Hello Neighbors,

It appears that social distancing efforts are working, and we can look forward to returning to work sometime in the next few months. In the meantime, you can contribute to stopping the spread of Covid-19 by wearing a cloth mask and practicing social distancing in public.

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COVID-19 Updates

- DMV offices will remain closed until May 11th. State police will not ticket expired inspections or license plates through July.

- The Virginia Department of Social Services launched a brand new COVID-19 Virginia Resources website and COVID VA mobile app (available today for iOS users in the App Store - Android/Google Play forthcoming). Designed as a “one-stop” resource for individuals, families and businesses to access benefits, services and critical information, the website and app aim to connect an essential need - whether food, child care, healthcare, housing, unemployment insurance, or more - with an immediate and actionable resource. Visit [https://covid.virginia.gov/](https://covid.virginia.gov/)

- Absentee Ballot Last Day to Apply: May 12th: The last day to “officially” apply for an Absentee Ballot to be mailed is now Tuesday, May 12. Practically speaking, because of delivery times, the last day should be Friday, May 8. The Fauquier County Office of the General Registrar’s will continue to be open for in-person absentee voting from 8 am until 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

- Absentee Ballot Last Day to Vote: Saturday, May 16—the last day to vote absentee. The Fauquier County Office of the General Registrar will be open from 9 am until 5 pm.

- The Salvation Army’s food pantry is providing free toilet paper, hand sanitizer, rice, whole potatoes, and much more. The Warrenton pantry and store is located at 62 Waterloo Street and open Mondays and Thursdays from 9-3. No appointment is necessary. (540) 349-7205

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An Invitation for all Young Writers and Artists

The Plains Community League invites young people in the area to join in and help us begin publishing a new magazine, called INSIDE OUT. We’ll fill it with your own artistic drawings, goofy cartoons, fiction stories, poetry, book reviews, original riddles, cooking recipes, hobbies and just about anything else you can think of! Once you write, draw or create something, you can either mail it or email it to the address below, or drop it off at The Plains Community House (we will have a special box on the porch labelled INSIDE OUT and will check it daily). Please include this information on your submission: name, grade, school, phone number, address, and email. This is so we can have a record of all our writers and artists in the published magazine.

Once we have enough submissions, we will go to the Piedmont Printers in Warrenton to have our magazine published. Each of you will get several copies. Send your submissions to: Roberta Jeffries, PO Box 270, The Plains, VA 20198 or robertarjeffries@aol.com

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Fauquier Farmer’s Saturday Market will be running as a drive-through market in the parking lots of Old Town Warrenton. The Market will run on Saturdays from 8am to Noon and will include a Market Manager station in the parking lot between 2nd & 3rd streets, so that SNAP recipients may use their benefits and matching incentives to shop. Pre-Orders are strongly encouraged and can be made by contacting one of the vendors listed below.

- Waterford Run Farm & Forge
  Baked goods, jams, honey, produce, mushrooms, eggs
  waterfordrunfarm@gmail.com
  540-272-9712

- Sharkawi Farm
  Plants, Spices, Tea
  sabry.ashkawwi@gmail.com
  540-272-4962
  https://www.facebook.com/Sharkawi-Farm-169656860717249/

- MadMagic Kombucha (formerly MTO Kombucha)
  Flavored kombucha
  meagan@mtokombucha.com
  540-364-2639

- Living Springs Microgreens
  Microgreens
  farmer@livingspringsmicrogreens.com
  571-445-4979
  www.livingspringsmicrogreens.com

- Taste of Old Country
  Olive oil, vinegar. Olives, seasonings, soap
  elias@tasteofoldcountry.com
  703-371-9898
  www.tasteofoldcountry.com

- Fern Hill Apiary
  Honey, beeswax products
  fernhillapiary@gmail.com
  540-317-1170
  www.FernHillApiary.com

- Sergios Produce
  Plants, produce, flowers
  sergiosproduce@gmail.com
  804-313-0646

- Red Dog Farm & Home
  Artisan Soaps
  monica@reddogfarmandhome.com
  571-287-3412

- Walnut Hill Farm
  Beef, lamb, pork, poultry, rabbit, and eggs
  jvanands@verizon.net
  540-810-4271

- Happy Family Ranch
  Beef, pork, sausages
  happyfamilyranch@gmail.com
  703-801-5837

- Starstead Farm
  Plants, herbs, produce
  Dave@starsteadfarm.com
  703-909-0959
  www.starsteadfarm.com

- Freed’s Biscuits
  Biscuits
  Josh@freedsbiscuits.com
  202-286-4774
  www.freedsbiscuits.com

- Erin’s Elderberries
  Elderberry products, aronia, honey, and soap
  erinelderberries@gmail.com
  571-612-0209

- Gonzales Produce
  Plants, vegetables, greens, berries, produce
  gonzalesproduce@gmail.com
  804-296-4910
  www.gonzalesfarm.com

- Tana’s Kitchen
  Frozen pot pies, quiches, soups
  tana@tanaskitchen.com
  540-622-0808
  www.tanaskitchen.com

- Sierra Linda Farm
  Beef and tallow products
  sierralinadafarm@gmail.com
  202-413-0592
  www.sierralinadafarm.com

- Sue’s Pies & More
  Pies and baked goods
  suespiesva@comcast.net
  540-878-1181
  www.suespies.com

- Diep Roots
  Cashew cheese, vegan butter, kimchi, wheatgrass juice
  yoshuahadda@gmail.com
  540-935-4447

- Bad Ass Pickles
  Flavored pickles
  badasspickles2019@gmail.com
  703-582-1566
  www.badasspickles.net

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Staying Home Information

Do I Qualify for Unemployment Benefits During COVID19?

The Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) administers the unemployment insurance program that provides temporary financial assistance to individuals who become unemployed through no fault of their own. Benefits are paid through taxes on employers covered under the Virginia Unemployment Compensation Act. No part of the cost of your unemployment benefits is deducted from your earnings. Your name and social security number will be cross-match with the Social Security Administration to verify your identity. *PLEASE APPLY IF YOU ARE UNSURE*

- **Self-employed workers and gig workers**
- **All unemployed workers to receive an extra $600 a week for up to six months.**
- **Unemployed workers to get an extra 13 weeks of benefits beyond the number a state currently provide.**

File a New Claim for Unemployment Benefits:

1. **Online**
   - **English**
   - **Español**
2. **By Phone:**
   - Call 1-866-832-2363 Available 8:15am to 4:30pm, Monday - Friday, and Saturday between 9am and 1pm (closed Sunday & holidays).