

District Newsletter- January 2021

Dear Wittenberg-Birnamwood District Residents,

As I write the newsletter for the month of January, I realize that by the time our readers get this, it will already be February. Time is flying by faster than I can keep up! As we embark on this new calendar year, I want to take this opportunity to provide some hindsight for 2020. Although I'm always eager to look forward, especially with this last year in the rear view mirror, I realize there's value to looking back. Sometimes in life, if we jump ahead too quickly, we miss the important lessons to be learned from our experiences. While many things happened this past year that simply were out of our control, it's important to reflect on how we responded. Did our level of engagement in the things that matter change? Did we come together for the good of the group, or were we stuck on the negative effects of COVID and events of the past year? I read a comment in a recent blog I subscribe to that stated, "as much as we all want to put this past year behind us and our quest for life to return to normal there's definitely a lot we can learn from pausing and taking inventory of what we've been through. What went well? What worked? What didn't go well? What must change? How did I (we) respond to the adversity? If we own it and learn from it, review, remember, remorse and rejoice, we'll be better for it." I agree. There are many things we can take away from this past year that can help us as we move forward. And the way we respond will make all the difference. I'm looking forward to 2021 and expressing gratitude for all that life offers. Wishing you all the best!

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