

Earlysville Notes

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A Community Association Dedicated to:

- Preserving and enhancing Earlysville's quality of life
- Building a sense of community
- Serving as a means to communicate residents' ideas and concerns to others. *See last page for contact information of our representatives.*

Calendar

Community Food Pantry at Buck Mountain Church DRIVE UP PICKUP ONLY

Every second Wednesday from 4 to 6 pm. Every fourth Tuesday from 2 to 4 pm.

Weekly events

Mondays Community Yoga. 6:30 pm. Donation. Buck Mountain Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

Saturdays, Earlysville Farmer's Market. 10 am Buck Mountain Episcopal Church old Parish Hall

Thursdays, beginning April 2. 4 – 7 pm Buck Mountain Parish Hall parking lot

See page 2 for County updates on virus and meetings. A DIRECT FORWARD OF MARCH 15TH INFORMATION IS SENT SEPARATELY.

SAVE THE DATE

EARL General Meeting -Winter-Spring. Monday, April 20. 7 pm Broadus Wood Cafeteria.
Election of Officers, Parade planning, Litter pickup, VDOT updates

Join the history gathering. What elements of Albemarle's history can you help to tell? Learn how the County is gathering information to make a more complete history for our 275th anniversary. The Community Remembrance project is focused on our historic neighborhoods while the Equity and Inclusion project looks to the future.

Regarding the Corona virus. Citizens seek bona fide information.

The local TJ Health Department hotline 434-972-6261 is up and running for public questions. Please also refer to the VDH website for the latest information: www.VDH.virginia.gov/coronavirus. These sites are updated and information changes multiple times a day.

Update Mar 13, 2020 - 5 pm : Albemarle County continues to monitor and plan for Coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community.

Albemarle County continues to monitor guidance from the CDC and VDH. There are no cases of COVID-19 in our community at this time. Read on to learn more about what Albemarle County is doing to respond to COVID-19.

Upcoming Public Meetings, Programs, and Events

We are in the process of reviewing public meetings, events, and recreation programs. At this time, gatherings of fewer than 100 people will proceed as planned. Public meetings, events, and recreation programs expected to have more than 100 attendees are being individually evaluated for how to proceed. Please continue to check these messages and the Albemarle County web calendar (www.albemarle.org/calendar) as the status may change as this situation evolves.

Public Meetings

Board of Supervisors Work Session, 3/17 at 3 pm – Moved to Lane Auditorium. CALL OR EMAIL SUPERVISORS WITH YOUR CONCERNS BEFORE THE MEETING.

Board of Supervisors Business Meeting, **3/18 at 5 pm** – limited agenda NOTE NEW TIME

Board of Supervisors Town Hall, 3/19 at 6:30 pm – This Town Hall is **cancelled**

Court Square Community Conversations, 3/20 at 6 pm - Virtual Meeting

White Hall District Town Hall, 3/26 at 7 pm - Lane/Virtual Meeting*. This replaces town halls on 3/24th and 3/28th.

**Lane/Virtual Meeting*

To facilitate public engagement for timely items, Lane/Virtual Meetings will take place in Lane Auditorium at the County Office Building at 401 McIntire Road and online. Lane Auditorium is a room equipped for live streaming and allows virtual participation through our Participate webpage, which will have a link to live video-streaming and a way to submit questions to be answered live at the meeting. Visit www.albemarle.org/participate at the time of the meeting to access these links.

Events & Programs

Postponed Indefinitely

Yancey School Community Center One-Year Celebration, 3/14 at 10 am

Open Gym Program at Yancey School Community Center

Middle School Volleyball Program

Men's Basketball League

Open Skate Program at Greenwood Community Center

What is Albemarle County doing to prepare?

Public safety agencies use a structure called the Incident Management Team (IMT) to plan for and respond to major incidents, including public health crises like COVID-19. The IMT structure allows us to efficiently direct resources and coordinate across organizations. The IMT is meeting at least twice each week but will continue to adjust meeting frequency to address our community's needs.

Albemarle County's IMT has developed a multi-phased plan, in alignment with guidance from the CDC, on what measures to take and when to reduce the spread of disease and to maintain our business operations. The phases of the plan are designed to respond to what happens locally – from the current planning phase through to if local cases are reported.

Albemarle County has implemented the following measures:

For our community

- Postponed large events, suspended large programs
- Transitioned budget town hall meetings to Lane/Virtual Meetings (see above)
- Public safety personnel are engaging with nursing homes, group homes, and other vulnerable populations to ensure plans are in place for resident safety
- Our 911 call-takers are now screening callers reporting specific complaints consistent with COVID-19 symptoms. This measure is intended to ensure our first responders take the necessary steps to provide safe care and is consistent with guidance from the International Association of Emergency Dispatchers.

For our employees

- Enhanced cleaning protocol for County-operated buildings
- Canceled work-related travel outside our community for staff and canceled work-related meetings convening people from outside of our community hosted by Albemarle County and/or in County-operated buildings
- Encourage employees experiencing respiratory symptoms to stay home
- Signage encouraging use of hand sanitizing stations and/or hand washing throughout building

What Can You Do?

First, share this message with your neighbors, friends, and colleagues. Signup to receive these messages in your inbox at www.albemarle.org/amaill .

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has a wealth of resources for businesses, households, schools, and faith-based organizations at cdc.gov/coronavirus . The CDC is specifically encouraging people to:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue and throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects (e.g., tables, countertops, light switches, doorknobs, and cabinet handles)

The Virginia Department of Health has resources for the public, travelers, schools, businesses, and large events as well - www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus.

Local Resources

The Thomas Jefferson Health District (TJHD) is our community's local public health agency and works closely with the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). **TJHD has opened a hotline at (434) 972-6261 to answer questions from the public** regarding COVID-19. At this time, that number is staffed Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm. The public can leave messages that will be returned as soon as possible.

If you are experiencing a medical emergency, please call 911.

Drug Drop Off

Public Controlled Substances Disposal Locations from the AC Police Department

UVA Hospital Pharmacy 1240 Lee Street Room 1407 Charlottesville 22903

Top Notch Pharmacy 943 Preston Ave Charlottesville 22903

Timberlake Pharmacy 322 Main Street Charlottesville 22902

CVS 3420 Seminole Trail (Forest Lakes) Charlottesville 22911

Parkway Pharmacy 5771 The Square Crozet

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www.albemarle.org

Websites

- Community emergency page (www.communityemergency.org)
- Virginia Emergency Services (<https://www.vaemergency.gov/>)
- FEMA's ReadyWebsite (www.ready.gov)