



Dear Diary,
What a fun and interesting summer! Last week we had a "tropical storm" that surprised all of us in Connecticut by somehow being worse than Hurricane Sandy. After 4 1/2 days without power, internet, and intermittent cell service, I felt like my brain had also left the building. Lucky for us, we have a small generator that powers up the lights and fridge (and that's it) but downs 4 gallons of gas every 10 hours, which has been none to easy to find. Because my work requires the internet, during Sandy, I escaped to a hotel with A/C and WIFI, but where is one to flee during a pandemic?? I couldn't even reliably return emails last week (sorry if you were looking for me). I made grand plans to attack some house projects, but my pandemic fatigue kicked in, and I spent the week mainly in bed with a book. I mean, really, what's NEXT?? Hope you all fared ok.

Love, Erica

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We were beyond thrilled when Carol Adams, owner of Ashlawn Farm Coffee, bought back Ashlawn Farm. While the Lyme Farmer's Market will not return (it's now at Tiffany Farms just up 156), she is considering opening up the original Cafe again. We've got our fingers crossed...

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Our friends at **Sunset Hill Vineyard** on Elys Ferry Road in Lyme are re-opening 8/15 by reservation! [Here are the details.](#)

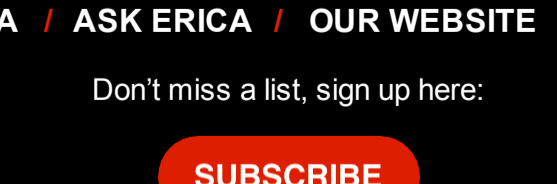
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