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Deputy Assistant Supt. of Schools Offers Advice for Home Schooling

By Whitman 'Whit' Hooker

During the COVID-19 crisis, many parents have been asking how standard operating procedures at the schools can be adapted to their home schooling needs. Newly hired Deputy Assistant Superintendent Les S. Moore (no relation to Superintendent Tom Moore) will be hosting a Zoom conference to answer many questions that parents might have and to clarify how teachers and administrators handle situations involving students.

The goal of this conference will be to have every household establish a written "Policies and Procedures" manual that will be available on demand for the Board of Education, the students, and the parents.

Topics to be addressed include:

- Skipping classes and tardiness – how to send referrals to the office
 - Strategies for dealing with chronic absenteeism
 - Should I switch to a later school starting time?
 - Dress codes for the home school environment
 - Who to call when the copier breaks?
 - Do I qualify for town supplied custodial services?
 - When should I hire a consultant?
 - Techniques to add urgency to your fire drills
 - Does your child need a bathroom pass?
 - How do we handle the lack of single sex bathrooms in our house?
 - Recess – it's not just for the kids anymore.
 - School Holidays: We're not Christian, do we take Good Friday off? We're not Jewish, should we take Passover off?
 - Remedial Classes in math – for parents
- And, an expert panel of from Magliozzi Educational Consultants (and auto repair) will be running breakout sessions including:
- Julie Earvley, Dewey Hafta – Attendance Issues
 - Ben Thayer, Don Thatt - Curriculum Strategies for the home
 - Boynton Click – Online Instruction and how to share Bandwidth
 - Iona Heap – Transportation Issues
 - Bea Esser – Evaluating Your Child's Writing Skills
 - Otis S. Hard – Advanced Mathematics for Dummies
 - Ivan Youlos – Athletics in the Home School
 - Igor Beaver – Motivating your Child

The Zoom conference number is 04 01 2020

Town's Early Morning Alert is a Blast from the Past

By Whitman 'Whit' Hooker

At 6:24 a.m. Tuesday, many in the town were jolted awake by the Town's emergency alert system.

Mild snoring and pillow talk were interrupted by conversations like the one this reporter had with his wife:

"Honey, we just got an emergency alert! It sounded like Scott Slifka! And he's telling us where to find charging stations, shelter, and a warm meal! What's going on?"

We-Ha-Ha.com chased down this story and was able to get an answer from Shari Z. Cantor, 28, of 25 Brixton Street. (Ed. note: Ms. Cantor is frequently confused with the mayor, however, she is the mayor's husband's second cousin once removed.)

She said, "It got a little boring hearing Shari G.'s emergency messages. They weren't really changing all that much: keep your distance, stay home, wipe down everything, stay safe. Shari dear, we know the drill. So my cousin (Shari A. Cantor 26, also of 25 Brixton Street) and I found a way to hack the recording. It's April 1st after all."

The message worked. A long line of residents was lined up at Conard High School waiting for the doors to open. Many teens were found hanging at Bishop's Corner charging their cell phones from outdoor outlets, and utility crews were roaming the town looking for downed power lines.

Unfortunately, this interview with the effervescent Ms. Cantor ended prematurely as Police Chief Riddick and his senior staff could be heard hustling her into a cruiser.

Video at 11 p.m.



MDC To Ease Crowding with Lottery System

By Whitman 'Whit' Hooker

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, overcrowding at the MDC reservoirs in West Hartford is becoming a health hazard. Because of this, the MDC will be instituting a lottery for admission to their property. The night before any hike, residents must enter their name and town into an online randomizer which will result in an assigned number (1-6) corresponding to one of the MDC reservoirs (1-6). This number must be printed out in 296-point Arial Bold font and be pinned to the hiker's jacket. Then, the resident is request-

ed to use that reservoir, and only that reservoir, for hiking during the next day.

"Hikers are also reminded to be vigilant as this is tick season. The Centers for Disease Control have sent out an alert warning of the danger posed by Corona when mixed with Lyme."

Daily random drawings will be held for hikes around McDonough Dam and Compensating Reservoir. On May 31, a final drawing will be held. First prize will be a tour of the Brainard Road Sewage Treatment Facility and overflow tunnel. Second prize will be a guided canoe trip through the Park River Tunnel, and third prize will be a lifetime supply of Niagara bottled water.

Mayor Mandates TikTok in WooHoo

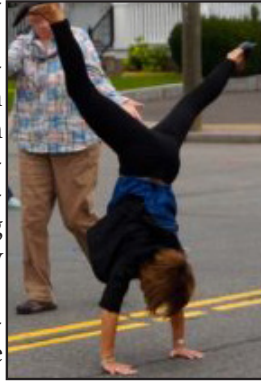
By K. Mickey Channels

WooHoo Mayor Carrie Shantor has mandated all residents' smartphones install the TikTok app. She no longer finds text and voicemail messages creatively satisfying.

"I express myself best through interpretive dance," the mayor said in an exclusive TikTok video shared with We-Ha-Ha.com and seven 12-year-old girls in Dubuque, Iowa. [The latter caused by the mayor admitting she doesn't quite have the technology down.]

"I'm embracing hip hop to demonstrate my relevance. I full out freestyle with a hit-hat flourish to encourage social distancing. I dance a mark to remind people how serious this pandemic is and then I finish with a cartwheel because, well, that's what I'm known for and I need to set myself apart from Sen. Bick Rumenthal's TikTok account. His Plié technique is just uninspiring."

Her account, waiting to be named a popular creator, is MayorShantorKartwheels.



Conard's Market Announces Gen Y Hours

By K. Mickey Channels

In response to special grocery store shopping hours for affected populations, Conard Market at the corner of Garden Road and South Amish Lane, has established special Gen Y hours. While shopping hours for seniors are normally 6 to 7 a.m., Gen Y hours will be 8 to 9 p.m., two hours after Conard Market closes.

Conard's owner, Donny Settee, said there are many reasons for this move. "Well, we don't want Gen Y customers mingling with the normal population. They lick toilet seats for corona challenges and they all went to South Beach for Spring Break."

He added, "Plus, we're known largely as a meat market. By the way, buy-one-get-one-free on pork tenderloins when you mention this story. Gen Y is mostly vegan. By 8 p.m., that's all we have left in the store. Lettuce and tofu have never been big sellers at our place. By the way, four-for-one on asparagus

tofu if you mention this story."

Settee added that Gen Y customers can only use Apple Pay. "We're afraid to touch their money even with double gloves and face masks."

Tips for the Best Zoom Backgrounds!

By K. Mickey Channels

OK, we're all living a Zoom life now that we are attending school and working from home through 2022!!! It's important to set just the perfect mood with your custom Zoom background! Yay! Here are your People magazine tips for the best zoom backgrounds.

Ages 7 and Under

How about a festive setting like the Mickey Mouse Clubhouse! Your friends will be green with envy at your cute use of green screen!

Pre-Teens

Sadly, any suggestions we make are going to be ridiculed by your friends but LOVED by your teachers!!! Just do what makes you happy! Until your friends make you sad with their comments.

Teens

Can we recommend *Dora the Explorer* or *Go Diego Go!*?!! We know you're scared! You want to go back to the simple days of kindergarten when you could play on the swings without fear of arrest! Plop Dora on for your background. Tell your friends you're being ironic when secretly you're creating your own Zoom security blanket. We feel ya!

Adults

Whether you're in college or you're the CEO, you need a background that reflects you! Keep it simple but keep it special!!! Beach scenes are always happening. They keep people chill during long conversations about chain supply or intro to trigonometry! Or puppies! We find small animals to be especially cute when discussing the fate of the freeworld!

Seniors

We know you're technically challenged! We've seen you on Zoom tilting your glasses upward as you lean forward looking for the unmute button. It's soooo darn cute! If you must be on Zoom, just lean in as close as you can and fill the screen with your wrinkled face and hair sprouting ears! We're just happy you're alive, self-containing, and fighting the virus!



Real editor's note:

Thank you to ace reporters Whitman "Whit" Hooker and K. Mickey Channels for their excellent reporting of the April 1, 2020 news and their belief that humor is important, especially right now.

April Fool's! And we will offer free We-Ha-Ha.com pens (actually they're just We-Ha.com pens) to anyone who can successfully guess the identities of our reporters. Email guesses to editorial@we-ha.com.