



N48 April Newsletter

CDC 4/3/2020 Update: In an effort to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus, the CDC recommended that people start using cloth face coverings in public settings where social distancing is difficult to keep (grocery stores, pharmacies, etc.). Studies show that a significant number of persons with the virus have no symptoms and are unknowingly infecting others. The CDC says surgical or N95 masks are not needed for this use. “Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.”



Newly formed, volunteer mask brigade begins making masks for neighbors

Marilyn Hartmann started out making masks with the Fabric & Fiber club for Georgetown Living Alzheimer’s Residences. Now, she has a 12-volunteer mask brigade making masks for our neighborhood as well. Her N48 volunteers are **Gerry Charlebois, Nancy Chessman, Denny and Judi Doyle, Joy Gardner, Henry Levine, Judy Parker, Judy Parsley, Janine Ramseur and Arcy Villegas.** Phyllis Lauritsen (N16) is also a volunteer but is making masks for Georgetown Living.



Marilyn Hartmann

The masks are being made according to Williamson County instructions. These washable Pocket Masks are made of cotton, have a filter pocket and tie straps. The group will initially offer each household one mask for grocery shopping and then provide additional masks for each resident later.



Denny and Judi Doyle

Residents should not request masks for extended family members as they are only for N48 residents.

Block Captains are asked to poll their block to determine how many masks are needed in each home and to email results to Marilyn at mhartmann@suddenlink.net. A lottery will determine the order in which blocks will receive masks. Masks will be distributed to block captains for dispersal to residents. Most masks have a floral fabric design, so Marilyn is accepting donations of dark or solid colored cotton fabric appropriate for men.

Residents: Before wearing your mask, please read the attached care instructions. If you would like to volunteer to sew masks, text Marilyn at 330-808-0605.



On the lighter side...



- A little humor from MASH...
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5CNHDeF2xA>
- Fly your American flag, says Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.:
Press "Ctrl" and click on this link [Click here to view>>](#)



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N48 Masks - Instructions

Washing Instructions: These masks **HAVE NOT been washed** for your use. You should wash them before using. Suggest using detergent with OXI CLEAN in it.

If you have a center agitator in your washing machine, I would suggest you **DO NOT** wash in your machine. The straps most likely will cause problems with the agitator.

When washing, **tie the straps** together to prevent tangling.

If you have a **lingerie bag**, wash mask in that.

Suggest you wash every time you go out in public. Wash your hand immediately after taking off mask and wash masks before you use it again!

Why a Hidden Pocket in the Mask?

It has been said by some medical professionals that two layers of fabric would be enough for the general public. This mask is made with two layers of cotton and a hidden pocket for you to insert an additional filter if you choose. It has been suggested using coffee filters, tissue, paper towels, etc. All of which should be thrown out after one use.

We have on order some filters with 50 microns (CDC is using 30 microns). When they come in, we will distribute to be used with masks until supplies run out. These filters can be washed and re-used! They are Not cheap! (probably best to soak filters rather than put in washer with masks). Some neighbors have offered to pay for these first shipments. We will see how far they last and if we think they are effective. Then we may want to order more.

PLEASE DO NOT DISCARD THESE MASKS ONCE THIS CRISIS IS OVER!

It has been stated that we may have another outbreak in the fall! Please keep your mask clean and in a proper storage place when not in use.

Remember, many Wonderful Neighbors have worked hard sewing these masks for your safety. ♥♥♥