



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

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Town of Vienna Coronavirus Update: April 23

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- viennava.gov/coronavirus
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COVID-19 BUSINESS IMPACTS

HOW DOES VIENNA COMPARE TO STATE, NATIONAL DATA?

78% restaurant workers in Virginia who have been laid off

92% small businesses across nation negatively impacted by the health crisis

<15% small businesses that could operate for 12 months under current conditions

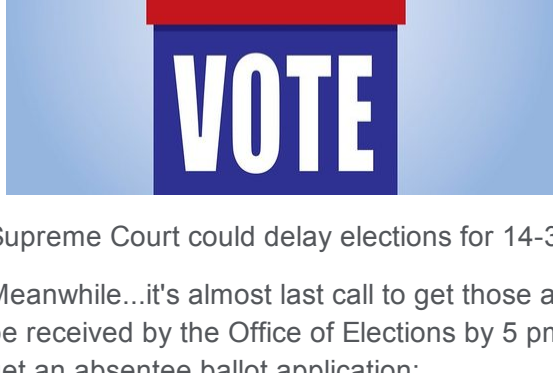
The Town wants to know how Vienna businesses are doing. Please complete this important survey by May 15.

viennava.gov/covidbizsurvey

How has COVID-19 impacted your business? What would help?

The Town of Vienna's economic development office is partnering with the Town Business Liaison Committee and Vienna Business Association to better understand the impact of COVID-19 on the business community. They've created a [survey](#) that will assist the Town in understanding what kind of relief is most crucial.

The survey should be completed by employers - business owners or senior managers - for businesses of all sizes. The deadline to complete the survey is May 15.



Town elections to take place as scheduled May 5 - for now

The General Assembly did not pass the governor's proposal to move May 5 elections to November. So...the Town's election is on for May 5 - for now. It's still possible that the governor or state

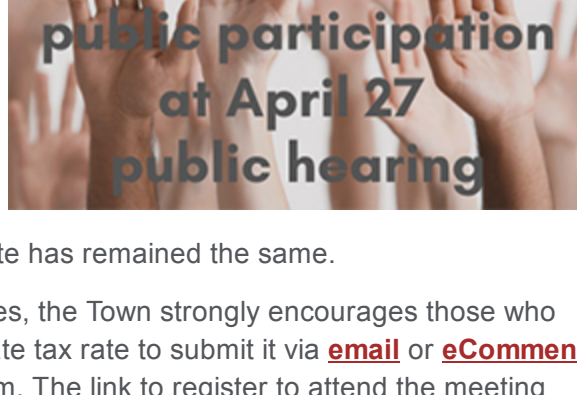
Supreme Court could delay elections for 14-30 days.

Meanwhile...it's almost last call to get those absentee ballot applications in. They must be received by the Office of Elections by 5 pm April 28. One last time, here's where to get an absentee ballot application:

- elections.virginia.gov/voterinformation
- at the kiosk at the front door of Town Hall
- by calling 703-222-0776 and requesting that an application be mailed to you (time may be tight for this option)

Public hearing guidelines for April 27 Council meeting

A public hearing regarding the fiscal year 2020-21 real estate tax rate is on the April 27 Town Council meeting agenda. The proposed budget maintains the tax rate at 22.5 cents per \$100 assessed value; this marks the sixth year that the Town's property tax rate has remained the same.



To comply with social-distancing guidelines, the Town strongly encourages those who wish to provide feedback on the real estate tax rate to submit it via [email](#) or [eComment](#) or to speak at the public hearing via Zoom. The link to register to attend the meeting and/or speak during the public hearing via Zoom and other public hearing guidelines are provided [here](#).

Q&A webinars provide info on county microloan program

Community Business Partnership (CBP) is offering webinars at 1 pm tomorrow and 2 pm

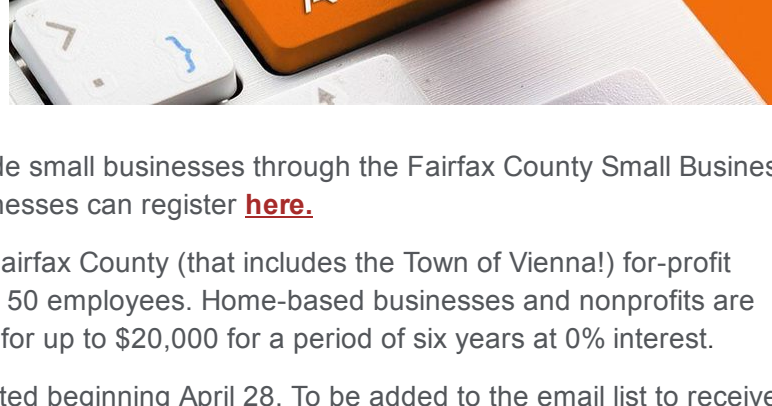
Monday that will help guide small businesses through the Fairfax County Small Business Microloan Program. Businesses can register [here](#).

The loan program is for Fairfax County (that includes the Town of Vienna) for-profit businesses with less than 50 employees. Home-based businesses and nonprofits are not eligible. Loans will be for up to \$20,000 for a period of six years at 0% interest.

Applications will be accepted beginning April 28. To be added to the email list to receive the application, click [here](#).

Documents that will be required include:

- business and personal tax returns for the previous two years
- year-to-date income statement and balance sheet
- CBP loan application (will be provided)
- personal financial statement (will be provided)
- current business debt schedule (will be provided)
- current Fairfax County BPOL license and non-residential use/occupancy permit - or Town of Vienna business license and county business tangible property tax return or evidence of payment
- current commercial business lease (if applicable)
- business summary form (will be provided)
- other documents as may be requested.



WEAR IT CLOTH FACE COVERING*

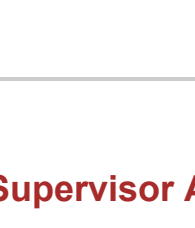
- WEAR IN PUBLIC SETTINGS** where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain
- FIT SNUGLY BUT COMFORTABLY** against the side of the face
- INCLUDE** multiple layers of fabric
- SECURE** with ties or ear loops
- LAUNDRY AND MACHINE DRY** without damage or change to shape
- ROUTINELY WASH** depending on the frequency of use
- WASH HANDS** immediately after removing
- DO NOT TOUCH** eyes, nose, and mouth when removing a face covering



*Surgical masks or N-95 respirators must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders.

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Source: cdc.gov/coronavirus

Masks and face coverings are becoming style statements as well as important protective devices against the spread of coronavirus. Face coverings are recommended by the CDC for public settings where other social-distancing measures are difficult to maintain. Infographic credit: County of San Mateo, California.



COVID-19 case updates for Fairfax County

The Fairfax County Health Department [reports daily](#) on the number of COVID-19 cases in the county.

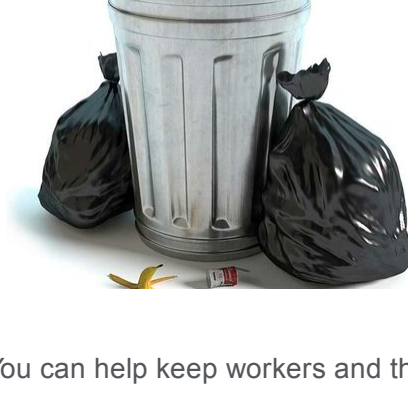
Supervisor Alcorn hosts Town Hall on proposed county budget

Hunter Mill District Supervisor Walter Alcorn is hosting a lunchtime discussion on Fairfax County's proposed FY21 budget at 12:30 pm tomorrow, April 24. The budget town hall will be televised on channel 16 and streamed on Alcorn's Facebook page.

Joining Alcorn will be Hunter Mill School Board representative Melanie Meren, and Christina Jackson, director of the county's department of management and budget. See the county's [updated FY21 budget proposal presentation](#) and the [FY21 school board budget presentation](#).

There are several ways to participate:

- [Email](#) budget-related questions; use "Town Hall" in the subject line.
- Ask questions during the town hall via [Facebook Live](#) comments.
- Via video - send an [email](#) by 4 pm today with "Video Participant" in the subject line to be contacted about next steps.
- Call in during the town hall at 703-324-1020.



Let's talk trash, Vienna

Since we all began staying home A LOT more, residential trash tonnage has increased by 40%. This is causing a strain on waste management systems and at shared disposal facilities, which are now operating at close to capacity and struggling with labor shortages.

You can help keep workers and the community safe by following these guidelines:

- make sure all trash in your containers is bagged and securely closed
- do not set extra bags outside of your container
- keep your spring-cleaning pile in the basement, attic, or garage for now
- flatten cardboard boxes to make more room in recycling bins
- no plastic bags in recycling and make sure recyclables are empty, clean, and dry
- dispose of used wipes, tissues, and paper towels in trash bags; never put these items in the toilet
- don't litter - when outside your home, properly dispose of masks, gloves, and other items in the trash.

County accepting PPE donations

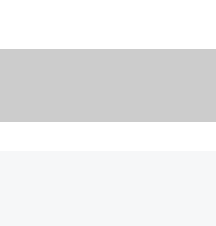
Personal protective equipment (PPE) is desperately needed by county staff working in the community.

Donations of the following items are currently being accepted:

- N95 masks
- surgical/procedural masks
- disposable medical gowns
- health care shoe and hair coverings
- business-produced or homemade face shields
- cleaning supplies
- nitrile gloves
- 3D-printed masks



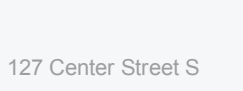
Other supplies needed include diapers, paper towels, wipes, baby formula, and non-perishable and unexpired canned fruit. Monetary donations are being accepted as well. Find [more information](#) about donating supplies to support the county's response.



Town webpage provides business info, resources
Businesses can find information, resources, webinars, and more at viennava.gov/covidbizresources.

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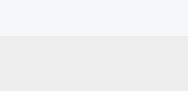
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