



Are you COVID-confirmed? I am. Here in Connecticut, with the infection rate so low, it's

easy to let our guard down. Whenever I think about planning a gathering (and believe me, I do!), I remember that the reason we're feeling safe right now is that we locked ourselves down for three months. And I REALLY don't want to do that again. With cases rising exponentially in the rest of the U.S., it makes good sense to stay vigilant and stick to outdoor (and tiny) socializing. Readers have been asking, and I am NO expert. I'm enjoying dining al fresco a couple of times a week, and I stagger errands so that I don't make a lot of stops. Of course, all outings depend on the level of risk you're willing to take. I'm hoping we all have a safe and fun summer so that we're not back under lock-down in the dark days of winter.

Love, Erica

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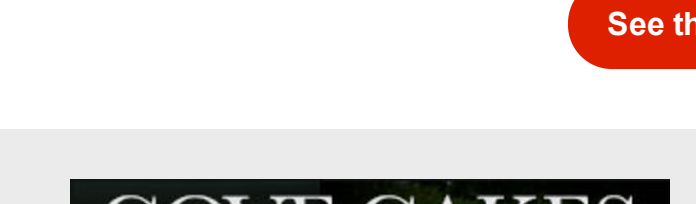
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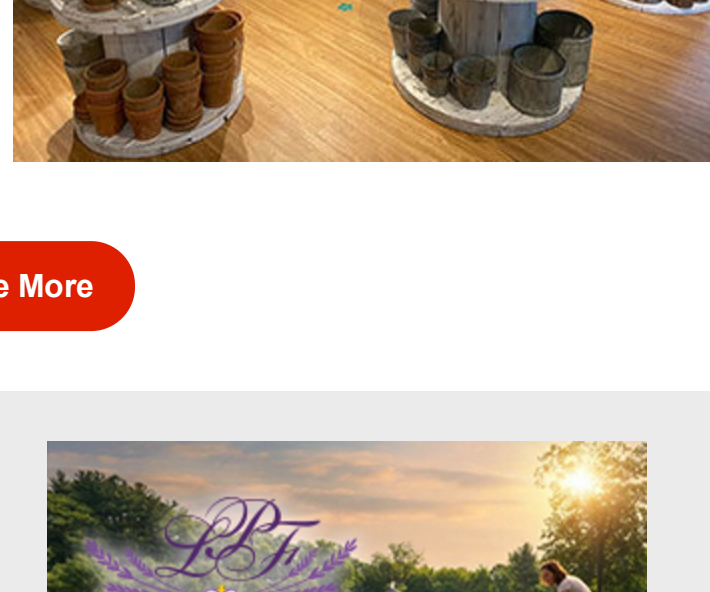
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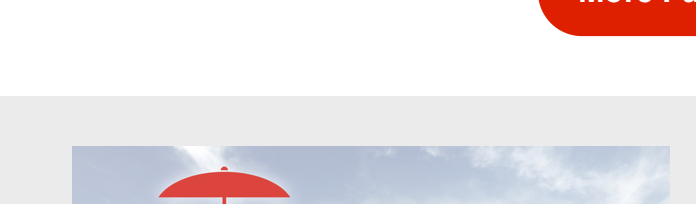
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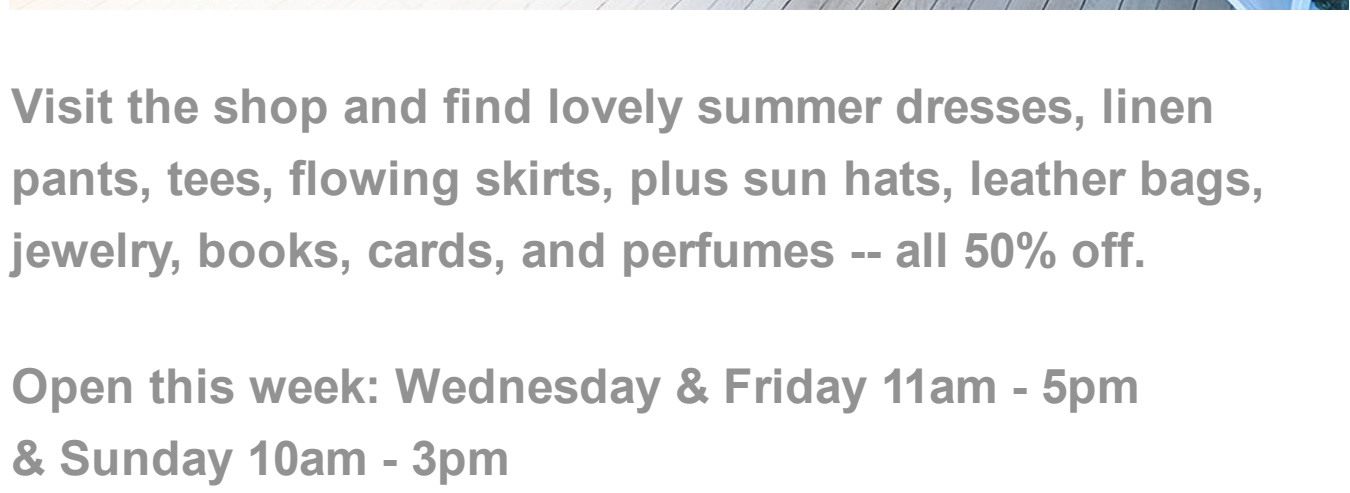
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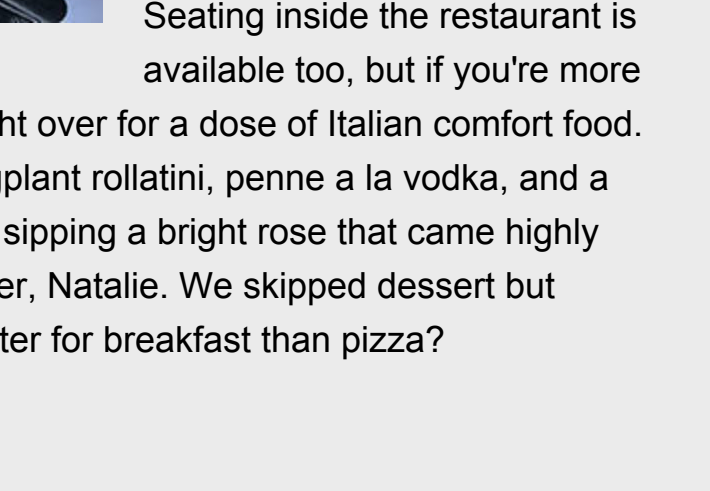
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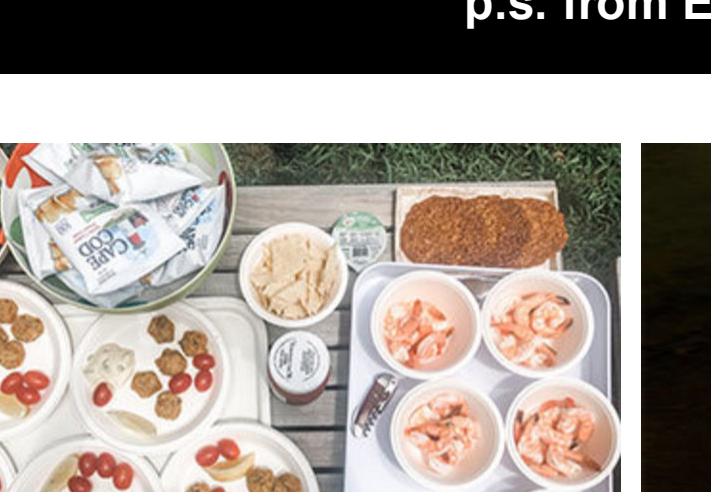
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We wrote about a pop-up grill, breakfast at the beach, and mask-friendly makeup tips on last week's list.

[Read it here if you missed it.](#)



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Alforno Alfresco

Fans of Alforno's authentic Neapolitan pizza, homemade tagliatelle, and hearth-baked bread will be happy to know that you can now enjoy all of it out-of-doors! The sidewalk now holds 75 sheltered, socially distant seats for diners.

Sitting inside the restaurant is available too, but if you're more comfortable in the fresh air, head straight over for a dose of Italian comfort food.

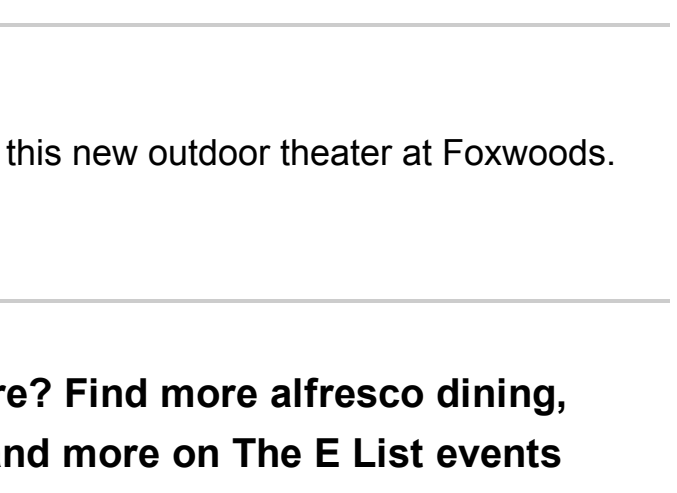
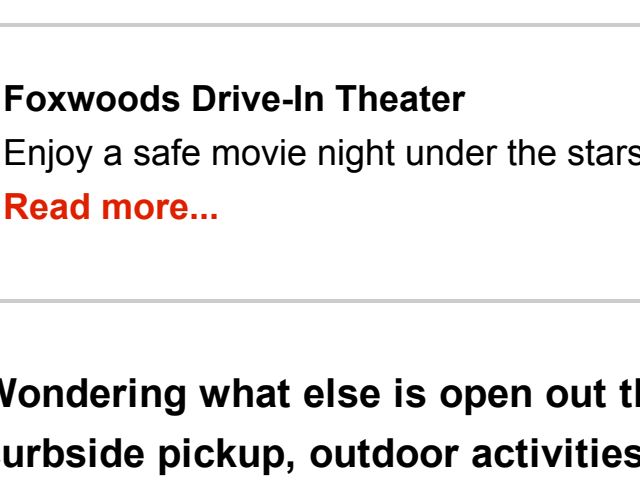
We did and supped on classics like eggplant rollatini, penne a la vodka, and a special of hanger steak and fries, while sipping a bright rose that came highly recommended by our super sweet server, Natalie. We skipped dessert but grabbed a pie to go because what's better for breakfast than pizza?

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p.s. from Erica



Mastering a Socially Distant Cocktail Party

With cheese and crackers literally off the table these days, I've been trying to come up with easy alternatives for small outdoor gatherings. This one was a big hit with the shop team: individual servings of shrimp cocktail doused in cocktail sauce, with [Atlantic Seafood's](#) mini crab cakes (bake for 12 minutes) and remoulade. And, of course, personal bags of Cape Cod chips on the side. I headed to [Dagmar's Desserts](#) for a party platter of scrumptious single-serving desserts. No utensils necessary, and we used compostable paper plates and bowls.

From The E List Events Calendar

Lyman Allyn Presents Sweet Dreams: Confectionery Sculpture by Peter Anton, 7/18 - 10/18

Indulge your sweet tooth and get your art fix at the Lyman Allyn's new life-sized exhibition. [Read more...](#)

Virtual Craft Expo Event, 7/17 - 7/19

Guilford Art Center's annual event is online this year, featuring 130 artists and their crafts. [Read more...](#)

Foxwoods Drive-In Theater

Enjoy a safe movie night under the stars at this new outdoor theater at Foxwoods. [Read more...](#)

Wondering what else is open out there? Find more alfresco dining, curbside pickup, outdoor activities, and more on The E List events calendar:

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