2022 will be a healthier year
for all.**