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Mayor's Corner

This seems to have been a year that was almost missing in our lives. Like it or not it existed even though for many of us it was a nightmare. We have missed seeing many of our wintertime friends and have only seen a very few of those from Canada.

However since most of us made it, it still was a good year.

Most of us have now had at least one Covid shot and many have had both or will be getting them soon.

Many of us found that we could still learn new things like close contact with friends and family on the internet. It was not the same but certainly better than nothing.

There has been very little street activity so we reduced them publishing of this newsletter every month to twice this year. We are hoping next season will be normal so we can go back to being the most active street in the park.

Well we have reached that time of the year when most of us will be returning to our homes to the north. Be extremely careful as you travel to your summer homes and we will see you next year.

The Grand Theft of Our Time


by Jean Streppa

The 2020 calendar year is no doubt permanently marked on your brain as the most unusual, not always pleasant, experience of

our lifetime. I think of it as a thief. It is gender less, so I refer to it as "it". It is hidden, quiet and invisible but carries a huge impact if it touches your life or someone you know. It steals too. Yes, this thief steals from anyone – rich or poor – it does not matter. This thief stole all our holidays this past year. The calendar told us the holiday was upon us – but it didn't feel the same. Relatives could not visit in person; we could not visit them in person either. You could Zoom maybe, but that wasn't the same either. In fact all relationships were put in cold storage, for a while or until things improved. Air hugs were the norm, masks were worn everywhere and you stood apart from another human being at least six feet.

Events went to cold storage also. International events (Olympics come to mind), national events (sporting functions were postponed) and local functions were also canceled. It affected weddings, graduations, anniversaries, vacations and even funerals. We now have a vaccine (multiple ones, in fact) that promise to be "the light at the end of the tunnel". We hope this is true.

There is another epiphany that comes to mind. Just when you thought all this virus/Covid stuff was useless, consider how expanded your vocabulary has become. Now we can refer to: variants, long haulers, mRNA, herd immunity, rona, Covid bubble, flattening the curve, COVID



– 10, WHF, Coronacation, your learning pod, the new normal, community spread, social distancing, a super spreader event, N95 Respirator, PPE's, contact tracing, drive thru testing, and of course, contactless, delivery. These terms are available on Google should you care to refresh your memory.

Lastly, we are preparing to end our AZ season for 20/21. Travel safely for those going North and have a safe summer. Hopefully, next season will bring us less Covid drama and more back to normal activities. Take care and stay well!