

**From:** [Lola Oduyeru](#)  
**To:** [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Subject:** New CAP Resources  
**Date:** Monday, June 1, 2020 3:14:45 PM

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Good afternoon,

I hope this message finds you well in light of everything going on in our society. The Center For American Progress recently published new resources on various topics including ways to the future of our education system, the coronavirus outbreak at Navajo Nation's Diné College, the impact of gerrymandering on kids, and women's rights in response to the coronavirus and beyond. Please let me know if you would like to speak to a policy expert on any of these topics.

#### School Redesign & Literacy

This first [column](#) describes how schools can provide students with a better education experience based in equity when they return to in-person teaching. The pandemic has shined a harsh light on the inequities facing communities of color and working class families. States and school districts must determine what systems need to be in place for extended school closures that support an equitable model of schooling.

This second [column](#) highlights the connection between literacy and an individual's employment options, likelihood to live in poverty, likelihood to be incarcerated, access to adequate health care and health outcomes, and life expectancy. Addressing literacy issues will require greater federal investment and leadership, as well as support for states that adopt explicit literacy training standards for teacher certification. Key recommendations include providing clear guidelines on federal funding for local literacy programs and establishing new requirements for pre-K and elementary certification.

#### Coronavirus Outbreak at Navajo Nation's Diné College

This [piece](#) details the coronavirus outbreak at the Navajo Nation Diné College, which now has the highest per-capita infection rate in the United States—all the more devastating given that its people have long been excluded from critical resources, such as running water and adequate health care. In the next stimulus bill, Congress can make up for the chronic underfunding of tribal colleges and universities by increasing funding to these institutions and investing in their students with funding that can be used to address access to basic needs—such as housing, transportation, running water, and electricity.

#### Impact of Gerrymandering on Kids

This [report](#) examines the negative impact that gerrymandering has on children, specifically from elected officials opposing the expansion of child care, education, and other popular programs that support children and families. The report cites specific examples from Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. This report is part of a series; previous work has shown the effects of gerrymandering on access to health care and gun violence prevention.

## Women's Rights

This [piece](#) explains why promoting women's rights can help the country defeat the coronavirus. While initial data have shown that men are more likely to die from the virus, research suggests that women are suffering more from the devastating social and economic effects of the pandemic. With children out of school, women are bearing the brunt of unpaid caregiving, forced to homeschool their children while trying to maintain jobs. Congress can address these disparities by expanding access to birth control and abortion at home and strengthening paid sick leave for all.

Thank you,

Lola Oduyeru

Manager, State and Local Government Affairs

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CAP coronavirus resources:

<https://www.americanprogress.org/tag/coronavirus/>

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**To:** [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Mayor on 1063 WORD Monday  
**Date:** Monday, June 1, 2020 9:51:57 PM  
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Mayor,

Operations Manager from Entercom following up on a WORD appearance. They have been very persistent. I would recommend the afternoon program if you can spare 15-30 minutes tomorrow or Wednesday.

Beth,

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Ops. Manager

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**To:** Mark Hendrix <[Mark.Hendrix@entercom.com](mailto:Mark.Hendrix@entercom.com)>  
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**To:** [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Subject:** Offer for Kroc Space and Prayer Vigil Saturday  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 11:17:56 AM  
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**Subject:** Mayor on 1063 WORD Wednesday  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 12:01:54 PM  
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**From:** Mark Hendrix <[Mark.Hendrix@entercom.com](mailto:Mark.Hendrix@entercom.com)>  
**Date:** June 2, 2020 at 11:33:02 AM EDT  
**To:** Beth Brotherton <[bbrotherton@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:bbrotherton@greenvillesc.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bob McLain <[Bob.McLain@entercom.com](mailto:Bob.McLain@entercom.com)>  
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Hi Beth,

Will 3:05pm work Wed. with Bobby Mac?  
Private studio line: [REDACTED]

Thanks for your help. We look forward to having the Mayor on with us.

Mark

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Subject:** Large % of Greenville public no concern for Covid  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 4:54:43 PM

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Dear Mayor Knox

My wife and I have made several trips downtown over the last two weeks.

It is distressing to observe that the vast majority of people downtown have no masks and do not are any regard for social distancing.

At the same time the Corvid cases on Greenville are considerably higher than 2 to 3 weeks ago.

As mayor of this great city can you not bring your authority to enforce social distancing and wearing of masks.

How about some substantial fines?

As a resident of the West End many of our neighbors including myself have been disturbed that the Green Apartments are allowing a large group of young people to be in their swimming pool the last two weekends all in a big circle hugging each other. Obviously partying is more important to these people than social distancing and sensible behavior.

I would appreciate your comments.

Kind regards

Robert Hendry

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Subject:** Coronavirus Relief Fund  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 5:22:38 PM

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I just spent an hour on the telephone with an official from the City of San Diego, California. They are receiving \$248 M from the above mentioned federal program managed out of the Treasury Department. They were interested in getting my advice about how to manage it (i.e., under which federal rules, given the current seat of the pants activity at the federal level). In discussing how the distribution of the fund has occurred between the states and the largest local governments within the states, the distinction between incorporated and unincorporated entities was discussed. Knowing what I do about that subject in South Carolina local government, I looked up South Carolina's allocation and the \$91 M that the county is receiving under the same fund popped up. Greenville County is the only local jurisdiction in the state that is getting a direct allocation. The reason is simple--the population of the county is over 500K, the threshold for a direct payment. The municipal population is included! This is the same way that the General Revenue Sharing program enacted during the Nixon Administration and implemented from 1972-1986 worked.

In 1976, while working for the Appalachian Council of Governments, I was asked by the "Ad Hoc Committee on Tax Inequities" chaired by Max Heller and populated with some County Council members to prepare a detailed report on the allocation of federal and state shared revenue. My involvement arose from my experience in Washington with the General Revenue Sharing Program. My report showed that the county was getting plenty that it was not sharing with the municipalities or that it was not using to serve their citizens. Since dues to the COG were paid by the County, preparing the report had a certain amount of political risk associated with it but it felt good to be viewed as an honest broker. I believe that the exercise put the City of Greenville as close as it could come to effectively addressing the subject but they never took it over the finish line. I went back to Washington in late 1977 but was later invited back to the state by the SC Municipal Association in order to testify about all that before a committee of the General Assembly.

I have a tough time digesting the idea that Herman Kirven and Joe Kernell are getting to decide how to use this largely unrestricted pot of money. What about you? A lot of the arguments raised in 1976 would be valid today. What goes around comes around...

**From:** [Knox White](#)  
**To:** [John.Warner@uss.salvationarmy.org](mailto:John.Warner@uss.salvationarmy.org)  
**Subject:** RE: Offer for Kroc Space and Prayer Vigil Saturday  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 5:50:52 PM  
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Hello Knox,

I hope you can get away this weekend. Well deserved.

Let me know when you or others in the City government want to use the Kroc spaces. I am anxious to get some use for them. Good space, and are little used for the next few months. We are happy to offer them at no charge.

John

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**To:** [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Subject:** Re: Greenville Sanitizing  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:24:23 AM

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Knox,

Hope all is well. I was wondering if you had a chance to talk with the city manager yet. I understand that the convention center is going to be used for some COVID testing, and see a wonderful opportunity for my company to ensure the safety of those doing the testing and those being tested. I'm not sure if the Convention Center is part of the city, but if it is, I'd love the opportunity to speak with someone on what we could offer to mitigate potential spread of the virus and other bacteria.

Thanks,

Jacob Billingsley  
Greenville Sanitizing  
[REDACTED]

> On May 21, 2020, at 1:54 PM, Jacob Billingsley <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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> Thanks Knox,

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> We're eager to help! My wife, Claire Billingsley, formerly w the Journal says hello.

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> Jacob Billingsley

>> On May 21, 2020, at 11:03 AM, Knox White <kwhite@greenvillesc.gov> wrote:

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>> Jacob,

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>> Thank you for the note. Looking forward to seeing Double Stamp come to fruition soon!

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>> Let me share this information with the City Manager's office. We will be in touch.

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>> Thanks,

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>> Knox

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Jacob Billingsley <[REDACTED]>

>> Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 9:53 AM

>> To: Knox White <kwhite@greenvillesc.gov>

>> Subject: Greenville Sanitizing

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>> Mayor Knox,

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>> Last we spoke, you helped us out moving forward with the city for my brewery, Double Stamp @ Holland Park. While Darryl has put an indefinite pause on that project, I would like to extend my gratitude via another company that I have ownership in. On behalf of Double Stamp, Greenville Sanitizing would like to spray as much city property as you'd like for free. Below is a link to our website to better inform you by what I mean by spray:

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>> [www.greenvillesanitizing.com](http://www.greenvillesanitizing.com)

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>> Essentially, we will use our state of the art electrostatic sprayers, along with our EPA approved chemicals to "Reset" your buildings, eliminating 99.9% of bacteria and viruses, including COVID 19. We will leave the buildings with certification of sanitation and disinfection, which will ease the minds of staff and public as we move forward to reopen our city. We're committed to helping our community, and hopefully, with your help and guidance, we can put this pandemic in the rear view mirror.

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>> We're currently working with Mayor Womack in Easley on some of their buildings, and our Kentucky and Pennsylvania branches are working with the likes of the University of Louisville and Merrill Lynch.

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>> Please let me know if you have a few moments this week to sit down and discuss our next steps.

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>> Thanks for your time,

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>> Jacob Billingsley

>> Greenville Sanitizing

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**From:** [Russell Stall](#)  
**To:** [Knox White](#); [jmcdonough@greenville.gov](mailto:jmcdonough@greenville.gov)  
**Subject:** COVID  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 5:23:14 PM

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Is there any action we can take to control the spike in cases in Greenville, including my wife and possibly me?  
Greenville had 50 new cases yesterday, 20% of the state.

Russell Stall  
City Councilmember  
■ Riverside Drive  
Greenville, SC  
■

**From:** [John McDonough](#)  
**To:** [Russell Stall](#); [kwhite@greenville.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenville.gov)  
**Subject:** RE: COVID  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 5:55:41 PM

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How is Susan?

We must continue to remind people of social distancing and wearing masks when in close proximity to others.

John McDonough  
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Knox:

I am confident that you are aware of the surge of coronavirus cases in South Carolina and especially in Greenville County. This is due in some part to the easing of former restrictions and early opening of businesses and parks at the behest of our Governor and many of our mayors contrary to the recommendations of national guidelines. Contributing to this disastrous situation is the flaunting of wearing masks and social distancing by President Trump and the Republican administration. By necessity I was out yesterday and fully 50% of all people I saw were not wearing masks and were not social distancing. This is not a surprise when our leadership refuses to set an example. I would hope that as Mayor of our city, you would not further ease the few remaining restrictions that are still in place.

Denby Davenport

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Dear Knox,

Today, **June 4, 2020**, is the final day to sign-on to WaterNow and the National League of Cities' letter to Congressional leadership recommending that federal water infrastructure legislation provide state and local investments in innovative decentralized water management solutions

At this time of intense challenge and civil unrest, and deep grief in communities across our country, we want to highlight the connections between water justice, federal support for public utilities and ratepayers, and the need for wise investment of stimulus dollars. While our letter does not go deeply into these connections, we will continue to advocate for an equitable recovery in the water sector. This letter is part of those efforts.

Right now, there may still be a significant opportunity for federal stimulus that expands options for cities, towns and utilities to invest in not only conventional water projects but also sustainable, localized infrastructure to help meet immediate revenue and ratepayer needs while also fostering critically needed economic recovery and job creation.

The letter is attached, and you can fill out this [form](#) to sign on. We'll send the final letter on June 8.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions.

Be well,  
Caroline

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**RE: Incentivizing and Investing in 21st Century Water Infrastructure for a Resilient Post-Pandemic Economy**

Dear Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, Minority Leader Schumer, and Minority Leader McCarthy:

As members of the WaterNow Alliance and the National League of Cities (NLC) we appreciate this opportunity to share three key recommendations as you develop legislation to promote economic recovery as local and state governments begin the process of reopening and restarting their economies. WaterNow Alliance is a nonprofit [network of 600+ local water leaders](#) nationwide advancing sustainable, affordable, and climate resilient water strategies. NLC is the voice of America's cities, towns, and villages, representing more than 200 million people nationwide. Our recommendations aim to accomplish four goals simultaneously:

1. Provide the nation's primarily public water resource agencies – cities, towns, and special districts – with direct support to invest in sustainable and affordable water infrastructure solutions;
2. Provide near-term jobs and local economic stimulus;
3. Ensure affordability and continued access to water, wastewater, and stormwater services; and
4. Build climate resilience.

These recommendations would ensure that local governments and water resource agencies have the flexibility they need to use this new federal support to invest not only in conventional water infrastructure, but to expand their options to include spending for onsite and decentralized water management solutions, which have extraordinary, yet untapped, potential to address the supply, water quality, flooding, and environmental contamination challenges nationwide.

Onsite installations and technologies distributed widely across a community, including green stormwater strategies, water use efficiency measures, watershed restoration, lead line replacements and more, supplement, extend and serve the same functions as more conventional, centralized infrastructure—they provide water supply, treat drinking water and effectively manage wastewater and stormwater. These [distributed approaches](#) are also often less expensive than larger public works projects keeping rates affordable, while building local resilience to disasters and ability to withstand shifts resulting from climate change. Critically, *green and distributed strategies provide lasting economic benefits, including near-term permanent local*

***green jobs and local economic development.*** Distributed water management strategies also go a long way to address water equity issues around access to clean water and more affordable rates, and provide other [co-benefits](#) including improved [public health](#), energy efficiency, improved air quality, reduced greenhouse gases, increased open space, increased property values and reduced crime.

As the country navigates the coronavirus public health crisis, large scale investments in localized water management solutions can be an essential part of our communities' economic recovery. Cities that have made significant investments treating decentralized, consumer-facing strategies as water infrastructure are leading the way:

- Philadelphia's ["Green City, Clean Waters" program](#) to capture stormwater with distributed green infrastructure is providing \$4 billion in economic benefits to the community and more than 1,000 jobs per year, according to a study by the Sustainable Business Network.
- The Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District estimates that its [green infrastructure investments](#) to eliminate local flooding and polluted discharges will capture almost 40% more stormwater than its multi-billion dollar deep tunnels, saving ratepayers \$44 million in avoided conventional infrastructure costs; and will also produce 660 permanent jobs per year; and increase property values by an estimated \$667 million throughout the region.
- Los Angeles' [One Water Plan](#) which includes large scale investments in centralized and decentralized green infrastructure is expected to produce almost 7,000 new jobs and save \$1.97 for every \$1 spent.
- Lancaster, PA's investment in green infrastructure to address its stormwater challenges avoided more than \$120 million in gray infrastructure capital costs and nearly \$5 million in annual benefits according to an [EPA study](#).
- The City of Tucson has doubled-downed on investments in onsite water use efficiency saving \$155 million in avoided costs for gray infrastructure, enabling it to [keep water rates 15% lower](#) than they would have been otherwise. The city is using the same amount of water as it did in 1985 even though its population has doubled since then.
- Madison, WI replaced all of the community's lead service lines, including those on private property, resulting in immediate water quality and public health improvements and saving [\\$2.5 million in avoided costs](#).

Enabling and encouraging cities and special districts to use federal funds to invest in onsite, clean and green water strategies will also supplement and extend the life of our critical built infrastructure. Further, localized infrastructure investments are most efficiently made in the form of subsidies, financial incentives and rebates for consumers, including private businesses, commercial, industrial and institutional enterprises, residences, and other public entities (such as local parks, schools, transportation agencies, etc.). Thus, federal support for public utility investment in these and other types of localized, onsite water infrastructure can be accomplished primarily through existing federal programs.

For these reasons, we urge you to incorporate the three key recommendations detailed below into upcoming federal stimulus legislation to incentivize and invest in 21st century water infrastructure for a resilient post-pandemic economy.



- 1) **We recommend that public investments in water infrastructure including onsite decentralized water management strategies that can catalyze near-term job opportunities are appropriate for treatment as grants, and zero-interest and principal-forgiveness loans.** As demonstrated by NLC, municipalities nationwide are being [decimated by the economic impacts](#) stemming from the COVID-19 crisis. Providing federal funding in the form of grants, zero-interest and principal-forgiveness loans would be a key incentive for local leaders looking to adopt more innovative technologies and less conventional but highly effective water management strategies.
- 2) **We recommend that EPA be directed to issue guidance that water use efficiency, private lead service line replacements, and onsite reuse programs implemented via consumer incentives (e.g., rebates and direct installations) are projects eligible for federal funding through the State Revolving Funds (SRF) and the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA).** Funds from the SRF programs and WIFIA are already authorized to be used for consumer rebates and direct installations, but this is not widely perceived to be the case and EPA has not yet called out investments of this type. Now is the time to do so.
- 3) **We recommend expanding income tax exclusions to include homeowners who receive rebates from water utilities to purchase and install water conservation or stormwater management systems, as set out in [H.R. 2313](#).** Financial incentives and direct installation programs are the primary mechanisms for implementing decentralized and onsite water management programs across communities. However, some utilities are concerned that they will be required to treat such incentives as taxable income placing a large administrative burden on the utility and acting as a significant barrier to consumer participation in such programs. Clarifying that financial incentives to implement localized water infrastructure strategies consumers receive from water utilities are tax exempt will eliminate this barrier.

## Conclusion

Localized water infrastructure has enormous potential to not only sustainably manage our water resources now and for future generations, but to also foster long-lasting economic recovery for communities across the nation facing critical needs for jobs and renewal.

We appreciate your consideration of our recommendations and look forward to working with you to transform the nation's water infrastructure to secure our water future.

Sincerely,



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# Over 100 Prominent Academics Call For Cloth Mask Requirements

*Note: To send this letter to your Governor, please text Masks4All to 50409.*

*If you're a medical or scientific expert with relevant background and would like to sign this letter, [you can sign the letter here.](#)*

We have an urgent message about some critical new scientific research. It strongly suggests that requiring fabric mask use in public places could be amongst the most powerful tools to stop the community spread of COVID-19.

An international cross-disciplinary [review of the scientific research](#) by 19 experts and other recent research shows that:

- People are most infectious in the initial period of infection, when it is common to have few or no symptoms
- Cloth masks obstruct a high portion of the droplets from the mouth and nose that spread the virus

- Non-medical masks have been effective in reducing transmission of coronavirus
- Cloth masks can be washed in soapy water and re-used
- Places and time periods where mask usage is required or widespread have been shown to substantially lower community transmission
- Public mask wearing is most effective at stopping spread of the virus when the vast majority of the public uses masks
- Laws appear to be highly effective at increasing compliance and slowing or stopping the spread of COVID-19.

The preponderance of evidence, in both laboratory and clinical settings, indicates that mask wearing reduces the transmissibility per contact by reducing transmission of infected droplets. The decreased transmissibility could substantially reduce the death toll, other harms to public health, job losses and economic losses. The cost of such masks is very low by comparison.

Modeling suggests that widespread public mask use, in conjunction with other measures, could bring the effective reproduction number (R) beneath 1.0, thus halting the growth of the pandemic.

Therefore, we ask that government officials *require* cloth masks to be worn in all public places, such as stores, transportation systems, and public buildings as soon as possible. This action will prevent people who are infectious from unknowingly spreading the disease.

We also ask business leaders who offer products and services to the public to require their employees and customers to wear masks whether or not it is required by local law. This vital step will help protect workers and customers.

Such requirements will greatly increase the rate of mask wearing. This should be done in conjunction with, not as a replacement for,

hand hygiene, physical distancing, testing, and contact tracing strategies.

This requirement should be introduced alongside clear guidelines for the production, use and sanitization or re-use of face masks. We urge you to also consider their distribution as shortages allow.

There is no need to wait for availability of medical-grade masks; any face covering, including a piece of cloth, a scarf, bandana, t-shirt, or paper towel, appears to be effective.

Sincerely,

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Mayor White:

I am asking you to demonstrate leadership to the citizens of Greenville. While we can protest peacefully, we cannot show respect for essential workers and compromised individuals during the Covid pandemic. While our essential workers are wearing masks in grocery stores, drugstores, etc., very few people are wearing them when they enter the establishments. The only store I know of that requires masks is Costco. And, social distancing does not seem to be something that Greenvillians can accomplish.

Our case load is growing. Don't tell me it is from more testing because the tests are only revealing what already exists here. If it is not brought under control our hospitals will become overwhelmed with the sickest of patients and all of us will suffer.

You can't go back to lockdown again, but YOU can exert leadership and communications to beg or even mandate the wearing of masks and social distancing. It works elsewhere so why not here in our beautiful community!

Thank you,

Lee Davenport



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Knox,

I know you get plenty of advice and comments from a lot of folks so I thought I would throw in my two cents worth.

First of all I must say that the Greenville community has handled the protests very well and I appreciate seeing your participation.

Second, and most concerning to me, is the current Covid situation and the apparent attitudes toward it. There has been increasing laxity in our community relative to Covid. When I am on the streets or anyplace observing people it seems that no more than 10-20% are wearing face covering of any kind. Costco requests it and has pretty much 100%. Publix has their employees covered but probably not more than 1/3 of the customers are covered and CVS has a lesser percentage. The protests this weekend had a relatively high percentage of protesters masked but almost none of the police were. I fully expect our current increase in local cases to accelerate over the near term based upon this laxity. I hope I am wrong.

I have seen very little comment from City, County or State officials stating how important it is for face covering. When McMaster holds his press conferences no one in his entourage has any face coverings and they stand pretty close. I do believe that explicit statements strongly encouraging people to be covered if they are going to be in close proximity to someone else and particularly indoors would be listened to by a lot of folks in our community. Having faces covered at the Saturday Market should be a no brainer and police and our leaders setting an example would be a very good thing.

Stay safe and keep up the good work,

**Charlie**



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Dear Mayors for Parks Members:

I hope you are ok during this troubling and challenging time. I know you are rightly focused today on addressing other critical challenges in your cities but **I wanted to let you know that a historic conservation/park vote will be occurring in the U.S. Senate this upcoming week.** This is the largest federal conservation/park package up for a vote in decades. It is an unusual time to be passing this legislation given current events, but it's the time we have been given. **I hope that Mayors for Parks members can tweet their support today and tomorrow.**

The Great American Outdoors Act (S. 3422) was introduced on March 9 and had strong bipartisan support of a majority of the Senate. It is consistent with legislation supported by a bipartisan majority in the House, and the President has said he will sign it, creating an unprecedented opportunity for a historic conservation/park win for the American public.

**Given the unpredictable time we are living in, Senate attendance cannot be taken for granted so please tweet your support today or tomorrow to stress the importance of your Senators being present starting on Monday for a cloture vote and then confirming they will vote yes on the legislation.**

The bill will help address priority repairs in our national parks and on other public lands by directing up to \$9.5 billion over five years to address maintenance needs within the National Park System. It will also fully and permanently dedicate \$900 million per year already being deposited into the Land and Water Conservation Fund, our nation's most important conservation program, to ensure protection of and access to irreplaceable lands and local recreation opportunities. The Mayors for Parks Coalition was originally created to advocate for full and permanent funding for LWCF. **This is our time.**

Parks and greenspace have always played an essential role in our communities, providing economic value, emotional and physical health benefits, and bringing people together. During the coronavirus pandemic, nature has taken on a whole new meaning for many of us, becoming the one place we go for exercise, fresh air, and respite from anxiety and grief. But **not everyone has equal access to the outdoors.** Just as coronavirus has shined a light on equity issues in our cities, it has become apparent that parks and green infrastructure are often limited in the economically distressed neighborhoods where they are most needed. Passing the Great American Outdoor Act will help address this issue, while stimulating job

creation and economic activity.

**Please tweet your support today or tomorrow. And please add your Senators' twitter handle.** I have included sample tweets below.

Thank you for your continued support for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and for your help in moving us toward the finish line!

Julie

### **Tweets**

America is blessed with great outdoors but not everyone has access to these special places. The Great American Outdoors Act will change that by increasing access to outdoor recreation in every state and county in the county! #FundLWCF  
#MayorsforParks

Please vote for the Great American Outdoors Act without any amendments! This landmark legislation will fully and permanently #FundLWCF - creating outdoor access for all, revitalizing our city parks, and supporting the outdoor rec economy!  
#MayorsforParks

The Great American Outdoors Act will fully and permanently #FundLWCF, which will expand recreation access and #FixOurParks by investing in public land infrastructure. We need the senate to pass this bill without amendments! #MayorsforParks

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Hello Mayor White

I am sure you are currently fully involved in not only the current crisis surrounding George Floyd's death, but the ongoing issues around the Covid pandemic.

My family and I have lived in Greenville now for almost two years. We love the area and plan to be here a long time. I wanted to express my support for all action the City of Greenville takes to eliminate racial and socioeconomic inequality in our city. I am very interested in hearing about the efforts your administration is taking to do this, and how citizens can get involved.

Thank you.

Nick Morse

**From:** [Joe Pazdan](#)  
**To:** [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Subject:** March of Dimes Real Estate Luncheon – Event Survey  
**Date:** Friday, June 5, 2020 9:43:31 AM

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Dear Mayor,

As you know, pregnancies continue during a pandemic -- and March of Dimes is hard at work supporting our youngest family members during this crisis. Since March, March of Dimes has shifted its focus to support and advocate for moms and dads who are filled with anxiety over their newborn's birth, hospital stay, and home care during COVID-19. In this unprecedented time, we need you more than ever!

[Please complete this short survey to help us better understand your views on coronavirus in relation to our March of Dimes Real Estate Luncheon.](#)

And please read on, to learn about some of the initiatives March of Dimes has identified and implemented since the onset of COVID-19:

**LOCAL LEVEL**

- NICU Family Support Specialists at MUSC and Prisma Health Upstate identified the need for iPads so siblings have the opportunity to see and talk to their baby brother/sister. We are working to provide them.
- SC Market is hosting a Facebook Live event series focused on SC perinatal/COVID-19 concerns and issues, starting on June 9.
- Hosted the first statewide "SC Coronavirus Update" webinar for perinatal health professionals with a Department of Health expert on March 11, 2020.
- Sourced, purchased, and distributed 352 blood pressure monitors for virtual prenatal care visits to seven obstetrical practices around the state. Check-out the video [HERE](#)
  - When the need was first identified <1% of patients were doing telehealth, but now 40%+ are doing virtual visits and the need to provide blood pressure cuffs to low-income women is even greater
- Worked closely with the Alliance for a Healthier South Carolina to write and publish an op-ed piece about racial inequities in COVID-19 infections and deaths, as well as community-friendly messages about COVID-19 to share with local leaders and communities
- Provided masks to partner hospitals to give to mom, dad, and siblings upon discharge
- Supplied lunches for NICU, Labor & Delivery, and Nursery staff and diapers and supplies for patients

- Loaned outdoor canopies to the OB/GYN Center in Greenville to provide shade for mobile prenatal care visits in their parking lot
- Put chalk messages and signs with encouraging messages and thank-yous at multiple hospitals

#### **NATIONAL LEVEL**

- Created educational and support resources page: [MOD COVID-19 page](#)
- Hosting weekly [Facebook Live events](#) with medical and maternal/child health experts to educate and guide families who are preparing for child birth and newborn care
- Created a virtual NICU Family Support program to support and educate NICU parents nationwide while maintaining hospital protocols for infection control
- Hosting virtual Supportive Pregnancy Care programs to prepare expectant moms for a healthy pregnancy and delivery
- Created a [COVID-19 Fund](#) to address the urgent need for research and interventions, such as a vaccine, that is safe for pregnant and lactating women
- Advocating for moms and babies through national coalitions and legislation that prioritize families, moms, and babies in the COVID-19 response

We appreciate your support!

On behalf of the March of Dimes Real Estate Leadership Team, I send you, your business, your family, and our community at large, best wishes for good health and safety.

Thank you,  
Joe

**From:** [ICLEI President's Office](#)  
**To:** [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Cc:** [bmauldin@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:bmauldin@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Subject:** Invitation to virtually join Daring Cities 2020  
**Date:** Friday, June 5, 2020 11:08:59 AM  
**Attachments:** [Daring Cities Invitation City of Greenville, SC.pdf](#)

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Honorable Mayor White

ICLEI President and Mayor of Bonn Ashok Sridharan and ICLEI Secretary General Gino Van Begin would like to cordially invite you to join Daring Cities 2020, the global virtual forum for urban leaders taking on the climate emergency, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Daring Cities 2020 will bring together – virtually – urban leaders from around the world who are pushing boundaries in their own contexts over a three-week period in October, to exchange ideas on how to take on resilience and mitigation in the time of urgent climate and health crisis.

A personal letter inviting your participation from Mayor Sridharan is attached.

For any questions and support, please contact the Daring Cities 2020 team at [daring.cities@iclei.org](mailto:daring.cities@iclei.org).

Kind regards,

Office of the President

ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability

Knox H. White  
Mayor  
City of Greenville, SC  
United States

Bonn, Germany, 5 June 2020

**Invitation to participate at Daring Cities 2020: The Global Virtual Forum for Urban Leaders Taking on the Climate Emergency**

Honorable Mayor White,

I hereby would like to cordially invite you to participate in:

**Daring Cities 2020**

*The Global Virtual Forum for Urban Leaders Taking on the Climate Emergency*  
**7 - 28 October 2020**

When we launched Daring Cities at the beginning of the year, we invited you to Bonn for an in-person gathering of ambitious urban leaders of local climate action.

While the current circumstances prevent us from physically convening together, our urgent work on climate action, even during our pandemic recovery, cannot stop.

Climate science, as well as the increasing frequency of natural disasters around the world, demonstrates that climate change is already creating devastating impacts for the entirety of human civilization - most notably our cities, towns and regions.

And our citizens are mobilizing. Remember that in September 2019, an estimated seven million people participated in a climate strike that spanned 155 countries. We must respond to their calls for large-scale action.

But what can that look like in our new reality? With the onset of the Coronavirus pandemic, every sector of society across every corner of the globe has been turned upside down. The work to address climate change has been ground to an interim halt at the local level as local and regional governments need to reprioritize resources to ensure an immediate safeguarding of their residents and employees. On the global level, we are experiencing major disruptions of the global climate process.

But our work towards more ambitious climate action cannot stop, and we have an opportunity through the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic to actively define and shape our new “normal” .

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**That is why ICLEI and the City of Bonn are transforming Daring Cities 2020 into a one-of-a-kind, virtual experience for urban leaders tackling the climate emergency globally, especially in light of the coronavirus pandemic.**

Daring Cities 2020 will run from 7-28 October 2020, offering an online array of high level and visionary speakers, a series of informative workshops and personal networking opportunities.

We want to meet you where you are doing the work, and invite you and your staff to take advantage of this moment of learning together, virtually. Over a three-week period, the event will offer a variety of virtual formats to accommodate different topics, time zones, bandwidth limits, and languages.

Daring Cities 2020 will be held concurrently with the annual UN Bonn Climate Change Conference, rescheduled to October 2020. This will offer urban leaders additional opportunities to engage with national representatives, ensuring that multilevel, productive exchange is a vital program element, helping to set the course to COP26, Daring Cities 2021 and beyond.

Thanks to support by the German Federal Government and other partners, Daring Cities 2020 remains free of charge to attend, and now we can gather in numbers - virtually - like never before.

More information about Daring Cities 2020 is available on [our website](#). In addition, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Daring Cities 2020 team at the ICLEI World Secretariat via email at [daring.cities@iclei.org](mailto:daring.cities@iclei.org).

We would be delighted for you to join this important dialogue and contribute with your valuable knowledge to the discussion. I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,



Ashok Sridharan  
President of ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability  
Mayor of Bonn

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**From:** [Anne Matthews](#)  
**To:** [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Subject:** Greenville's Covid numbers  
**Date:** Friday, June 5, 2020 7:10:49 PM

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Dear Mayor White:

In the past few days Greenville's Covid numbers have risen significantly leading the state on a daily basis. It concerns me that there is not push from Greenville's leadership to curb this rise and remind citizens these numbers are taking us in the wrong direction. For those of us who are still being extremely cautious this is frustrating that so many people are disregarding recommendations to reduce these numbers. As a school teacher I want to be able to fully return to school this fall. Please use your position and voice to remind Greenville we should do better.

Thanks,  
Anne Matthews

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Martha and John Burwell](#)  
**To:** [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Subject:** Please require masks when indoors in Greenville  
**Date:** Sunday, June 7, 2020 2:48:21 PM

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Dear Mr. White:

I work for Michelin and live in the N Main area of Greenville (29609). I'm disturbed by the spikes in Covid cases and the lack of mask wearing around our town.

Will you please require a mask or at least some type of face covering when inside a public facility in Greenville until the curve starts flattening? I don't want to see any more spikes in our great city.

I hope this is something you will strongly consider. Thank you.

Best regards,

Martha Burwell  


Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [David Johnson](#)  
**To:** [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Subject:** Covid masks  
**Date:** Sunday, June 7, 2020 3:02:16 PM

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Mayor White,

My wife and I were in downtown Greenville Friday for lunch outdoors at Ricks Deli . The staff there all wore masks but when walking out to Main St., we were disappointed in how few people had masks. We stopped at Spill The Beans and were appalled that none of the staff had masks or gloves. That should be a requirement. The number of cases is increasing in Greenville so this behavior is unacceptable.

Please do what you can to enforce social distancing and the wearing of masks.

David Johnson  
Greenville, Sc

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [James Alford](#)  
**To:** [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Subject:** Re: Phased reopening of restaurants--reconsider?  
**Date:** Sunday, June 7, 2020 7:46:14 PM

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Mayor White:

I write to follow up on my previous email where I requested you extend the dining room closures. As we've seen, reopening dining rooms prematurely has precipitated a sharp spike in COVID cases, with Greenville and Spartanburg leading the way with new infections.

I am literally begging you to PLEASE close dining rooms in Greenville. There is no controversy among public health officials: they are UNANIMOUS in their acknowledgment that premature reopening of restaurant dining rooms has helped fuel the current spike in cases. There is no gray area: we can act according to the facts, and in the interest of public health, or we can let restaurant dining rooms stay open.

I sincerely hope you take this situation seriously enough to make the only right decision. Thank you.

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**From:** James Alford  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 11:41:01 AM  
**To:** [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov) <[kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)>  
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people whose well-being we are entrusted with by indulging our desire to return to our favorite restaurants and watering holes, and not prioritizing the lives of our most vulnerable citizens. I do not deny that sentiment among the general populous of South Carolina probably favors fully reopening all businesses. But as leaders, we are often called upon to make the right decision even when it's not the popular decision.

As a husband, father, and professional yourself, I urgently implore you to consider extending dining room closures in Greenville. I realize that what I'm asking puts you in a position of sacrificing enormous political capital, but I ask it nonetheless. There are some things more important than being popular, and I know history will remember your bravery and principle, even if it costs you votes in the short term.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider these thoughts. I have a four-year-old daughter at home, and I now go to work everyday at a job I used to unreservedly love, but find myself paralyzed by the fear that I'll bring home a virus that could literally take from me the things I love the most in the world. I hope you can understand this, and I dearly hope you'll do the right thing and close dining rooms in Greenville. Thank you, and God bless you and your family.

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**James Alford**

*General Manager*

*Foxcroft Wine Co. -- Greenville*



**From:** [Knox White](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Phased reopening of restaurants--reconsider?  
**Date:** Monday, June 8, 2020 8:39:20 AM

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Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** James Alford <[jalford@foxcroftwine.com](mailto:jalford@foxcroftwine.com)>  
**Date:** May 12, 2020 at 11:41:01 AM EDT  
**To:** "[kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)" <[kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)>  
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**From:** [lynn\\_jennings](mailto:lynn_jennings)  
**To:** [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Subject:** Covid  
**Date:** Monday, June 8, 2020 4:17:28 PM

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Dear Mayor

Now that Greenville is the hot spot in SC what is your plan for the city ? Are we just giving up on social distancing and all safety protocols ?

I was so pleased at the outset of the pandemic that you showed more sense in leadership than our governor but haven't heard much since. Is it really all about money vs health and safety ? Downtown is a joke and fear we will have an even longer shut down coming up unless our citizens act more responsibly.

Looking forward to more frequent press briefings as the positive cases identified increase.  
What's next ?

Sincerely  
Lynn Jennings

**From:** [Knox White](#)  
**To:** [kwhite@hsblawfirm.com](mailto:kwhite@hsblawfirm.com)  
**Subject:** Fw: Phased reopening of restaurants--reconsider?  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 9:05:03 AM

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**From:** James Alford <jalford@foxcroftwine.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 7, 2020 7:46 PM  
**To:** Knox White  
**Subject:** Re: Phased reopening of restaurants--reconsider?

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**James Alford**

*General Manager*

*Foxcroft Wine Co. -- Greenville*



**From:** [Shirley Thompson](#)  
**To:** [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Subject:** Coronavirus  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 1:23:42 PM

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Dear Mayor White,

Thank you for being concerned since our numbers have spiked for coronavirus. So many people refuse to social distance and many say they don't intend to wear mask. I'm disappointed in people's concern for others. I know in my heart we reopened too soon. Once it was said we would reopen by Governor McMaster, people looked at it as "everything's ok now." Any help you can offer is truly appreciated. God bless and be with you during these troubled times.

Shirley Thompson

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Beth Brotherton](#)  
**To:** [Knox White](#); [sbachman@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:sbachman@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Subject:** Two scripts  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 1:51:41 PM  
**Attachments:** [just wear it.docx](#)  
[ATT00001.htm](#)  
[Pledge Mayor Script.docx](#)  
[ATT00002.htm](#)  
[ATT00003.htm](#)

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Mayor,

Hoping to knock out your portions on two pledge scripts this afternoon. One for mayors. One for mask wearing. Scripts are attached. Your lines are highlighted on both.

Wearing a mask is uncomfortable

It's itchy

The mask ruins your make-up

It fogs up your glasses

and forces you to smell your own bad breath.

No one **enjoys** wearing a mask.

**But it's not about comfort, it's about our community.**

The mask is for your health.

Our health.

It's for your grandparents.

For the firefighter who responds in your time of need.

Your friend or neighbor with a compromised immune system.

It's for those who stock our shelves

And serve on the front lines.

**Wear a mask.**

I know, they are awful.

They remind us that the world is not normal.

Masks suck, but I'll wear one.

For my health.

Your health.

Our community's health.

**Just wear it.**



## Greater Greenville Pledge Mayoral Promo

“Welcome back.”

“It’s good to see you.” (TR biz)

“Welcome back”

“Nice to see you again” (FI biz)

“Greenville is open for business.”

“The doors are open in Simpsonville.”

“Travelers Rest is open for business.” (TR mayor)

“We’re open and it’s great to have you back in Fountain Inn.”

“During this public health crisis”

“We’re pledging to reopen responsibly” (TR mayor)

“As a symbol of that commitment”

“We took the Greater Greenville Pledge” (FI biz)

“The Greater Greenville Pledge” (TR mayor)

“It’s a pledge to encourage safe social distancing” (TR biz)

“Limit capacity inside stores, restaurants and places of business”

“a pledge to regularly monitor employee’s health”



“A pledge to frequently clean high touch surfaces”

“a pledge to encourage facial covering and hand sanitizing”

“Travelers Rest is taking the pledge” (TR mayor)

“The Greater Greenville Pledge”

“To reopen Simpsonville business responsibly.”

“Fountain Inn is taking the pledge”

“Welcome back TR” (TR mayor)

Shop with us, dine with us

And look for this symbol in the window.

Look for this symbol

“and visit our community, with confidence.”

“Welcome back Greenville”

With the Greater Greenville Pledge

**Beth Brotherton**

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**From:** [Alexander Brent](#)  
**To:** [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Subject:** COVID in Greenville  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:01:02 PM

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Dear Mayor,

Your comments reported today on the alarming rise in COVID-19 cases I agree with wholeheartedly. We live in Moore and visit Greenville regularly, but will now stop as we feel its too dangerous: letting this virus get out of control is bad for business.

We recently visited GA, which seems to be doing a much better job of opening up than SC. Some things I noticed that are different primarily involved regulations. Here in SC, after about of week of opening up, we seemingly 'gave up' and let businesses do whatever they wanted to do. So suddenly barbers and hairstylists were not wearing facemasks, public pools did not have capacity limits, and so on. In GA the reminders about social distancing were everywhere, and were even being enforced on the beaches. Businesses were mandating facemasks.

We have to open businesses up of course, but we are not doing it safely or cleverly. We also are taking unnecessary risks like opening up playgrounds against CDC advise, which doesn't give any economic boost, but will spread disease.

Your team here locally especially (as we are a hotspot) need to re-think your strategy, but also at a state level of which I know you are also involved.

Sincerely,

Alex Brent

**From:** [Patricia LaRosa](#)  
**To:** [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Subject:** Spike in covid 19 Greenville  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:09:59 PM

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I would strongly urge you to enact regulations to require businesses to limit capacity and to require that all employees and customers wear face masks. This is especially true for beauty salons.

Thank you

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Christine Posner](#)  
**To:** [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Subject:** Concerned Citizen  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 4:55:03 PM

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Hello Mayor,

I hope that you and your family are doing well. I have been very impressed with your leadership during the time I have lived in Greenville County and when the Covid pandemic started, I was also happy with the decisions you were making.

Let me begin by telling you a little about myself. My name is Christine Posner. My husband Brian and I both live in Travelers Rest. We relocated from Long Island, New York, to SC in 2007. I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 2000 and my husband was born with a congenital heart condition and has Congestive Heart Failure as well as a Pacemaker and a Defibrillator. He is 50 and I am 51. As you can see, we are both considered high risk.

We have left the house a handful of times since March 17th and when we did it was for essential reasons.

The rise in positive Covid cases in Greenville County is frightening to me. I understand that there is more testing which will mean more positive results. I have taken some time to drive around Greenville, mainly the downtown area, and what I saw was very disappointing. There is little to no social distancing, people posing for selfies, gathering in groups, crowding sidewalks and crosswalks and waiting close in lines at restaurants and places like Gather. How are people like myself ever supposed to feel "safe" if nothing is being done to help? I understand we cannot make it mandatory for people to wear masks. I do feel that something can and should be done to make sure people are following the rules put in place-such as social distancing.

I just wanted to reach to let you know that I would love to enjoy your city again. Heck, I work in your city and my entire office has when back to work in the office but me due to this.

I hope you stay safe and thank you for listening,

Christine Posner

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**Subject:** Budget write up  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 5:16:33 PM  
**Attachments:** [FY21 Budget approved.docx](#)  
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[ATT00002.htm](#)

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See attached and let me know if this is what you had in mind. We will get it posted and sent to neighborhoods and news outlets when approved. It is short, but so are attention spans. We need to give them the highlights.

## **Greenville City Council Members Unanimously Approve FY 2021 Budget**

*No cuts, tax increases, fee increases, or furloughs*

Greenville City Council members adopted the City's FY2021 budget during a second and final reading. The budget focuses on continuing operations and funding vital community projects. During a generational economic emergency related to COVID-19 the City is investing in it's priorities without increasing taxes and fees or furloughing employees

### **Greenville will continue to invest in:**

- Affordable housing
- Economic development
- Neighborhoods
- Transportation

### **Budget highlights include:**

- \$3.75 million for wastewater system rehabilitation
- \$3.5 million for bridges for Swamp Rabbit Trail expansion
- \$2 million for affordable housing to include new construction, home rehabilitation projects and rent assistance
- \$1.3 million stormwater improvement projects
- \$1.2 million for Greenville Transit Authority (record amount)
- \$1 million for new sidewalk construction
- \$1 million for street resurfacing
- \$750,000 in Economic Development for job creation and marketing
- \$750,000 for business friendly permitting and development process
- \$500,000 for intersection safety improvements
- \$200,000 for public safety cameras

"This budget shouts neighborhood friendly," said Mayor Knox White. "The City is committed to building new sidewalks, expanding our trails and claming traffic in residential areas. During COVID many communities stopped recycling and yard waste pick-up, Greenville expanded both. Quality of life, to include public safety, affordable housing and excellent customer service, continues to be our focus."

Greenville City committed \$5 million from the County Square/West End Parking fund in support of affordable housing.

**Beth Brotherton**

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**From:** [Polly Gaillard](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:34:33 PM  
**Attachments:** [name.png](#)

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Dear Mayor White,

I am very concerned about the rise in Covid cases in Greenville. My daughter, a rising senior at Wade Hampton has severe asthma. Just today, she found out a friend who was at the beach with other Wade Hampton and Greenville High students tested positive for the Covid infection. Unfortunately, some of the parents whose children were exposed to the carrier aren't taking it seriously and are going about their daily lives as they would in times before a pandemic. Furthermore, I've been to at least one restaurant where the food servers wore no masks, and in stores like Home Depot where the workers wore no masks. I'm a bit confused about the regulations here in Greenville, especially with the cases of the infection rising. Costco requires their patrons to wear masks, but most other stores do not nor do they require their employees to wear them. I don't understand this discrepancy and I look to you to tell us what should be done across the board. Is anyone checking on restaurants violating health codes? Why is no one wearing a mask to protect others when cases are going up? We need some leadership now and a way to make sure retailers are doing their part. I fear my daughter's health will be comprised due to this "do it your own way" style approach to the pandemic. I was traveling through Main Street this last weekend on my way out of town and saw crowds of people at the farmer's market and at Gather Greenville, no masks, no social distancing. Is this really the best way to lead our city? Please step up and help us stay safe.

Best,  
Polly Gaillard

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**From:** [Patty Mulherin](#)  
**To:** [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Subject:** Greenville's daily Covid 19 numbers - please read before your meeting  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 9:20:04 AM

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Mr. White,

I was a follower of the daily new C19 cases from the beginning. I was impressed with what I saw, the trend was going the way we hoped it would. So, phases started. And I was happy to see that happening, and have been cautiously participating in life.

Then the free testing started.

What I want to share is from me and the many people I talk, listen to, and facebook with. First, people do not trust, nor believe the media anymore. The rise in cases, we feel, that are reported on a daily basis, can not possibly be what they are being presented as. And the rise became evident when "free testing" began.

Since, we know that the medical community is reporting C19 as the diagnosis for everything, so they can get bigger reimbursements.... who are we really to trust? You see we are not all that naive.

And this is what we would like to see with the daily numbers. I may not use the right words, or phrases, but I think you'll understand.

- Are those new cases all being admitted to the hospital?
- Are all those new cases requiring 14 day quarantines?
- Is the test showing people that had C19, but are now recovered, but are included in the daily numbers as new?
- How many cases are considered mild?
- What is happening with all these new cases?
- Also when there is a backlog in testing results, and you know that happens frequently, how does that backlog affect daily testing numbers?

Since the media takes every opportunity to scare, lie and sensationalize everything, and they aren't jumping all over our rising numbers; we have to believe the numbers are not true.

As you can tell, we need accurate, accountable information.

If you are able to address this discrepancy in the reporting, I think it would help. By the way, many of the same people think the media won't report anything uplifting about the numbers, even if there is anything good to report. So, somehow, the media needs to regain the populations' trust.

Just some thoughts to consider,

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**Cc:** [Elizabeth Lapidus](#); [benjamin.roof@abbott.com](mailto:benjamin.roof@abbott.com)  
**Subject:** Greenville Covid Screening Plans  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 9:55:42 AM

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Mayor White,

As Greenville looks to reopen, Covid Antibody screening will become the key to getting people back to work and reenergizing the city's economy. Abbott Diagnostics has recently been working with both State and Federal Governments to assure our teams are aligned to offer assistance on all levels. As the diagnostics collaborator for all of Prisma Health; we would like to request a 1 hour meeting with you to review your Covid screening plans for the city of Greenville. Abbott has helped many cities and states successfully formulate a diagnostic plan to restore the health of their Community. We feel we could be of benefit to you as you work toward figuring out Greenville's new normal. Would you possibly have time to meet on Thursday 6/11 or Friday 6/12 of this week. If those are unacceptable, I can certainly make myself available to your schedule. Please let me know a date and time that is best for you and your team.

I would encourage you to take a few minutes and review the link below. This highlights Ventura County's successful testing plans.

<https://keyt.com/health/coronavirus/2020/05/11/antibody-testing-for-first-responders-underway-in-ventura-county/>

We at Abbott hope all is well, and we look forward to working with you in the very near future.

Have a great day!

Heather Collins

Most kind regards,



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**Subject:** Intro Zoom call with Verdae Masterplan real estate advisory team  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:21:58 AM  
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Knox/Wil/John:

Hope you all are doing well. Busy and challenging times indeed. **Would the three of you be available to join an introductory Zoom call with the principals of our real estate advisory team for one hour on June 23<sup>rd</sup> between 12:00-1:00pm or 2:00-4:30pm?**

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Happy to touch base via phone with any of you individually in the interim if it would help. Stay healthy and safe.

Best,  
Gage

**From:** [Kelsey Crooks](#)  
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Mayor White,

I hope this email finds you well, I'm sure you are swamped so I'll try my best to be brief.

My name is Kelsey Crooks. I am a bartender at On the Roxx in the Westend of downtown. Unfortunately, a situation occurred Saturday night (June 6th) that I think deserves your attention as I feel it is a product of the current situation going on in our city.

Here is a summary of the events that took place:

While trying to navigate my first shift back since the covid shut down, which was successful, a young African American lady approached the bar with a very hateful attitude and demanded I come to her. Being very busy I asked her to hold on a second while I finished making another order. When I approached her to see what she needed she proceeded to tell me that I was a racist white b\*\*ch and that she was sick of my kind. I shrugged it off as her friend said please just make our order. I made the shots requested and the young girl who was offended by my non existent racism threw her card at me and screamed for me to run it and give it back, then continued to call me every other curse word you can imagine. I ran her card as I had given them their drinks, but told them they needed to leave. She cussed me for running her card, refused to sign her receipt and kept telling me I was a racist white girl. Finally our African American bar back was able to make her leave, and she repeatedly on her way out our door told him she was "sick of white people".

I know working in a bar comes with the territory of dealing with some lose cannons and drunkards whose actions become questionable after drinking. I fully expect mistreatment on some nights and can laugh it off for the most part, but the reason I'm presenting this situation to you is because I believe it to be an outcome of out of control protesting and allowing our city to believe that there is a racism problem in Greenville, SC. That is not the case and what the media is pushing as a whole to divide and represent hate will continue to come full circle to those of us who have nothing to do with any cultural issues. I've never seen so many situations where the ideology is that one must apologize for the color of their skin, and unfortunately these are the type of stories and experiences that I've heard from many Greenville natives over the past few weeks.

I would like to see a community brought more together in a time like this then continue to worry about my safety working in downtown. As I see it, a few bad people will continue to enjoy taking this agenda too far. I hope to have some reassurance that you have a plan in place to bring peace to our community, to business owners, and to the staff who is put at risk during the masses of the protests- or any other direct hit of hate being poured into our community.

Thank you for your time.

Kelsey Crooks  


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**Date:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:27:11 PM

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Gage- thanks for the invitation. I am available for either option.



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** FW: ARC - Executive Director Search - Opportunity Profile  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:26:14 PM  
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Hi Knox,

I hope all is well with you your family and colleagues. How is grandfatherhood?

We are doing well here in Cincinnati although the past weeks and months have been very sad and challenging.

As you may know, our streetcar was shut down because of the pandemic and now there is a big controversy about whether to start it up again. It's ridership numbers were never very good but they were improving. Many credit it as a catalyst to economic development. Politically, the mayor has been against it from the start and spending money to reopen is not popular with so much other need. My friend John Schneider, who you may recall is leading an effort, backed by data, to reopen. Happy to share his case with you if you are interested.

In the midst of all of our crises, I follow the Facebook page of you know who (LOL) for whom life, and things just get better and better. I married wrong!

I am attached a position profile for a new Executive Director for the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) based in Washington D.C. South Carolina is key Appalachian state. It is a Federal/State partnership and this is a very high level position. We have found good candidates come from utilities executives and economic development organizations. We had an excellent candidate who you may know, Clark Gillespy (formerly Duke). He just accepted a position as Vice President of Economic Development at Google in Sunnyvale, CA. He seems to be a prototype.

Would love to connect for a phone or Zoom call soon to catch up.

As always, please let me know if I can be helpful to you and hope to see you in person before long.

All the best, dg

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## OPPORTUNITY PROFILE:

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

## APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The **Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)**, structured as a Federal-State-Local government partnership, is a regional economic and community development organization focused on closing the economic gap between Appalachia and the rest of the nation. The Commission receives an annual federal appropriation for administrative and grant making purposes. ARC is seeking an exceptionally qualified individual to serve as the Executive Director, a non-federal position, in its Washington DC headquarters.

ARC is a grant making organization and is seeking a high energy, innovative, results driven leader who is an exceptionally skilled relationship builder. The Executive Director must possess significant experience in rural economic development and be an inclusive, collaborative, conciliative leader. Prior experience working with diverse business, government, and community stakeholders required. The Executive Director leads the administrative, programmatic, and fiscal management of ARC ensuring the organization's structure, budget, and programs support the Commission's strategic investment plan. Working with the Federal and State partners, this position manages critical operations that provide development and growth opportunities for communities in the Region and seeks to support continuing development of industries and markets that will provide a self-sustaining economy.

**THE APPALACHIAN REGION**

The Appalachian Region includes all of West Virginia and parts of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. The Region is home to

more than 25 million people and covers 420 counties and almost 205,000 square miles. Forty-two percent of the Region's population is rural, compared with 20 percent of the national population. The Region extends more than 1,000 miles from southern New York to northeastern Mississippi.

The Appalachian Region's economy, once highly dependent on mining, forestry, agriculture, chemical industries, and heavy industry, has become more diversified in recent times, and now includes manufacturing and professional service industries. Appalachia has come a long way in the past five decades: its poverty rate, 31 percent in 1960, was 16.3 percent over the 2013-2017 period. The number of high-poverty counties in the Region (those with poverty rates more than 1.5 times the U.S. average) declined from 295 in 1960 to 98 over the 2013-2017 period.



These gains have transformed the Region from one of widespread poverty to one of economic contrasts: some communities have successfully diversified their economies, while others still require basic infrastructure such as roads and water and sewer systems. The contrasts are not surprising considering the Region's size and diversity.

## ARC OVERVIEW

ARC's mission is to innovate, partner, and invest to build community capacity and strengthen economic growth in Appalachia.

Established by an act of Congress in 1965, the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is a regional economic development agency that represents a partnership of federal, state, and local government. Local participation is provided through multi-county local development districts.

### ARC MEMBERS, PARTNERS, AND STAFF

ARC's structure was designed to ensure an active Federal-State-Local partnership. There are 14 Commission members: the governors of the 13 Appalachian states and a federal co-chair. The federal co-chair is appointed by the president and is subject to Senate confirmation. Each year the 13 governors elect one of their own to serve as states' co-chair of the Commission.

Each governor appoints an alternate, who oversees the state's ARC program and serves as the state-level contact for those seeking ARC assistance. The states' interests at ARC/Washington are handled by the states' Washington representative, who is hired by the states.

Grassroots participation at the local level is provided through local development districts, multi-county agencies with boards made up of elected officials, businesspeople, and other local leaders.

The Commission staff is headed by an executive director. The staff of approximately 50 people consists mostly of program and grant analysts, researchers, and associated support positions. The staff implements the program and policies determined by the federal-state partners. The Commission's administrative costs are shared equally by the federal and state governments.

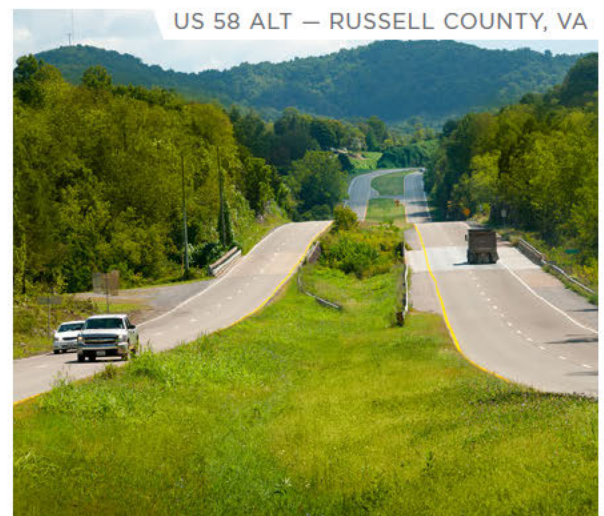
ARC is funded by an annual Congressional appropriation for administrative and grant making purposes. The FY 2020 appropriation was \$175 million.



SUMMER STEM PROGRAM



APPALACHIAN TEACHING PROJECT (ATP)



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ATP CAPSTONE SYMPOSIUM

## GROWTH & IMPACT

In 2013, the Commission's annual appropriation was \$65 million; in 2020, the amount is almost triple at \$175 million. Each year ARC provides funding for several hundred investments in the Appalachian Region, in areas such as business development, education and job training, telecommunications, infrastructure, community development, housing, and transportation. These projects create thousands of new jobs; improve local water and sewer systems; expand access to health care including return to work challenges relating to substance abuse; assist local communities with strategic planning; and provide technical and managerial assistance to emerging businesses.

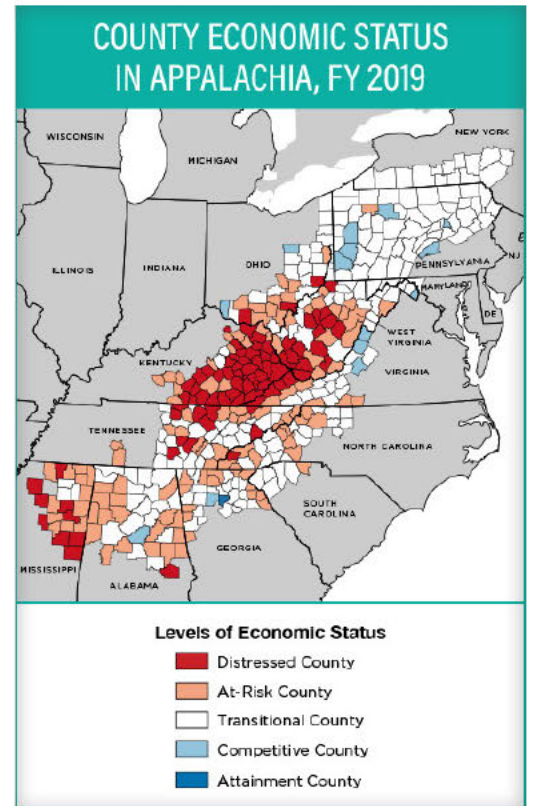
### APPALACHIAN REGION 13-state profile:

*Fiscal year 2019 (October 1, 2018–September 30, 2019)*

In partnership with the states and 73 Local Development Districts, ARC supported **482 projects** in Appalachia totaling **\$176.8 million** in fiscal year 2019. These investments have been matched by **\$246.8 million** and will attract an additional nearly **\$542.6 million** in leveraged private investments in Appalachia. They will also create or retain more than **17,200 jobs**, train and educate over **51,000 students and workers**, and benefit the more than **25 million residents** in Appalachia's 420 counties.

### IMPACT ON DISTRESSED COUNTIES

In Appalachia, **81 counties** were considered economically distressed in fiscal year 2019. **270 projects** totaling **70%** of ARC investment dollars will have a direct impact on these counties.



## PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

### GRANTS

ARC awards grants to projects that address one or more of the five goals identified by ARC in its **2016–2020 Strategic Plan** and that can demonstrate measurable results. Typically, ARC project grants are awarded to state and local agencies and governmental entities (such as economic development authorities), local governing boards (such as county councils), and nonprofit organizations (such as schools and organizations that build low-cost housing).



### POWER INITIATIVE

**POWER (Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization)** is a congressionally funded initiative that makes federal resources available to help communities and regions that have been affected by job losses in coal mining, coal power plant operations, and coal-related supply chain industries due to the changing economics of America's energy production.

### APPALACHIAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTION

The **Appalachian Leadership Institute** is a comprehensive leadership and economic development training opportunity for people who live and/or work in Appalachia and are passionate about helping their communities thrive. Appalachian Leadership Institute Fellows will participate in an extensive training curriculum developed by the Appalachian Regional Commission in partnership with the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; The Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy; Tuskegee University; and Collective Impact.

### APPALACHIAN ENTREPRENEURSHIP ACADEMY

The **Appalachian Entrepreneurship Academy (AEA)** is a four-week, all expenses paid, immersive entrepreneurial experience for high school students. Founded by the Appalachian Regional Commission and made possible by the Institute for Educational Leadership, the Academy is a residential summer program for the next generation Appalachian innovators and entrepreneurs. The program focuses on building business planning, product development, and idea modeling skills. The program also offers paid work experience with businesses, startups, and other members of Appalachia's entrepreneurial ecosystem. Attendees are also offered a chance to win seed funding in a team based professional pitch competition.

### ARC/ORNL STEM PROGRAM

The ARC/ORNL Summer STEM Program is a residential, hands-on learning experience for Appalachia's **high school and middle school students**, as well as **high school teachers in STEM-related fields**. Hosted by Oak Ridge Associated Universities in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, this program is a gateway to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) in the Appalachian Region. **Many participants come from economically distressed counties and often gain their first exposure to applied science and STEM education through this experience.**

**All participants work with award-winning scientists at Oak Ridge National Laboratory**, one of the largest U.S. Department of Energy research facilities in the United States. High school and middle school students conduct guided group science, math, and computer science technology research projects, while high school teachers work with science practitioners to develop STEM-related curriculum.

### OPPORTUNITY ZONES IN APPALACHIA

The Opportunity Zone Initiative, approved by Congress and led by the President and his Administration, offers tax incentives designed to promote additional private investment in America's cities and towns. Opportunity Zones were created under the *2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act*.

As of July 2018, 737 census tracts have been designated as Qualified Opportunity Zones across Appalachia. These eligible tracts are home to over 2.8 million Appalachian residents. Indeed, 8.5 percent of the nation's eligible tracts and 8.1 percent of its eligible population are in the Appalachian Region. ARC's Federal Co-Chair serves on President Trump's White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council.

## ARC'S GOALS & DEMONSTRATED RESULTS

ARC invests in activities that address the five goals identified in the Commission's strategic plan:

### Goal 1: Economic Opportunities

Invest in entrepreneurial and business development strategies that strengthen Appalachia's economy.

**Results:** ARC has invested nearly \$33.7 million in entrepreneurial and business strategies to strengthen the economy in Appalachia.\*

### Goal 2: Ready Workforce

Increase the education, knowledge, skills, and health of residents to work and succeed in Appalachia.

**Results:** ARC has invested nearly \$42.3 million to increase the education, knowledge, skills, and health of Appalachian residents to work and succeed.\*

### Goal 3: Critical Infrastructure

Invest in critical infrastructure—especially broadband; transportation, including the Appalachian Development Highway System; and water/wastewater systems.

**Results:** ARC has invested over \$81.8 million in Appalachia's critical infrastructure development, including broadband, transportation, and water/wastewater systems.\*

### Goal 4: Natural and Cultural Assets

Strengthen Appalachia's community and economic development potential by leveraging the Region's natural and cultural heritage assets.

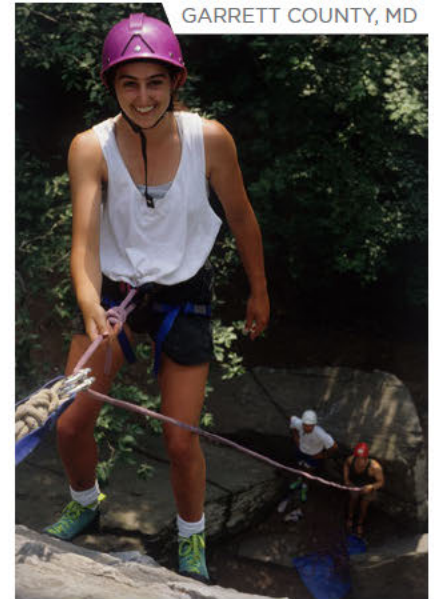
**Results:** ARC has invested almost \$4.6 million to leverage the economic potential of Appalachia's natural and cultural heritage.\*

### Goal 5: Leadership and Community Capacity

Build the capacity and skills of current and next-generation leaders and organizations to innovate, collaborate, and advance community and economic development.

**Results:** ARC has invested nearly \$14.4 million to build the capacity and skills of Appalachia's current and next-generation leaders and organizations to advance community and economic development.\*

*\*Results represent fiscal year 2019*



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WEST VIRGINIA EXPORT PROGRAM



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# ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW, SKILLS AND EXPERTISE

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is a regional economic development agency that represents a partnership of federal, state, and local governments. Established by an act of Congress in 1965, ARC is composed of the governors of the 13 Appalachian states and a federal co-chair, who is appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate. Local participation is provided through multi-county local development districts. ARC's mission is to innovate, partner, and invest to build community capacity and strengthen economic growth in Appalachia.

The Executive Director leads the administrative, programmatic, and fiscal management of ARC ensuring that the organization's structure, budget, and programs support the Commission's strategic investment plan as well as the Executive branch and States' initiatives for the Region. Working with the Federal and States partners, this position manages critical operations that provide development and growth opportunities for communities in the Region and seeks to support continuing development of industries and markets that will provide a self-sustaining economy.

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Salary: Per statute, cannot exceed the maximum SES rate, \$181,500

FLSA: Exempt

Public Trust Background Check Required

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## MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### Organizational setting

- This position is the top executive in the organization, supervising managers and staff at all levels. This position directs the work of the Commission staff and collaborates with the Federal Co-Chair and States on substantive decisions. As the executive manager of the agency, the incumbent makes final decisions and recommendations impacting major aspects of the ARC mission.

### Responsibilities to the Commission

- Reviews and makes recommendations to the Federal Co-Chairman and/or the full Commission on all plans, projects and funding requests submitted by the states. Negotiates compromises in areas where agreement is difficult to reach.
- Consults and advises the Commission on the development of policies and initiatives. Implements and enforces all Commission resolutions and policies. Leads the development of policy and program changes in response to changes in levels of appropriations or other legislated changes.

## MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, continued

- Communicates with the States and the Federal Co-Chairman and ensures the most relevant and current information is available to the Federal and States' offices.
- Serves as Secretary to the Commission, ensuring that Commission meetings are recorded and minutes maintained. Ensures maintenance of an official repository of Commission documents. Reports to the Commission at each meeting on the activities of the Commission and its Co-Chairmen's Committee. Prepares annual reports on ARC for submission to the President and the Governors of the member states.
- Performs special projects and other activities as requested or delegated by the Commission or the Co-Chairmen's Committee.
- Exercises discretionary authority to approve the allocation and distribution of funds in the organization's budget.
- Keeps abreast of new Executive orders, legislation, policies or other directives that impact the agency's business services and ensures appropriate and timely adjustments.
- Coordinates on Congressional activity as needed.
- Ensures meaningful opportunity for customer input and feedback and monitors evaluation results of all programs and significant initiatives undertaken by ARC.

### Economic and Community Development Program

- Directs a multi-faceted community/economic development program through senior managers, subject matter professionals, technical support staff, and others in areas such as grants management, program evaluation, research, facilitation, etc. Leads a management team to identify opportunities and resolve issues related to the operations of the agency.
- Establishes strategic goals and performance measures for implementation of policy, program management and service delivery aligned with the Commission's mission. Facilitates long-range planning that anticipates future needs and identifies future growth opportunities. Oversees the revision of long-range plans, goals and objectives, including the strategic investment plan, for the work directed.

- Oversees the overall planning, direction, and timely execution of all ARC programs, including development, assignment, and higher-level clearance of goals and objectives for supervisors or managers of subordinate organizational units or lower organizational levels.
- Represents the Commission at conferences, meetings, and other external facing events.

### Administrative

- Oversees and provides direction for the planning, development, coordination, implementation and evaluation of all efforts related to administrative functions of the organization including technology, communications, finance, human resources, and business services. Structures the internal organization of the Commission and assigns duties and functions to the staff consistent with strategic goals/plans, agency priorities, and exigencies of public service. Delegates authority to appropriate levels to maximize efficiency of operations.
- Ensures that policies, guidance, standards, strategies, services and resources are aligned with agency priorities and reflects an understanding of the impact on ARC components and the overall ARC mission, performance goals and resource constraints.
- Ensures that policies, guidance, and management practices are consistent with relevant laws, regulations, policies, mandates or guidance from Federal, State, and local regulatory bodies and others with relevant authority or oversight authority.
- Ensures the organization's information technology infrastructure is efficient, secure and responsive to client's needs.



*ARC Teaching Project*

## MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, continued

- Ensures the organization's communications strategy aligns with its goals and includes engaging, accurate and timely material shared through appropriate platforms.
- Exercises final authority for the full range of personnel actions and organization design proposals recommended by subordinate supervisors. Performs periodic assessments of staffing strategy, including adequacy or needs, training needs, succession planning readiness, employment practices, compensation, and management effectiveness in supporting and enforcing critical aspects of human resources management.
- Promotes principles of Equal Opportunity Employment, including pay parity.
- Skills in public speaking, writing and public relations.
- Integrity/Honesty
- Public Service Motivation
- Demonstrated experience and knowledge in applying laws, regulations, executive orders and other directives governing the agency program areas.
- Knowledge of the organization, mission, and functions of the Appalachian Regional Commission, and understanding of how component organizations, resources, information and processes within the agency influence and impact development and operation of mission-direct, administrative programs and business service delivery. Understanding of economic development in a regional context, preferably the 13 state Appalachian Region.
- Understanding of Appalachian history, culture, resources, and economics, especially in the context of community and economic development.
- Application of principles and practices of team building to create an environment that fosters partnership, innovation and continuous process improvement, and ability to use that knowledge to lead a multifaceted organization and to work with a diverse group of individuals, groups, partners, and stakeholders to achieve mutually agreeable and acceptable solutions to complex and potentially contentious issues with significant impact on agency operations.

## KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED BY THE POSITION

- Demonstrated executive level management experience in the public or private sector, which includes the ability to lead programmatic as well as human, financial, communications, and information technology resources strategically.
- Ability to effectively represent the Commission's needs at the highest levels of Federal, state and local governments.
- Creativity, versatility and experience in developing and implementing major policies and programs.
- Ability to function in a politically sensitive environment.
- Effective interpersonal skills including the ability to deal effectively with people from all walks of life, from elected officials at the Federal level to members and residents and officials of Appalachian communities.
- Understanding of the Federal budget and Congressional appropriation process.
- Ability to create an environment in which innovation and continual learning is encouraged.
- Commitment to staff development, affirmative action and cultural diversity.

## ARC COMPETENCIES

- **Leadership (people and strategy)**— ability to manage strategy through successful and timely achievement of goals; guide staff; link mission, vision, values, goals and strategies to outcomes; help others identify goals and use their talents to achieve them; model successful competencies; hold staff accountable to outcomes using positive, developmental and constructive feedback.
- **Adaptability**— ability to accept and apply changes to work processes, information, team; recovers quickly from setbacks and finds alternative ways to reach goals or targets; navigates change through positive communications and supportive actions; ability to adapt to the demands of the position.



## ARC COMPETENCIES, continued

- **Communication** — selects appropriate and effective way to communicate to audiences in diverse situations; listens actively and asks questions to understand other perspectives or confirm understanding; awareness of and responsive to verbal and non-verbal communication styles; provides status updates which reduce or eliminate the need for follow up from requester. Verbal and written communication skills sufficient to effectively communicate and collaborate with diverse groups and individuals.
- **Collaboration** — ability to interact and work effectively with others to accomplish goals despite differences, changes, roles or resources; treats others with respect, dignity, and professional courtesy; values the contributions of others through listening, sharing relevant information and considering new ideas; affirmatively shares lessons learned and relevant information.
- **Critical Analysis** — ability to identify, research, analyze, design, manage and communicate data and outcomes sufficiently to various audiences to accomplish work outcomes; develops, recommends, and/or implements innovative and effective approaches to solve problems.
- **Accountability** — makes best use of resources to accomplish work priorities; takes responsibility of balancing quality with deadlines; takes appropriate action(s) to fulfill commitments to others; owns, acknowledges and corrects mistakes; immediately communicates updates and changes to others.

### EXECUTIVE CORE QUALIFICATIONS (SES) REQUIRED:

- **ECQ 1—LEADING CHANGE:** Demonstrated ability to bring about strategic change, both within and outside the organization, to meet organizational goals. Ability to establish an organizational vision and to implement it in a continuously changing environment.  
**Leadership Competencies:** Creativity & Innovation, External Awareness, Flexibility, Resilience, Strategic Thinking, Vision
- **ECQ 2—LEADING PEOPLE:** Demonstrated ability to lead people toward meeting the organization's vision, mission, and goals. Ability to provide an inclusive workplace that fosters the development of others, facilitates cooperation and teamwork, and supports constructive resolution of conflicts.

**Leadership Competencies:** Conflict Management, Leveraging Diversity, Developing Others, Team Building

- **ECQ 3—RESULTS DRIVEN:** Ability to meet organizational goals and customer expectations. Ability to make decisions that produce high-quality results by applying technical knowledge, analyzing problems, and calculating risks.

**Leadership Competencies:** Accountability, Customer Service, Decisiveness, Entrepreneurship, Problem Solving, Technical Credibility

- **ECQ 4—BUSINESS ACUMEN:** Ability to manage human, financial, and information resources strategically.

**Leadership Competencies:** Financial Management, Human Capital Management, Technology Management

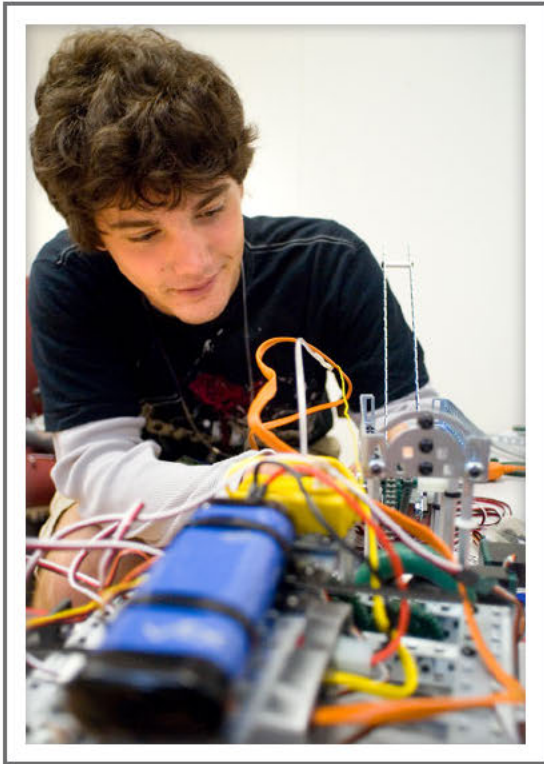
- **ECQ 5—BUILDING COALITIONS:** Ability to build coalitions internally and with other Federal agencies, State and local governments, nonprofit and private sector organizations, foreign governments, or international organizations to achieve common goals.

**Leadership Competencies:** Partnering, Political Savvy, Influencing/Negotiating

### WORK CONDITIONS

Typically, the employee sits comfortably to do the work. However, there may be some walking; standing; bending; carrying of light items, such as papers, books, or small parts; or driving an automobile. No special physical demands are required to perform the work. Physical accommodations may be available, as needed. The environment involves everyday risks or discomforts that require normal safety precautions typical of such places as offices, meeting and training rooms, libraries, residences, or commercial vehicles, e.g., use of safe work practices with office equipment, avoidance of trips and falls, observance of fire regulations and traffic signals. The work area is adequately lighted, heated, and ventilated. Frequent travel (up to 50%) within the thirteen-state Appalachian region is required.

*Valid Driver's License required.*



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## APPLICATIONS

Electronic applications should be sent to:

**David Smith, [dpsmith@hrsinc.com](mailto:dpsmith@hrsinc.com)**

*Please reference the subject line:  
ARC - Executive Director*

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

Close of Business (EST) Tuesday, March 31st.

### **The Appalachian Regional Commission Search Team:**

- **David P. Smith**  
President, HRS Inc.  
[dpsmith@hrsinc.com](mailto:dpsmith@hrsinc.com)
- **David N. Ginsburg**  
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### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:**

A special thanks to the ARC Communications Team for providing narrative and pictures for this document.

**From:** [Knox White](#)  
**To:** [bbrotherton@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:bbrotherton@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Greenville's daily Covid 19 numbers - please read before your meeting  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 7:55:03 PM

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Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Patty Mulherin [REDACTED]  
**Date:** June 10, 2020 at 9:19:48 AM EDT  
**To:** [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)  
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Then the free testing started.

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Thanks for such a thoughtful message.

We will try to address all of your excellent points.

(Part of problem is that hospitals don't communicate as well as they should ..... so not entirely media fault. That's my experience. )

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Sent to my contact at Bon Secours. I'd like their thoughts on how to address the skepticism.



**Beth Brotherton**

Director | Communications and Neighborhood Relations  
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**Subject:** Re: Covid concerns  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 8:09:53 PM  
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Your expression of concern is appreciated

Greenville is hardly alone in seeing people relax their vigilance. Unfortunately it's nationwide.

That said, we in the city are constantly renewing our efforts to remind. And we are visiting businesses on a daily basis to check and urge compliance with the social distancing rules. Many have signed the Greenville Pledge to meet the protocol. You can go online and see who has signed.

Our farmers market this weekend was operated at the highest level of care.

But there are plenty of people and businesses ignoring safety measures.

Keep speaking out to neighbors

Sent from my iPad

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I am very concerned about the rise in Covid cases in Greenville. My daughter, a rising senior at Wade Hampton has severe asthma. Just today, she found out a friend who was at the beach with other Wade Hampton and Greenville High students tested positive for the Covid infection. Unfortunately, some of the parents whose children were exposed to the carrier aren't taking it seriously and are going about their daily lives as they would in times before a pandemic. Furthermore, I've been to at least one restaurant where the food servers wore no masks, and in stores like Home Depot where the workers wore no masks. I'm a bit confused about the regulations here in Greenville, especially with the cases of the infection rising. Costco requires their patrons to wear masks, but most other stores do not nor do they require their employees to wear them. I don't understand this discrepancy and I look to you to tell us what should be done across the board. Is anyone checking on restaurants violating health codes? Why is no one wearing a mask to protect others when cases are going up? We need some leadership now and a way to make sure retailers are doing their part. I fear my daughter's health

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Polly Gaillard  
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Thank you kindly for your reply. I appreciate your concern and hope our fellow Greenvillians will realize that the pandemic is not over. I'm sure it's a challenging time to lead this city, and I thank you for your efforts.

Best Regards,  
Polly

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Hello

I saw in the Greenville News that the city is considering ways to encourage people to better practice the safe guidelines to slow the spread of COVID.

Remember the business adage, "you are what you measure"? It seems to me like Greenville needs to set a goal like, "20 by 24" (Down to 20 new cases by June 24) or "0 by 15" (zero new cases on one day before July 15). Or some other representative goal with a catchy slogan.

Publish our progress loudly every day. Blitz the media - news, twitter, FB, all of those feed with our daily new case count and a drive to reduce it.

Have a fun group that goes around giving out goodies for people wearing face masks and giving out fake, funny citations for those that are not. (They are doing something like that at Disney, I think).

Have people ride around on a bikes with a pool noodle measuring to be sure people are 6 feet apart and giving them stickers ("I've been noodled!")

I really believe that we could get these numbers down if we all try, but right now, there is just not much incentive to try and the results are not clearly visible. People are more likely to do what you want if you make the goal clear and achievable and you make the progress visible and fun.

It will be up to the city to do this. The hospitals are all about testing and the medical side of things. The city needs to handle the PR side of COVID - tackling it like a community issue as much as a health issue.

We could be a model for the whole country and could make progress to be proud of.

And, I could go back out to eat and to church again.

I'm happy to help however I can.

Margaret Love

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Hello,

First of all I want to thank you for all the leadership you and the committees have provided Greenville county during this unprecedented time. I am a registered nurse working for bon Secours and are proud of the work both hospital systems are doing to fight covid.

I am sure you have received thousands of letters by now regarding covid. I want to bring to your attention some concerns I have.

Youth Travel baseball is a still happening in the state. This concerns Me on so many levels. We have opening weekend this weekend. I'm concerned about how to social distance In the stands, and dug outs. One can not control who comes in and out and we are relying solely on individuals to be responsible and stay home if sick or exposed. Easley closed their fields to help prevent the spread of the virus. I was hoping that The rest of the state would follow suit.

If the MLB and college have Cancelled their season, why are we allowing exposure to our youth, and consequently all the families. This will not be helpful for flattening the curve, stopping the spread of virus or potentially overwhelming our local hospitals.

Thank you for all you and for your time.

Jocelyn RN

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Starr Largin](mailto:Starr.Largin)  
**To:** [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Subject:** SHI Vendor Offering Pandemic Assistance to South Carolina Municipalities  
**Date:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 2:31:26 PM  
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[Cybersavior Information For All Institutions.pdf](#)

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Mayor White,

NXTsoft offers South Carolina Municipalities different cybersecurity package options to assist them with preparation for Pandemic issues due to Covid 19. We are approved through SHI and we have various packages. I would like to discuss the different options with you. Please give me a call at (205) 541-2127. We have offices throughout the southeast.

Over the past couple of years hacking occurrences have grown but we have seen a large increase since Covid 19. **Since many government / municipalities are receiving funding for Pandemic / cybersecurity now is the perfect time to purchase solutions to help you get Cyber Ready For 2020.** Our solution covers all of your cybersecurity issues along with a Pandemic Kit.

We have developed a vCISO package to help institutions get prepared. Our vCISO package includes a warranty. ***We are confident enough in our solution to give our services away if a breach occurs while you are on our watch. vCISO clients will receive \$500,000 of NXTsoft Professional Services in the event of a breach.***

We offer a variety of packages to help meet your budget. Some of the features included in the vCISO packages are:

- 24/7 Access to a team of Chief Information Security Officers
- IT Security Dashboard
- IT security policy and procedure templates
- Annual Initial IT Risk Assessment with Plan of Action and Milestone timeline
- Disaster Recover Review
- Pandemic Kit
- Vendor SOC Review Reports
- Cybersecurity training / Phishing for your employees
- Vulnerability Scanning
- Endpoint Protection / Endpoint Management
- Penetration Testing
- Incident Response Plan templates with review process
- \$500,000 Warranty
- Monthly Client Communication including Executive Report Packages
- And Much More

With our vCISO solution you will gain an additional staff for a very low monthly fee (Pricing based on number of employees). Our team of experienced information and security professionals become a virtual part of your team and provide oversight and intelligence on all of your existing security components.

**In addition to the vCISO packages, you can purchase some of the items a la carte such as education, phishing, vulnerability scans, Cybersavior package, etc.** Since pricing is based on the size of the institution it is able to meet everyone's budget.

I look forward to hearing from you.



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# ThreatAdvice vCISO helps South Carolina Municipalities become **cyber ready** so you aren't a hacker's next victim.

## THREATADVICE vCISO PLATFORM

### Data Security Is Your Businesses' Biggest Threat & The One That Is The Hardest To Manage

The threat landscape has evolved significantly. Data and cybersecurity is one of the most prevalent concerns facing all businesses today and proper measures and protection are vital to ensure that your business does not suffer. Checking a box for compliance purposes could get you through an audit, but you could suffer mightily in the future if you don't understand what you are checking off!

### ThreatAdvice vCISO Reduces Your Security Burden

Rest easy with ThreatAdvice vCISO with the assurance that you have an overarching solution to oversee all of your data security needs. ThreatAdvice vCISO is NXTsoft's flagship software solution that provides oversight into all of your cybersecurity needs. If you have a cybersecurity issue, ThreatAdvice vCISO will alert you and advise as to what action you need to take, but more importantly ThreatAdvice vCISO ensures that the proper solutions and protocols are in place so that the likelihood of a cybersecurity event is significantly reduced. ThreatAdvice vCISO provides employee cybersecurity training and education, intelligence on potential cyber threats and a comprehensive cybersecurity monitoring solution delivered through our proprietary dashboard.

ThreatAdvice's vCISO Platform evaluates existing policies and procedures and help you update them to meet the new requirements. If your agency is missing any policies, we can provide customizable templates. ThreatAdvice will perform an initial IT Risk Assessment to determine your current status and any needed improvements. We will then develop a plan of action and milestones with a prioritized timeline for remediation.

Your vCISO dashboard allows you to communicate securely with your vCISO team, access completed reports and policies, view upcoming and completed tasks and more. All of your security information is warehoused in one place with oversight and interpretation from your dedicated vCISO team.



### vCISO Includes:

#### Main Features

- vCISO Dashboard
- SOC Review
- **Pandemic Kit**
- Policies & Procedures incl. Incident Response Plan
- Education & Awareness Training
- \$500,000 Warranty\*
- Scanning & Alerting
- Leaked Credentials (Dark Web Monitoring)
- Disaster Recovery Review
- Security Intelligence

#### Additional/ Available Options

- CISO Team Resources
- Compliance Management
- Penetration Test
- Endpoint Protection
- Endpoint Management
- Annual Security Risk Assessment





## vCISO IT Risk Assessment

### Organizational and Management Practices

- Confidentiality Agreements
- Security Program Governance
- Risk Assessments
- System Security
- System Certification
- Configuration Change Control
- Security Categorization
- Vulnerability Scanning

### Personnel practices

- Security Awareness
- Human Resources Security
- Position Categorization
- Personnel Separation
- Third Party or Contractor Security
- Personnel Screening

### Physical Security Practices

- Physical and Environmental Program
- Physical Access Monitoring
- Physical Access Control
- Environmental Controls
- Security Disposal of Equipment

### Data Security Practices

- Disaster Recovery Planning
- Information Back-up
- Monitoring
- Data Classification
- Access Controls
- Least Privilege
- Data Storage and Portable Media Protection

### Information Integrity Practices

- Identification and Authentication
- User Identification and Authentication
- Device Identification and Authentication
- System and Information Integrity
- Malicious Code Protection
- Intrusion Detection
- Security Alerts and Advisories
- Secure System Configuration
- Software and Information Integrity
- Information Input Accuracy, Completeness and Validity
- Flaw Remediation

### Software Integrity Practices

- System and Services Acquisition
- Software Usage Restrictions

### Personal Computer Security Practices

- Device Hardening
- Lock-Out for Inactive Computing Devices
- Data Storage

### Network Protection Practices

- Network Protection
- Boundary Protection
- Project and Secure Network Infrastructure
- Transmission Integrity and Confidentiality

### Incident Response Plan

- Incident Response
- Incident Reporting

# Detect, prioritize and neutralize cyber threats with 24/7 live security monitoring.

## THREATADVICE ENDPOINT PROTECTION & SIEM

### Monitor System Uses & Behavior. Detect Cyber Attacks Instantly. Automate Response & Remediation.

Think of this solution like an alarm system for your home. It will deter a cyber break in, alert you to suspicious cyber activity and help you to stop a cyber intrusion before it happens. In the event a cyber event does occur, ThreatAdvice Endpoint & SIEM can work to restore your systems to be fully operational. You can utilize this solution as a standalone or included with our ThreatAdvice vCISO solution for a truly comprehensive cybersecurity solution. Here's what's included:

#### On-demand security operations

We provide a 24/7 security operations center (SOC) and a team of cybersecurity engineers to help you with threat remediation, remote and on-site.

#### Always-on threat coverage

Our advanced technology help with the detection and remediation of all known and unknown (zero-day) threats leveraging the latest behavior-based technology, threat identification and remediation technology regardless of where your endpoints are deployed (office, home, hotel, coffee shop, etc.).

#### 24/7 SOC Services

Advanced security operations center, staffed 24/7 with experienced security analysts, means that you can be confident in your security, without relying on in-house security expertise. The ThreatAdvice SOC analyzes quarantined security alerts, reduces false positives and ensures comprehensive protection. Let us take care of cybersecurity while you focus on your business.

#### Response and Remediation

When malicious behavior is detected, ThreatAdvice Endpoint Protection will quickly rollback files to previous safe versions through tracking changes in your devices and restoring them to an acceptable risk state.



#### Next-Generation Endpoint Security

ThreatAdvice Endpoint Protection and SIEM utilizes SentinelOne for malware detection and remediation. Using multiple AI engines, providing complete visibility into all activity and even rolling back threats with a single agent.

#### Compliance

With continuous monitoring by our SIEM and 24/7 SOC of all of your information systems and network devices, you can easily prove compliance with multiple regulatory frameworks; FFIEC, HIPAA, NIST, etc.

#### SIEM Technology

Monitor key log files to identify and correlate events that could be malicious. ThreatAdvice is powered by EventTracker, an established SIEM platform. We've combined this innovative technology with our skilled and experienced cybersecurity experts to deliver a comprehensive solution for your business.



# Cybersecurity oversight now comes with a **\$500,000** guarantee.



## THREATADVICE vCISO Limited Warranty



### Peace of Mind That You Are Protected. As a vCISO Client, Your Warranty Covers...

**Network Security Insuring Clause** – financial damages that a 3rd party suffers because a client fails to prevent unauthorized access to computer systems, loss of PII, transmission of a computer virus or a denial of service attack.

**Privacy Insuring Clause** - financial damages that a 3rd party suffers because a client fails to prevent the theft of PII, complying with a privacy policy or complying with data breach laws.

**Privacy Notification Costs** – notification costs required by data breach laws or voluntary in nature and PR expenses arising from failing to protect PII.

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**PCI Insuring Clause** – fines, penalties and assessments incurred from card brands due to non-compliance with PCI arising from a data breach.

### Comprehensive Cybersecurity Oversight from NXTsoft Just Got Better!

All TA vCISO clients are eligible for our limited warranty program. This program will reimburse you up to \$500,000 for certain types of losses resulting from certain cyber incidents / breaches if incurred during the ThreatAdvice vCISO contract term.

Coverage may include payments or reimbursements for costs like forensics, breach coaching, notification, credit monitoring, data restoration, ransom demands, loss of business income, regulatory fines & penalties, PCI fines & penalties, and defense/payment of liability claims, up to a total limit \$500,000.00 per vCISO client.

Please visit [info.nxtsoft.com/tavcisowarranty](http://info.nxtsoft.com/tavcisowarranty) for the limitations and restrictions apply.



# ThreatAdvice Cybersavior reduces time spent on security so you can get back to business!

## THREATADVICE Cybersavior

### Cybersecurity Management Can Be Burdensome and Time-consuming, But it Doesn't Have To Be

Let's be honest, staying on top of your organization's cybersecurity is a time-consuming, burdensome process. There are so many different variables that need attention and those variables change everyday. How can you ensure that you are doing everything you need to stay secure when you and your staff may not even know what "that" is? Remember, when we thought compliance took too much time and effort? Well, compliance meet your new cousin cybersecurity. The sheer volume of assessments, reports and policies can be completely overwhelming.

### Here's How ThreatAdvice Cybersavior Reduces Your Security Burden

- **IT Security Policy Templates** – Developing and keeping policies updated is a time consuming job. ThreatAdvice Cybersavior provides you with updated IT Security Policy templates in a format so you can customize them to your institution.
- **IT Network Assessment with Full Detail Report** The ThreatAdvice Cybersavior IT Network Assessment is an initial scan of the network with a full detail report. The report scans for computers, devices and other network related items. The report gives us a detailed view of the domain, group policy, users, computers, ports and more.
- **Vendor SOC Report Review** - Reviewing a vendor SOC report can be very stressful without knowing what to look for. ThreatAdvice Cybersavior will review your vendor's SOC Report and provide a detailed report outlining any pertinent weaknesses or warnings. Every time you receive an updated vendor SOC Report submit it to us for review.
- **Cybersecurity Education / Phishing** - Educate your employees with our ongoing cybersecurity classes and test their expertise through quarterly phishing campaigns administered by the ThreatAdvice team.
- **Cybersecurity Website Content** – Institutions need to provide cybersecurity education not only for their employees and board, but also for their clients. ThreatAdvice Cybersavior provides cybersecurity tips / education for your website and printable posters.
- **Annual Cybersecurity Board Training** – Annual recorded cybersecurity training is provided for your board, with new cybersecurity training released every year.



**From:** [Lola Oduyeru](#)  
**To:** [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Subject:** New CAP Resources  
**Date:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:18:56 PM

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Good afternoon,

This week CAP has released a number of reports that we hope will be helpful resources as you continue to mitigate and fight back against the harms of the current health crisis. This work all centers around how recovery can and must protect workers, communities of color, and women.

### Worker Protections

This [brief](#) looks at the need to put in place measures to protect essential workers and steps that should be taken as states continue to reopen and relax social distancing orders. We hope these recommendations will be helpful to states and localities so they can put in the place the right public health measures, enforce worker safety, and ensure that the unemployed have access to assistance so that they aren't captive to unsafe employers. States specifically can take action to create "rebuttable presumption" in worker's compensation for those who contract an illness while on the job, and some states can effectively put in place an emergency worker safety standard, among other solutions.

### Coronavirus Racial Disparities

This [column](#) examines the racial disparities that have been worsened due to the pandemic. People of color have experienced increased economic hardship, heightened food insecurity, high rates of housing instability, and unequal access to mental health care. We hope these findings will be helpful to your office as you debate strategies to attack systemic racism that is present in all aspects of our society. Some of our key findings include:

- 63% of Hispanic of Latino and 54% of Black households report losing income since March 13<sup>th</sup>
- 45% of Black and Latino or Hispanic households reported having slight or no confidence that they would be able to pay their next month's rent on time
- 22% of all Black households and 27% of Black households with children report not having enough to eat during the previous week

### Women and Coronavirus Recovery

This [interactive tool](#) was recently updated to reflect what women and families need during coronavirus response and recovery. The tool includes over 100 bold ideas for women's rights. This week, we added 20 coronavirus-specific policies that address the needs of women, which include the following:

- Establish a system for automatic and long-term economic relief

- Stabilize child care
- Enforce anti-discrimination protections
- Expand access to contraceptives
- Collect robust, disaggregated data on the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic

Thank you,

Lola Oduyeru

Manager, State and Local Government Affairs

Center for American Progress and Center for American Progress Action Fund

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CAP coronavirus resources:

<https://www.americanprogress.org/tag/coronavirus/>



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**Subject:** Water parks  
**Date:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:40:19 PM

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I'll try to be succinct since I read you are getting a slew of emails. The briefing today stressed social distancing and the danger of group settings yet Greenville County water parks are about to reopen with no occupancy restrictions. Even with distance between lounge chairs and distancing within lines for lazy river and slides, there would be absolutely no way this would not be a huge group of crowded people (800 people) so does that not seem completely counterintuitive to the recommendations laid out today? Who's idea was this in the surge of the pandemic as that alone will be a breeding ground and have disastrous consequences?

Also, is anyone encouraging businesses to REQUIRE masks? I've seen where businesses are concerned that they aren't being worn frequently and I understand the governor is against state mandates, although seltbelts are mandated and required, but if all businesses or the majority of ones required mask wearing for patronage, this would solve a lot of issues and prevent a lot of cases. I understand businesses don't want to ruffle feathers and lose revenue but if this was done collectively, people would know its the expectation everywhere and it would become habit. Just a thought.

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**Subject:** COVID increase-Take Action!  
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Hello Mayor White and Elizabeth,

I hope this email find you well. Due to recent policies to reopen businesses without following the recommended phased process, Greenville has received an incredible amount of negative publicity to our city. We are amongst the highest ranked cities of increased cases (not a good list to be on). It's hard for our community to sit by idle while people in your position continue to humiliate and disgrace our city that WE have all worked hard to create.

Hospital occupancy is at 75% in Greenville and continues to grow. The infection rate we are seeing now is not only due to an increase in testing, but due to Memorial Day gatherings and a rush to "recover the economy." With the most recent protests in our area, I demand you speak to our community and reassure us that you have a game plan if infections continue to grow; which they are.

Please don't embarrassed us as Henry McMaster does.

Speak to our community and let's slow this spread again.

Thank you,

Andrew Kanarr



**From:** [teresa.harrison](mailto:teresa.harrison@greenvillesc.gov)  
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**Date:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 4:10:17 PM

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Mr. white thank you for the update by yourself and your panel as to the spike in cases of Covid 19.

My personal feeling is that Mask need to be mandatory. Less than 50% of people are wearing them and as we open up more businesses you see the number of people with masks drop. I think it is interesting that you and your panel are not wearing face masks and not using a microphone that would enable you to wear one. The National news Media reporters wear masks. We have to lead by example. I have not been out of my house without one. I am protecting other people, but that has not been reciprocated to any great degree. I only go grocery shopping except for an MRI for a rotator cuff tear, meeting with a surgeon from Prisma and have a surgery schedule for July 1 in Greenville. I am pondering the option of postponing that surgery, due to the increase of cases in Greenville, until a later date.

The Governor , yourself and your panel tell people to wear mask, social distance and wash hands. I feel the message is ignored and those of us that are vulnerable are at risk for Covid 19. If it were mandated with serious consequences for those who ignore the mandate and businesses that don't take adequate protective measures are closed, then we could feel like something is really happening to control this surge. We cannot wish or hope people will self regulate, at least that has not been happening up to this point, so what we do tomorrow will greatly effect how we look in two more weeks.

The strength in making a logical and moral decision that can save lives, seems the only one that is humane.

Thank you,

Teresa Harrison

**From:** [Roz Strapko](#)  
**To:** [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Subject:** Re: Follow up: Touchless Utility Tool offered by Sparks  
**Date:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 5:40:16 PM

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Dear Knox,

I hope this email finds you safe and well. I wanted to follow up on my previous email regarding Social Distancing/PPE products.

I know many cities and states have been faced with unprecedented challenges in the previous weeks. We are all in this together means more now than ever.

As states are beginning to open up after COVID 19, companies are faced with how to open safely to bring their employees back to work, not only making them feel safe, but keeping them safe through Social Distancing.

Below are links to our online store to view the products we offer. I will be happy to speak with you or your staff to answer any questions you may have on specific items, availability, customization, lead time and pricing.



SPARKS SAFETY INITIATIVE

Kind regards,

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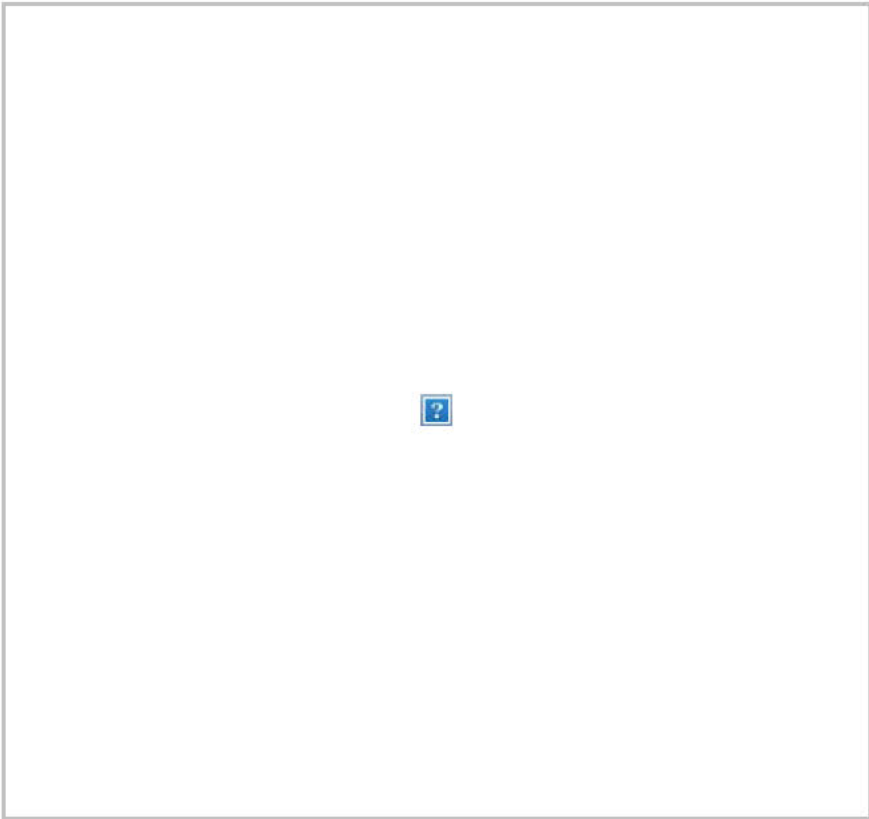


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On Thu, May 28, 2020 at 9:05 PM, Roz Strapko <[rozstrapko@wearesparks.com](mailto:rozstrapko@wearesparks.com)> wrote:

Good afternoon Knox,

I would like to follow up with you on my previous email and introduce you to a very essential tool that we offer at Sparks. Our Touchless Utility Tool has many benefits as we move forward with re-opening our Country. Social Distancing will continue as our new normal for a while, but we need to protect ourselves and our associates/customers/guests beyond Social Distancing.



- This tool is made of an Antimicrobial 260 brass alloy
- Reduces point-of-contact area by 99%
- Lightweight and durable
- Dimensions: 3.9"W x 1.7"H
- Multifunction: Open levers, pulls and sliding doors, push buttons, touchscreens, open beverages and more...
- One or two-sided engraving
- Attaches to keyring

Please feel free contact me with any questions you may have or visit our online store at <https://socialdistancingstore.wearesparks.com/>

Roz Strapko  
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Hi Mayor. I hope all is well.

Thank you again for signing the letter in support of the *Pandemic Response and Opportunity Through National Service Act*, a bill that, if passed, would have expanded AmeriCorps to help communities respond to and recover from COVID-19. LISC and Voices for National Service also appreciate your offer to reach out to Senators Graham and Scott about the legislation.

I wanted to let you know that while the bill was not included in the *Heroes Act*, we have learned from Voices for National Service that Senator Graham has signed on as a co-sponsor to a compromised version of the original bill, *Cultivating Opportunity and Response to the Pandemic by Service (CORPS) Act*. Attached is a summary and the text of the new legislation for your information. The measure would grow the number of participants from 75,000 to 150,000 in this the first year; provide opportunities for people to serve where they live; and help with the ever increasing issues around student debt by giving participants twice the level of the Pell Grant for doing a year of service.

Thanks for your continued support. Julie

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**From:** Knox White <[kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 7, 2020 8:07 PM  
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**Subject:** Re: Pandemic Response and Opportunity Through National Service Act

Yes. Yes and yes.

I'd also like to solicit co sponsorship from Lindsay and Tim.

Love to work with you on this!

Sent from my iPad

On May 7, 2020, at 4:57 PM, Julie Franklin <[JFranklin@lisc.org](mailto:JFranklin@lisc.org)> wrote:

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Hi Mayor. I hope you and yours are safe and well. I have an advocacy opportunity I'd like to share with you.

This week, a bipartisan group in the Senate and House introduced S. 3624 and H.R. 6702, the Pandemic Response and Opportunity Through National Service Act. This bill would expand AmeriCorps and Senior Corps to help with COVID-19 relief and recovery efforts.

**Voices for National Service, of which LISC is a member, and Cities of Service are coordinating a sign-on letter for mayors in support of the legislation, and we hope you will join. The deadline to add the mayor's name is Monday, May 11th at 5PM ET.**

As we respond and recover to this pandemic, we believe the country needs dedicated individuals, like AmeriCorps and Senior Corps members, that stand ready to tackle a wide range of projects: education support, workforce and reemployment services, public health, services that combat nutrition insecurity, and much more. S. 3624 and H.R. 6702 would expand the number of AmeriCorps positions, increase funding for the program, and improve the member benefits to ensure an individual's financial resources do not limit their participation.

S. 3624 and H.R. 6702 is a very flexible bill. It would allow communities to use national service members to address a wide range of local needs exacerbated by the pandemic. This is also an effective strategy to get young Americans doing meaningful work, building important skills, earning money for college and developing pathways to careers in the public sector.

You can find [more information about the bill here](#). The text of the letter is below and you can use this [webform to sign on](#).

If you have additional questions about the legislation, Amanda Hooper, Senior Director of Advocacy and Outreach at Voices for National Service would be happy to answer them. Amanda is reachable at [ahopper@cityyear.org](mailto:ahopper@cityyear.org) or 248-330-48409.

Thanks for your consideration. Best wishes, Julie

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### **Letter Text**

"Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader McCarthy:

As Mayors, we write to urge you to include The Pandemic Response and Opportunity Through National Service Act in the next COVID-19 relief package. The bill, introduced this week by Senators Coons and colleagues in the Senate and Representatives David Price (D-NC), Doris Matsui (D-CA), Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) and Tom Cole (R-OK) and others in the House, would provide a comprehensive, locally focused, national service strategy to help communities, including ours, respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

As our own cities and the country as a whole, contemplate the future, we know that the challenges to recovery – for our grieving families, shuttered schools and churches, and halted economy – are manifold. And as you know, the road to normalcy will require more than economic stimulus, even historic levels of it. We should call on Americans across the country to step up and contribute through service.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt created the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) to help America recover from the Great Depression. The 21st century version of the CCC, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps members, are already actively helping respond to the pandemic. They are serving at drive-thru testing sites, providing child care for health care workers, helping deliver food and life-saving medicines to our most vulnerable, supporting students struggling with distance learning, checking in on isolated seniors, and more. But we need their help in far greater numbers if we are to successfully recover from one of the greatest challenges our country has ever faced.

The Pandemic Response and Opportunity Through National Service Act expands AmeriCorps to 750,000 AmeriCorps positions over three years, and establishes a partnership with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to manage a quick deployment of AmeriCorps members to crisis areas. As we face the triple threat of a health, economic, and educational crisis, we should lean into the robust and

flexible national service infrastructure offered by AmeriCorps and Senior Corps to meet the acute needs mounting in our communities.

The Pandemic Response and Opportunity Through National Service Act would ensure AmeriCorps can provide surge capacity to support COVID contact tracing; job counseling, training and placement programs to get Americans back to work; hunger prevention programs to deliver meals to senior citizens or staff community and church food banks; and education programs to help our students make up for lost time in the classrooms. Investing in national service organizations will enhance communities' ability to address, respond, and recover from the far-reaching impacts of COVID-19. The bill is supported by more than one hundred organizations.

We urge you to include the Pandemic Response and Opportunity Through National Service Act in the next COVID relief package so we can tap the talent and energy of national service members to help our cities and the country respond to and recover from this pandemic.

Sincerely,  
Mayor's name, City, State"

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## **Section-by-Section Summary**

### **Cultivating Opportunity and Response to the Pandemic by Service (CORPS) Act**

#### **Section 1 – Short Title**

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#### **Section 2 – Findings**

Includes findings on the history of national service in times of crisis and data on the impact of the current crisis on the American people.

#### **Section 3 – Purposes**

The purposes of the act are to grow national service positions over three years to their current authorized level; ensure that participant allowances and educational awards are sufficient to provide economic and educational opportunities during the COVID-19 response and recovery period; stabilize the national service programs during this economic crisis; and support opportunities for all individuals to engage in service.

#### **Section 4 – Definitions**

Adds definitions to the National and Community Service Act of 1990 and the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 to include “COVID-19 Emergency Response Period”, “COVID-19 Public Health Emergency,” and “Public Land Corps.”

#### **Section 5 – Prioritizing Services**

Sets emergency priorities for national service programs for Fiscal Years 2020 through 2023. These would include activities directly related to the COVID-19 public health emergency, such as public health services, emergency logistics, implementation of CDC recommendations, economic opportunity services, education activities, conservation efforts, capacity building for nonprofits, and food and housing security. Priority for funding would be given to experienced grantees; projects that serve or engage opportunity youth, veterans, individuals with disabilities, Native Americans or other underserved populations, including those described in section 129(a)(1)(B) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; projects that prioritize national service members, Peace Corps volunteers, and Fulbright grantees whose service was interrupted due to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and projects that serve rural and underserved areas.

Directs CNCS to work with CDC to develop surge capacity public health projects through the NCCC.

#### **Section 6 – Strengthening Opportunity**

During the COVID-19 emergency response and recovery period, increases the living stipends for AmeriCorps VISTA and state and national AmeriCorps members to 175 percent of the federal poverty line, provided that such an increase does not result in a reduction of the overall number of members from the previous fiscal year.

During the COVID-19 response and recovery period, increases the education award to an amount equal to twice the maximum Pell grant.

Excludes living allowances and education awards from income tax.

### **Section 7 – Inviting Participation**

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Requires CNCS to establish an online platform with a gateway to connect National Senior Service Corps members to distance volunteer opportunities.

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Requires CNCS to report to Congress with an evaluation of the outreach and promotion campaign and a feasibility study of an expanded outreach campaign to notify targeted individuals between the ages of 17 and 30 about national service opportunities.

Provides for a minimum state grant of \$250,000 under the Volunteer Generation Fund.

### **Section 8 – Ensuring Agility**

Provides a waiver from the matching requirement during the COVID-19 response and recovery period.

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Allows for individuals to complete one additional term of service and receive educational benefits during the COVID-19 response and recovery period.

Increases the maximum per member allotment for grantees during the COVID-19 response and recovery period.

Allows for seasonal NCCC programs during the COVID-19 response and recovery period.

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### **Section 9 – Authorization of Appropriations**

Authorizes approximately \$19.5 billion to support service members and carry out the activities of the CORPS Act.

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Morning. What are you planning on doing about the virus in Greenville? I work downtown, I know we opened way too early and this is what happens when you put the economy before your citizens. Are you going to tell everyone to where masks? What are you going to do? Personally I do not think restaurants should be opened inside. Bad idea. Outside 6 to 8 feet away maybe. It will be a lot worse for you if you do nothing and let people die. Please at least consider the restaurants not serving inside and bars should not be opened at all. That's insanity.

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Thanks everyone. Let's go with 2:00-3:00pm on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Zoom info below. I'm also copying Erin Lonoff, our project manager at HR&A. Will let her send calendar invite that also includes her team. Looking forward to the discussion.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84152720349?pwd=TW1tSEhaMVZFYnd4ZEhUellhMzZkZz09>

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**To:** [Elizabeth Lapidus](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov); [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Subject:** Another day - COVID - Take Action.  
**Date:** Friday, June 12, 2020 2:51:25 PM

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Hello Mayor White and Elizabeth,

I hope this email find you well. Due to recent policies to reopen businesses without following the recommended phased process, Greenville has received an incredible amount of negative publicity to our city. We are amongst the highest ranked cities of increased cases (not a good list to be on). It's hard for our community to sit by idle while people in your position continue to humiliate and disgrace our city that WE have all worked hard to create.

Hospital occupancy is at 75% in Greenville and continues to grow. The infection rate we are seeing now is not only due to an increase in testing, but due to Memorial Day gatherings and a rush to "recover the economy." With the most recent protests in our area, I demand you speak to our community and reassure us that you have a game plan if infections continue to grow; which they are.

Please don't embarrassed us as Henry McMaster does.

Speak to our community and let's slow this spread again.

Thank you,

Andrew Kanarr  


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Today's Greenville News does a public service by documenting the non-transparency with which the County plans to decide how to spend the their \$91 million CRF allocation. Unfortunately but not surprisingly, Treasury did not impose any public hearing requirement. The administrative requirements they did impose are skeletal although they did issue guidance that says that county governments can distribute funds to municipalities within their borders to use for the same general purposes imposed by Treasury. They added, however, that there is no requirement to do so. The general revenue sharing model of four decades ago was well thought out over a two year legislative process that assured somewhat greater fairness of public impact, Obviously, that wasn't possible here. Nevertheless, it is interesting that when CARES funding is channeled through an existing program mechanism like CDBG and HOPWA, a City Council has to take action approving the underlying expenditures.

Lots of unrestricted cash + valuable real estate = playthings for County officials

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I just spent an hour on the telephone with an official from the City of San Diego, California. They are receiving \$248 M from the above mentioned federal program managed out of the Treasury Department. They were interested in getting my advice about how to manage it (i.e., under which federal rules, given the current seat of the pants activity at the federal level). In discussing how the distribution of the fund has occurred between the states and the largest local governments within the states, the distinction between incorporated and unincorporated entities was discussed. Knowing what I do about that subject in South Carolina local government, I looked up South Carolina's allocation and the \$91 M that the county is receiving under the same fund popped up. Greenville County is the only local jurisdiction in the state that is getting a direct allocation The reason is simple--the population of the county is over 500K, the threshold for a direct payment. The municipal population is included! This is the same way that the General Revenue Sharing program enacted during the Nixon Administration and implemented from 1972-1986 worked.

In 1976, while working for the Appalachian Council of Governments, I was asked by the "Ad Hoc Committee on Tax Inequities" chaired by Max Heller and populated with some County Council members to prepare a detailed report on the allocation of federal and state shared revenue. My involvement arose from my experience in Washington with the General Revenue Sharing Program. My report showed that the county was getting plenty that it was not sharing with the municipalities or that it was not using to serve their citizens. Since dues to the COG were paid by the County, preparing the report had a certain amount of political risk associated with it but it felt good to be viewed as an honest broker. I believe that the exercise put the City of Greenville as close as it could come to effectively addressing the subject but they never took it over the finish line. I went back to Washington in late 1977 but was later invited back to the state by the SC Municipal Association in order to testify about all that before a committee of the General Assembly.

I have a tough time digesting the idea that Herman Kirven and Joe Kernell are getting to decide how to use this largely unrestricted pot of money. What about you? A lot of the arguments raised in 1976 would

be valid today. What goes around comes around...

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Thanks, Mike

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In spite of the fact that the City has no power to put in measures to control the spike of COVID, given the spectacular spike in Greenville, is there any way to push the Governor to take some action?



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**Date:** Saturday, June 13, 2020 11:52:49 AM

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I appreciate your note.

Our downtown has indeed been the site of many protests etc.

The same is true for nearly every neighboring city in S.C. and N.C. - and throughout the country. I'm not sure if any place is an exception.

What is an exception, however, is that our events have been peaceful - not so much as a window broken in downtown Greenville.

And we quickly returned to normal streets and restaurants filled with people.

Our far bigger disruption has been the Coronavirus.

Once you feel comfortable getting out, you'll find the same walkable and beautiful place.

Thank you

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> Honorable Mayor White,

> Thank you for your long public service.

> My wife and I grew up in Greenville in the 50's and have seem wonderful changes.

> As retired senior citizens we used to enjoy going downtown to restaurants, theaters, shop and just enjoy a walk with our retired friends.

> Unfortunately, we all are frightened to go downtown for fear of being hurt or lack of police protection anymore based on recent events and actions.

> We have chosen to do these activities that are safe in Greenville County or elsewhere.

> Just wanted to provide input for how many seniors feel today. We understand we may longer be seen of value to city of Greenville. It is just part of the life cycle.

> Thanks,

> Steve Burry

**From:** [Knox White](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Re: Address to the community regarding Spike in cases of COVID 19  
**Date:** Saturday, June 13, 2020 12:11:40 PM

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Thank you for watching the press conference. We are trying to convey serious news and facts and break through the distractions. You understand, but so many do not.

Who wears a mask while speaking is not nearly as important as the work and effort that goes into these sessions and the close teamwork we have developed with the hospitals and DHEC.

We do need to see more people wearing mask, especially in retail stores and restaurants. So far, around the country, requirements have been nearly impossible to enforce. Ultimately it has to be education and persuasion. That said, we can push businesses themselves to do more.

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> Mr. white thank you for the update by yourself and your panel as to the spike in cases of Covid 19.

> My personal feeling is that Mask need to be mandatory. Less than 50% of people are wearing them and as we open up more businesses you see the number of people with masks drop. I think it is interesting that you and your panel are not wearing face masks and not using a microphone that would enable you to wear one. The National news Media reporters wear masks. We have to lead by example. I have not been out of my house without one. I am protecting other people, but that has not been reciprocated to any great degree. I only go grocery shopping except for an MRI for a rotator cuff tear, meeting with a surgeon from Prisma and have a surgery schedule for July 1 in Greenville. I am pondering the option of postponing that surgery, due to the increase of cases in Greenville, until a later date.

> The Governor, yourself and your panel tell people to wear mask, social distance and wash hands. I feel the message is ignored and those of us that are vulnerable are at risk for Covid 19. If it were mandated with serious consequences for those who ignore the mandate and businesses that don't take adequate protective measures are closed, then we could feel like something is really happening to control this surge. We cannot wish or hope people will self regulate, at least that has not been happening up to this point, so what we do tomorrow will greatly effect how we look in two more weeks.

> The strength in making a logical and moral decision that can save lives, seems the only one that is humane.

> Thank you,

> Teresa Harrison



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**Bcc:** [Elizabeth Lapidus](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Water parks  
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Thanks so much for responding during this busy time and for doing everything you can to inform and protect your constituents. It is not going unnoticed. I know there is not a clear path through this and no right answers but it is good to hear that there are conversations happening behind the scenes to hopefully provide better solutions to this surge and future ones.

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Hello -

I am a citizen in Greenville, SC. I live in downtown (█ Griffin Street). I am a Professor at Clemson - I study marketing and communications. Very few people seem to be taking the emergency orders seriously here. Half the restaurants I walk past, employees aren't wearing any masks. Very few to no clientele in restaurants and stores are wearing masks. There is very little social distancing as well. Grocery stores have 1/3 of people wearing masks at best. Lots of people gathering. Home stores supposedly have no one wearing masks. It's all very concerning.

I strongly feel that it's all going to get a lot worse if a stronger message isn't sent from leadership. McMaster's order on Friday declared a state of emergency, but news is also covering how restrictions have only loosened. I think this will be very confusing to people.

It would be great if you could help send Greenville a stronger message about masks and social distancing before its too late.

I'm so scared and upset about the increase in cases. I'd be happy to talk with your or one of your staff members to help brainstorm messaging, framing, and communication if helpful. Please call any time: █.

Thank you for helping us stay safe-

Anastasia

**From:** [Tori Skelton](#)  
**To:** [Knox White](#); [elapidus@greenville.gov](mailto:elapidus@greenville.gov)  
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Hello,

My name is Tori Skelton, resident of Greenville City, Assistant Store Manager at lululemon in downtown Greenville and wife to a member of the hispanic community here in Greenville which is increasingly the most affected population by COVID-19.

After viewing the news briefing held on June 11th in partnership with Prisma Health, Bon Secours and Hispanic Alliance I would like to voice my concerns.

As a business operator within an international corporation which sets its own health and safety guidelines (and has its own epidemiologist on staff) I am extremely disappointed and concerned with the COVID-19 response and measures taken here in Greenville to keep our community safe. I have full access to the entire South East's mandates from city to city and have compared our local and state governments to other states and am continually disappointed and frustrated that more health and safety mandates have not been put into place. This includes, mandatory masks worn by EVERY member of the community when out in public, plexiglass installed at cash wraps in all businesses, capacity and social distancing LAWS (not suggestions or pleas) enacted and enforced.

At lululemon we are operating at 20% capacity currently (6 guests at a time max). To ensure capacity is enforced a member of our staff acts as a "bouncer" if you will, and during my time working the door I have heard the following comments made to me by members of our community repeatedly....

"Why are you wearing a mask, you know this is all fake right?"

"I can't stay inside my house any longer, we've all had enough."

"Ugh, why is your capacity so low? No where else I've shopped or eaten at today is doing this."

And lastly, I can't tell you the amount of trouble we face as business operators to constantly BEG our guests to stay 6ft away from us and each other while in the store. We have tape, signage everywhere and members of our team solely on staff to remind people to social distance and people in our community still refuse. It is such a problem that we have gotten senior leadership within our company involved and are considering lowering our capacity even further because our community takes 0 personal responsibility in abiding by public health recommendations made by DHEC and CDC. Lowering our capacity even further simply because people in our community think this is a made up virus by Democrats (to be blunt) hurts our business and means that we will need to lay off staff due to not hitting the sales targets we need to keep people employed. We also have members of our staff who are high risk and do not feel comfortable coming in to work, not because we, as their employer, aren't taking enough precaution, but rather because the guests we see are so selfish and

careless.

Next, working downtown also means I get a first hand view daily at how poorly other restaurants and retail spaces are abiding by health and safety guidelines. Jianna (right above us) closed yesterday due to their staff members testing positive. None of their front of house staff wore masks and there were many days I saw the dining room and patio PACKED out. Not safe, not smart and ultimately hurts more financially to close indefinitely due to COVID financially if the economy is our only main concern here. I also have seen many friends and neighbors post photos on social media in night clubs and bars such as Abanico, Rey's, Sharky's and City Tavern where it is PACKED out, no staff is wearing face masks and no guests are attempting to make any effort to distance themselves from others.

I also am incredibly disappointed in GVL PD's help with this issue. Wanting to support local and knowing that the virus is not transmitted through food the other night my husband and I ordered takeout from Taccozzini on Augusta Road. When arriving to pick up curbside the restaurant was so packed that there were no parking spaces available and people were spilling out into the parking lot in mass groups all close to together as if it was a block party. When I entered, again no front of house staff were wearing masks and I saw no tape on the ground or staff trying to break a part the large groups of families and friends all dining there. Incredibly frustrated, I called GVL PD's non emergency hotline to inform them that Taccozzini was in no way shape or form abiding by COVID-19 restrictions that I assumed was law to be able to reopen. I was told by the dispatcher that social distancing was not a law and that the police could not do anything about it. With all due respect, Mayor White, how that came across is that GVL PD did not want to go and ruffle feathers in one of the richest neighborhoods in our city which is unacceptable. Public Health and Safety should not be made into a political matter, we are in the thick of a global pandemic, the first in a century and our death toll in this nation is the highest out of any other country....if staying 6ft away from one another and wearing a mask in public isn't law by now then we are failing miserably and deserve all of the negative impact by not mandating it.

Finally, with my husband being a member of the Hispanic community I also get a unique look into the Latino attitude and response to COVID-19. If the data doesn't say it enough....it isn't good at all. Major Latino media outlets are reporting that the novel Coronavirus is just like a cold and that as long as you eat well and don't have any major underlying health risks, you will be okay; which we know is dramatically downplaying the reality we face when fighting and preventing COVID-19. Myself and my husband do the best we can in educating our family on best practices but they simply refuse, more money and resources need to be put into supporting the Hispanic Alliance outreach efforts to protect this sector of our community. This is imperative because the Latino community is for the most part all essential workers, they (including my husband) are the ones who construct all of our pretty downtown buildings, clean our homes, pick our produce, nanny and care for our children while we work and work in manufacturing....if this population continues to get sick and in some cases, die, we will see the economic impact of that.

I ask that you please consider making masks mandatory in public and encourage more partnership with GVL PD in enforcing social distancing as well as more prominent and frequent messaging to our community. Many other cities and states hear from their government on a much more frequent basis and it does seem to aid in keeping the community on high alert. Thus far, not only am I incredibly disappointed in how the United States of America has handled the pandemic but I am incredibly disappointed in how Gov. McMaster

and Greenville County and City officials have responded as well. The focus needs to not be so heavily on the economy and red lines at the bottom of a Profit and Loss statement; but rather on the incredible number of people who have lost loved ones to this virus and what responsibility you, Mayor White, (along with other elected officials), take in those deaths by the laws and regulations (or lack thereof) you put into place to help slow the spread.

Thank you for your time and attention to this email, should yourself or anyone else care to further the conversation with me feel free to email me or reach me by phone, 864-643-7777.

Have a blessed week.

Kind Regards,  
Tori Skelton

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## **Why a small town in Washington is printing its own currency during the pandemic**

*In a bid to lessen the blow of COVID-19, the town of Tenino has started issuing its own wooden dollars that can only be spent at local businesses. Will it work?*

**BY MICHAEL WATERS**

Wayne Fournier was sitting in a town meeting when he had his big idea.

As the mayor of Tenino, Washington (population: 1,884), he'd watched the pandemic rake local businesses. Residents couldn't afford groceries. Long lines snaked outside the local food bank. For more than a month, the downtown area looked almost abandoned.

To bring back the economy, Fournier needed to act. "We were talking about grants for business, microloans, trying to team up with a bunch of different banks," he tells *The Hustle*. "The big concern was, 'How do we directly help families and individuals?'"

And then it hit him: "Why not start our own currency?"

The plan came together fast. Fournier decided that Tenino would set aside \$10k to give out to low-income residents hurt by the pandemic. But instead of using federal dollars, he'd print the money on thin sheets of wood designed exclusively for use in Tenino. His mint? A 130-year-old newspaper printer from a local museum.

Fournier's central idea is pulled straight from Tenino's own history. During the Great Depression, the city printed sets of wooden dollars using that exact same 1890 newspaper printer. Within a year, the wooden currency had helped bring the economy back from the dead.

By reinstating the old currency now, Fournier has accidentally become part of a much bigger movement. With businesses worried about keeping the lights on and people scrambling to find spending money, communities have struggled to keep their local economies afloat.

So they've revived an old strategy: When in doubt, print your own money.

Today, these so-called "local currencies" might help small communities recover from the economic fallout of COVID-19.

### **Tenino's big bet**

Fournier isn't your cookie-cutter politician. A firefighter since the age of 18, he first gained local notoriety for a series of Banksy-style guerilla art projects that took a jab at local leaders.

Soon after he revealed himself, he won a spot on the city council; four years later, in 2016, he became Tenino's mayor.



*Wayne Fournier, mayor of Tenino, Washington (courtesy of Wayne Fournier)*

To hear Fournier tell it, until COVID-19, the community had been on the upswing.

Fournier was working on **plans** to create 150+ new agricultural jobs. But Tenino's businesses — which are locally owned and run on small margins — weren't built to weather a lockdown.

"There's a lot of them that have already said they're not going to reopen," says Fournier, "[and] the ones that have been hanging on are going to need a boost."

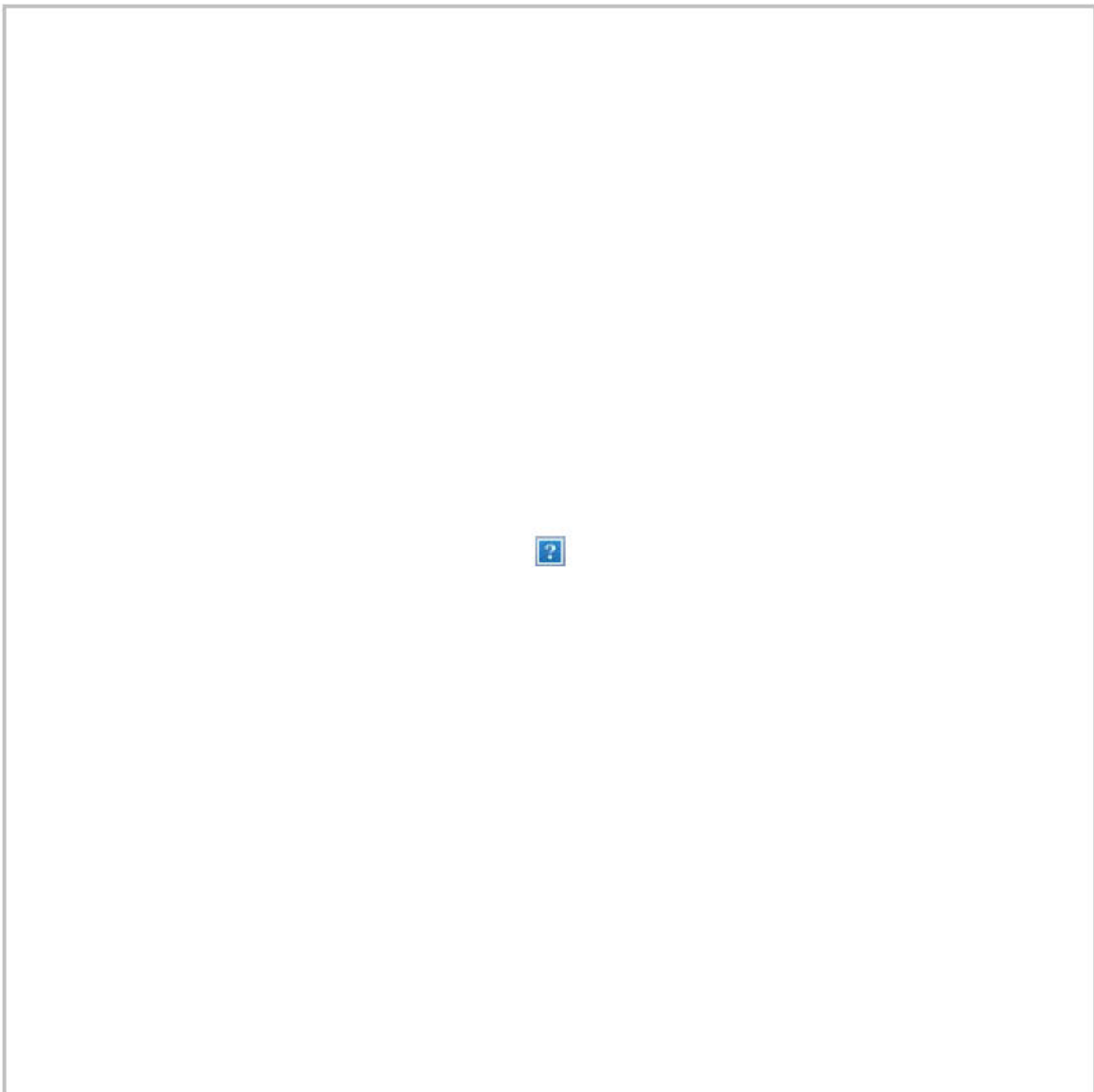
The city is also poorer than the rest of Washington state. "We have a higher rate of kids in our school district that receive free and reduced lunch," says Fournier. "There's a higher rate of folks who are in poverty."

Fournier's local currency program works like this: Residents below the poverty line can apply to receive money from the \$10k fund that Tenino has set aside. Fournier says

they also have to prove that the pandemic has impacted them, but “we’re pretty open to what that means.”

Once they’re approved, they can pick up their stipends, printed in wooden notes worth \$25 each. The city is capping the amount each resident can accrue at 12 wooden notes — or \$300 — per month. According to Fournier, each note features a Latin inscription that means, basically, ‘We’ve got this handled.’

The spending comes with a few restrictions: Residents can’t use the money to buy cigarettes, lottery tickets, or alcohol. The currency is designed for the essentials, including food, gas, and daycare. Almost every business in town accepts the wooden notes, and twice a month, they can submit **redemption requests** to the city to turn the notes into cash.



*Tenino's wooden currency (courtesy of Wayne Fournier)*

But why print the money on wood? Why not just give residents \$300 worth of federal

dollars?

The answer is simple: By creating its own local currency, Tenino keeps the money in the community. As Fournier puts it, “Amazon will not be accepting wooden dollars.”

“The money stays in the city. It doesn’t go out to Walmart and Costco and all those places,” says Joyce Worrell, who has run the antique shop Iron Works Boutiques for the past decade. Worrell sells clothes, jewelry, and — in an outdoor garden that adjoins her shop — an assortment of furniture. These days, she’s added masks and disinfectants.

Closing down business these last few months, Worrell says, was “a catastrophe for a lot of us.” But she has rallied around the wooden currency as a way to revitalize the local economy — after all, it worked for the city once before. The currency hasn’t woven its way into her store yet, but she’s expecting it soon.

“A lot of the people in our city work for places that hire low-wage help, part-time help, so they’ve been out of work this whole time,” Worrell says. “This shows that we’re doing something as a community to really step in and help.”

### **The origins of the ‘wood standard’**

In Tenino, wooden currency goes way back.

Originally home to the [Nisqually tribe](#), outside settlers first arrived in Tenino in [1851](#), when a gold rusher from Maine established a farm alongside the nearby Scatter Creek. In 1872, the Northern Pacific Railroad added a new station in Tenino, and for a time, the city was the northernmost stop on the West Coast.

By the mid-1900s, the world knew Tenino for three things: its lumber business, its quarries, and its wooden currency.



*Top: A logging construction crew in the woods around Tenino, Washington (Photo via University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections): Bottom: Open land around Tenino today (courtesy of Wayne Fournier)*

The legend of the wooden currency started in December 1931, when Tenino's only bank closed shop. The Great Depression was ripping through the country and countless townspeople lost their savings. Most had to stretch the little money they had to pay for groceries, rent, and other essentials.

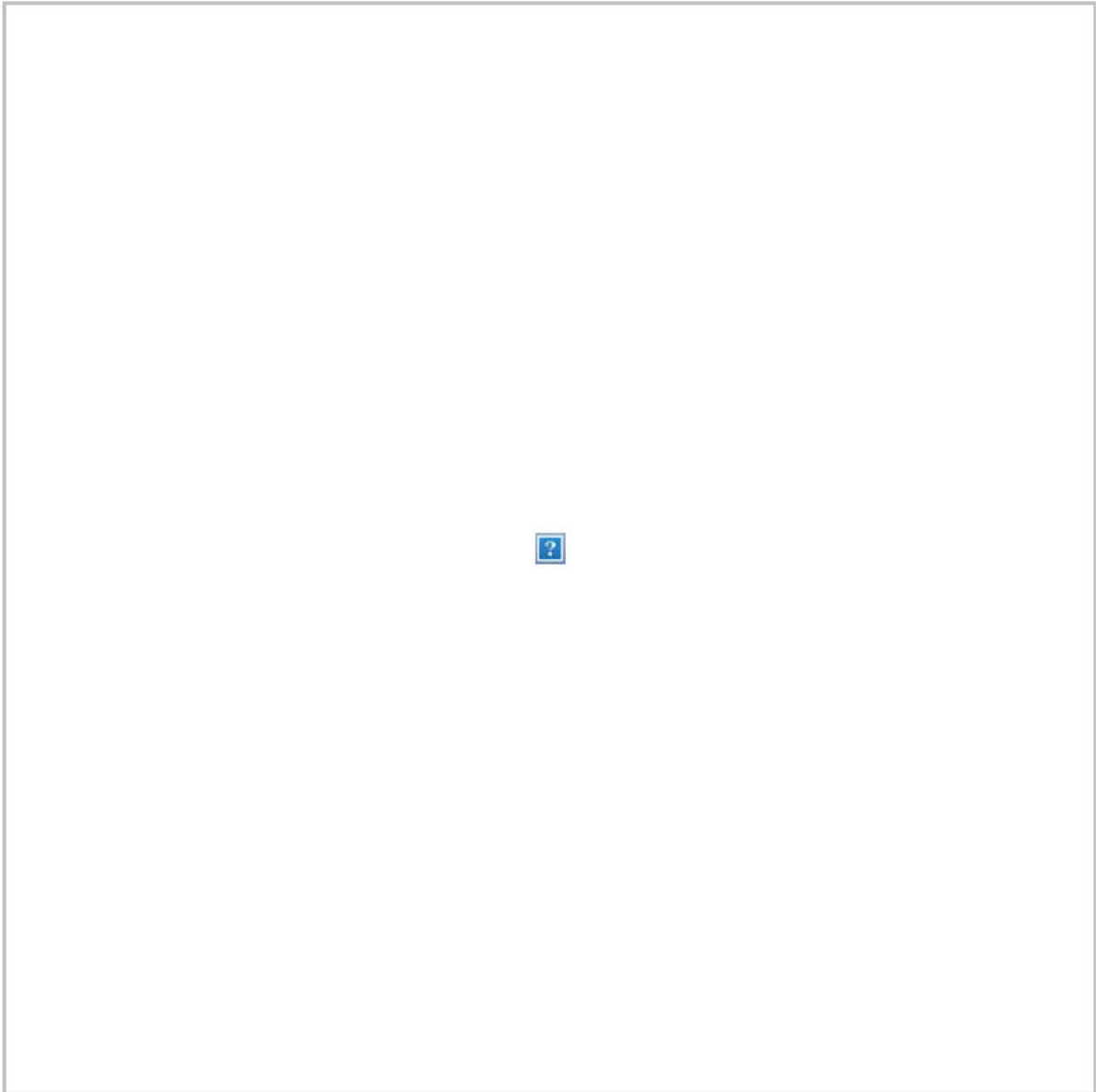
A local newspaper publisher named Don Major pitched a solution: With the bank gone, Tenino could invent its own currency. The officials agreed, and Major printed a series of notes — 25 cents, \$1, \$5, \$10 — on rolled Sitka spruce. He and two local doctors agreed to back all of the currency themselves. By January 1933, the town had printed \$6.5k worth of wooden money.

Tenino wasn't alone in this experiment. During the Great Depression, local currencies saw a golden age. Hundreds of municipalities, business associations, and worker co-

ops started issuing **scrips**. One estimate suggests as much as \$1B worth of scrip circulated in the US in the 1930s.

Cash-strapped businesses soon relied on local currencies to pay their employee salaries. One exemplary story **came from** the publisher of the *Springfield Union* in Massachusetts, who started paying employees in his own scrip in the 1930s.

The idea: Employees could spend that scrip at businesses that advertised in the newspaper who sent it back to the *Union* in exchange for ad space, closing the economic loop.



*Tenino resident Kathryn Moses poses with wooden currency in 1932 (World Wide Photo / Los Angeles Times; 1932)*

Tenino's currency, in particular, captured the zeitgeist. News of the wooden currency spread first across the country, then the world.

Banks in Chicago started accepting Tenino's wooden money. Washington Senator C.C. Dill bragged about it to Congress. The *Los Angeles Times* **declared**, "Money Now Grows on Trees." Tourists from as far as India came to Tenino to grab a piece of their own wooden currency. Demand grew so high that collectors started paying **\$2.50** for a single wooden quarter — a 10x markup.

As Fournier puts it, "It went 1930s viral."

On January 1, 1933, when businesses in Tenino stopped accepting the wooden currency, US newspapers **proclaimed** that the town had gone "off the wood and back to the gold standard."

### **Can local currencies really save the economy?**

Take a look around the globe, and you'll find local currencies everywhere. Amid the economic fallout from COVID-19, small-town leaders have struck on the same idea as Fournier:

- The town of Castellino del Biferno, Italy — population 550 — **started printing** a local paper currency nicknamed the "**Ducati**" in late April to stimulate commerce.
- Mexico's Santa María Jajalpa **sent out** about \$2k worth of a local currency, called **jajalpesos**, to help poor residents buy vegetables, chicken, and tortillas locally.
- The Brazilian city of Maricá is making extra money off of a digital local currency **known as** the **mumbuca**. Mumbucas are so omnipresent — even city officials receive their salaries in mumbucas — that businesses pay the local government a 2% fee to accept them. That money is funneled into no-interest loans that are offered out to members of the community.

In the US, the local currency movement is more fractured. Plenty of currencies — like **Ithaca HOURS** (Ithaca, New York) or **Bay Bucks** (Traverse City, Michigan) — made a splash for a decade or so before petering out.





*Local currencies from around the world (via Schumacher Center)*

One of the most successful ongoing experiments is called BerkShares, a paper currency founded in 2006 through the nonprofit Schumacher Center for New Economics. Over 400 businesses in Great Barrington, Massachusetts accept BerkShares, and the money is backed through a network of community banks.

Susan Witt, who heads the Schumacher Center, says that this current economic collapse has only highlighted the value of a currency like BerkShares.

Her organization has received a number of requests from municipalities across the country hoping to set up their own currency systems on the BerkShares model; two of them are considering possible next steps.

“It is a very grim time for small businesses. Many won’t survive,” says Witt. “A currency, managed locally, is an elegant tool to address local needs.”

But can local currencies really boost a local economy? The past holds a few clues.

Take the Austrian town of Wörgl, which **launched** its own schilling in 1932. To keep residents spending, Wörgl appended a 1% monthly fine when residents held onto the notes. By 1933, each Wörgl schilling had circulated 463 times — more than double the circulation rate of Austria's national currency. Wörgl's unemployment dropped by 25%, even while unemployment continued to balloon throughout the rest of the country.

Anecdotes like this point to the potential of community currencies — but teasing out a definitive relationship between community currencies and economic resilience is complicated, according to Marek Hudon, a professor of economics at the Free University of Brussels (Belgium).

“There are many shops saying that they have new clients thanks to community currency,” Hudon says, but “it’s extremely difficult to make a causal relationship to this local currency and a real macro-economic impact.”

Hudon co-authored a **2015 review** of community currency research and found that about half of “community currencies” (an umbrella term that includes local currencies like BerkShares or Tenino’s wooden dollars) had no measurable macro-economic impact.

But the study also found that in a subset of cases, local currencies could “act as cushions against external economic shocks.” And while their impact may not be widely felt, local currencies are “significant for a small but substantial part of the population”: the economically marginalized.



*Joyce Worrell, who runs a small antique shop in Tenino, is one of many small business owners in the town who say they will accept local currency (courtesy of Joyce Worrell)*

Francis Ayley, the creator of Life Dollars in Washington state, told *The Hustle* about a struggling Bellingham woman he knew who borrowed roughly \$9k worth of Life Dollars. After 2 years, backed by credit from the community, the woman landed on her feet and started paying back her commitment.

“If she’d gone to the bank and said, ‘Can you lend me \$10k for the next 2 years?’ they would have laughed and said, ‘Of course not,’” says Ayley.

Tenino’s wooden dollars are different from many local currencies in that it is temporary: The money will lose its value soon after the town declares an end to its COVID-19 state of emergency.

While the Tenino project might be less ambitious than some of its counterparts, that doesn’t mean its benefits won’t be felt. Fournier says he’s approved at least half a

dozen applications for the wooden currency so far and has another dozen to review.

It's too soon to know exactly what the project will bring. But on a recent Thursday, Fournier sounded optimistic. The money has started trickling into local stores, and many businesses are posting photos of the currency to Facebook.

The project has driven enough local excitement that the Tenino Chamber of Commerce is interested in making the wooden dollars a permanent fixture of Tenino — even after the pandemic passes.

“We'll run out this program,” Fournier says, “and then we'll look into having our own city currency.”

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Hello All,

As we typically hold our Advisory Board dinner in June, I wanted to reach out with an update on GAPS during this crazy time!

We are not going to schedule a dinner at this time, but hope to be able to get together as a group in September.

For now, below is an email update we have been sharing about how GAPS has been engaged with our mission during COVID.

Our main focus has been personally reaching out to our 1500 members with phone calls to check on their well-being.

We also transitioned all of our programs to a virtual experience! Our members have been engaging in support groups, exercise classes, educational seminars, and one-on-one mentoring throughout this season of quarantine.

Now, as much as ever, GAPS continues to need your support in the following ways.

- Share our website with our contacts to engage more people who need our services  
[www.gapsonline.org](http://www.gapsonline.org)
- Find us on all of the social media platforms listed below and engage and share our posts on your pages
- Support our Fundraising efforts
  - Strike Out Parkinson's Day was RESCHEDULED for September 5<sup>th</sup>. Please join our efforts to raise funds through creating a team, sharing the link with your connections, or donating to the GAPS house team
  - Water Cooler Classic is currently schedule for November 5<sup>th</sup> and we are already in full swing to engage new businesses with this event.
- We are working hard to make connections in the underserved communities that do not have access to education about PD. If you have connections in the Hispanic or African American communities that you can introduce me to, that would be great.
- Finally, as always, if you have suggestions, insights, or proposals from within your personal areas of expertise, I am always grateful for the input.

I hope that all of you and your families are staying safe and healthy. I look forward to getting together with you in person.

Please see the email below that we have been sharing to outline all that GAPS is doing to remain mission focused!

## Laryn Weaver

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## IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING COVID-19

Dear GAPS Supporters,

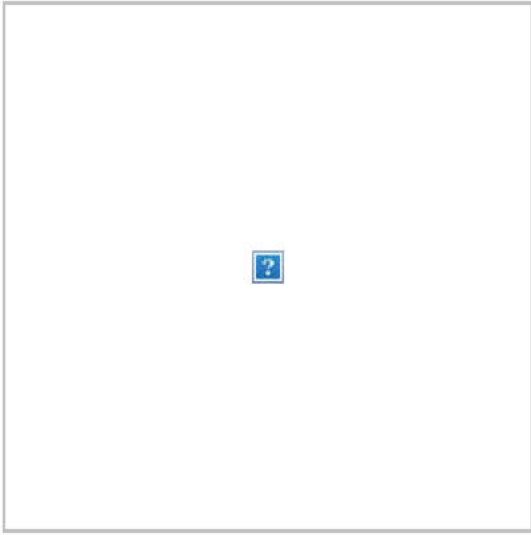
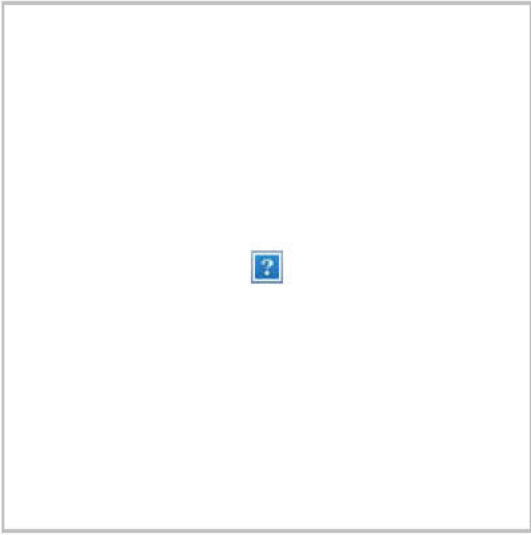
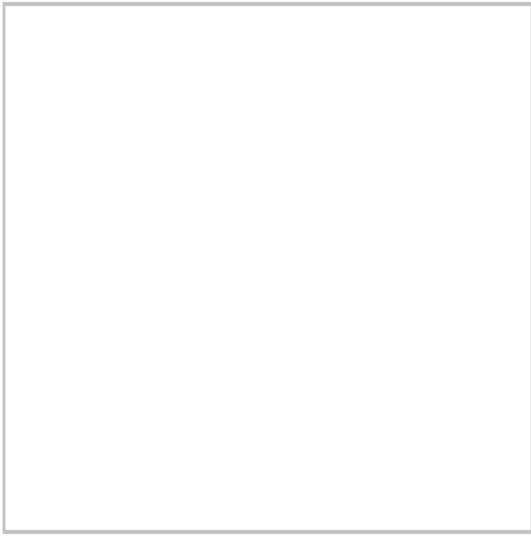
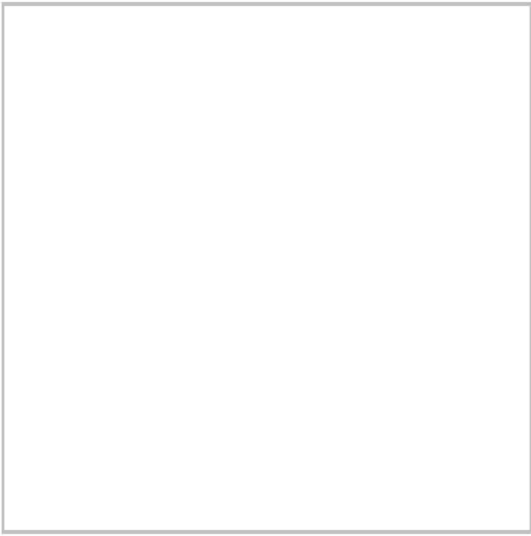
In light of recent events, our organization continues to walk with with those dealing with Parkinson's Disease. For obvious reasons, we have moved as

many of our in-person programs as we could to an online platform. Below is a list of services we are continuing to virtually provide in response to COVID-19.

- With the help of many volunteers, we initially called our 1,500 members to check in and offer advocacy/support. We have recently begun a second wave of calls (this resulted in connecting families with requested services) and share new, virtual programs\*
- Our 6 on-site GAPS Support Groups are now offered weekly as virtual support groups (one for People With Parkinson's and one for Caregivers/Spouses)
- Soon to begin an online GAPS Grief Support Group (for members dealing with the loss of their loved one)
- Quarterly online GAPS Lunch & Learn held May 28th
- Weekly online exercise programs to keep our members moving
- Monthly online GAPS Coffee Talk
- Monthly online GAPS Social
- Ongoing GAPS Mentoring program (pairing families with Caregivers and PWP's for advice via phone or video call)
- Created a Member "Portal" via Facebook for 24/7 member connection
- To adapt to the new digital landscape, we have offered Zoom training for members who need help navigating GAPS' new online services
- Continued weekly and monthly communications to provide our members with updates to programs, opportunities, offerings, and events

*\*All of GAPS virtual programs are developed with an engagement component (i.e., discussion, chat), so members can have the opportunity to connect with others during this time.*







Screen shot of one of our online GAPS Support Groups!

**We thank you for your financial support. Without the help of generous businesses and individuals, we could not continue walking with our members and support those dealing with Parkinson's every day.**

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**To:** [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)  
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**Date:** Monday, June 15, 2020 3:35:54 PM

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Hi Mayor,

I can't imagine the stress you're carrying and I keep you in my prayers.

I think if you could you would like masks to be mandatory. If you do, I also know you can't.

I wanted to wait to reopen The Cazbah until the curve came down and also until I felt like our customers were comfortable coming out.

Now the numbers are worse and people are not wearing masks. It makes me sad. We all care so much for our city, and I thought of an idea that I wanted to share. I was wearing my Greenville tee Friday, the one that is just Green and says Ville.

Sooo, what if we had masks made in Green that says; Ville Cares and get a local ( maybe minority company ) to make them and have vendors on the streets selling them along with all the retailers downtown. Even restaurants and the hotels. This is going to be here for a long time.

Maybe you could find money to help, bring the cost down so they could be more affordable.

Everyone loves some that says Greenville.

I get it politically if you can't.

I want to help by being part of the solution not the problem.

None of my restaurateur buddies are making any money, and I think sadly a couple won't survive.

Friday when I heard 2 restaurants had to close because of infection, I was horrified!

I have no choice now but to open soon. I have decided that not only will the staff be in masks but if the customers are inside they too will be required to wear a mask. I don't have a walk-in cooler and my freezer is the size of a household one. We make everything from scratch and the extra stress of having to close with thousands of dollars of waste would bankrupt me. Also, the thought that when the word is out about that, would anyone come back.

I already know that profit this year is gone and with occupancy at 50% all my future projections show that we will probably be in the red every month. I will have to get a loan or dip into further savings and retirement money.

It's been cheaper to be closed, now that we are going to open and under the fear that my daughter, staff or customers could become ill, I will do everything for protection.

I know some customers may not come but I also feel more may because they will feel safer.

I hope to be an example for others and maybe more businesses will follow.

Anyway, sorry for the rant...

I just wanted to pass my idea. If it's something that you feel you politically can't think about, maybe you could quietly send me some ideas of folks that would not could.

Keep yourself well with self care and stay strong.

Now more than ever we need you.

God Bless you

Audrey

**From:** [Sally Lauterio](#)  
**To:** [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Subject:** Covid control  
**Date:** Monday, June 15, 2020 3:47:41 PM

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Dear Mayor White,

On those occasions when I do venture out in public, I am struck by the lack of compliance with masks in the city of Greenville. I am not sure if folks are just not watching the news, reading the newspaper or otherwise staying informed about the spike in Covid-19 of late but clearly people are not going to take action unless it is mandated. As mayor, can you require this small gesture for the citizens of Greenville? We older folks would really appreciate it!

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Sally R. Lauterio RN

**From:** [Kristin](#)  
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**Subject:** Coronavirus Concerns  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 9:22:49 AM

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Mayor Knox,

I am writing as a healthcare worker and extremely concerned citizen of Greenville. After watching your briefing last week I know you are fully aware of the threat the rising Coronavirus numbers continue to pose.

Because Governor McMaster refuses to mandate any type of mask wearing, I am pleading with you to at least require masks be worn in restaurant settings in Greenville. There are a Number of restaurants who are not encouraging their front of house employees wear masks and with what we've seen in Columbia and in our own backyard with the recent closing of Jianna's, it's only a matter of time before the Coronavirus plagues other downtown restaurants. It is unsafe for patrons and especially workers to continue to interact closely with others in order to do their job.

With the knowledge and expert advice you have, please do your part to keep our community, and especially those who are high risk, safe.

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.wistv.com/2020/06/15/columbia-restaurants-grapple-with-re-closures-employees-test-positive-covid-/%3foutputType=amp>

<https://www.wyff4.com/article/jianna-closes-after-employee-tests-positive-for-coronavirus/32853632>

Thank you,

Kristin Ferree MS OTR/L, CLC

**From:** [Joe Pazdan](#)  
**To:** [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Subject:** March of Dimes 2020 Real Estate Award Honoree  
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June 16, 2020

Dear Knox,

We are certainly in the midst of a brand, new world. Between protests, politics, and COVID-19, we are all concerned about the wellbeing of our employees, customers and companies, as well as the overall resiliency of economies and society. As we rethink business plans or wait things out, we are all collectively figuring out ways to do our part during these uncertain times.

As chairman of the March of Dimes Real Estate Luncheon, I am responsible for guiding the direction of the 2020 Luncheon and determining how we should proceed. I recognize that this global health and economic crisis present unprecedented challenges for everyone, and moms and babies are not excluded. Research is showing that like preterm birth, coronavirus is inequitably affecting families of color. This implicit bias must stop, and we must do our part to help!

Like every year, we have nominated a recipient for this year's Real Estate Award. I am pleased to announce that **Lisa Shelnett of United Community Bank** is our 2020 March of Dimes Real Estate Award honoree. While recognized as one of the Upstate's top Commercial Real Estate Lenders, Lisa is no stranger to March of Dimes nor the NICU. Her daughter, Lara, was born 5 weeks prematurely and the Shelnetts spent 10 of the longest days of their lives in the NICU fighting



to bring Lara safely home. Please help us congratulate Lisa over the coming weeks and months, from a safe distance.

The 2020 Real Estate Luncheon is currently scheduled for November 17th and our hope is that the event will go on at that time. We plan to wait until July to offer sponsorships, and we hope to have a better feel for the community's health and vibrancy by then.

We recognize that the magnitude of this pandemic is still greatly unknown. On behalf of the March of Dimes Real Estate Leadership Team, we send you, your business, your family, and our community at large, best wishes for good health and safety.

Stay well,



Joseph M. Pazdan, II  
McMillan Pazdan Smith  
2020 March of Dimes Real Estate Event Chairman



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Mr. Mayor,

We appreciate how much you've done over the years to make Greenville a world-class city. It has benefitted not only Greenville, but the surrounding area as well. That is partly why we moved here in 2013.

However, we are concerned about the potential plans for July 4th celebrations. As we have ventured out in Greenville and neighboring communities, we have noticed a widespread disregard for the use of face masks and social distancing. These methods have been highly effective in countries such as Greece and South Korea. The lack in using these methods is probably why Greenville has become a Hot Spot.

Therefore, we believe that many of the July 4th planned events in our area should not be held. Please consider the potential impact of spreading the coronavirus with these events. Thank you for your consideration of our deeply felt concerns.

Kathy and Bob Grazio

Sent from my iPad  
Kathy

**From:** [Client Engagement Unit](#)  
**To:** [Knox White](#); [elapidus@greenville.sc.gov](mailto:elapidus@greenville.sc.gov)  
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We'd like to supplement your efforts with:

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- Healthcare Project Management Services to address: Commercial Off-The-Shelf (COTS) Software Projects, Electronic Medical Record (EMR) Roadblocks, Infrastructure Upgrades, Medical Facility Procurements, New Medical Service Line Integrations, Project Performance Reviews, Medical Operations, Process Improvement and Medical Supply Chain Initiatives
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Thank you again,

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### **Clyburn to host Emanuel documentary, virtual discussion**

U.S. House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn will host a virtual discussion today about the "Emanuel" documentary. Tomorrow, June 17, marks the fifth anniversary of the day Dylann Roof gunned down nine parishioners at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston.

Source: [The Post and Courier](#)

### **Emanuel Nine led to "reexamination"**

Source: [Greenville News](#)

### **Protests are culmination of 5 years of unrest, says Clyburn**

Source: [The State](#)

### **Many businesses asking customers and workers to waive right to sue**

As they reopen across the U.S., many businesses are requiring their employees and customers to sign forms saying they won't sue if they contract COVID-19.

Source: [The State](#)

### **DMV extensions will end June 30**

In March, the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles extended the expiration dates for identification cards, driver's licenses, vehicle registrations, and parking placards. Those extensions end at the end of June.

Source: [WIS-TV](#)

### **582 new cases, 2 deaths**

South Carolina recorded nearly 600 new coronavirus cases on Monday and two deaths, both of which were people over 65. The number was lower than last

week, but still higher than officials had hoped.

Source: [The Post and Courier](#)

### **Georgetown cancels July 4th fireworks**

Source: [South Strand News](#)

### **Beaufort County cases surpass 600**

Source: [The Island Packet](#)

### **State tops 19,378 cases; death toll reaches 602**

Source: [Spartanburg Herald-Journal](#)

### **What to know today about the virus**

Source: [Greenville News](#)

### **Orangeburg Co. adds 35 cases; Bamberg, 3; Calhoun 4**

Source: [The Orangeburg Times and Democrat](#)

### **Latest numbers and guidelines**

Source: [Charleston City Paper](#)

### **U.S. Rep. Rice and family recovering from COVID-19**

Source: [Associated Press](#)

### **Thousands of new coronavirus cases reported since June 8**

Source: [Charleston Currents](#)

### **Parris Island, Port Royal cancel July 4 fireworks**

Source: [Beaufort Island News](#)

### **Atlanta, other cities, announce police reforms**

With pressure mounting nationally from demonstrators protesting police killings of African Americans, leaders in cities across the country are unveiling police reforms as America has a reckoning with racism.

Source: [The New York Times](#)

## **Rayshard Brooks' mother: "When does it stop?"**

Source: [Spartanburg Herald-Journal](#)

## **North Augusta to permit Saturday protest**

Source: [The Aiken Standard](#)

## **NFL commissioner encouraging signing of Kaepernick**

Source: [WCSC-TV](#)

## **Walhalla enacts curfews amid Confederate monument protests**

Source: [WSPA-TV](#)

## **Graham, Senate Judiciary to hold hearing on police use of force**

Source: [NPR](#)

## **Hundreds march on Georgia Capitol as legislature reconvenes**

Source: [NPR](#)

## **SPLC to make \$30M in grants to register, mobilize voters of color**

Source: [NPR](#)

## **Senate GOP to introduce police reform package banning chokeholds**

Source: [Associated Press](#)

## **Trump to announce police reform proposals**

Source: [The Washington Post](#)

## **2,124,000 cases, 116,200 deaths**

According to a New York Times database, more than 2.1 million people in the United States have been infected with the COVID-19 virus and at least 116,200 have died.

Source: [The New York Times](#)

## **Congresswoman Omar's father dies from virus complications**

Source: [The Orangeburg Times and Democrat](#)

### **10 states, including S.C., hit new highs for hospitalized patients**

Source: [The Washington Post](#)

### **Prison deaths tied to virus rise 73 percent since May**

Source: [The New York Times](#)

### **U.S. Supreme Court rules for gay, transgender rights**

The U.S. Supreme Court voted 6-3 on Monday that the 1964 Civil Rights Act protects gay and transgender Americans from discrimination in the workplace.

Source: [The New York Times](#)

### **Supreme Court hands down surprise ruling**

Source: [Politico](#)

### **Federal law protects LGBTQ workers from discrimination, says court**

Source: [CNN](#)

### **Carolina Panthers exit to receive federal money**

An infusion of almost \$35 million for I-77 will advance the Carolina Panthers headquarters plan. U.S. Rep. Ralph Norman announced Monday a \$34.6 million grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Source: [Rock Hill Herald](#)

### **Starbucks to close 400 stores**

Over the next 18 months, Starbucks will close up to 400 locations while speeding up expansion into "convenience-led" formats.

Source: [Charleston Regional Business Journal](#)

### **Labor feud between MLB, players may end 2020 season**

An escalating feud between Major League Baseball and its players' union came to a halt Monday when Commissioner Rob Manfred said there may be no 2020 season at all.

Source: [The Wall Street Journal](#)

### **Stock futures rise on positive retail sales data**

U.S. stock futures rallied on Tuesday ahead of new data focused on consumer spending in May.

Source: [\*The Wall Street Journal\*](#)

### **Greenville schools ask for parent input on reopening plans**

Greenville County Schools is asking parents and guardians to help officials determine the best course for reopening schools in August.

Source: [\*WYFF-4 TV\*](#)

### **CCU president unveils "Coastal Comeback"**

In a YouTube video posted Monday, Coastal Carolina University President David DeCenzo unveiled a phased approach for bringing students back to campus for in-person learning.

Source: [\*WYFF-4 TV\*](#)

### **Clemson uses coronavirus, protest downtime to build**

In the Clemson area, new projects were announced and years-long upgrades have continued in spite of coronavirus spikes and sporadic protests in the wake of George Floyd's death.

Source: [\*Greenville News\*](#)

### **Weak system has 10 percent chance of becoming tropical**

Source: [\*WYFF-4 TV\*](#)

### **Small low pressure system bringing chance of showers**

Source: [\*The Orangeburg Times and Democrat\*](#)

### **Roper St. Francis to consolidate infant deliveries**

Roper St. Francis Healthcare expects to soon begin construction on a new Center of Excellence for Obstetrics. The center will consolidate infant deliveries to St. Francis and Roper St. Francis Berkeley Hospital. Roper St. Francis Mount Pleasant will no longer deliver babies beginning in 2021.

Source: [\*Charleston Regional Business Journal\*](#)

### **Rock Hill to host virtual Juneteenth celebration**

The annual Juneteenth celebration in Rock Hill will move online this year.

Juneteenth marks the emancipation of the last slaves in the Confederacy on June 19, 1865.

Source: [Rock Hill Herald](#)

### **Iconic Springmaid Pier will reopen in July**

Myrtle Beach's Springmaid Pier, which suffered severe damage from Hurricane Matthew in 2016, will reopen in the coming weeks, no later than July 4.

Source: [Myrtle Beach Sun News](#)

### **Several Myrtle Beach area restaurants close after positive virus cases**

Seven restaurants in North Myrtle Beach, Surfside Beach and Myrtle Beach have returned to curbside and to-go orders after employees tested positive for coronavirus.

Source: [Myrtle Beach Sun News](#)

### **N Myrtle Beach moves forward with property tax increase**

Officials in North Myrtle Beach have approved the first reading of a proposed budget that carries a 7.9 mill tax increase.

Source: [Myrtle Beach Sun News](#)

### **Vandalism in historic Spartanburg community; fundraiser raises \$3K in two hours**

Reports of racially-motivated vandalism of the historic Little Africa community emerged Monday afternoon and in two hours, a fundraiser aimed at clean up and replacement of a damaged sign had already raised \$3,000.

Source: [Spartanburg Herald-Journal](#)

### **Richland County to hold recycling day June 27**

Richland County will hold a free recycling day June 27 at the S.C. State Fairgrounds.

Source: [Columbia Regional Business Report](#)

### **Not all Columbia restaurants "sold" on face masks**

Columbia-area restaurants are split on whether to require their employees to wear masks.

Source: [The State](#)



### **Scaled-down farmers markets to open in Charleston during June**

Farmers markets will reappear in Charleston's Marion Square and Ackerman Park before the end of June.

Source: [The Post and Courier](#)

### **Affordable housing in Charleston efforts a "drop in the bucket"**

For years, the Charleston area has faced a crisis in affordable housing but not much has been achieved according to many.

Source: [The Post and Courier](#)

### **Being black and blue in 2020**

Capt. Cheryl Cromartie wanted to be a police officer from the time she was nine years old and saw a black female cop. She joined the Greenville County Sheriff's Office 27 years ago.

Source: [SC Public Radio](#)

### **Charleston Symphony to hold concert for equality**

On Friday, the Charleston Symphony Orchestra will live-stream "Call and Response: A Concert for Equality" to promote unity and understanding. The program will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Friday from the Gaillard Center.

Source: [Charleston Currents](#)

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# **Efforts to address Charleston area affordable housing crisis a 'drop in the bucket'**

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The coronavirus pandemic isn't the only crisis being faced by Charleston area residents.

For years, the region has been grappling with a housing crisis, forcing people farther outside urban areas in search of affordable places to live.

"We travel until we can afford something," said Omar Muhammad, president of the Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities.

Experts have suggested the region needs thousands of affordable homes yearly for the next decade to mitigate the ongoing crisis and keep up with population growth. Municipal governments and a handful of nonprofits and private companies are trying to tackle the monstrous effort but seem to be coming up short with just a handful of units annually.

## Issue for years

The crisis has been ongoing. In 2014, the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments reported about 33 percent of homeowners and 50 percent of renters are living in housing they can't afford. In 2017, a Post and Courier analysis showed many people in the region can't afford to live where they work.

While the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development says households should spend no more than 30 percent of their income on housing, a 2018 study by the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University showed more than 48 percent of renter households in the Charleston region are spending more than that.

The crisis has forced many out of their dwellings. North Charleston was noted as the No. 1 city in the nation for evictions in 2018.

Nonprofits in the city have long been trying to address the crisis.

In 2016, LAMC and Metanoia executed an agreement that allowed Metanoia to begin stewarding mitigation funds given by the State Ports Authority. The money was to address the potential negative impacts of the new intermodal terminal in five North Charleston neighborhoods.

Metanoia was given \$860,000 to build affordable homes, and has leveraged money from other sources. To date, the nonprofit has built 11 homes with mitigation funds and has secured land for another 21 units. Seven units are currently being constructed.

Before 2016, Metanoia had completed a little over 30 units, said the Rev. Bill Stanfield, CEO of Metanoia.

Metanoia and LAMC said it isn't nearly enough to keep pace with the area's growth.

"That's a drop in the bucket," Muhammad said. "It's piecemeal. We need a dedicated source of funding that affordable housing developers can go to."

## Wide-ranging impacts

Many of those being impacted by high costs of living live in the region's historically black neighborhoods, communities that have repeatedly been burdened by a swath of issues that make it difficult to move up the social and economic ladder.

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### [Amid an affordable housing crisis, cities take the lead, test many solutions](#)

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Stanfield pointed to recent protests against police brutality following the death of George Floyd. Floyd was a black man who died in May after a white police officer knelt on his neck.

Amid Charleston's economic boom in recent years, African Americans have been

left out, Stanfield said.

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The well tended garden grows Thursday, June 11, 2020, in Donna Banks' front yard on Arbutus Ave as new homes rise in the Union Heights neighborhood that will be sold as affordable housing in Charleston. 'I think they are beautiful" said Banks who has lived in Union Heights for over 40 years about the new homes being built. Grace Beahm Alford/Staff

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“I think (the protests) are inclusive of other kinds of legacies that have hurt people of color,” Stanfield said. “Housing has been one.”

Stanfield said the days are quickly passing of North Charleston being an affordable place to live. He lives in Chicora Cherokee and repeatedly gets offers to buy his home.

## Collaborative efforts

Nonprofits aren't the only ones trying to create attainable living dwellings. Private companies are collaborating with local governments to address the crisis as well.

Luxury Simplified and JJR Development LLC have collaborated to create homes on about 45 lots in Union Heights. The goal is for the homes to be sold to local first responders, military personnel, veterans, teachers, and municipal employees. The two-story, two-bedroom structures would run about \$170,000 to \$180,000, said Jeff Roberts, managing member at JJR. Ten properties are already underway in the African American community that once served as a vibrant hub of houses and businesses.

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### [Behre: New Union Heights homes aim for affordability without harming neighborhood](#)

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A deal with the neighborhood says the homes will be kept in price range where they can be purchased with conventional mortgages, without subsidy or deed restriction. JJR also hopes “a substantial number of these new homes will be acquired by

minorities.”

“We’re doing the best we can ... to bring back homeowners,” Roberts said.

Roberts said collaborative efforts will be key to addressing the region’s housing situation. In Union Heights, JJR worked with the city to get zoning variances, allowing a parking space on each lot. It’s going to take cooperation among municipal agencies and private developers and nonprofits to help people live where they work, Roberts said.

“There really has to be many, many solutions,” he said.

Across the city of Charleston, several strides have been made.

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A 2001 \$10 million bond produced 163 units of rental housing. In 2017, a \$20 million bond referendum was approved by voters and residences are expected to begin going up this year. The city expects to produce more than 800 rental units.

Charleston has also received \$8-10 million in fee in lieu payments to generate housing, and another \$10 million in a settlement recently reached over a lawsuit the city filed against Charleston Citywide Local Development Corp. The money is expected to be used to generate housing.

Charleston has also received several million in federal funds since 1975 to create living spaces.

The city’s first-time homeownership program, which stems back to 2004, has produced about 140 houses.

In total, the department has developed just above 10,000 homes between 1976 and 2020.

Other efforts are on the horizon. The Humanities Foundation recently obtained the Henry P. Archer School on the East Side, where there are plans to create 88 units of senior housing, said Geona Shaw Johnson, director of Charleston's Department of Housing and Community Development.

As things move forward, nonprofit leaders are concerned about how the pandemic will exacerbate the region's housing plight.

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[Advocates hope safeguards will help SC dodge a wave of new evictions](#)

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After placing a halt on evictions amid the outbreak, South Carolina lifted the restriction in May.

"It's another crisis in the making," Muhammad said.

He said he's heard from people who need help paying their rent and mortgage.

# Feds' decision clears one hurdle to SC offshore oil search

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A federal agency has overturned a decision that blocked an oil exploration company from searching off of South Carolina's coast.

Last year, South Carolina said WesternGeco's plans to conduct seismic testing offshore wasn't consistent with state coastal laws. The Texas-based firm has plans to conduct seismic testing from Virginia to the Georgia border.

The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control [said last July](#) that the testing runs counter to the state's goals to conserve natural resources along the coast.

But in a decision dated Monday, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ruled that the search for oil was in the national interest and "outweighs any potential short-term, limited, and localized adverse coastal effects to fisheries and sea turtles."

A similar decision in WesternGeco's favor was also issued in North Carolina this week.

The order was signed by Neil Jacobs, the acting head of NOAA, who is no stranger to the South Carolina coast: he grew up surfing at Folly Beach's Washout.

While a blow to drilling opponents in one sense, in reality, there are five other companies who have already further ahead in the process they need to complete to conduct blasting off the Palmetto State's shore.

Those firms went through the state's consistency review years ago; by the time WesternGeco applied, public opposition to drilling had snowballed, and the 1,720 comments on their application were all opposed.

Seismic work consists of loud air gun blasts, which are used to map the geology of the ocean floor and potentially locate reserves of fossil fuels.

The blasts are damaging to marine life, and have been shown to injure large animals like whales. But environmentalists have also fought blasting because it's the first step towards drilling off the state's coast.

“This is another example of the federal government ignoring South Carolina in its push to open up our waters to offshore drilling,” said Alan Hancock, of the Coastal Conservation League.

# President Trump signs executive order on police reform

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WASHINGTON — Following weeks of national protests since the death of George Floyd, President Donald Trump signed an executive order on policing Tuesday that would encourage better police practices and establish a database to keep track of officers with a history of excessive use-of-force complaints.



In Rose Garden remarks, Trump stressed the need for higher standards and commiserated with mourning families, even as he hailed the vast majority of officers as selfless public servants and held his law-and-order line, while criticizing Democrats.

“Reducing crime and raising standards are not opposite goals,” he said before signing the order flanked by police.

Trump and the GOP have been rushing to respond to the mass demonstrations against police brutality and racial prejudice that have raged for weeks across the country in response to the deaths of Floyd and other black Americans. It’s a sudden shift for the Republican Party — and one Democrats are watching warily — that shows how quickly the protests have changed the political conversation and pressured Washington to act.

But Trump, throughout the crisis, has continued to emphasize his support for law enforcement and even on Tuesday railed against those who committed violence during the largely peaceful protests.

Trump’s executive order would establish a database that tracks police officers with excessive use of force complaints in their records. And it would give police departments a financial incentive to adopt best practices and encourage co-responder programs, in which social workers join police when they respond to nonviolent calls involving mental health, addiction and homeless issues.

Trump said that, under a new credentialing process, chokeholds will be banned “except if an officer’s life is at risk.” Chokeholds are already largely banned in police departments nationwide.

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[Clyburn to host ‘Emanuel’ documentary discussion for Charleston shooting’s 5th anniversary](#)

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Trump framed his plan as an alternative to the “defund the police” movement that

has emerged from the protests and which he slammed as “radical and dangerous.”

“Americans know the truth: Without police there is chaos. Without law there is anarchy and without safety there is catastrophe,” he said.

Trump’s audience included police officials and members of Congress, and came after he met at the White House with the families of men and women who have been killed in interactions with police.

“To all of the hurting families, I want you to know that all Americans mourn by your side,” Trump said. “Your loved ones will not have died in vain.”

Yet Trump made no mention of systemic racism in his comments.

The Rose Garden announcement comes as Senate Republicans are preparing their own package of policing changes. Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina, the sole African American Republican in the Senate, has been crafting the GOP legislative package, which will include new restrictions on police chokeholds and greater use of police body cameras, among other provisions.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., declared that Republicans are developing “a serious proposal to reform law enforcement.”

The Senate Judiciary Committee was to conduct a hearing Tuesday afternoon on “Police Use of Force and Community Relations,” drawing testimony from leading civil rights and law enforcement leaders.

“Now is the time to reimagine a more fair and just society in which all people are safe,” Vanita Gupta, president and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, was to tell senators, according to advance testimony obtained by The Associated Press.

The nationwide outcry “is anything but a reaction to one isolated incident or the misconduct of a few ‘bad apples,’” Gupta says. “The outcry is a response to the other horrific killings of black people by police.”

While the emerging GOP package isn't as extensive as sweeping Democratic proposals, which are headed for a House vote next week, it includes perhaps the most far-reaching proposed changes to policing procedures from the party long aligned with a "law and order" approach.

Scott, who said he spoke with Trump about the legislation over the weekend, warned Monday that delaying voting until later this summer would be a "bad decision."

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### [USC expected to seek permission to change dorm named after notorious SC doctor](#)

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The weekend shooting death of Rayshard Brooks by a white officer in Atlanta led to a renewed public outcry, more street protests and the police chief's resignation.

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York is among those urging Republicans not to settle for minor changes.

"Now is the time to seek bold and broad-scale change," Schumer said Monday.

With the political debate fluid, it is unclear whether the parties will be able to find common ground. The proposals emerging from Democrats and Republicans share many similar provisions but take different approaches to address some of the issues. Neither bill goes as far as some activists want in their push to "defund the police" by fully revamping departments.

Central to the Republican package would be the creation of the national database to improve transparency so officers cannot transfer from one department to another without public oversight of their records. The Democrats have a similar provision.

Yet the Republican bill does not go as far as the Democrats do on the issue of eliminating qualified immunity, which would allow those injured by law enforcement personnel to sue for damages. The White House has said that is a step

too far. As an alternative, Scott has suggested a “decertification” process for officers involved in misconduct.

One large police union, the influential Fraternal Order of Police, said in a statement it is working with Congress and the White House on the proposals, having provided “feedback” on the Democratic bill and “substantial input” on the emerging GOP package.

# First SC sighting of invasive beetle reported in Charleston County

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An Asian longhorn beetle found in Stono Ferry on June 15, 2020. The invasive bug burrows into hardwood trees, including maples. Dave Coyle/Provided

The Asian longhorned beetle digs into trees to lay its young. Dave Coyle/Provided

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The Asian longhorned beetle, a black-and-white menace of hardwoods, has been found for the first time in South Carolina, near Charleston.

The beetle, which digs into trees to lay its young, was spotted in the tony Stono Ferry neighborhood near Hollywood, toward the southern end of Charleston County.

This is by far the farthest south the beetle is known to reach in the contiguous United States. Just five other states have confirmed infestations in the past, and the farthest south previously was Ohio.

It was sheer luck that investigators were able to identify the invasive bug at all. A woman in the neighborhood took a picture of the striking speckled beetle and sent it to her son. The son happened to be an extension professor in a different state and told his mother to report the bug to local authorities who track harmful species.

“That’s how a lot of these invasives are found,” said David Coyle, a professor at Clemson University who studies forest health and invasive species. “We just get lucky.”

Coyle said the beetle has been in the neighborhood’s maples for at least a year, based on the damage he’s inspected.

Steven Long, an assistant director of Clemson’s invasive-tracking Regulatory Services, said another infestation was found Tuesday morning a mile and a half away.

State investigators will spend the coming days and weeks trying to identify the extent of the spread, which could go far beyond the Hollywood area. They ask anyone who spots one of the bugs, or the telltale holes they bore when emerging from live trees, to report it by emailing [invasives@clemson.edu](mailto:invasives@clemson.edu) or calling 864-646-2140.

The beetle was first identified in the United States in New York City in 1996. It’s thought to often arrive on wooden pallets that carry imports from Asia, Coyle said, though it can also nest in firewood and other lumber.

For that reason, Coyle said, forest managers urge that firewood should not be moved long distances. Cutting down a distressed tree and taking it to a campsite to burn, for example, could spread a pest to a new place.

The beetle cannot fly more than about a mile, Coyle said, while Long described it as a “slow mover.”

Some plausible points of entry, other than imported firewood, could be pallets that passed through the Port of Charleston or even as far away at Savannah, Coyle said.

A worst-case scenario, Coyle said, would be if investigators identify a miles-long line of beetle damage from the Port of Charleston to Hollywood.

The beetle infests several hardwoods, including maples, birch and elms. It is not,

however, known to affect oaks or live oaks, which Long said was “a lifesaver for us” in South Carolina.

There has been some success in eradicating the beetle in places where it is found, but the process involves removing all affected trees. The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced in October the infestation in New York City had been eradicated.

It’s unclear how the pest will respond to South Carolina’s balmy weather. Farther north, cold winters can slow the bug’s life cycle by forcing it to burrow for longer, Long said.

“Does that mean we’re just going to have sort of this continuous cycle of beetles, all life stages all the time?” Coyle said. “I don’t know that we know that yet.”

## **Clyburn to host ‘Emanuel’ documentary discussion for Charleston shooting’s 5th anniversary**

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WASHINGTON — On the eve of the fifth anniversary of the Charleston church shooting, U.S. House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn will host a virtual discussion Tuesday about the “Emanuel” documentary, which is briefly being made available to watch online for free.

Clyburn, D-Columbia, said Monday that the upcoming June 17 anniversary of the day that self-avowed white supremacist Dylann Roof gunned down nine black parishioners at Emanuel AME Church comes at a pivotal moment as thousands of Americans have taken to the streets in recent weeks to protest racial inequality.

As the highest-ranking African American member of Congress, Clyburn told reporters he has found this to be “one of the most interesting periods of American history.”

“I spend quite a bit of time researching and reflecting upon our country’s history, and I cannot think of any other time that this kind of reexamination has taken place,” Clyburn said. “There have been a lot of events, a lot of activities, a lot of reactions. Nothing that I can find in our history has been like this one.”

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#### [4 years after the Charleston church shooting, artists help public digest the horror](#)

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The virtual discussion will be moderated by Pastor Dimas Salaberrios, a producer of the documentary, and will feature Clyburn, executive producers Viola Davis and Julius Tennon, co-producer Mariska Hargitay and Pastor A.R. Bernard.

After watching the film again over the weekend, Clyburn said he believes it “allows us to reflect, not just upon the events, but upon the country, and reexamine our own thought processes.”



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“Hopefully after the 17th and after this commemoration, all of us will be better people and better Americans,” Clyburn said.

The discussion will be streamed live on Facebook at 6 p.m. Tuesday at [facebook.com/WeStopTheSilence](https://www.facebook.com/WeStopTheSilence).

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[Forgiveness is theme of ‘Emanuel’ documentary, to be screened in Charleston](#)

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The movie is now available to watch online for free until June 23 due to an agreement between Comcast, NBCUniversal and Starz at [vimeo.com/showcase/7241422](https://vimeo.com/showcase/7241422).

Salaberrios said he hopes the event will allow the panelists to bring needed context to the protests that have erupted around the country in the wake of the death of George Floyd, a black man who died after a white Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck for nearly 9 minutes, and the role that racism has played in American history.

“We need to really focus in on lessons that we can see and learn from the film ‘Emanuel,’ and hopefully bring healing to a lot of frustrated and hurt young people,” Salaberrios said. “We have a long way to go.”

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[Clyburn accuses Trump of inciting tensions amid protests: ‘He is an unadulterated racist’](#)

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## **Floyd protests are culmination of 5 years of unrest since Emanuel shooting, Clyburn says**

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As rallies continue across the state in protest of the death of George Floyd, South Carolina's U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn said the fatal shooting of nine African American parishioners at a Charleston church nearly five years ago is where the unrest began.

During a press conference with makers of the documentary Emanuel, which examines the aftermath of the shooting at Charleston's Mother Emanuel AME Church, Clyburn said the shooting, motivated by racism, ushered in "a reexamination of who and what we are as Americans."

Wednesday is the fifth anniversary of the day that self-proclaimed white supremacist Dylann Roof joined a Bible study at the Emanuel church and opened fire on them, killing nine people, including the church's pastor at the time, state Sen. Clementa Pinckney.

A recent viral video of a police officer kneeling on Floyd's neck for several minutes as he pleaded for air caused feelings that started after the Mother Emanuel shooting to boil over, the congressman said.

"That examination culminated three weeks ago when all of us tuned in and watched a horrific lynching taking place in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and what has followed has been one of the most interesting periods of American history," the Democrat from Columbia said.

Clyburn, a former civil rights activist himself, said the cross-country movement in the wake of

Floyd's death was something he had never seen before. The officer who knelt on Floyd and three others face charges in Floyd's death.

"I cannot think of any other time when this kind of reexamination has taken place," Clyburn said. "Nothing that I can find in our history has been like this one, and it all started in the basement of Emanuel AME church."

The Columbia Democrat says he has noticed several differences between this wave of protests and others that have come before. These protests have seen more participation from people of all color and from both Democrats and Republicans, he said.

He added that while people have been asking when the protests will dissipate, he thinks things will be different this time.

"The feeling was different. The expression was different," Clyburn said. "This time there was a white pastor leading the prayer."

Protests have wracked the nation and the state for going on three weeks. In Columbia, protesters have met nearly every day to speak about police brutality and demand change. Some [protests have been violent](#), but [most have remained peaceful](#).

After the shooting at Mother Emanuel, no legislation was passed to address the issues at hand, like gun laws or extending protections to the black community. This time, Clyburn, the third most powerful Democrat in the House, said he expects to see action from the House and the Senate.

Currently, both chambers are working on their own legislation to address policing. The House bill, which was released last week, is focused on deterring excessive use of force by police and holding officers accountable. Clyburn said the chamber will be able to handily pass that legislation.

"We believe this is a good bill," Clyburn said. "The Senate is going to do what it's going to do."

Senate Republicans [will release their bill this week](#), which will address police misconduct and create a reporting system to list officers actions that end in serious injury or death. U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, a North Charleston Republican, has been instrumental in forming that bill.

"It is time for us to restructure things in such a way that this pursuit – life, liberty and happiness – will be a more pleasant one for everybody," Clyburn said.

## **Businesses ask patrons to waive right to sue if they get ill**

BY TOM KRISHER AND MARK SHERMAN *ASSOCIATED PRESS*

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FILE - In this May 1, 2020, file photo, people ride down an escalator at a shopping mall in Oklahoma City as it reopens from its closure since mid-March due to coronavirus concerns. Many businesses are requiring customers and workers to sign forms saying they won't sue if they catch COVID-19. Businesses are afraid they could face lawsuits even if they follow social distancing and other government guidelines as they reopen across the U.S. after coronavirus shutdowns. **SUE OGROCKI AP**

### **WASHINGTON**

As businesses reopen across the U.S. after coronavirus shutdowns, many are requiring customers and workers to sign forms saying they won't sue if they catch COVID-19.

Businesses fear they could be the target of litigation even if they adhere to safety precautions from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state health officials. But workers' rights groups say the forms force employees to sign away their rights should they get sick.

The liability waivers, similar to what President Donald Trump's campaign is requiring for people to attend a Saturday rally in Tulsa, Oklahoma, would protect businesses in states that don't have liability limits or immunity from coronavirus-related lawsuits.

So far, at least five states — Utah, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Alabama — have such limits through legislation or executive orders, and others are considering them. Business groups such as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce are lobbying for national liability protections.

The novel coronavirus has sickened more than 2 million people in the U.S. and killed more than 115,000, according to Johns Hopkins University.

At Salon Medusa in West Hartford, Connecticut, hair stylist Lena Whelan says they're using only two of six styling stations since reopening June 1. Customers have to wait outside, they have to wear masks, and all stations and tools are disinfected between clients.

Despite all those safety measures, customers must sign a form saying they won't sue if they get infected with the novel coronavirus. The form, which also asks patrons if they or any family members have virus symptoms, gives the salon extra legal protection, Whelan said.

Critics argue that liability waivers open the door for corporations to skirt protocols like erecting Plexiglas barriers, providing face masks and other protective equipment, and keeping people the proper distance apart without suffering any repercussions.

The waivers are particularly onerous for workers who may feel compelled to sign them in order to keep their jobs, unlike customers who at least have a choice to walk away.

"It's a terrible choice for an employee," said Hugh Baran, an attorney with the National Employment Law Project, a worker advocacy group. "Do you sign this and potentially give up your legal recourse or do you refuse and feel like you are going to lose your job?"

Worse yet, in many states, if workers refuse to sign the waivers and return to work, they risk losing unemployment benefits, Baran said. Also, immunity legislation and liability waivers disproportionately affect black and Latino workers, many of whom have jobs that can't be done remotely, he said.

Lawyers say many business clients are asking about the waivers. Whether they can be enforced varies by state and is open to debate. Owners are wise to take a "better safe than sorry" approach, said John Wolohan, a sports law professor at Syracuse University.

"It's hard for me to believe people don't understand the danger of going out in public and interacting. But when somebody gets sick, I'm sure they're going to claim the business didn't protect them the way they should have. By having a waiver, the business will better withstand the lawsuit," Wolohan said.

In 45 states and the District of Columbia, courts will generally enforce voluntary waivers, according to "Law for Recreation and Sport Managers," a book Wolohan co-wrote with Doyice Cotten. Connecticut, Hawaii, Louisiana, Virginia and Wisconsin offer consumers the best chance to challenge liability waivers.

But Baran says a lot depends on how state contract laws have been interpreted by the courts. Many states, he said, have laws on the books saying that businesses have a general duty to maintain healthy and safe working conditions. In some instances, however, courts have determined that employees can sign away those rights, he said.

"This is a new situation," Baran said of the liability forms related to the coronavirus. "It's hard to know how state courts would view such waivers."

Data on just how many businesses require liability waivers of employees or customers is difficult to find. Lawyers say the forms are showing up at small businesses such as hair salons and gyms where it's hard to maintain social distancing. But it's also showing up at the New York Stock Exchange, where Jonathan Corpina, senior managing partner with Meridian Equity Partners Inc., said Monday he was required to sign a waiver in order to enter the trading floor.

Cheryl Falvey, a partner at the Crowell and Moring law firm in Washington, D.C., and a former top lawyer at the federal Consumer Product Safety Commission, said she does not think most employers would try to get their workforce to sign them.

Falvey also noted there are circumstances that waivers would not cover, including if someone who signs a waiver gets infected and then spreads the disease to family members or neighbors.

"I don't think these waivers would cover that," Falvey said. The wife of someone infected might argue, "I didn't sign that waiver. You let him in and you didn't protect him," she said.

Harold Kim, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Legal Reform, said federal

legislation would be better for businesses rather than a patchwork of conflicting state laws. The legislation sought by the chamber would be temporary and grant protections only if businesses followed CDC and state guidelines on the virus, he said. It would not give businesses immunity if they were grossly negligent.

“You don’t get those protections if you don’t follow that guidance,” he said.

Employees who get sick on the job might not be able to sue their employers, but would have access to workers' compensation to cover lost wages and medical care, legal experts said. Proposed federal legislation wouldn’t affect workers’ compensation programs, which most states have, Kim said.

Through Monday, there were 2,741 lawsuits filed in the U.S. over COVID-19 infections, according to a complaint tracker maintained by the Hunton Andrews Kurth law firm. Many of the cases were over government shutdown orders and which businesses were deemed essential. Only seven came from consumers and 49 were filed by employees over exposure to the virus or other related injuries. Kim said federal legislation would prevent a big surge in litigation.

## **Many Columbia restaurants aren’t sold on face masks, despite rise in COVID-19 cases**

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Despite record numbers of positive coronavirus cases being recorded in the Palmetto State, [including 799 new cases announced Sunday](#), Columbia-area restaurants are split on whether to require their employees to wear masks.

Since S.C. Gov. Henry McMaster [reopened dining rooms](#) May 11, he and health officials have urged restaurants to take abundant precautions, including wearing masks. But they are not required to do so.

On Wednesday, he reiterated that recommendation, but acknowledged many establishments are not taking that advice seriously.

“There’s a lot of stupid floating around out there,” he said generally of people not abiding by health officials’ recommendations. “There’s a lot of reckless and careless activity.”

The State last week randomly visited 12 locally owned restaurants in and around downtown Columbia. Fewer than half required their employees to mask up.

However, nearly all of the restaurants had taken other precautions, such as marking tables for social distancing and removing salt and pepper shakers and condiment bottles in favor of individual packets. Several had hand sanitizing stations. Others posted menus rather than handing them out.

But the precautions varied widely.

### **‘WE HAVE TO BE SAFE’**

Shortly after noon Monday, June 8, at [The Original D’s Restaurant & Bar](#) in Cayce, a crowd of about 30 people was enjoying lunch at the restaurant, known since 1988 for its wings, seafood and steaks.

Tables were marked for social distancing. But patrons at the bar, apparently unrelated, sat nearly elbow to elbow. Salt, pepper and condiments were provided in communal shakers and bottles when requested, however they were sanitized between customers, Stephanie Smith, general manager, said.

Only one of the employees was wearing a mask.

After a second visit by The State Thursday, a D’s manager said that servers are not required to wear masks, although he noted that masks are available for customers if requested, and tables are sanitized after each seating.

Smith said that wearing masks is the individual server’s prerogative because it is not required by law. But “it’s something to talk about going forward.”

Owner Billy Rentz added that if mandated by “the governor or CDC or DHEC we would do it.”

A block and a half away at the [Lizard’s Thicket](#) restaurant on Knox Abbott Drive, all the employees were wearing masks. Salt, pepper and condiments were delivered in individual packets or plastic deli cups.

“We have to be safe,” said Bobby Williams, owner of the Midlands’ chain of 14 country-cooking restaurants.

### **‘IF IT WERE MANDATED . . . WE WOULD’**

Beyond Lizard’s Thicket and D’s, The State’s visits showed that:

- Employees were wearing masks at Cantina 76 on Main Street, Market on Main and No Name Deli on Elmwood Drive.

▪ Employees at The Kingsman Restaurant in Cayce, La Brasca's Pizza on Fort Jackson Boulevard and Rosewood Dairy Bar, Eric's San Jose and Dano's Pizza on Rosewood Drive were not.

The State reached out to the restaurants where employees were not wearing masks.

Carla Anderson, a manager at Dano's, said employees were asked to wear masks and didn't know why they weren't when The State visited. "It's something we need to do better," she said.

A shift manager at Eric's San Jose also said employees were supposed to wear masks during peak times and someone would call back with an explanation. A manager at The Kingsman said it wasn't required by law and someone would also call back.

Amanda Crocker, general manager of Rosewood Dairy Bar, noted that orders are served to-go at the drive-in and employees are separated from customers by the glass windows.

Brett Wilson, owner of La Brasca's Pizza, noted that the restaurant requires all customers to sanitize their hands when entering the dining room, booths are distanced and sanitized after every customer, salt and pepper and condiments are dispensed in packets and menus are posted in the booths rather than handed out.

Some employees do wear masks at times, he said, and all would "if it was mandated by the governor."

## **NO PUBLIC BACKLASH?**

For Ricky Mollohan, owner of [Mr. Friendly's Southern Cafe](#) in Five Points and [Solstice Kitchen](#) in northeast Columbia, the new COVID-19 numbers are "mind-blowing." And restaurants that are not conforming to health officials' recommendations are being irresponsible, he said.

"I absolutely believe masks should be mandatory for staff," he said. "I don't want to judge anybody for the decisions they made, but these are regulations that benefit any business. It's not a question of which safety precautions we are taking. We should take all of them.

"I can't believe there hasn't been more of a public backlash," he said.

The lack of masks at restaurants is disconcerting for Becky Libby, a South Kilbourne neighborhood resident. She has health issues and has mostly self-quarantined since mid-March.

"I'm very leery about going anywhere or doing anything," she said. "I know it's up to the individual restaurateur or business owner to control this thing."

Corporate businesses seem to be requiring employees to wear masks, Libby said, but many small businesses aren't. Whether employees wear masks speaks to a business's values, she said; it sends a message about how they care for her well-being as a customer.

"You would think the small businesses in town would be going out of their way to do whatever they can to get customers back," she said. "But it's the opposite."



## **'WE'VE GONE WAY OVERBOARD'**

Williams, who also is the board chairman of the [S.C. Restaurant and Lodging Association](#), said there are several reasons some restaurants aren't following health officials' recommendations to wear masks.

One is political. "A lot of people believe this whole thing is overblown," he said.

That is true for John Beier, a Hollywood-Rose Hill neighborhood resident. He's not a restaurant owner, but believes calling for everyone to wear a mask is "silly."

"I think we've gone way overboard on the whole thing," he said, "and I don't feel at all unsafe about walking around without a mask. I'm certainly not reluctant to go any place.

"I think people are being silly," he added. The virus "is not food-borne. . . . I just think it's so overdone. If you're that scared, then don't go out."

Discomfort is another reason for restaurants not to require masks.

"Everybody is short-handed, and it's hot," Williams said. "It's unbearable for someone in the kitchen. It's over 100 degrees and hard to breathe."

Jessica Ellis is a bartender at [Pasta Fresca](#) in Forest Acres. The restaurant requires all employees to wear masks and have their temperature taken when they arrive for work, she said.

"I also wear gloves and change them frequently," she said. "Like, I'm almost neurotic about it."

Ellis said wearing a mask "kind of sucks, but that's tough. You have to keep people safe. I'm proud to work for a place that is taking all the proper precautions."

She said that cloth masks are more comfortable. "I've got customized ones with cute patterns on them."

Williams also said masks could make it more difficult for servers and bartenders, who depend on tips, to interact with their customers.

Ellis, however, disagreed.

"I don't feel like it does," she said. "I've learned to smile with my eyes."

# Scaled-down farmers markets set to open in downtown Charleston and West Ashley during June

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Farmers markets will return to [Marion Square](#) and [Ackerman Park](#) before the end of the month, city officials say.

But familiar aspects of the market experience, possibly including opening hours, are in line for change.

The markets will function as “essentials markets,” [the model already being used in Mount Pleasant and Summerville](#). Essentials markets are restricted to ingredient sales and feature a limited number of vendors.

[RASKIN AROUND](#)

[Where to buy local produce, meat, milk, seafood and eggs in the Charleston area right now](#)

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“We understand people want to get back to their rituals of going to Marion Square on a Saturday or stopping by Ackerman after picking up kids from school, but the important thing is to make sure that local produce finds its way to local residents,” Charleston [Director of Cultural Affairs](#) Scott Watson says.

He adds, “We don’t have a timeline for when we’ll get back to a bounce house for kids.”

Both the downtown Charleston and West Ashley markets were supposed to open in April, but their annual debuts coincided with a [statewide stay-at-home order issued in response to the coronavirus](#). While South Carolina is now in the thick of reopening, abiding concerns about the virus’ spread will shape the markets’ configuration.

According to Watson, it’s likely that the Charleston Farmers Market will be contained to Tobacco Road, or the paved walkway connecting King to Meeting streets. Watson envisions no more than a dozen vendors at any one time. Vendor tents will be supplemented by hand sanitizer stations and signage indicating where customers should enter, wait and exit to enhance social distancing.

#### [RASKIN AROUND](#)

[Farmers market star to open vegan cafe in West Ashley showcasing cookies, granola and more](#)

By Hanna Raskin [hraskin@postandcourier.com](mailto:hraskin@postandcourier.com)

Watson says, “We want to make sure people don’t get frustrated. We also want to make sure vendors come with the appropriate number of people to help, but don’t show up with a whole group of people.”

Because the market’s footprint will be smaller, vendors won’t have as many tables to populate with produce nor thousands of shoppers to satisfy. (Although Watson clarifies that the city can come up with an extra canopy “if we find there’s a bumper harvest of shrimp.”) As a result, Watson suspects vendors will cut back on buying trips to the [SC State Farmers Market](#) in Columbia and instead focus on hawking their own harvests.

Yet if the problem of keeping the masses happy is somewhat alleviated, Watson acknowledges the new setup could pose comfort issues for vendors.

“We’re aware that stretch can be very hot in month of July, and we can’t really provide any additional relief,” Watson says. While “hotels had always been very gracious” in terms of allowing vendors access to their bathrooms and air-conditioned spaces, “that’s not going to happen with COVID.”

Once organizers figure out just how much time vendors will need to set up and strike, as well as determine the availability of off-duty Charleston Police Department officers, they’ll settle on dates and times for the markets’ 2020 season.





**From:** [Daniel Saxon](#)  
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**Subject:** July 4th  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:55:49 PM

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Dear Mr. White,

After hearing the news of the cancellation of red, white, and blue fireworks I have become very concerned of how biased this call is. The city of Greenville has let multiple Black Lives Matter come rally. Yet, you guys are canceling a day to celebrate our freedom as a nation due to a spike in the coronavirus? Let the PEOPLE decide what they want to come to. And stop trying to hide why you guys are really doing it. I see this as a political stunt. A liberal agenda to not being allowed to celebrate our freedom as a free nation. I pray God gives you guidance in these terrible times.

Thanks,

Daniel Saxon

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Judith Stoebel](#)  
**To:** [kwhite@greenvillesc.gov](mailto:kwhite@greenvillesc.gov)  
**Subject:** Handling of Covid 19 by Business  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 3:19:10 PM

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I wanted to bring to your attention a concern I have in the way a certain business is taking Covid 19 precautions for their customers and employees.

On Saturday evening my husband and I and another couple stopped in for a drink after dinner at the Sip wine and whiskey bar. We were appalled at the lack of precautions they were taking to protect people from Covid 19. In fact there were none. The bar and rooftop seating were packed with people. Not one person was wearing a mask, in fact we were the ONLY people with a mask that included their employees. They were not having tables 6 feet apart and in fact were not even sanitizing them after each use. There was no limit to the number of people entering. Bartenders and waitstaff were hugging customers. When I asked our waitperson about why they weren't wearing masks, sanitizing tables and providing social distancing her response was, "the law does not mandate that we do that and our owner doesn't care!!!" I was so disgusted with that response. I believe if businesses aren't enforcing precautions then they SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE.

On a more positive note, we had a wonderful experience for dinner at The Trappe Door. The place was immaculate, all employees including kitchen people were wearing masks, tables were at least 6 feet apart. The bar which seats 15 would only allow 5 to sit. They encouraged reservations and if people came in without one they told them a time to come back. You entered the front door and left through the back door. I was so impressed! In my opinion this is an example of a responsible and caring business.

I did not know who should have this information, but I wanted to be sure someone got it and what better person than the mayor. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Judie and Jim Stoebel

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.



**From:** [Knox White](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: # of ICU beds in Greenville County  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 5:07:35 PM

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I checked for you.  
Prisma has about 150 ICU beds.  
Today about 50 occupied ....  
The danger is that people with other chronic or emergency needs fill up beds then Covid on top of that.

Best wishes ....

Knox White

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**From:** DanFamSistah . <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 1:30 PM  
**To:** Knox White <kwhite@greenville.sc.gov>  
**Subject:** # of ICU beds in Greenville County

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Dear Mayor White:

I have a question for which I cannot seem to find any information on the internet, i.e., "What is our ICU bed occupancy in SC and Greenville County?" Of course, SC DHEC's web site is the first place I checked.

I know that the state has about 469 ICU beds, and about 115 of those are in Greenville. Given the dramatic increase in new cases over the past few weeks, I am understandably concerned. My husband, David, is a post-transplant patient, and has T2 diabetes and high blood pressure as well.

Thank you for your assistance.

Kind regards,  
Sharon L. Miracle (Taylors, SC)

**From:** [Emily McSherry](#)  
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Mayor,

Thank you for your leadership during the continued COVID pandemic.

I am writing to ask that you strongly consider issuing a conditional mask policy for Greenville, both city and county.

The wearing of a face covering, as you know, has proven to be effective in reducing viral transmission when all people wear them.

A conditional ordinance would state that persons within six feet of each other for more than ten minutes must wear a mask, indoors or outside. It would also state that masks must be worn at work environments of all types including restaurants, healthcare, office settings, and manufacturing. Masks would also be worn by both employees and customers/clients of retail establishments as well as close contact services.

Exceptions would be made for people eating or drinking in a public area, at a restaurant, or dining area at place of employment.

Instruction videos for proper usage of the masks must be made available.

Accommodations must be made for individuals who can not wear masks such as those with COPD or conditions such as Trigeminal Neuralgia. Such individuals would need to have a letter from their physician on their person when participating in activities which would require them to be wearing a mask under this mandate.

Having this mandate will certainly not be done without objections. You must stay strong in your commitment to the health and safety of our community.

Thank you.

Emily McSherry, LMBT, CMMT

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Kirk. Nice to see you last week at our press conference.

Also good to read an article about a business affected by Coronavirus.... the eye clinic

In fact, there are many such businesses as well as groups of people....  
but very little coverage of them.

These are the stories people need to see..... we still have too many doubters out there!

Thanks

Knox W

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