



## City of Leavenworth

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Community Members,

It is so easy to get lost in all the big issue things that are consuming our days. It is understandable. Some days it is just plain hard to not be caught up in the big issues, and getting down.

But, I have to say, doesn't the sun help? It sure gives me a boost! The added vitamin D, perhaps. Yesterday I actually got my garden tilled (it was a minor miracle just to get the tiller dug out from the back of the storage shed)!

But I find I do best when I can find little things to notice and to celebrate. It is a special joy to hear the voices of the neighbor kids playing in their yard, like there was no virus. That noise is a special kind of music to me, since I cannot see or hear my own grandkids playing.

There is another simple little thing that the Upper Valley is invited to participate in. Just a small thing. But something that may bring a smile and add a bit of cheer, and a little reminder of our connections in this time of disconnect. It is called the Great Upper Valley Teddy Bear Hunt. It was started by Cascade School District's preschool teacher Lindsay Camp who borrowed it from other communities. Again, the idea is simple. Participants put a teddy bear in a window in their home, or out in their garden, or in their car, or all of the above. They will be spotted by little hunters (and even big ones). Check this out on their Facebook page. Just search for the Great Upper Valley Teddy Bear Hunt. Again, such a small thing. But isn't that what makes life special?

There is only one small problem for this would-be participant. I have a perfect spot in my City Hall office window, and would like to put one in my car, and at home..... but, alas, this old man has absolutely NO teddy bears. So, if anyone wants to help this Mayor out by bringing me a few... you'd make me smile. 😊 Take care, stay safe!



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