

Compendium of Organizations in Colonial Beach Providing Services in Time of Need

This compendium is being compiled by the Colonial Beach Community Foundation (Foundation) in an effort to serve the community by sharing various resources that are available in times of need. Indeed, the community is experiencing such a time. The Foundation has reached out to all of the following organizations asking for information about what services they are providing, how to access those services for those in need and how to support those organizations for those who want to contribute time or financial resources. The information presented is as complete as the Foundation could determine. However, for those needing services or those wanting to contribute, please contact the organizations themselves to determine the process.

TOWN OF COLONIAL BEACH GOVERNMENT

The government of the Town of Colonial Beach provides essential services to the town such as police protection, water/sewer services, trash removal, permitting, zoning, public space maintenance and other similar types of services.

During this time of crisis, the town offices are mostly closed. However, the town is still responding to urgent requests and crises.

To contact the town with an urgent situation, go to www.ColonialBeach.net and search for the appropriate department. The town's facebook page is www.facebook.com/townofCBVA/

The town has also provided a FAQ related to Covid 19 implications. You can find that here: <https://colonialbeachva.net/coronavirus-updates/>. Scroll through the entire site to get very useful information on how to cope in these trying times.

COLONIAL BEACH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Foundation is the one of the principal charitable organizations in Colonial Beach. Its mission is to "...enhance the quality of life in and around Colonial Beach." It has identified a number of areas to focus on including youth development, environment protection and beautification, health and wellbeing, and quality of life/cultural enhancement. To those ends, the Foundation raises funds through a variety of ways and then disburses the funds to organizations that provide services that relate to those objectives.

With respect to taking actions related to the current crisis, the Foundation has allocated funding to provide gift cards from Halls and Food Lion that will go to the food pantries for distribution to their recipients. The gift cards can provide a much-needed resources for the recipients to be able to purchase products that food pantries don't provide. The Foundation has also provided funding to Healthy

Harvest, the main food bank that provides food to local food pantries. The Foundation also has produced this compendium that can provide valuable information to the community on how and where to receive needed services and what organizations might be in need of financial or volunteer support.

For more information and to become a Foundation member:

<https://www.facebook.com/cbvafoundation/>

<https://cbcommunityfoundation.org>

communications@cbcommunityfoundation.org

BAY AGING

Neighbors Helping Neighbors.--To help seniors stay in their homes and be safe during the coronavirus outbreak Bay Aging, in collaboration with area stakeholders, has launched a new initiative dubbed "Helping Neighbors" which is:

- A volunteer program designed to help keep seniors safe and at home during Covid-19. While it focuses on seniors, it is not limited to seniors and includes individuals of any age with underlying health conditions. Helping Neighbors is not a substitute for, or associated with, Bay Aging's Meals on Wheels program.
- Bay Aging's coordinator for this is Lauren Cobb (lcobb@bayaging.org). Lauren is working with County Administrators and other stakeholders across the region as we build out the phases of the program.
- A "Helping Neighbors" flier is being distributed to all Meals on Wheels clients as a first step to build awareness for this initiative as well as offering aid to those in need. These fliers are being shared with the faith community, civic organizations, area radio stations and other stakeholders across the region.
- Bay Aging is promoting the Volunteer Coordination/Needs Request program that is currently on Bay Aging's website and rebranded it as "Helping Neighbors".
- Bay Aging will integrate restaurant meals and weekend meals with "Helping Neighbors" volunteers.
- To help the local economy, they will purchase meals from area restaurants. They will approach restaurants when they know the specific communities the requests are coming from.

Bay Transit.—Bay Transit continues to operate as normal:

- Bay Aging is doing Employee Health Checks for all Bay Transit employees at the beginning of their shift every day, including checking for COVID-19 symptoms and taking their temperature.
- All buses are being disinfected several times a day.
- On demand service is available throughout the service area from Monday through Friday from 6 AM to 6 PM.
- To minimize passenger and driver interaction, Bay Transit has suspended all fare collection. That means all passengers ride for free until further notice.
- As customers call in to schedule rides, they are pre-screened.
- To facilitate social distancing while on the bus, they limit buses to a maximum of three people and have seats taped off to keep riders separated and away from the bus driver.

- In coordination with area hospitals, Bay Transit has suspended stops at Urgent Care facilities and hospitals along our fixed route lines in Gloucester and Essex County.
- As customers call in to schedule rides, they are asking them to limit travel to essential rides to work, medical appointments, the bank and shopping for necessities.
- Whenever possible, they are asking riders to wear face masks while riding on Bay Transit buses.

Meals on Wheels.—Bay Aging currently has 13 recipients in the 22443 zip code.

- Bay Aging has distributed print instructions to all clients and volunteers on precautions.
- Bay Aging volunteers and staff continue to deliver meals to all existing Meals on Wheels recipients and actively enroll new clients who are confronting potential food insecurity.
- Meal deliveries are complemented with fresh produce.
- Shelf stable meals are augmenting meal deliveries to further safeguard recipients from food shortages.
- Bay Aging is continuing to enroll new clients into the MOWs program.
- Meals continue to be delivered on a regular basis, volunteers are taking additional safety precautions to protect themselves and our clients.
- Bay Aging is always in need of additional volunteers.

ACCESSING BAY AGING SERVICES.--The best way to get information about the services is to visit Bay Aging's website at www.bayaging.org or Facebook page. If you don't have access to the internet you can call them at 1-800-493-0238.

CONTRIBUTING TO BAY AGING.--People can donate to Bay Aging or volunteer through the Bay Aging website at: <https://bayaging.org/support/>. For those without access to the internet, donations made payable to the Bay Aging Foundation can be mailed to Bay Aging at: P.O. Box 610, Urbanna, VA 23175

FOOD PANTRIES

There are at least 5 Food Pantries in the Colonial Beach area. All 5 will be offered \$10 Halls/Food Lion gift cards provided by the Colonial Beach Community Foundation that will allow recipients to purchase needed items that the pantries don't provide. The gift cards will not be able to be used to purchase alcohol or tobacco items. Food pantries will have flexibility in terms of how many gift cards to give to each recipient. Please contact the individual pantries to confirm details related to time and dates and/or to volunteer or contribute financially.

The area food pantries include:

St. Mary's Episcopal: 203 Dennison St.; 804.224.7186.—Co-organizers Susan Mack & Ann Flaim
www.facebook.com/stmaryscbva and www.stmaryscolonialbeach.org/

- Announcements regarding the food pantry are made on the St Mary's Church Facebook page (www.facebook.com/stmaryscbva/), in addition, to general posting. Susan Mack handles announcements and scheduling. susanblueskies@hotmail.com
- The normal schedule is the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 10:00am to 12:00pm. They are also open the 2nd & 4th Thursday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the Parish Hall on Washington St.

- During the quarantine, they will be open on the 2nd & 4th Mondays only. It is a drive thru event, held outside the hall.
- The only criteria is that clients live in 22443 Zip Code area. They may pick up food once during the month.
- **TO VOLUNTEER**, please email Susan Mack. She will add their names to our emailed Volunteer Schedule, which goes out at the end of the month. Volunteers can then sign up for the next month's time slots.
- **ANY DONATIONS** can be sent to St Mary's Church, attn: Ann Flaim, 203 Dennison St, CBVa.

Colonial Beach Baptist Church: 10 Garfield Ave.; 804.224.7555

www.facebook.com/ColonialBeachBaptistChurch/ and www.colonialbeachbaptistchurch.org

- Currently, they are doing the food pantry Thursdays only from 10am to Noon during the COVID 19 period. They will eventually go back to our regular schedule of Tuesday/Thursday from 10am to 12 Noon.
- Recipients have to have a Colonial Beach 22443 address, and the distribution to recipients is income base (self-declared) or received government services, such as MEDICAID, SSI, SNAP Benefits.
- To make a monetary donation a person can send a donation to Colonial Beach Baptist Church 10 Garfield Avenue, P.O. Box 27, Colonial Beach, VA 22443, or they can also make food donations and can drop them by our PANTRY on Thursdays.

Colonial Beach Methodist Church: 1 Washington Ave.; 804.224.7030

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/colonial.beach.united.methodist.church> and <http://cbumc.org>

The Colonial Beach Methodist Church food pantry is open from 10:00 for just one hour every Thursday until further notice. The pantry is handled through the Op Shop at 111 Hawthorn Street.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary & St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Colonial Beach: 2 Lossing Ave.;

804.224.7221; Susansmiga@saintselizabethandanthony.com

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Elizabeth-of-Hungary-St-Anthony-of-Padua-Catholic-Church> and

<https://saintselizabethandanthony.com>

Food Pantry has been closed temporarily. Contact the church for more information.

Little Zion Baptist Church: 7748 Leedstown Road, Oak Grove; 804.224.0418

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Little-Zion-Church> and www.OurLittleZion.org

Food Pantry operates the 3rd Saturday of every month, 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

THE COLONIAL BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Colonial Beach Chamber of Commerce represents the businesses in Colonial Beach. As such, they provide a wide range of services for their members and produce many of the town's events and activities.

During this time of crisis, the Chamber has been supporting the business community with information on how to cope with various aspects of the situation, including how to tap into the government support programs that have been approved.

For more information, contact:

106 Hawthorn St.

804.224.8145

www.Facebook.com/colonialbeachva

info@colonialbeach.org

www.colonialbeach.org

THE COLONIAL BEACH VILLAGE

The Colonial Beach Village Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, was established in 2011 to meet the needs of the senior community living in the 22443 zip code area. The Village concept was designed to support seniors in their effort to remain in their homes by providing a variety of personal services. All members pay a yearly fee, currently \$50.00, which covers the Village's operational costs.

The Colonial Beach Village will attempt to provide the following tasks and services, which are dependent on the skill-set of the membership at any given time:

- Transportation: Rides to and from medical appointments, local shopping, personal errands and appointments, social obligations, and running errands for members.
- Home Repair: Help with basic handyman tasks such as changing light bulbs, unclogging drains, seasonal yard work and light snow shoveling.
- Paperwork: Help with balancing checkbooks, paying bills, and filling out forms. Help member to understand legal, medical and financial documents.
- Electronics: Help and instruction with computers, TV's, cell phones, appliances, cameras and all things digital.
- Social: Provide speakers on various health, financial and other pertinent issues; organize potluck dinners, restaurant meals and game parties.
- Support: Help in times of illness such as meal preparation, accessing medical care and services, occasional relief to caregivers; pet care; "rise and shine services."
- Medical: Maintaining a list of people who might lend convalescent aids such as wheel chairs, walkers, crutches and hospital beds.
- Referrals: Refer contractors for home repairs and modifications. Act as a third-party observer during negotiations with contractors and throughout the contract to its satisfactory completion.

To use the services, individuals need to join the Village. Members will then contact a service coordinator or a board member with their needs and an appropriate providing member will be notified. The providing and requesting members will discuss the details and scheduling of the service.

For More Information: The Village's website, cbvillageinc.org, contains a great deal of relevant

information, but the site is not kept completely current because it does not provide the security necessary for Village operation. For administrative purposes and posting information, the Village uses the "Lotsa Helping Hands" website, lotsahelpinghands.com. This site, which is designed for nonprofits, offers password protection and a variety of tools beneficial to Village operation.

The Village mailing and emailing addresses are:

The Colonial Beach Village, Inc.
P.O. Box 476
Colonial Beach, VA 22443
CBV.22443@gmail.com

Current Situation: In view of the COVID-19 situation, the Colonial Beach Village has stopped all services and social activities that involve physical contact with the exception of transportation services, which are left to the discretion of the parties involved. All of our members are seniors and defined as "high risk" persons under current guidelines. For now, the members are staying at home, but in the future, may require some assistance from outside the Village.

SERVICE/FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

Colonial Beach has a number of service/fraternal organizations that provide various types of charitable services to their constituents, including fundraising activities; social events; and other support services. These organizations in Colonial Beach include The Fraternal Order of Eagles, The Loyal Order of Moose, The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Contact each service organization to learn the services they provide and how to get involved.

Fraternal Order of Eagles: 517 Colonial Ave; 804.224.4315; cbeagles4315@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/cbeagles4315/> and <http://www.foe4315.org/>

Loyal Order of Moose: 4780 James Monroe Hwy; 804.224.0931; Lodge1267@MooseUnits.org
www.Facebook.com/pages/Loyal-Order-ofMoose/108858289468352 and
<https://www.virginiamoose.org/LodgeInfo.php?LodgeNumber=1267>

American Legion: 27 Colonial Ave.; 804.224.0718.
<https://www.facebook.com/American-Legion-Colonial-Beach-Post-148-143723195811444/> and
<http://www.americanlegion148.org/Location.php>

Veterans of Foreign Wars: 107 Hawthorn Street; 804.224.9510; vfw10574@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/vfw10574/> and <http://myvfw.org/va/post10574/>

BAMM

The BAMM (Beach Arts, Music, and Mentoring) program was founded in Colonial Beach Va. in 2017 by a group of concerned citizens under the auspices of the Colonial Beach Community Foundation. They were brought together by a common belief that since many youth in the Colonial Beach school system lack full access to art, music, life skills training, and career guidance, BAMM could help fill that gap.

Determined to make a difference, they began planning group and individual mentoring programs for the local students. The mission of the BMM Program is to empower youth in the Colonial Beach school system to make positive life choices and enable them to maximize their personal potential.

At the grade/middle school level, BMM is the community partner with the 21st Century Learning Center Afterschool Program. BMM provides community volunteers to present enrichment programs to the students. BMM has provided such things as pumpkin carving, paper airplane making, relaxation yoga, an introduction to tennis, etc.

BMM created and sponsors a music club in CB High School to offer the kids some musical experience since there is no music program at all in the high school. They have been running the program for a little over a year with 5 or six dedicated volunteers on Friday afternoons.

BMM sponsors a number of scholarships for graduating seniors at CB High School. Last year they provided six \$500 scholarships to students who would be attending in state small or community colleges or specialty schools such as the culinary institute.

BMM has sponsored a number of kids interested in Little League or T-Ball league but whose families have a struggle coming up with the \$80 league fees. BMM has paid these fees in full for any family unable to do so. BMM has worked closely with other NGO's such as CB Kids. BMM volunteers helped at the annual Christmas Party, serving families, packing gifts, running games and activities, etc.

Until recently when the schools changed their operating procedures, BMM volunteers helped every morning preparing the breakfast and lunches that are being delivered by the school cafeteria to local students and their families.

BMM is currently the designated organization in charge of children's activities and programs for the Colonial Beach Community Foundation.

In this time of social distancing and isolation, BMM is working with the schools to distribute activity kits to the kids in the school system.

Contact Information:

John Heath at JHeath48@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/CBBMM/>

COLONIAL BEACH REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Redevelopment and Housing Authority has been initiated by the Colonial Beach Council. It assists low income home owners in Colonial Beach with home repairs. They limit their assistance to projects that cost up to \$2500. Anyone who would like to receive services from the Authority can reach out to the Town.

Contact Information:

Judi Morris, Chair at judedocm@aol.com.

COLONIAL BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

The Colonial Beach Public School System provides meals free of charge to students under the age of 18 and is continuing to do this for the remainder of the school year.

For more information see:

www.Facebook.com/ColonialBeachPublicSchool

www.CBSchools.net

WESTMORELAND DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

According to their website Westmoreland Department of Social Services is part of the Virginia Department of Social Services and provides the following services:

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Medicaid
- Adoption
- Child Care Assistance
- Refugee Resettlement Services
- Child and Adult Protective Services
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For more information on how to access these services:

18849 Kings Highway

Montross, VA - 22520

Phone: (804) 493-9305

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VDSSGOV>

Website: <https://www.dcfocices.org/office/westmoreland-department-of-social-services>