

ORCAS UPDATE 03/26/20

From the Orcas Island Community Foundation

Here is some information you may want to know about. Bear with us, this is our first edition – we will be coming out with more information weekly, or as needed. You may receive this from different sources.

FROM THE FOOD BANK

ANY ISLANDERS WHO NEED FOOD: THE FOOD BANK IS OPEN FOR YOU TWICE A WEEK; NEW HOURS AND PROCEDURES

Starting March 30, the Food Bank will be open TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Islanders needing food assistance may come twice per week to receive a prepacked bag. We are located at 176 Madrona St. next to the Community Church.

The Food Bank will NOT be delivering food bags to island hamlets at this time. If you need assistance with food pickup, please give a friend a note authorizing your pickup, or list your need at Orcas.Recovers.Org. Seniors and homebound may be eligible for delivery through the Senior Center, 376-2677. Other plans for island-wide delivery are still in development.

Questions? Contact us at 376-4445 or orcasislandfoodbank@centurylink.net.

ISLAND MARKET

Effective immediately:

- Store hours are **8am- 6pm** until further notice.
- Mandatory **6 feet distance rule** in effect for all people inside the store.
- We encourage you to only come to the store for essentials and ask you to team up with friends and neighbors to make one trip instead of many.
- Starting Monday, we will have a **hand washing station setup at the front door and will be requiring you to wash your hands before shopping.**

There have also been some changes to the layout of the store. Attached below is a list of products and their aisles. This will help you with your shopping.

ORCAS FOOD CO-OP

In order to protect customers, employees, and communities, they are **only** providing curbside pick-up and home delivery at this time. Current turnaround time is 24 hours. Place an order online at: www.orcasfood.coop

SCHOOL BUS DELIVERY OF MEALS FOR CHILDREN

OISD will be using buses and drivers to deliver child meals. Click [HERE](#) and sign up by this Friday 3/27 for delivery to a stop near you!

DO YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

People interested in volunteering should continue to be directed to the website:

[Orcas.Recovers.Org](https://www.orcasrecovers.org)

This website is a place where potential volunteers can post they are available and their interest, and island organizations can post their needs. It's helpful for volunteers to use the # followed by an interest; e.g. #OPAL; #foodbank; #driver

SENIOR CENTER

Requests for Meals on Wheels has increased 4x over previous demand. More volunteer drivers are needed. (#driver at [Orcas.Recovers.Org](https://www.orcasrecovers.org))

ARE YOU FEELING OVERWHELMED?

Here is a good source if you need to talk to someone: **Covid-19 Emotional Support hotline: 1-866-342-6892**. They connect people with caring professionals. The service is free of charge and available to anyone, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

Additional resource links will be posted at [Orcas.Recovers.org](https://www.orcasrecovers.org)

GIVING HELPS EVERYONE

OICF's Community Emergency Response Fund has made grants this week to OPAL (\$40,000); OCRC (\$25,000); and the Food Bank (\$15,000). Folks are urged to get out the word to potential donors about the Fund. **Donations to the Community Emergency Response Fund can be made through the OICF website [OICF.us](https://www.oicf.us)**

OPAL Construction at April's Grove is Authorized to Continue

Governor Inslee's *Stay Home, Stay Healthy Order* [identified certain essential activities](#) that are allowed to continue while most of us stay home. The construction of affordable housing is one of those essential activities. Therefore, construction of April's Grove will continue as long as suppliers continue to deliver. The crews working on site have adopted new protocols to keep workers safe and healthy in accordance with L&I guidelines on COVID-19.

Please be kind and support these workers as they build much needed housing to our community.

*****Click [HERE](#) for ISLAND MARKET CONFIGURATION or print below (on the following page)**

SHOPPING LIST:

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