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The Official Newsletter for the Town of Capitol Heights

THE TOWN OF CAPITOL HEIGHTS EXPRESS

SPECIAL EDITION

COVID – 19 Updates, Services & Resources

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Dear Residents:

The Mayor & Council would like to thank you for choosing the Town of Capitol Heights as your home! As a Town, we recognize the substantial need for services and resources during these difficult times. We wanted to reach out to you all and provide you with Town updates as well as local, county and state resources.

The Town Hall as well as the Capitol Heights Police Department administrative offices will operate on its normal schedule. For general assistance call Town Hall at (301) 336-0626, for police services call (301) 420-2444.

Emergency Legislation – The Mayor & Council will be signing an emergency ordinance to request more authority for the Council to enforce laws and requesting more financial support for residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Seniors (to be eligible for the Senior Nutrition Program, an individual must be a Prince George's County resident and be at least 60 years of age, or have a spouse that is 60 year of age and attends Senior Nutrition Program)

Free Meals - The County will begin delivering seven frozen meal packs to seniors who receive meals at the Department of Family Services, Senior Nutrition Program sites between the hours of 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. For more information about senior food delivery visit <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1723/Nutrition-Services>, or call the Senior Nutrition Program at **(301) 265-8475**.

Senior Call Check - Provide peace of mind by registering a senior living at home alone into the free Senior Call Check Program. To register, call **1(866) 50-CHECK**. Visit the Maryland Department of Aging website at <https://aging.maryland.gov/Pages/senior-call-check.aspx> for more info. (**Reference: Prince George's County Aging & Disabilities Services Division**)

Children

Free Meals - Breakfast, lunch and a snack are being provided at the following local locations:

- Bradbury Heights Elementary
- Walker Mill Middle School
- Carmody Hill Elementary
- John Bayne Elementary

For a full list of locations serving meals for students please visit https://mars.msde.maryland.gov/mars_sitesearch/. (**Reference: Maryland State Dept. of Education-MD Meals Site**)



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Food Distribution— The Town of Capitol Heights Neighborhood Services & Safety Committee in partnership with the First Baptist Church of Capitol Heights will distribute food and provide informational resources to Town residents in need of assistance. For more information and to RSVP please contact Councilwoman Rhonda Akers at (301) 793-0367 or by email at rakers@capitolheightsmd.com.

Health

Testing - A healthcare provider must order COVID-19 testing. If you think you may need to be tested or if you have any questions concerning COVID-19 testing, visit https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Documents/coronavirus_testing_FAQ.pdf to receive all information needed. **(Reference: Maryland Dept. Of Health-COVID-19 FAQ's)**

Health Insurance - A new special enrollment period is now open to all Marylanders in need of health insurance during the State of Emergency. To enroll through Maryland Health Connection visit <https://www.marylandhealthconnection.gov/>. Free consumer assistance is available by calling **1(855) 642-8572**. **(Reference: Maryland Health Connection)**

Neighborhood Services

Utilities - Governor Hogan has issued an Executive Order that prohibits electric, gas, water, sewage, phone, cable TV, and internet provider companies from shutting off any residential customer's services or charging any residential late fees. To read the governor's emergency orders visit <https://governor.maryland.gov/category/executive-orders/>. **(Reference: The Office of Governor Larry Hogan-Executive Orders)**

Trash Services –

Yard Waste - In response to staffing challenges due to COVID-19, any yard waste collected before May 4, 2020 will continue to be collected with the trash we will start separate yard waste collections on May 4, 2020.

Bulk Trash - Bates Trucking is suspending ALL Municipal curbside bulky trash services due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Residents are asked to store these materials at home until regular service resumes. Any further changes in services will be reported immediately. Please check out Bates website <https://www.batestrucking.com/> periodically for any service changes or interruption during this COVID-19 Pandemic.

Text Message Updates - To receive alerts, tips, and resources related to COVID-19 and other threats and hazards affecting (or that may affect Maryland) text "MdReady" to **898211**. **(Reference: The Office of Governor Larry Hogan-Maryland Unites)**

Transportation

Call-A-Bus – The Town of Capitol Heights Call-A-Bus is no longer in use due to COVID-19, we are deferring to the Prince George's County Call-A-Bus. Service is available to all residents of Prince George's County who are not served by, or cannot use, existing bus or rail services. However, priority is given to seniors and persons with disabilities. Persons with disabilities must provide their own escort, if needed. Service animals are allowed for the visually impaired. For service, please call **(301) 499-8603**. **(Reference: Prince George's County Call-A-Bus)**