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The Mayor's Corner

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What's Your Sign?

That question used to refer to your astrological sign. (I was always glad to be a Leo – strong, brave, and ROMANTIC.) Now that question usually refers to lawn signs.

There was a time when most of the signs you saw on front lawns were: *For Sale, Sold, Vote*, and event announcements. Over the past few years, we've seen a variety of signs with a political message. Two of the more widespread signs have been "Hate has no home here" and "Love lives here."

Recently, we learned that "coming to a lawn near you" was a new and improved sign; containing a plethora of beliefs/slogans that good citizens should follow. We've also seen the re-emergence of signs supporting our police officers.

All of these signs are good, and people are free to place them outside their homes. How wonderful it is, and how thankful we should be, that we live in a country that allows freedom of speech and expression. You don't have to agree with what someone's sign is saying; nor do they have to agree with your sign. (Maybe that's why ice cream comes in so many flavors.)

Unfortunately, comments have been made recently that should give every freedom loving citizen pause. When I hear people say a particular sign is good, and that if their neighbors post the same sign on their lawn, then (and only then), they know that their neighbors can be trusted, that scares me. People who are either old enough to have experienced "it", fought against "it", or learned about "it" in school (before they started teaching revisionist history) know exactly what I am referring to and why I am scared.

If the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was alive today (and I so very much wish he was) he would again tell us to "Judge a man not by the color of his skin, but by the content of his character." Then he would add "and don't judge him by his lawn signs either."

Just something that all of us should think about.