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Hello, I'm Susan Lascolette, Chair of the Goochland County Board of Supervisors. During this time, the Board and I would like to assure our citizens we are working with County Administrator Budesky, County Fire-Rescue Chief Ferguson, County Sheriff Creasey, School Superintendent Dr. Raley and county staff to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

We strongly encourage all Goochland County residents to follow Governor Ralph Northam's statewide "Stay at Home" order that was issued on Monday, March 30th. Details of which can be accessed at the Goochland County [website](http://www.goochlandva.us). The order asks everyone to stay at home except for essential work, food, medical care, or exercise. The mandate aims to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and currently remains in place until June 10, 2020. We understand it is an extraordinary action, but it is essential that everyone comply for the safety of our community.

Until further notice, all Goochland County government offices remain open with reduced operations across all agencies during the business hours of 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. All county buildings were **CLOSED** to the public beginning on Friday, March 20th and will remain so until further notice.

Departments are still staffed by employees who can assist citizens over the phone and via email. Citizens are encouraged to call ahead or visit www.goochlandva.us for the latest information before attempting to visit any county buildings in person. Citizens are further encouraged to call in advance and schedule telephone appointments with departments and agencies.

For our citizen's convenience, drop boxes have been installed on the Sandy Hook Road side of the County Administration Building if you need to drop something off for a department. Please ensure it is noted for the office or individual it needs to go to.

Goochland County Parks

County parks remain open to the public, but we strongly encourage everyone to help keep our parks open and safe during this health crisis. Please be aware of others, share the trails, avoid congregating in large groups of 10 or more and all group activities. In addition, wash your hands, continue the practice of social distancing, and stay home if you are not feeling well and enjoy the parks when you are feeling better. These actions will allow the county to keep our parks open and accessible during this time.

Chickahominy Health District COVID-19 Hotline

The Chickahominy Health District has launched a hotline to answer coronavirus (COVID-19) questions for residents of Goochland.

- For the General Community call: (804) 365-3340
- For Health Care providers call: (804) 365-3341

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The phone lines are currently open Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (starting on Monday, April 6th hotline hours will be extended to Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.) For medical assistance, please contact your primary care provider or urgent care facility.

Goochland County Sheriff's Office Prescription Delivery Program

We thank the Goochland County Sheriff's Office for providing a prescription delivery service to our community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Sheriff's Office will pick-up prescription medication at Goochland Pharmacy or Dawson's Pharmacy and deliver those medications to county residents who have a higher risk of serious health issues.

According to the CDC, people who are at a higher risk from severe illness include adults 65 years of age or older, pregnant women, and those with underlying medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, lung disease, HIV or asthma.

For more information visit the [county website](#) or contact the Goochland County Sheriff's Office at (804) 556-5349.

Meals for Goochland County Public School Students

For families in our community, our Goochland County Public Schools is supplying free meals to students

Breakfast and lunch is served at Byrd Elementary, Randolph Elementary, and the Middle School/High School Complex from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Also, the Sunshine Food Bus is serving meals at:

- Company 1 Firehouse from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.
- Company 3 Firehouse from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.
- County Line Church from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m.
- Company 6 Firehouse from 12:45 to 1:15 p.m.

More information is on the [county](#) and [schools](#) websites.

Support for Goochland County Businesses

The Board of Supervisors and county economic development staff recognize the need to support our local businesses during these difficult times. The county has developed a dedicated website at www.goochlandforbusiness.com to serve as a resource for Goochland businesses during the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. In addition, it contains a list of both businesses that are still open and those that are temporarily closed.

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In an effort to allow local restaurants and businesses to advertise, beginning immediately, Goochland County businesses can install banners and temporary signs letting the public know they are open for business. No permits or fees are required for these temporary signs and no enforcement action will be taken during this time.

We encourage businesses, both large and small, who have questions or are in need of assistance to contact Goochland County Economic Development at goochlandforbusiness@goochlandva.us or (804) 556-5862.

Goochland County Convenience Centers

Please know the county's convenience centers remain open and operating as normal. We do ask for your patience, as the convenience centers are experiencing higher than normal use, especially with larger items. We ask for your understanding and help as we try to manage the disposal of waste and larger items.

Goochland County Animal Shelter

The Goochland County Animal Shelter remains open, by appointment only. The county is waiving fees to help promote adoptions, please visit Animal Protections Facebook page and Petfinders.com to see animals available for adoption.

In addition, the Animal Shelter is partnering with GoochlandCares to help people in the community. Individuals interested in helping by donating dog or cat food (dry or can) can drop it off outside the temporary shelter at the back of the Central High School Cultural & Educational Center.

Drop off times are:

Tuesday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Please donate only dog food and cat food (dry or can).

Goochland County Commitment to National, State, and Regional Partners

The county remains committed to working with our national, state and regional partners in implementing steps to safeguard our community. We share the community's concern regarding COVID-19 and will continue to follow the guidance and recommendations of the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and the [Virginia Department of Health](#) (VDH).

Goochland County Budget

By now I am sure you are keenly aware of the healthcare crisis, or COVID-19 pandemic, that is sweeping across the United States.

And, of course, Virginia and Goochland County are not immune to its far-reaching effects.

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So, we find ourselves in circumstances that are unique, and without precedent.

We simply have not seen this type of crisis before.

We are truly building the road as we walk it, and where it leads is a bit uncertain at this point.

As many of you know, April is typically the month when we adopt our budget for the coming fiscal year, that begins July 1 each year.

This elevated degree of uncertainty is an unwelcome guest as we work to finalize the county's budget. Now in all likelihood we will be revising the county budget to reflect this new reality.

However, you can take great comfort in the fact that your county leadership has used the years leading up to this crisis wisely and has built a very solid financial foundation for Goochland.

As far as the budget goes, we use very conservative budgeting techniques that provide a bit of cushion against unexpected twist and turns that inevitably occur.

As far as the rainy day fund and reserves go, we have a prudent amount of funds set aside in a "Rainy Day Fund" for situations such as this.

As far as debt goes, we have very little debt at the county level, and the Tuckahoe Creek Service District debt is currently being serviced with cash flow from the district.

As far as capital building and construction, we have been building a number of new county facilities, and while we may need to revisit our near-term plans in light of the current circumstances, we continue to enjoy the benefits of the new construct projects we completed in recent years.

Goochland County Public Utilities

One of the emergency measures we have undertaken to protect public health during the COVID-19 outbreak is in our public utilities department,

The Goochland County Department of Public Utilities and our neighboring localities have agreed to immediately suspend any disconnection of water and sewer service for late or nonpayment.

The agencies established this policy in consultation with their respective leadership teams.

Residents and other customers are encouraged to contact the [Goochland County Department of Public Utilities](#) at (804) 556-5835 if their service needs to be restored.

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Goochland Wi-Fi Hotspots & Access to Broadband

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has magnified the issues several of our citizens have accessing internet services. At this time citizens can take advantage of Wi-Fi Hotspots at all six fire-rescue stations, the county administration building, and all Goochland County Public School buildings.

In addition, there are limited resources our community can access for free through private providers, information on these resources and the county's Wi-Fi Hotspots is available on our [website](#) or by contacting the county at (804) 556-5800.

Please know your Board of Supervisors will continue to work with County Administrator Budesky, County Fire-Rescue Chief Ferguson, County Sheriff Creasey, School Superintendent Dr. Raley, and county staff as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve.

We encourage you to stay informed of Goochland County government information by visiting the county's website, following us on Facebook at @GoochlandCountyVA and on Twitter at @GoochlandGovtVA.

Thank you!

The Goochland County Board of Supervisors