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Common Wealth Development's quarterly newsletter
for residents, commercial tenants, workforce participants,
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Healthy Housing

What You Need to Know About the Coronavirus

The COVID-19 virus, commonly known as "Coronavirus", is a respiratory virus that can spread from person to person.

Symptoms associated with the virus are:

- Mild to severe fever
- Cough and/or shortness of breath

Most patients with a viral respiratory condition, including Coronavirus, will not need to be seen in the clinic if they are experiencing mild symptoms. Patients with moderate to severe symptoms and/or those with complex chronic conditions need to be evaluated.

When should you contact your GHC-SCW clinic?

- Fever over 100.4 degrees for more than 72 hours
- Shortness of breath
- Dehydration

How can I help protect myself?

People can help protect themselves from respiratory illness with everyday preventive type actions.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

There are no antiviral medications to treat COVID-19 and treatment recommendations include:

- Stay home
- Rest
- Drink fluids
- Take fever-reducing medications (Tylenol/Acetaminophen and Ibuprofen).

Equitable Economic Development

Youth Workforce Development

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On March 13th, we had our Youth-Business Mentoring Program graduation for our LaFollette High School students. They had just completed a two-week training through which they learned: how to apply for a job, customer service, and financial literacy topics such as budgeting and credit. In the next few months those students will be working with their mentor to find employment opportunities.

Due to the current COVID19 pandemic, we are awaiting news of when school will be resumed. Pending this news, we may cancel the remainder of our trainings for the spring. If you know of a student who would be interested in our training, please reach out to Annie Johnston at annie@cwd.org and we can provide more up-to-date information about the status of our trainings.

Financial Literacy Workshops

In other news, we have also just wrapped up a Financial Literacy workshop at Toki Middle School. Our specialists worked with all the 8th graders at the middle school to provide them with a foundational understanding of financial literacy and pre-employment tips.

We offer these free workshops to groups around Madison and Dane County. If there is any interest in having Common Wealth staff provide a training to your student group(s) please reach out to Annie Johnston at annie@cwd.org. Please note that we will most likely be scheduling workshops

starting at the 2020/2021 school year, pending news regarding COVID19.

Wanda Fullmore Youth Internship Program

The 2020 Wanda Fullmore Internship Program provides Madison high school youth interested in learning more about their local government and civic engagement a paid 8-week summer internship at different City of Madison departments. Interns must have either a City of Madison address or attend a Madison school, and be at minimum 14 years of age.

Due to school and business closures as a result of COVID19, applications will still be accepted but applicants will be notified about any updates or further cancellations regarding the program. If there are any questions about this program, please reach out to Annie Johnston at annie@cwd.org.

Welcome to the Madison Enterprise Center!

A Little TCC

The Creative Company, got its start at our Madison Enterprise Center a few years ago and we are excited to have them back with us at Main Street Industries.

The Creative Company is a Telly Award winning creative public relations and digital marketing agency who has worked with many local and national brands including Common Wealth Development.

The love helping businesses and as their mission states, increasing awareness and changing the world for the better.

Welcome Back!

To learn more about the Creative Company team, please visit their website:

<https://thecreativecompany.com/>



Stop and Smell the Lily's in the Forest

If you're in the Madison Enterprise Center, there is a chance you may smell the sweet aroma of flowers coming from the third floor.

Lily Forest Designs has decided to make Madison Enterprise Center home. In addition to floral wedding and event design, Lily Forest Designs also offers floral classes, and floral subscriptions.

We're so excited to have her at the Madison Enterprise Center.

To learn more about Lily Forest Designs, please visit their website: <https://www.lilyforestdesigns.com/>



Health Equity and Well Being

Community Based Crime Reduction News

New programming will start this Spring under the Community Based Crime Reduction funding, Our Neighborhoods: Safe and Beautiful Places (CBCR), in Southwest Madison. CBCR is a collaboration between the Madison Police Department-West District, Common Wealth Development, and Jeffrey Lewis, Ph.D., grant researcher. The aim of the funding, which started in 2016, is to enhance safety and stabilize neighborhoods by reducing crime. If you are interested in participating in any of the programs, contact the person listed with each organization or Stephanie from Common Wealth via email (stephanie.cwd.org).

Operation Fresh Start (OFS) Drive 1 program focus is to help 18-24-year old young adults secure their WI driver's license. Drive 1, a free multi-week mentoring program will wrap driver education into a broader program which will work individuals to overcome barriers to attaining a driver license and engage on a path to career employment for young adults by operating two groups between April to September 2020.

Drive 1 includes three parts:

- a. **Driver License Plan:** The program will begin with engaging participants in assessing barriers to attaining a driver license. This includes an analysis of legal issues and/or tickets that may be a barrier and working with courts to develop plans for repayment or community service to overcome this obstacle. It may also include community service through OFS to pay off fines and tickets.
- b. **Auto Ownership Education:** Auto ownership education will include information on insurance, basic car maintenance and costs of car ownership.
- c. **Career Exploration:** Assistance in career planning including interest alignment, career market analysis, and educational opportunities including financing post-secondary education.

Contact: Jasmine Banks, Project Manager, Jbanks@operationfreshstart.org or 244-4721.

The Meadowood Neighborhood Center Family Fun Nights will happen monthly on Friday evenings from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Center beginning April 2020. The free activities, designed for families, will include a light meal and offer plenty of fun things for both adults and their children. Each month will have a different focus/theme with interactive programming.

Contact: Tauri Robinson, Center Director, ltrobinson@madison.k12.wi.us or 608-467-8360.

Toki Middle School Family and Community Engagement (FACE) efforts will enhance opportunities to support students at risk of not performing well academically and foster ways to improve family connections with the school. Parents and Toki staff working together aim to better connect to improve understanding of school policies, support educational outcomes and network with families in a meaningful way.

Contact: Cory Foster, Project Manager, ctfoster@madison.k12.wi.us or 608-204-4744

Madison Urban League-Southwest Fatherhood Program is an unique opportunity for fathers who reside in, or who have children residing in, Southwest Madison. A primary focus will be on engaging African American fathers who have a current child support order and/or child support arrearage. Programming will be held at the Southwest Madison Employment Center at 1233 McKenna Blvd with the dates and times to be determined.

Contact: Leatha Stanley, Project Manager, lstanley@ulgm.org or 608-729-1200

Charles Hamilton Houston's Dear Diary 8th grade Transition Program To High School will expand mentoring this summer for 8th grade girls moving into high school. A primary goal is to ease transition for the students as well as the teachers at Memorial High school. Dear Diary will

enhance opportunities for the girls to learn and thrive collectively as each one prepares for high school.

The workshops will run during 3-week summer school sessions at Memorial, July 13-July 30, 2020. Dear Diary will focus on six target areas with the girls: self-esteem, academic achievement, personal development, professional excellence, family engagement, and service through intensive, strategic mentoring.

Contact: *Yanna Williams, Project Manager, DearDiaryofmadison@gmail.com*, no phone available.

Continued funding for 2020

Other organizations funded under CBCR in 2019 and continuing until September 30, 2020 are mentoring and safe passage.

People on Premises (POP), a safe passage program, supports youth as they walk home after school to various locations in their neighborhood. POP provide information, support and intervention work to youth.

Our three mentoring programs are:

Intentional Mentoring-Mentoring for middle and high school aged youth

Contact: Katie Imhoff Smith, katiemae@intentionalmentoringmadison.org

Project Soar-Mentoring for middle and high school aged youth

Contact: Floyd Rose, president@100blackmenmadison.org

Dear Diary-Mentoring for high school aged girls

Contact: Yanna Williams, DearDiaryofmadison@gmail.com

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