Windy Hill Older Adults Community News

Week of April 17, 2020





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.ccda.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/



Dear Levis Hill House Friends,

We miss you! We hope you have been keeping well and staying safe. We will keep sending this Newsletter weekly while "Stay at Home" through June 10. Essential services throughout Loudoun County are still in place, and we are available to answer questions and connect you to services. Email me or call Claire at (540)326-2636. **Let us know if you would like to get the Newsletter emailed instead.

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. If your 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/nonfilers-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.

Contact: Gwen Murugu **Resident Services Manager** 1000 West Washington Street, Middleburg, VA 20117 540-687-3273 gmurugu@clrserv.org

Staying Home Information



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 Virginia Department of Elections secure Citizen Portal: **www.elections.virginia.gov/absentee** (in some instances you may not be able to submit your request online and will need the ability to print out an application).
- 2. **CALL or EMAIL** the Office of Elections and Voter Registration (telephone (703) 777-0380 / email vote@loudoun.gov). A Virginia Absentee Ballot Application form will be mailed to you, which you can submit via:

Email to vote@loudoun.gov

3. Mail to Office of Elections, 750 Miller Drive, SE, Suite C, Leesburg, VA 20175-8916

As required by law, a ballot will be sent to you by mail within three days of receiving and approving your application. Please ensure your application is complete. Applications missing required information may be denied. Absentee voters are also reminded to allow sufficient time to receive and return your voted ballot, allowing for possible postal delays. Do not delay in requesting or submitting your ballot.

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 Election – Hamilton, Lovettsville, **Middleburg**, Purcellville and Round Hill

April 28, 2020 by 5 pm: Last day to request that an absentee ballot be mailed to you

Office of Elections and Voter Registration

750 Miller Drive, Suite C, Leesburg, Virginia 20175-8910 703/777-



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







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 <u>844-</u> <u>330-2020</u> to complete your response today or visit <u>https://</u> <u>my2020census.gov/</u>