Emergency Food Strategy Team Meeting Notes

3/2/2022

1. Welcome new people to the group
2. Announcements
   * DFS
     + Continue to monitor updates to P-EBT and SNAP benefits for our clients
   * FCPS
     + Updates on meal distribution leading up to and during spring break: [Meals for Students | Fairfax County Public Schools (fcps.edu)](https://www.fcps.edu/return-school/food)
   * Fairfax Food Council- Newsletter attached

Dear Food Council Friends – Please find below information about upcoming workshops on *Setting Up Your Garden* – in English (March 15) and Spanish (March 16) – brought to you by the Food Council’s Urban Agriculture Work Group – in partnership with Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food & Agriculture and Virginia Cooperative Extension/Fairfax.

Register using the QR Code ***OR*** the links just below each workshop description.  Please share with colleagues, clients, friends and family.

These timely workshops feature a local gardener (and YouTuber), Elias Castillo, who will share lots of energy and experience focused on gardening in zone 7a (Northern Virginia).   Additionally, we will hear from two community members who will delve into their “Garden Diaries” about their unique tips and methods for successful urban gardening.

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English: Mar 15, 2022,  7:00 pm  | [Learn more and register in advance.](https://virginiatech.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkf--vrzkiHtMIkS9EFfM5JFj_IQC4UDZp)

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Spanish: Mar 16, 2022,  7:00 pm | [Learn more and register in advance.](https://virginiatech.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqcuigrjooGdaSJ70E9EE0OGrrIEnhXwWS)

* + Volunteer Fairfax - please nominate your volunteers:
    - Volunteer Category forms for Volunteer Fairfax Service Awards is at the bottom of this page. <https://www.volunteerfairfax.org/30th-annual-fairfax-county-volunteer-service-awards/>

1. Stuff the Bus March 19 (flyers attached)
   * Please help get the word out that Stuff the Bus will be happening Saturday March 19th from 10am-3pm at locations around Fairfax County. [Stuff the Bus | Neighborhood and Community Services (fairfaxcounty.gov)](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/stuff-the-bus)
2. Food Access Program
   * Awards for Lanes 1 and 2 will be announced soon, participating organizations have been notified
3. Afghan neighbors settling in our area:
   * Please use this email address for all inquiries: [AfghanHelp@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:AfghanHelp@fairfaxcounty.gov)
   * Use this email to send requests for assistance
   * Use this email to offer different types of assistance
   * We’ll match requests and offers as they come in
4. New Sub -committees

* Data/Mapping
* Steering Committee
* Engagement

1. Touch base/questions/ challenges

Next meeting: Wednesday March 16 at 3pm

Microsoft Teams meeting

**Join on your computer or mobile app**

[Click here to join the meeting](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZjIzZmUxM2QtNDY2OS00NjdlLTkxMmItZTc3YTVmM2M0MWFl%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22a26156cb-5d6f-4172-9d7d-934eb0a7b275%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22b7902a83-f75f-4c23-bab4-8ca80018d77a%22%7d)

**Or call in (audio only)**

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