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Next Zoom Meeting Wednesday Sept. 2, 7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting Instructions and details will be posted on Nextdoor

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Connectivity

Capitol Hill School's graduation car parade — a celebration of tooting, balloon-streamer-sign-bedecked cars — made its way along the streets of Collins View in June. Residents streamed from their houses to wave and cheer the students and their families, and then stayed outside to visit neighbors (with appropriate distancing) long after the car parade moved on. What a great idea! Thank you, Capitol Hill School, for including us in your graduation celebration. We hope this is the beginning of a long-time tradition.

Born of necessity, required remote learning technologies have highlighted the necessity of equity and inclusion for our students and teachers. All teachers and students need access to the skillsets, equipment and WIFI connectivity that structures this new education.

“Inclusion” is a necessity at this very basic level.

Neighborhood association meetings are now dependent upon capabilities that are new to many of us. An inclusive environment includes us. Community connectedness, responsiveness and societal responsibility depend on our learning and embracing new technologies. Remote attendance meetings, like Zoom, are the future. It is a way to include more participation in neighborhood discussions. Our students are forging ahead. We can do no less.

It's not the pits. It's the lemonade.

PBEM's NET, under the guidance of Jeremy VanKeuren and Glenn Devitt, has held a weekly Wednesday Zoom Meetup since April 8, 2020. Attendance, approaching almost 200 now, has steadily increased. Everyone is welcome to attend. The meetup has evolved into a nice mix of updating news, training tutorials (e.g. Necessities in a First Aid Kit, Animals During a Disaster, Knots for NETs, Leveraging the Power of Whole Communities, Practicalities of Your Disaster

Sanitation Supplies, and more), relaxed but relevant chat, input and conversation among folks who ordinarily aren't in conversation with each other. It's a great way to keep the NET's training and enthusiasm alive without expending funds. It's a keeper. It's connectedness. This is the essence of a community.

Connectivity transcends physical distancing and time distancing. Jim Diamond, former chair of CVNA and now a resident of New Hampshire, sent this awesome photo, "Midnight from White Gates Farm" — the setting moon to the west lighting up the cloud, the star field and a FIREFLY flying through the scene with the shutter open. Photo details at below.

Let's keep our shutters open to new knowledge.



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Submitted by Maryellen Read

(See next page for a note from Jim Diamond.)

Jim Diamond writes:

I hope this is a soothing image.

I had been trying and failing each night to take a picture of the setting moon while the moon was still in its first quarter. I was successful, after several frustrating nights, doing some night photography Friday night.

Here's my favorite image. It is quite real, and not a superposition.

The setting moon to the west lighting up the cloud, the star field - those are stars, not specks of dust - faint through the clouds, and a FIREFLY flying through the scene with the shutter open, 7 flashes in 8 seconds, glowing for about 1/10 sec!

It was difficult shooting in the dark, with the moon moving in and out of the clouds, and not really knowing the terrain. I said to Maureen that the real problems with night photography are that you have to do it at night.

White Gates Farm is on a hill just south of the White Mountain National Forest

Photo details, Canon Mark III EOS 5d, 8 secs, Canon 24-105 mm zoom at 105mm, f/4.0, exposure increased in production to f/2.50, ISO 10000 (it was REALLY dark), shot at 23:55, 26 June 2020.