

Middleburg Community News

Week of April 17, 2020



Greetings Neighbors!

I hope this finds you all safe and healthy. I am continuing to work from home to follow the Virginia "Stay at Home" order that runs through June 10. Essential services throughout Loudoun County are still in place and I am available by email to assist in answering questions and to connect you to services you may need or you can **call Claire at (540)326-2636**. ***If you received this newsletter in the mail and are interested in getting the digital version instead each week, email me (Tami).

This week, the Federal Government began mailing **Economic Impact checks** to most households. This includes people who do not usually file taxes because they receive Social Security or Social Security Disability payments. Adults who earn less than \$75,000 a year will receive \$1,200, plus \$500 per dependent child. If your annual tax refund and/or monthly SSI/SSDI checks are direct deposited, your Economic Impact check will be too. If you receive paper checks or have changed banking information recently, visit <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here> or call **800-829-1040**. IRS will mail a letter about the payment to the taxpayer's last known address within 15 days after the payment is paid. The letter will provide information on how the payment was made and how to report any failure to receive the payment. If a taxpayer is unsure they're receiving a legitimate letter, the IRS urges taxpayers to visit IRS.gov.

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COVID-19 Updates

New COVID-19 Emergency Fund and Helpline

Loudoun residents who need help paying rent as a result of lost wages from the COVID-19 crisis can call the newly **established COVID-19 Emergency Fund and Helpline at 703-669-5040**. Trained staff from Catholic Charities and Loudoun Cares will work together to complete an intake process and assess the needs of each caller. Eligibility requirements to receive financial assistance from the COVID-19 Emergency Fund and Helpline may be found at <https://www.cdda.net/need-help/rent,-utility-assistance,-and-basic-household-needs/>. Eligible callers may be able to receive up to \$500 in financial assistance. In addition to providing financial assistance to callers using the relief funds, Catholic Charities and Loudoun Cares also will help callers identify additional government, nonprofit, and faith-based resources.

Loudoun County Interactive Map for Groceries &

Meds: Loudoun County has launched an interactive map to help residents find grocery stores and pharmacies with designated hours for vulnerable individuals. These shopping hours are designated for older adults, as well as individuals with underlying health issues or compromised immune systems, who are at greater risk of complications from COVID-19. The searchable map also links to webpages with contact information for the various stores. You can search by a street address and view which stores have modified hours. The Loudoun County map will be updated as store hours change. View the map at loudoun.gov/grocery

Seven Loaves Food Pantry: Seven Loaves is open on a limited **basis each** week for drive through food pickups. Check the schedule at (540) 687- 3489 or sevenloavesservices@gmail.com.

Women Giving Back: WGB is offering a Free Food Drive Thru every Saturday from 9am to 11am. 20 Export Drive, Sterling. Visit womengivingback.org or call (703) 554-9386 for more information.

Staying Home Information

Middleburg Restaurant Vouchers

All Middleburg households should have recently received a pack of vouchers to local restaurants. Food is available for pick up & curbside delivery.



Masks Recommended

The CDC has recommended the use of cloth masks when in public. Masks are periodically being donated to the Windy Hill Community and are being set out on the Community Shared Table at Llewellyn Village. If you need assistance getting a mask, please email Tami.



Information for upcoming May 5, 2020 Town Elections:

For your safety and to minimize risk of exposure to COVID-19 (Corona Virus), you are encouraged to request and vote an absentee ballot by mail. Any qualified voter may request an absentee ballot using **Reason Code 2A**, due to COVID-19.

To request an absentee ballot be sent by mail:

1. **APPLY ONLINE** using the Va Dept. of Elections secure Portal: www.elections.virginia.gov/absentee
2. **CALL or EMAIL** the Office of Elections and Voter Registration (telephone (703) 777-0380 / email vote@loudoun.gov)

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

- **April 13, 2020:** Last day for citizens to register to vote or update their address in order to vote in the May 5, 2020 Town
- **April 28, 2020 by 5 pm:** Last day to request that an absentee ballot be mailed to you

Office of Elections and Voter Registration

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Respond to the 2020 Census online and keep your community safe.

YOUR 2020 Census response funds healthcare, school meals, and public safety programs during COVID-19 and for the next 10 years.

Respond Today and avoid a visit from a Census employee in May.

Ways to Respond >



For more information, visit:
loudoun.gov/census2020

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As of this week, only **30% of Middleburg households have returned their 2020 Census Forms.**

- Census results help determine how money is allocated for the Head Start program and for grants that support teachers and special education.
- The list goes on, including programs to support rural areas, to restore wildlife, to prevent child abuse, to prepare for wildfires, and to **provide housing assistance for older adults.**

Return your paper form, call 844-330-2020 to complete your response today or visit <https://>

Loudoun County is offering new Wi-Fi hot spots for residents in western Loudoun. The county has worked to amplify the Loudoun County Public Library's Wi-Fi signal so that it is available to access in the parking lots immediately adjacent to the Lovettsville, **Middleburg** and Purcellville libraries.



The name of the network is LibraryWiFi . No password required , although users will need to click "accept" on the landing page. The Wi-Fi hot spots are expected to be operational Monday, April 13, 2020. Service will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Residents are asked to stay in their vehicles in order to maintain the physical distancing needed to mitigate the spread of the novel coronavirus. Users of the service who are not in vehicles are also asked to maintain a distance of approximately 6 feet from others.