

# Fauquier County

## Weekly Newsletter April 2020



Hello 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 Fauquier 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 Louis, Windy Hill Foundation's Director of Programs 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 (Yanriell).

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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### **Food Pantry– The Plains: Grace Episcopal**

During the Coronavirus pandemic, the Peas & Grace Food Pantry is open to the public on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The pantry is offering prepared pre-bagged food items that will be brought outside to clients, observing careful social distancing. The entrance is under the clock tower, by the church office in the education wing.

### **Fauquier Food Bank**

We serve Fauquier County residents  
Monday– Friday; 12- 4 PM  
Food Bank 540-359-6053  
Thrift Store 540-359-6054



### **Latest from the State:**

- **DMV Closures** - All DMV offices and mobile units are closed while essential services remain available online. Anyone who cannot renew online is granted a 60-day extension.
- **Utilities** - The State Corporation Commission (SCC) issued an order directing utilities it regulates, such as electric, natural gas, and water companies in Virginia, to suspend service disconnections for 60 days to provide immediate relief for any customer, residential and business, who may be financially impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak.

Virginia Website: <https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus/>



### **High School Seniors**

The Plains Community League Scholarship Application deadline has been extended to May 1, 2020. Completed applications may be mailed or emailed to the Community League. You can download a copy of the scholarship application from the TPCL's Website at: [www.tpclva.org](http://www.tpclva.org) or request one from Kettle Run High School, Fauquier High School or Lord Fairfax Community College. **Remember:** This scholarship is only for students that live in the 20198 The Plains Zip code. If downloading or requesting the scholarship form does not work please call: 540-253-2119 or e-mail: [pcl20198@gmail.com](mailto:pcl20198@gmail.com)

# Staying Home Information

Residents who cannot pay rent due to reductions in hours or employment because of COVID-19 are encouraged to:



1. Immediately contact their landlords to work out a payment plan.
2. Use part of the Economic Impact Payment to pay past due rent.
3. File for Unemployment Insurance.
4. Contact Foothills Housing Network 's Central Entry at (540) 724-6630 and complete an Intake Interview.
5. Gather pay stubs, leases, and other paperwork.



The Marshall Diner located at 8453 West Main St, will be serving **free food to the public** on **Thursdays at 11**. For more information call (540) 364-6015



DOING THE MOST GOOD

The Salvation Army's food pantry is providing free toilet paper, 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

Fauquier County Parks and Recreation is still open, and there are over 15 trails to explore. Social distancing still applies, and yes fishing with proper licensing and limitation is still permitted.



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](http://loudoun.gov/census2020)

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As of this week, only 57.8% of Fauquier 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://my2020census.gov/>

**Just for Fun!**

The Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum has a whole selection of online activities for the family. Visit [discoverymuseum.net](http://discoverymuseum.net)

