Activities and Resources Online:

Kennedy Center Couch Concerts
Stay entertained while keeping social distance with the Kennedy Center’s Couch Concerts. The Kennedy Center has a variety of video concerts include poetry slams, music performances, and other forms of storytelling. Check it out [HERE](#).

Take a Summer Road Trip with Smithsonian
Smithsonian offers a new activity guide that will allow kids to take their own summer trip of discovery. Kids can play games, do puzzles and other hands-on activities that connect kids to history, STEM and the arts. Check out the activity guide [HERE](#).

Community Updates and Resources:

Virginia Rent and Mortgage Relief Program
Need help with your rent? The Virginia Rent and Mortgage Relief Program is a rent assistance program for households experiencing hardship during the pandemic. Take a quick questionnaire to find out if you’re eligible [HERE](#). Call 703-746-5700 to apply for assistance.

Census Takers will begin visiting households this month
Census takers are beginning to visit households who have not yet responded to the Census. The goal is to help everyone be counted in the 2020 Census.

What households can expect:
- Census takers are required to wear masks when they visit, and to follow guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state and local public health officials. Prior to visiting homes, census takers must complete a virtual COVID-19 training on physical distancing protocols and other health and safety guidance.
- Census takers are hired from the local community. All census takers speak English, and many are bilingual. If a census taker does not speak the householder’s language, the householder may request a return visit from a census taker who does. Census takers will also have materials on hand to help identify the household’s language.
- If no one is home when the census taker visits, the census taker will leave a notice of their visit with information about how to respond online, by phone, or by mail. People are encouraged to cooperate with census takers and ensure that everyone who was living in their household as of April 1, 2020, is counted.

**How to identify Census Takers:**

Census takers can be easily identified by a valid government ID badge that includes their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark and an expiration date. To confirm a census taker’s identity, the public may contact their regional census center to speak with a Census Bureau representative.

**Households can still self-respond:**

Households can still complete the 2020 Census online, by phone at 844.330.2020, or by completing the paper survey received in the mail. Every household is required by federal law to respond to the 2020 Census.

Visit alexandriava.gov/Census2020 for more information on the City of Alexandria’s involvement in the 2020 Census.
Police Department Warns of Phone Scam in Alexandria

There has been a recent telephone scam targeting people who are asked to provide money to remove criminal charges.

Individuals reported receiving phone calls from someone falsely using the identity of an Alexandria sworn police employee. In the scam, the caller uses the name of a sworn officer, and advises that there are warrants for the subject’s arrest. The caller provides instructions on how to pay a large sum of money, then passes the victim on to another person to explain a “surety voucher.”

The Alexandria Police Department does not make these calls and will never request money over the phone. If you receive such a call, immediately hang up. Do not provide the caller with any information and do not answer any questions.

If you are the victim of this scam and have been defrauded of money, please report it to the Alexandria Police Department by calling 703.746.4444 or by contacting the law enforcement agency where you live.

Recipe of the Month

Homemade Falafel

https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/recipes/a54231/easy-homemade-falafel-recipe/