

# Featured Events

## April 1

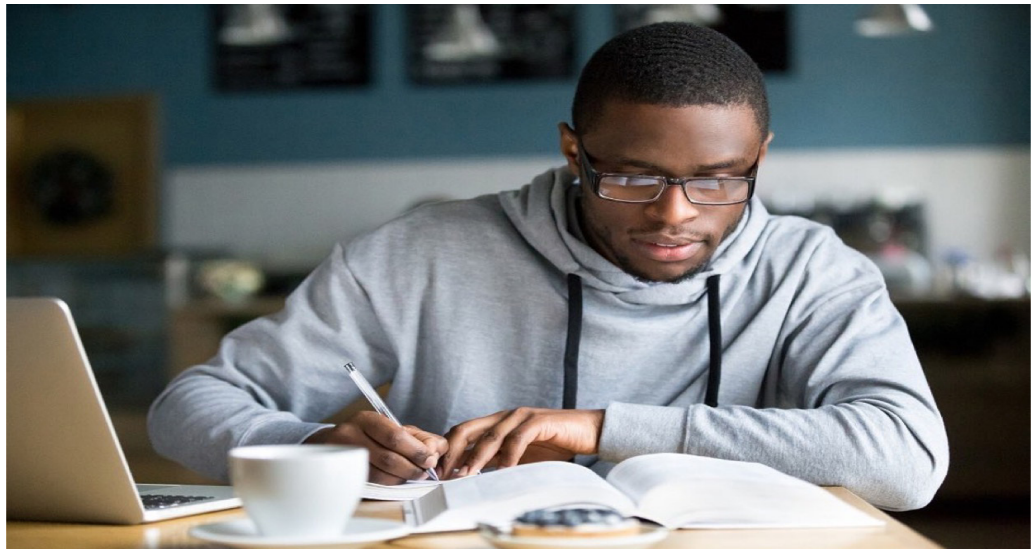
Census Day was observed nationwide. If you have not responded, you can in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail. If you have questions, call 311.

## April 1-30

Habitat for Humanity's Homeownership Program will be accepting applications. Applications can be mailed to Habitat PGW, 11011 Warwick Blvd., Newport News, VA 23601. Contact Natasha Bugey, MPA at 757-913-5653.

## Ongoing

Newport News Public Schools is offering Meals-To-Go services, Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information, go to [www.nnschools.org/cns](http://www.nnschools.org/cns).



# Your Choice

A Newsletter for the Marshall-Ridley Choice Neighborhood

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## Newport News Responds to Coronavirus



*Keeping you informed!*

The coronavirus (COVID-19) has created many concerns. The city is working closely with the Virginia Department of Health, local healthcare systems and community partners to monitor the spread of the disease, assess its impact on our residents and coordinate response efforts. We must all work to stop the spread of coronavirus.

As the coronavirus (COVID-19) spreads, questions increase. Things are changing on a daily basis and it is important that you have access to accurate and timely information.

Here are a few ways you can get the answers you need:

### Health-Related Questions

The Peninsula Health District created a **COVID-19 Hotline**. Contact them at 757-594-7069 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday. You can also visit their website for up-to-date information.

### Newport News/General Questions

The city's **311 Call Center** is open Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. You can reach them at 757-933-2311, 311@nnva.gov or [www.nnva.gov/311](http://www.nnva.gov/311).

### City Website and Social Media Pages

There is a **COVID-19 website**, [www.nnva.gov/coronavirus](http://www.nnva.gov/coronavirus), where there are daily updates on city information and closures. You can also visit our social media pages.

### Let's work together to stop the spread of germs by following these tips:

1. **Wash** your hands often.
2. **Avoid** touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
3. **Cover** your cough or sneeze.
4. **Clean and disinfect** frequently touched objects and surfaces
5. **Avoid** close contact.
6. **Stay home** if you are sick.



*The 2020 Census has begun!*

- The census is quick and easy to complete! With only nine questions, you can complete it in under 10 minutes.
- **Be sure to include** everyone living in your home on April 1st.
- **The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by law** to protect your answers and keep them strictly confidential. The law ensures that your private information is never published and that your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court.
- **To respond now**, go to [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov) or call 844-330-2020.
- **You matter, be counted!**



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 757-926-8761

# Community Bulletin Board

## UPDATES

### CNI Housing Update

**The Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA)** has continued to work hard on the housing portion of the CNI process. While many businesses have modified operations or temporarily closed due to the coronavirus crisis, NNRHA staff has been able to continue to plan since they are in the financing and final engineering phases for housing. If the coronavirus crisis extends into the late summer, program delays may result. Staff is in close discussions with HUD and funders on the program's status.

In preparation for Phase 2 development on the Ridley site, 40 of the 60 families north of 16th Street have been issued Section 8 Vouchers. Due to the coronavirus, the Authority is not allowed to hold meetings for 10 or more people, so the Voucher Issuance Briefing to provide Section 8 vouchers to the last 20 residents in this area will be done individually starting the

week of April 6th. To date, 12 families have moved and 28 are looking for replacement apartments.

The April 21st Citizen Advisory Committee meeting will be changed to a conference call. Information will be shared on this meeting soon.

### Low Income Tax Credit Program – Housing

The NNRHA's application for the competitive **Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program** was submitted on March 12th. This application is for the 43-unit building, located north of 28th Street on Jefferson Avenue, being developed as a part of Phase 1 of the CNI Housing Plan. Determinations for funding awards will be made by the Virginia Housing Development Authority in late May or early June.

The NNRHA has been advised that the non-competitive application for LIHTCs for the 38-unit building, which is also a part of Phase 1 and located south of 28th Street on Jefferson Avenue, has been approved. The coronavirus crisis has caused the Federal Home Loan Bank to move their application

deadline from April to June, so the official approval has not been received. The Authority's applications for a total of \$1,000,000 are poised to be submitted.

## EVENTS

### Ridley Tenant Council Meeting

Due to the coronavirus crisis, there is no meeting scheduled for this month. For updates and more information, please call 757-928-2620.

## RESOURCES

### The F.A.M.M. Project

The **F.A.M.M. Project** creates opportunities for youth to connect through film production and visual arts. HRCAP's Family Services department has collaborated with the F.A.M.M. Project and they are training young Marshall-Ridley artists on film production. To learn more, call Ana Grace at 757-759-5335.

# Community Snapshots



On March 12, 2020, HRCAP's Housing and Financial Literacy Services Department hosted their Annual Driving Healthy Lifestyles Event at the Brooks Crossing Innovation & Opportunity Center. This event was created to bring a holistic approach to community resources (financial, social, physical and spiritual) in one event, at one time and in one location. Participants learned about homeownership and the BB&T bus provided a mobile office space for financial representatives to offer services.

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