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Through the seasons at Farrar Pond

Here are a few highlights of my first full year living in Lincoln.

Winter

It was a hard winter with a lot of snow. The perfect winter to enjoy condo living - I enjoyed watching crews come and plow and shovel so that I didn't have to lift a finger. The town of Lincoln lost its supermarket due to a roof collapse from the weight of the snow, and it has not yet reopened due to legal issues. So we all have to drive to neighboring towns to shop. Still, the early morning view winter from my bedroom window was lovely.



Spring

After that long hard winter, spring was especially welcome. The season was kicked off by the town's Patriot's Day activities, commemorating Lincoln's role in the start of the Revolutionary War. I returned to tour-guiding at Garden in the Woods, and started a vegetable garden here at the condos. I also joined the condo Landscape Committee so I could help plan some new plantings and satisfy my landscaping urges.



Summer

The first time it got warm, I discovered that my air conditioning unit was broken, so I sweltered for a few weeks until I could get my whole heating/ac system replaced. At least the new equipment is more efficient than the old one.

My summer trip was to the World Science Fiction Convention in Reno with Alex. Not my favorite city, but it was interesting to see a different culture in action. After the con, we got a few days away to Virginia City and Lake Tahoe, which was quite lovely. We had a great time floating on a raft down the lazy Truckee River



Fall

In early fall, I enjoyed a brief trip to Monhegan Island Maine, where I stayed in a lovely cottage right on the water. Unfortunately, it was an unheated cottage and weather turned unseasonably cold, so I retreated back to the mainland after two days. But it was fun to see Monhegan in the off season and I enjoyed the visit (and the lobster!).

Around Halloween, my friend Nancy came for a visit and I had fun showing her all the local sights, including a hike around Walden Pond.

We ventured up to Salem (what crowds!) and made a trip into Boston on the commuter rail to visit the Aquarium with Nancy's niece. We also enjoyed the freak October snow storm.

In November, I finally gave up on my aging 2001 dark blue Subaru Forester, and bought a 2012 light blue Subaru Forester, complete with all the modern conveniences such as automatic transmission, navigation system, bluetooth, heated seats, backup camera, etc. It's been great fun to drive, and I'm hoping it will be as reliable and as good on snow as my old Subaru.

My job as part-time Healthy Aging Coordinator at Springwell continued through the year. I run Healthy Eating and Chronic Disease Self-Management workshops for seniors, which we hold at senior centers and other sites throughout our eight-town service area. I work with a great group of volunteer leaders and I love the feeling that we are helping people live happier healthy lives.

Happy Holidays!

So that's what's happening with me. All my best wishes to you and your family for the coming year! Please keep in touch – you know where to find me:

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