

Fauquier County Community News

February 2021

Greetings Neighbors,

Thank you for making our new Community Resource Table a success. I enjoyed seeing everyone again.

This Month:

Fauguier residents 65 and over can now sign up to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Residents 65 and over who wish to be vaccinated should visit www.rrhd.org to fill out the survey labeled "Phase 1B Vaccine Survey for Individuals 65 and Older" or call 540-308-6072 between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. The hotline is open seven days a week, so if you don't get through the first time, leave a message and they will call you back. Anyone 16 to 64 "with an underlying medical condition" also may register.

• IRS announced Friday, February 12, 2021 is the earliest date to file your 2020 tax returns. The last day to file your 2020 tax returns is on April 15. Please note that the IRS has distributed two stimulus payments since the start of the coronavirus pandemic. The first distribution was in March and was for \$1,200 per person, and the second was \$600 per person and was sent to people in December 2020. If you have not received your stimulus payment, please visit https:// www.irs.gov/refunds or from your smart device download the IRS2Go app.

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Monthly Updates

Fauquier County Schools February 15 - Holiday/ No School February 22 - Teacher Workday/ Half Day

Horizons After School Program Now's the time to register your K-8 child for our free afterschool program. In addition to books, activities, and educational supplies, students receive meals and snacks with each kit. Contact Yanriell or your child's teacher for more information.

Community Visits

Please come to the Community Resource Table which will be stocked with baked goods, masks, and cleaning supplies on Friday 2/5 and Friday 2/19. Staff will available onsite at Lee Street from 1 to 1:30 pm, Piedmont Lane from 2:00 to 2:45 pm, and at Washburn Place from 3:15 to 4:30 pm. For those, who are currently unable to visit the resource table please call or email the office to have a care package placed at your door during a contactless visit.

Rent and Utility Assistance Please call Rose at (540) 687-3402 if you cannot pay your rent. You can also check your eligibility for State rental assistance at <u>https://dmz1.dhcd.virginia.gov/</u> <u>RMRPEligibility/.</u> For help paying utility bills, call Cassandra at (540) 687-3273.

Community Bingo Night

February 26—Join us at 6pm for Virtual Zoom Bingo! Prizes will be awarded to winners and delivered the first week of March. The first 2 households to log onto the Zoom will win a giant 1.2 Gallon jug of laundry detergent! Sign up with Yanriell by Monday, February 22, to make sure you get the Bingo boards and Zoom link delivered to you. All ages welcome.

Health Insurance 101 Attend this free virtual program and learn Health Insurance basics, including how to sign up. February 12 at 6:30 pm.

Safer at Home Information

Middleburg Humane Foundation is excited to announce the launch of a quarterly magazine in April 2021. The magazine will feature stories and photos of rescue animals, including articles on local Barn cats, rescue dogs that help Veterans with PTSD, hundreds of kittens born in the wild and raised by volunteers, and even fun dog grooming tips from Liz Washington. Contact Kathy.bell@middleburghumane.org for more information.



YOUNGINVINCIBLES

Healthy Adulting: Health Insurance 101

Did you know that people without a good understanding of their health insurance are likely to act like the uninsured – meaning they delay care, which can cause serious trouble.

Attend a Young Invincibles HIL Workshop for a one-stop-shop crash course on all things health insurance. Learn the practical info you need to use health insurance and be healthy!

Have you recently gained health insurance? Does the process of using your health insurance intimidate you? Are you confused about how to find the right doctor?

We've got the answers.

Young Invincibles has created **a fun and interactive learning workshop** that will teach you the practical information you need to know to navigate the health care system. We will cover how to sign up for health insurance, how your health insurance plan works, how to find providers to meet your needs, preventive care that you get for free, and some great tips on being healthy.

Join us for:

- Health insurance basics
- Understanding your health plan
- How to find a doctor and make an appointment
- What's covered by your health plan for free
- Healthy living tips

You'll leave with a better understanding of how health insurance works, and the skills to use your health plan effectively – like getting preventive care for free, knowing where to go for different types of care, and avoiding unnecessary medical costs.

Participation is free and all are welcome.

2021 Charles L. Plante Book Scholarship

Sponsored by Middleburg Library Advisory Board Due Date: Friday, April 2, 2021 The Middleburg Library Advisory Board is once again offering the Charles L. Plante Book Scholarship to qualifying area seniors. Scholarships are to be used for books/textbooks at the accredited secondary school of the winning applicant(s) for the 2021-2022 school year. In recent years, these scholarships have ranged from \$500 (Honorable Mention) to \$1,500 (Grand Award Recipients). In light of the added stress COVID-19 has placed on families, we hope to be as generous as possible in the quantity and monetary value of individual scholarships granted. The Charles L. Plante Scholarship places increasing emphasis on need over merit. While we certainly wish to encourage and acknowledge students of strong academic and extra-curricular achievement, we are also hoping to identify and support students whose families would benefit from some relief of economic hardship through the funding of college textbooks.

Eligibility:

Candidates must be 2021 graduating seniors who plan to matriculate at an accredited post-secondary school in the fall.

Candidates must reside in one of the following zones, served and supported by the Middleburg Library. *Please note: residency requirements have changed from prior years.*

Loudoun County: Graduating seniors who live in the Aldie and Banneker Elementary School attendance zones.

<u>Fauquier County:</u> Graduating seniors who live in the Coleman and Thompson Elementary School attendance zones.

Special Waivers:

Applicants who live outside the above residency zones may apply for a waiver *if they are able to demonstrate* a unique connection to the Middleburg Library, e.g. have volunteered, are a regular patron and/or have conducted school or special interest research at our branch. The waiver request is part of the online application.

Candidates must have a Loudoun County Public Library card in good standing.

Candidates must provide a high school transcript and valid supporting documents (proof of residency and library membership) at the time their application is submitted.