

Life Imitates Art... Cheers To Small Town Life!

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Picture this; an idyllic small town. Streets lined with blooming trees; history filled buildings gleaming with architectural pride overflowing with stories of the past, eager to experience the future.

Charming storefronts stocked with treats and necessities waiting to be claimed. Which hallmark movie am I describing? Here's a clue: I'm not describing a movie. I'm describing our quaint little town, New Milford. One of the best things about living

here is that you feel like you're living in a story book. The downtown area is the perfect idyllic backdrop for a meet-cute in a hallmark movie.

Even though I love the bustling energetic city life; I relish the fact that living in New Milford emulates one of my all-time favorite shows: Gilmore Girls. I must admit I was not one of the OG fans (because I was on the younger side when it originally aired on the WB). However, through syndication I instantly became a fan. So much so that I begged my parents for the complete boxed DVD set from Costco for Christmas and have since rewatched the series every year. When the revival was announced and celebrated, I felt so much pride knowing that the show was based off our neighbor's Washington depot. And I took even more pride when there were events in Kent and the surrounding area. It feels really cool to almost live out the show. Not only taking part in town events like the apple fest but owning and running a bustling town business.

When I was in high school and trying to figure out what my "passion" was, I was drawn towards the hotel industry partly because of the Gilmore girls. In the show the main character ran an inn and eventually owned her own inn with her best friend. And I remember thinking how delightful that looks. It's a profession that deals with people but still has its structure and creativity. And even though TV shows don't accurately portray a typical workday for the most part it seemed like a profession I could get behind. When I was attending the Culinary Institute of America, for baking and pastry management, I always had in the back of my mind the desire to run a hotel. I still have that desire along with a few other business ventures. And who knows, maybe in the future when The Iron Rail is at a self-sufficient point I will open that hotel. One idea I had was to purchase the Young's hotel building, renovate the rooms upstairs and turn it into a boutique hotel (with the Iron Rail still operating as it is on the ground floor) like the Dragonfly Inn in Gilmore Girls.

It's funny how life works out. I never thought I would be living in a town similar and having a profession like the characters in one of my favorite shows. So as the town floods with Gilmore Girls fans wanting to relive their favorite scenes and take in the beautiful foliage, I can't help but wonder how lucky I am to live it out for real. So please help me celebrate our cute storybook town while we take part in every festival, event, or normal day there is. Cheers to small town life!

Speaking of cheers, please join us Thursday November 14 for our next wine paired dinner featuring wines from the Black Stallion Estate Vineyards family. RSVP asap.

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