

CITY OF SURPRISE COVID-19 RESOURCE LINKS

May 14, 2020

Friends & Partners,

As our community and world experiences pandemic fatigue, I want to thank you for continuing to check in and support your family and friends, especially for those most impacted. Please help get folks connected to resources:

- **NEW – FREE Drive Thru Food Distribution.** Saturday, May 16 from 8-10am at Iglesia del Valle, 15406 N. Greasewood St. Surprise. 623-583-7734.
- **NEW – Resume & Interview Workshops.** Arizona@Work Maricopa County @ Surprise Resource Center. Call for dates, times and to reserve your seat. Space is limited and social distancing guidelines apply. 623-222.1630. 12425 W. Bell Rd, Bldg. A, Ste. #124.
- **NEW – VITA Resuming.** The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program operated by A New Leaf at the Surprise Resource Center will begin services again May 18th. VITA intake packets will be available for pick-up, and completed packets can be dropped off during VITA hours at the Resource Center, Monday and Tuesday from 4-7pm and Thursdays from 9-1pm. For an appointment, call 602-842-2666. A virtual VITA guide is attached.
- **NEW – Dementia Friendly Information Sessions & DF Champion Classes.** FREE. Learn to recognize the 10 signs of dementia and learn the five key messages about dementia and become a “dementia friend.” Virtual class offered May 19 from 1:30-2:30 by Banner Alzheimer’s Institute & Sun Health Research Institute. 602-230-CARE. (flyer attached)
- **NEW – Summer Library Program Starts June 1.** All ages can get a head start now by creating their account and customizing their avatar! Beginning June 1st, you will be able to enter secret codes and the minutes read for prizes, including a free book. Sign up at <https://maricopacountyreads.org/en-US>.

Get Involved & Help:

- Dysart School District Summer Youth Program Needs Your Help! Donate PPE and basic items in support of Surprise/El Mirage youth and staff of the program. Attached is the full list of supplies needed. For more information, contact John Williams at john.williams@dysart.org

Get Help:

- **Surprise Resource Center** – Rent, utility, benefit & employment services. 623-222-1600. 12425 W. Bell Rd. Bldg. A, Ste. #124, Surprise
- **Surprise Senior Center Hot Lunch Program** – FREE. Call 623-222-1500 two days in advance to order meal for pickup M-F at noon
- **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**, St. Clare of Assisi Parish – Call Help Line at 623-975-5617. www.svdpstclare.com
- **Salvation Army** – FREE breakfast drive-thru 7 days/wk. 7-9am. Seniors or those who are food insecure. Food boxes available. 17420 Ave of the Arts, Surprise. 623-977-1084
- **Benevilla HOME Services Program** – FREE program for seniors. Groceries, errands, etc. www.benevilla.org. 623-584-4999
- **Radiant Community Services Surprise** - FREE food, water and essentials. 9-Noon, M-Thur while supplies last. 15522 W. Paradise Lane
- **Hope Women’s Center El Mirage** – Support for women & children. 623-875-4549. www.hopewomenscenter.org

- **St. Mary's Food Bank Surprise** – 13050 W. Elm St. 602-242-3663
- **Valley View Food Bank** – 10771 W. Peoria Ave, Sun City. 623-933-3358
- **Community Resource Guide** - <https://www.surpriseaz.gov/DocumentCenter/View/40011/Community-Resource-Guide?bidId=>
- **City of Surprise COVID-19 Resources & Information** - <https://www.surpriseaz.gov/3801/COVID-19>

Mental Health Break/Dad Joke for Today:

What's the difference between a poorly dressed man on a tricycle and a well-dressed man on a bicycle? Attire!

Many thanks to all the amazing organizations serving those most in need during this time. You and your work are appreciated!

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