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by **Robert L. Woodard**
The Wynnefield Barber

*It's the Little
Things in life
that Make us All
human*

Birds are birds, bees are bees, flowers are flowers and trees are trees. The nature in our lives is full of changing experiences. The change of experience seems to never end, yet nature and its audience remain the same.

I can recall as a young boy, wanting to ride my bicycle far away from my neighborhood. I didn't tell my parents because they would tell me not to go. As a South Philadelphia elementary student, this trip became my ultimate journey, to say the least. I lived on the 900 block of South 19th Street. I will never forget riding my bike all the way to the end of 20th Street going south. I discovered FDR Park in South Philadelphia. I remember riding all the way around that park and seeing nature at work. I loved to explore nature – just to see what it would show me next. Secretly, I returned to the park and realized

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that the neighborhood nickname for FDR Park was “The Lakes.” This became my secret hiding place. I still ride my bike to The Lakes. For exercise, I ride from home and then circle around the park 10 times just to stay in shape.

FDR Park is a treasure and a great place for visitors. There are many things to do – fishing, picnics, jogging and cycling. There are sports fields for soccer, baseball, golf and skateboarding. When I was younger, they also had a swimming pool.

Our changing world is forever bringing new types of surprises, some good and some not so

good. Covid-19 has been a horrible, surprising experience all around the world. However, Earth has benefited greatly. With fewer cars on the road, there's less pollution in our atmosphere. Cleaner air means better water coming from the clouds to our lakes, rivers and seas. Clean water helps our soil to heal, brings plants and herbs back to areas where they have been invisible for decades. Fewer high-flying jets help the ozone layer. It gives the animals and birds a chance to travel in places they could not before. For every negative, there is always a positive, especially when we realize that we're all in this together.

I salute all the essential workers who help keep hope alive by sacrificing their own lives for the lives of others. In addition, I salute the US Military's elite flight teams who recently took to the skies over Philadelphia to honor healthcare workers, first responders, military and other essential workers.

We as human beings have one home. Earth. We are all “One Human Race” that can't be divided in space. So, find your place in the park, lie down on the grass and look up to give God the credit for keeping us alive. God will then heal the land because Earth is our only real home.

Take the “RACE Test” today, for a better way at www.BarbershopTalkHFD.org. Also view our video “We Live on Earth and Earth Lives in Space.” **PRH**

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