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A few years back I went to a few stores and then I reported on them before the holidays. This year I am going to do the same.

I am going to start out with Fat Pie, a couple storefronts down from Ferry Point bridge. At our house after the turkey dinner, we have always had pumpkin pie, but this year I am switching it up a notch and I am getting my Christmas desserts from Fat Pie. If you haven't tried this company's desserts, you are missing out on a tasty treat. Keep your eye out for their key lime pie. Yummy!

Then I am going down the street to a Touch of Sun. This shop is owned and operated by Dave and Debbie Beaman. They have several tanning machines, and they also have red light therapy. I am going south the end of March so I will be buying a tanning package the first of March.

Then I will go to St. Croix Army Surplus and Musical Instruments. This store is owned by John Barker. I am going there to buy something for the outdoors people in my life.

I will then cross the street to Something's Brewing where I will have a coffee and a pastry before I go home.

I also noted while I was in this area the number of service industries. There is a dog groomer by the name of Mary Dale. There is Bone Physiotherapy and Wellness. There is H and R block and across the street is Perry's Barber Shop. This is indeed a busy and thriving section of our Town and I can't help to wonder if it will remain the same with the arrival of a homeless shelter so very close.

And on that subject. I have had eleven visitors and twenty-three phone calls asking me questions that I cannot answer.

- 1. Is this building going to be staffed 24-7?
- 2. What is the capacity of this shelter?
- 3. Is this a wet shelter and if so, are medical personnel there?
- 4. Is there a curfew?
- 5. Is there some sort of off ramp to enable a client to be able to access treatment?
- 6. What type of staff will be at the shelter?

I have a call in to Kathy Bockus to see if I can get information for the questions I am receiving.

Next month I will be shopping at the mall and hope to have some bargains there for you also.

Marg