

# Fauquier County Community News

Week of May 1, 2020



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.

## **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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and email address.



## **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/>**
- **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

# Staying Home Information



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](mailto:waterfordrunfarm@gmail.com)  
540-272-9712
- Sharkawi Farm  
Plants, Spices, Tea  
[sabry.alsharkawi@gmail.com](mailto:sabry.alsharkawi@gmail.com)  
540-272-4962  
<https://www.facebook.com/Sharkawi-Farm-159654880717243/>
- MadMagic Kombucha (formerly MTO Kombucha)  
Flavored kombucha  
[meagan@mtokombucha.com](mailto:meagan@mtokombucha.com)  
540-364-2639
- Living Springs Microgreens  
Microgreens  
[farmer@livingspringsmicrogreens.com](mailto:farmer@livingspringsmicrogreens.com)  
571-445-4979  
[www.livingspringsmicrogreens.com](http://www.livingspringsmicrogreens.com)
- Taste of Old Country  
Olive oil, vinegar. Olives, seasonings, soap  
[elias@tasteofoldcountry.com](mailto:elias@tasteofoldcountry.com)  
703-371-9898  
[www.tasteofoldcountry.com](http://www.tasteofoldcountry.com)
- Fern Hill Apiary  
Honey, beeswax products  
[fernhillapiary@gmail.com](mailto:fernhillapiary@gmail.com)  
540-317-1170  
[www.FernHillApiary.com](http://www.FernHillApiary.com)
- Sergio's Produce  
Plants, produce, flowers  
[sergiosproduce@gmail.com](mailto:sergiosproduce@gmail.com)  
804-313-0646
- Red Dog Farm & Home  
Artisan Soaps  
[monica@reddogfarmandhome.com](mailto:monica@reddogfarmandhome.com)  
571-287-3412
- Walnut Hill Farm  
Beef, lamb, pork, poultry, rabbit, and eggs  
[jvadams@verizon.net](mailto:jvadams@verizon.net)  
540-809-4271
- Happy Family Ranch  
Beef, pork, sausages  
[happyfamilyranchinc@gmail.com](mailto:happyfamilyranchinc@gmail.com)  
703-801-5837
- Starstead Farm  
Plants, herbs, produce  
[Days@starsteadfarm.com](mailto:Days@starsteadfarm.com)  
703-909-0959  
[www.starsteadfarm.com](http://www.starsteadfarm.com)
- Freed's Biscuits  
Biscuits  
[Josh@freedsbiscuits.com](mailto:Josh@freedsbiscuits.com)  
202-286-4774  
[www.freedsbiscuits.com](http://www.freedsbiscuits.com)
- Erin's Elderberries  
Elderberry products, aronia, honey, and soap  
[erinselderberries@gmail.com](mailto:erinselderberries@gmail.com)  
571-612-0209
- Gonzales Produce  
Plants, vegetables, greens, berries, produce  
[gonzalesproduce@gmail.com](mailto:gonzalesproduce@gmail.com)  
804-296-4910  
[www.gonzalesfarm.com](http://www.gonzalesfarm.com)
- Tana's Kitchen  
Frozen pot pies, quiches, soups  
[tana@tanaskitchen.com](mailto:tana@tanaskitchen.com)  
540-622-0808  
[www.tanaskitchen.com](http://www.tanaskitchen.com)
- Sierra Linda Farm  
Beef and tallow products  
[sierralindafarm@gmail.com](mailto:sierralindafarm@gmail.com)  
202-413-0592  
[www.sierralindafarm.com](http://www.sierralindafarm.com)
- Sue's Pies & More  
Pies and baked goods  
[suespiesva@comcast.net](mailto:suespiesva@comcast.net)  
540-878-1181  
[www.suespies.com](http://www.suespies.com)
- Diep Roots  
Cashew cheese, vegan butter, kimchi, wheat grass juice  
[yoshuhadda@gmail.com](mailto:yoshuhadda@gmail.com)  
540-935-4447
- Bad Ass Pickles  
Flavored pickles  
[badasspickles2019@gmail.com](mailto:badasspickles2019@gmail.com)  
703-582-1566  
[www.badasspickles.net](http://www.badasspickles.net)



## 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-matched with the Social Security Administration to verify your identity. **\* PLEASE APPLY IF YOU ARE UNSURE\***

The Federal government has allowed state to change their unemployment benefits laws. It lets them provide unemployment benefits for situations related to COVID-19 :

### ♦ Self-employed workers and gig workers

To receive unemployment benefits .

- ♦ **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).