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The unexpected Covid-19 outbreak in March took New Yorkers by surprise, and now more than ever the natural beauty of the Hamptons lifestyle is in high demand. Unfortunately, all of us have been affected by this pandemic in one way or another. Whether we were infected with the deadly virus, suffered the loss of a loved one, or lost our employment or business due to the quarantine, the Coronavirus has disrupted each and every one of our lives in the most devastating way. Undoubtedly, our frontline health-care workers have become our heroes as they tirelessly fight Covid-19 alongside essential workers who uninterruptedly serve us while putting their own health at risk.

As we celebrate Memorial Day weekend under new restrictions, we will mark the official start to summer in an unprecedented way in the Hamptons. We have so much to be grateful for: our amazing country, the United States which we call home, our dedicated medical employees who keep us healthy, and of course, our good fortune to spend time and reside in one of the most amazing getaway locations in the world- the Hamptons. What could be better than spending this period of social distancing in a private residence surrounded by pristine landscapes and majestic ocean beaches?

During this period of social distancing, on the East End this holiday weekend, there are many outdoor activities to enjoy. Biking is a wonderful way to explore the natural beauty of the Hamptons landscape and get exercise. Or perhaps, take a run or walk along some of the East End's most picturesque trails while sightseeing and getting to know the incredible wildlife in nearby forests and ponds. Or simply, spend time in the privacy of your own residence by engaging in outdoor workout routines or do it yourself projects. Whatever activities you choose to participate in over the holiday weekend, remember to adhere to all of the mandatory guidelines and stay safe!

Best Wishes,

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