

# the NEWS ON THE STREET

SPRING 2020  
Langley Main Street Association Newsletter



## NEED ASSISTANCE?

In these uncertain times, it's reassuring to know that your utility providers have your back!

## PUGET SOUND ENERGY

While PSE continues to assess the impacts of coronavirus outbreak, they will not disconnect customers for non-payment and are also suspending the accrual of late fees. Go to [www.pse.com/covid19](http://www.pse.com/covid19) for more info and customer options.

## CITY UTILITY BILLS

Until further notice, there will be no shutoffs or late fees for City of Langley utility bills. City staff will work with Langley citizens to establish payment plans for their utilities. Contact Darlene at [darleneb@langleywa.org](mailto:darleneb@langleywa.org).

More resources on page four.

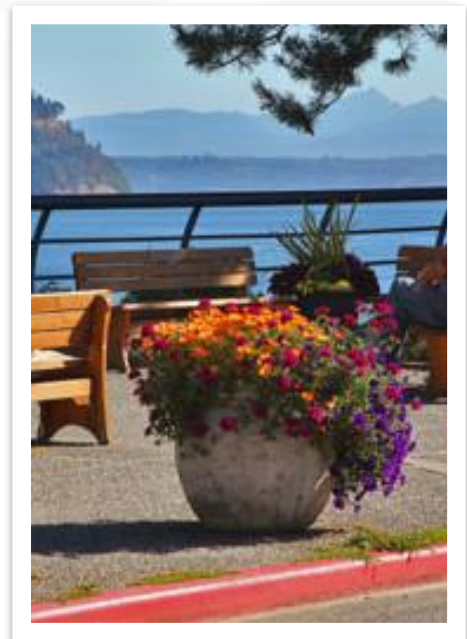
## IT TAKES A Village (BY THE SEA)

We hope this email newsletter finds you and your loved ones safe at home. As we respond to the coronavirus health crisis by social distancing, it's more important than ever that we stay connected by other means and support each other.

We will explore a few ways to stay connected on page two of this newsletter, but would also love to hear ways you are staying six feet apart but connected at heart.

Feel free to email us at [mainstreet@whidbey.com](mailto:mainstreet@whidbey.com), or visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/LangleyMainStreet/](https://www.facebook.com/LangleyMainStreet/) to post or message us your creative ideas. We will be sure to share new ideas on Facebook!

Page three offers ideas on how you can support local businesses during this unprecedented time. #LangleyStrong



## Cancelled/Postponed Events

PAWZ  
5K/10K  
RUN/WALK

**POSTPONED**

But don't worry! We will update you and your furry friends as soon as a new date has been established.

LANGLEY  
STREET  
DANCE

**CANCELLED**

Don't fret! The Langley Street Dance will be back next year with an incredible line-up. See you then!

ISLAND  
SHAKESPEARE  
FESTIVAL

**CANCELLED**

ISF had to make the difficult call, but will be back next year with renewed joy and passion. We can't wait!



**Virtual Welcome the Whales  
Parade and Festival**



WELCOME THE HUMANS — FROM HOME!

**April 18, 2020**

A few things to do to stay connected despite social distancing.

**VIRTUALLY THERE**

The Machine Shop has started a local "isolation gaming community" with live streams and VR club nights and mid-day school breaks. To get your game on, visit The Machine Shop's Facebook page for all the details at [www.facebook.com/themachineshoparcade/](http://www.facebook.com/themachineshoparcade/).

**WHALE OF A GOOD TIME!**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Langley Whale Center will be holding a "VIRTUAL" Welcome the Whales Parade, educational webinars with top Gray whale researchers, and share photos of you in your costume so everyone can be in the virtual parade. The fun starts at 2pm on April 18, 2020. Details at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1087594134933061/>.

**TRIVIA IS JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG**

Sno-Isle Libraries is bringing the fun to you with Online Trivia Nights via Zoom. Get your thinking caps on (to cover that greasy hair) Friday as they challenge your brains and create community connections. Grab your favorite beverage, call your friends, and settle in for a night of trivia! Register at <https://sno-isle.libnet.info/event/4259589>. And that's just the beginning! Check out all the online programming available: <https://www.sno-isle.org/events/list?location=2271>.

**GET INVOLVED**

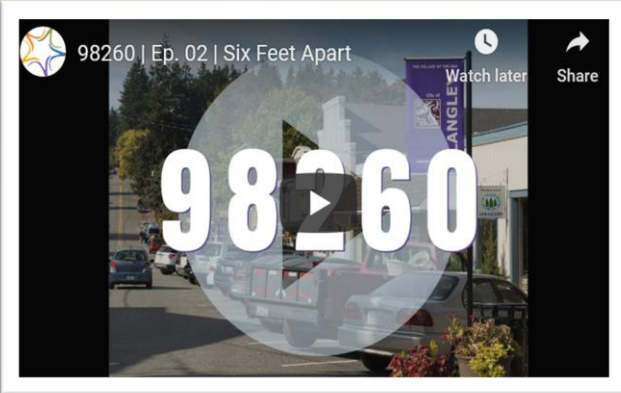
Once things settle down to a new norm and the Stay Home, Stay Healthy Order has been lifted, we would love to help you get more involved with LMSA. We are quite certain that we have a place for you to help make a difference!

We have volunteer opportunities to suit almost everybody. Just take a look at our committees below. If you are still not sure where your talents might be best used, give us a call at 360-499-6789.

**LMSA COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

ECON	9:00am	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon
DESIGN	5:15pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Tue
ORG	9:00am	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed
PROMO	5:15pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon
BOARD	5:15pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed

All committee meetings are held at the LMSA office at 195 2<sup>nd</sup> St



**98260 | SIX FEET APART**

Check out WICA's newest streaming program designed to keep us connected through conversations, news, and entertainment at <https://www.wicaonline.org/blog/2020/3/28/98260>.

In episode 1, travel writer Sue Frause and WICA's Verna Everitt chat about spring and summer events, Whidbey Island Film Festival, DjangoFest NW, and the center's upcoming 25th Anniversary.

In episode 2, Sue Frause mixes up a Braeburn Bloody Mary and has a chat with Langley restaurateurs Lisa Carvey and Jenn Jurriaans.



IT TAKES A  
*Village*

(by the sea)

Show small  
*businesses*  
some *love today!*

- Buy a gift card
- Shop over the phone
- Put an item on hold
- Order take-out
- Shop online
- Leave a review
- Promote on social media
- Ask how you can help

After all, without You,  
*there is no Us.*

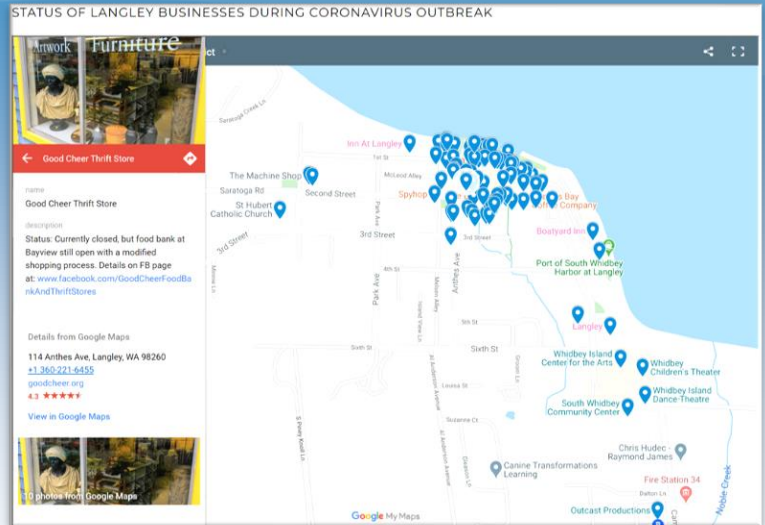
## CONFUSED?

Wondering what businesses in downtown Langley are open, offering takeout menus, or have online shops?

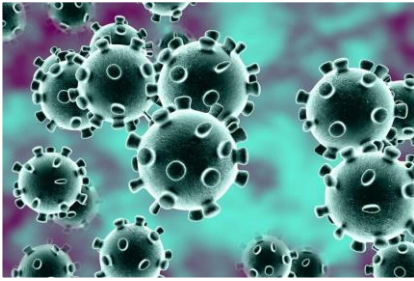
GO TO:

<http://langleymainstreet.org/status-of-langley-businesses-during-coronavirus-outbreak/>

Check out the status of your favorite place. Shopkeepers can update their current situation in real-time, so you are always in the know!



## HELPFUL RESOURCES



### Family Resource Center Online

**Readiness To Learn** has created an online Family Resource Center for South Whidbey. Find the local support you need from food to fun at home, housing and resources to help with finances at [www.readinesstolearn.org](http://www.readinesstolearn.org).

You can also share resources and information you find helpful with **Readiness To Learn**. Email: [rtlfprograms@readinesstolearn.org](mailto:rtlfprograms@readinesstolearn.org)

### Feeling Sick?

**WhidbeyHealth** has expanded COVID-19 testing as of April 15th. Individuals over the age of five that have symptoms will be registered for drive-through testing by calling the **WhidbeyHealth** Coronavirus Hotline at 360-240-4055. Hotline hours are Monday-Thursday 8am to 4pm, Friday 8am to Noon.

Drive-through testing will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:30am to 5pm. **Expanded testing plan is dependent of the availability test kits.** Test results are reliably less than 24 hours; often sooner. All patients will receive a telephone call with their results.

### Community Support Website for Coronavirus Needs

**WhidbeyHelp.com** was created in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis for the purpose of helping neighbors in need on South Whidbey who are unable to venture out even for essential services, to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus, and help those who are particularly vulnerable. The situation has left some people in a tricky situation, unable to take care of basic needs.

Anyone in the 'at risk' population, should consider asking for help. Grocery delivery, post office runs, anything that might help if you should not to venture out for essential services. There are a lot of folks who would be delighted to have the opportunity to make a new friend and help a neighbor. If you have a need please ask! Create an account and login using the link below: <https://whidbeyhelp.com>