

Groceries

With everyone avoiding stores, the online delivery services are backed up. So what can you do to get what you need when you need it?

- All grocery stores now offer the first hour of shopping for seniors only and are using social distancing practices to minimize contact in the store. Reports are that stores are reasonably well stocked, are putting limits on some items to prevent hoarding. Trader Joe's is
- Ashley Market is doing free deliveries for seniors, no minimum order. 973-762-5200. Place orders between 8am and noon.
- N&K Prime Marketplace on Springfield Ave in Maplewood is full service butcher. Specializing in Polish delicacies, it is fully stocked with a range of fresh meats, milk, bread, cheese, some jar food and more. They are delivering free, and right now are taking orders to deliver the next day. Call them at 973-821-9430.
- Baker Street Market in Maplewood Village is a new gourmet store that has a variety of fresh foods. They are taking orders for the same day delivery is placed by 9am, otherwise orders will be delivered the next day. Shop online at www.bakerstmarket.com/
- Freeman's Fish in Maplewood Village delivers. Call 973-763-9363 for details and to place an order.

In addition, some other shopping resources are:

SOMA Squad

This facebook group of South Orange and Maplewood residents eager to help neighbors will let you find a volunteer to shop for you. Join the group, and when you need something, post asking for someone to shop for you. When someone responds, you can work out the arrangements for picking up a list, shopping and payment.

GoGoGroceries

Gogo Grandparent is offering a new service for those who prefer to stay in rather than going to the grocery store.

"Similar to our existing product offerings of ride requests and meal-delivery, you can speak with a live operator and we'll work with you to select the exact products you want from your local grocery store. Please keep in mind this a limited-time service. Call a member of our Groceries team at (855) 222-4919. We'll work with you to get you the products you want from your local store and have them delivered to your home. Because COVID-19 is impacting the availability of items at grocery stores, availability of items is limited and not all delivery times will be available."

To set up a Gogo Grandparent account, go to www.gogograndparent.com or call (855) 464-6872.

Ask Umbrella

Ask Umbrella is offering shopping and delivery services to anyone over 60, even if you are not a member. You can fill out a request at: <https://www.askumbrella.com/covid-response>

It's Census Day!

Census 2020 has started. The official US Census Day is April 1st. Everyone should already have received their mailed invitation to respond to the Census. For the first time, you can RESPOND ONLINE, BY PHONE, OR BY MAIL, all without leaving the safety of your own home.

It's very important for New Jersey that every resident gets counted, regardless of age or immigration status. Our Congressional representation depends on it. Over \$1 trillion in Federal funding is allocated nationally based wholly or in part on Census counts, including almost \$46 billion for New Jersey in FY2017, including about \$12 billion for Medicare and Medicaid, \$1.6 billion for transportation, and more than \$350 million for school breakfast and lunch programs. In these challenging times, it is especially true that continued funding for healthcare, health insurance, and emergency response resources is critical. Let's make sure that New Jersey gets its fair share by achieving a complete count of all our residents. **Ask everyone to fill out their Census forms.** It's safe, easy, confidential – and very important. Census responses will not be shared with anyone, even other government agencies, such as police, FBI, courts, or immigration officials. Count everyone living in your household on April 1 – including grandparents, tenants, roommates, live-in nannies, and newborn babies who haven't yet come home.

• **FILL IT OUT** at www.2020Census.gov. Or call 844-330-2020

Vote by Mail

During these uncertain times, it might be a good time to consider applying for a Vote-by-Mail Ballot for the June Primary Election. Important Information & Dates:

April 8 - Deadline for Change of Party Affiliation Declaration Forms for Primary Election to be Filed with the Essex County Commissioners of Registration

May 12 - Voter Registration Deadline for Primary Election

May 26 - Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail for Primary Election (not less than 7 days prior to election)

June 2 - Primary Election

To print a mail in ballot, click here:

<https://nj.gov/state/elections/assets/pdf/forms-vote-by-mail/vote-mail-ballot-essex-english.pdf>