

Welcome, Village Common Members and Volunteers

The Providence Village Steering Committee offers you this list of services, resources, and distractions to help you live comfortably while maintaining physical social distancing. Although the local resources are most useful for Providence Village members, the others will, we hope, provide information, resources, and entertainment for all our members. This is an evolving list. If you need a service not covered here, or need help with one that is, please call 401-441-5240.

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CONTINUING VILLAGE COMMON SERVICES

As always, call the Village Common (401-441-5240) to discuss your request with a Service Coordinator.

- The Village Common continues services whenever possible, including transportation, errands, pickup, and delivery
- Volunteer drivers who are ill will not drive our members
- Members who are ill cannot use our volunteer drivers. Some other options are provided below
- Both members and volunteer drivers MUST wear masks. When possible, members will sit in the back seat on the passenger side
- For errands, including pickup and delivery, coordinate with the volunteer so as to avoid exposing either of you to the virus
- A number of other options for delivery are listed, [below](#)

The Village Common concerns itself with all aspects of members' well-being. We're shifting gears, but still heading toward the same destination: connections, conversations, caring, and fun. The Village Common offers many kinds of virtual get-togethers, dance classes, reading together, and more. Go to the Village Common's [web page](#), log in, and click on the Calendar tab to see what's coming up, and to sign up. Members also get email notices about upcoming virtual events. Please, join us!

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND COMMUNICATION

PHYSICAL Distancing is the order of the day. Obviously, this is the opposite of the Village Common's goal: encouraging social interaction. But remaining at home does not mean staying out of touch with your neighbors, friends, fellow Village members, or your pastor or rabbi. Please call, text, email, or write postcards to these people — they want to hear from you, too.

COMMUNICATION - Everyone's zooming! If you have a smartphone, you can also use many of these tools, including Zoom. A number of free online tools are great for face-to-face communication: Facebook, FaceTime, ZOOM, Skype, Google Hangout, and Jami, to name a few. Numerous tutorials are available on YouTube, or call a Village Service Coordinator for referral to one of our Tech Support volunteers.

***One good stay-in-touch idea - read aloud to grandkids (etc.) on the phone, or use one of the tools, above! You can download a free kid's book, share it, then read it!*

[The Bed Time Story Book](#) - a collection of 36 stories for grades PK-1

[Kings, Wolves, Princesses and Lions](#) - a collection of 28 stories for grades 1-3

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[It Ate My Sister](#) - a two-for-one book for middle grade (through adults with a sense of humor.)

TRANSPORTATION

The Village Common, phone 401 441-5240, continues its standard service. Please see [Continuing Village Common Services](#), above, for the latest information on how volunteers are handling rides. Other options:

Corporate Taxi - 401 231-2228, is a trusted provider for Village members.

Uber and **Lyft** - Order a ride using their apps on a smart phone. Download the apps by searching "Uber" or "Lyft." Follow instructions on the apps.

[GoGoGrandparent](#) - You can book a ride with Uber or Lyft *by calling* instead of by using a smartphone app. This company contracts with both Uber and Lyft.

- GoGoGrandparent clients pay a \$0.27 *per minute* concierge fee *on top* of the Uber or Lyft cost.
 - The fare and booking fee will be charged to the credit card on file. This ensures that you don't have to handle cash or cards in the car. Choose the payment method you want to use when you sign up for the service.
1. To register: call **1-855-464-6872** or use the [website](#). You will provide your home address, a credit-card number, and other information. They keep this on file.
 2. To get a ride, call 1-855-464-6872. After you hear "Thanks for calling GoGoGrandparent," proceed to the next step.
 3. Choose your pick-up location
 - Press **1** if the pickup location is the **registered home address**
 - Press **2** if the pickup location is the place you were last dropped off.
 - Press **3, 4, or 5** to choose another location.
 - Press **0** to talk to an operator.

Then **stay on the line!** You will hear ride information, including the time the driver will arrive, the car's make and model, the color of the car, and the Uber or Lyft driver's name. There's also an option to contact the driver by pressing **3**.

Smart Uber and Lyft customers **always let drivers identify themselves first. A driver should ask for you **by name** if you've booked a ride, and confirm your destination *before* you get into the car. **

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HEALTH - COVID19 AND MORE

Medical emergencies of any kind - Call 911

IF YOU FEEL YOU HAVE COVID-19 Symptoms:

- Call your doctor. Do NOT set out for a doctor's office or a hospital without consulting a medical professional first. This is safer for you.
- Your doctor will assess your symptoms, ask questions, and address your concerns. If the doctor suspects the coronavirus but your symptoms are mild, you'll likely be advised to self-quarantine at home. OR, your doctor may arrange for you to be tested.
- No doctor? Call the **COVID-19 Emergency Hotline** at 401-222-8022, or 211 after hours.

Behavioral Health (added 4/22/2020)

Butler Hospital hotline 844-401-0111

RI DOH hotline 401-222-8022

Lifespan Dept of Psychiatry & Behavioral Health 401-606-0606

RI DOH (Behavioral Health) 401-414-5465

Aetna's **Resources for Living** program, now available to anyone, offers "real-time phone support to help callers cope with the emotional impact of the pandemic," at 1-833-327-AETNA or 1-833-327-2386. (added 5/10/2020)

NEWS AND INFORMATION: PROVIDENCE, RI, AND BEYOND

- Providence: For more information on COVID-19 and best practices, connect to the Mayor's Center for City Services. Dial 3-1-1, visit www.PVD311.com, or download the PVD311 mobile app on your smartphone for 24/7 access.
- Rhode Island Department of Health's COVID-19 Assistance Line **401-432-2020** Monday through Friday during regular business hours for additional questions. Or email RIDOH.COVID19Questions@health.ri.gov
- Official State COVID-19 information: health.ri.gov/covid/

MEDIA - General

The Public's Radio: <https://thepublicsradio.org/>

ABC Channel 6: <https://www.abc6.com/>

WPRI Channel 10:

www.wpri.com/health/coronavirus/march-19-rhode-island-coronavirus-update/

Boston Globe's "Rhode Map" emails: Covers many top stories in the Ocean State. Sign up to receive these free daily emails.

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STATE & LOCAL ORDERS AND INITIATIVES RELATED TO COVID-19 (updated 5/25/2020)

- Closure of state courts until June 1, 2020 for routine business prevents landlords from obtaining eviction orders. (updated 5/26/2020)
- [Rhode Island Medicaid](#) is suspending all terminations and quarterly income verifications for the duration of this emergency. This means that people who are on Medicaid and need care have access to care for the duration of the crisis.
- **Stimulus Payments:** Rhode Islanders have begun receiving direct cash payments either via the direct deposit information that the IRS has on file or by mail. Payments are \$1,200 for workers and Social Security beneficiaries making up to \$75,000 (\$150,000 for a couple), plus \$500 for every child age 16 and younger. You can [check your status on the IRS website](#).
- **PAWTUCKET INFORMATION** (added 4/29/2020)
MEALS
 Senior residents needing meals can contact the Leon Mathieu Senior Center at 401-312-0266 or by email to: seniors@pawtucketri.com. [Progreso Latino](#) is also serving lunch to Pawtucket residents.
TAXES
 The Pawtucket City Council and Mayor Grebien announced that tax rates for the upcoming fiscal year billing cycle will be held flat, for both residential and commercial property.

GROCERY SENIOR HOURS (in-person shopping)

Always check for updates. You can shop at any time. However, senior hours limit who may enter during those hours, which means fewer people.

Eastside Marketplace - 6-7:30 am daily (added 5/10/2020)

[Whole Foods](#) at University Heights - 8-9am daily

Whole Foods on Waterman St., [Providence Store](#) - 8-9am daily

[Urban Greens](#) - 93 Cranston St., Providence

[Dave's Marketplace](#) - Dave's senior hours (all locations) vary. Website has the latest.

DELIVERIES

Please note! Delivery services are working to keep up: This changes from day to day. Call stores for the latest information: some store web sites are not updated frequently enough to offer reliable info about delivery and pick-up options.

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PHARMACIES

Note that some branches of CVS and Walgreens do NOT deliver.

If your prescriptions are currently filled at a non-delivering branch and you would like delivery, contact doctor's office(s). Some pharmacies will initiate this change. *THERE ARE BOUND TO BE DELAYS: PLAN ACCORDINGLY!*

CVS - www.cvs.com Click on "store locator," then enter zip code.

Store and pharmacy hours vary. NOTE: All sales are final for now - *no returns*. Delivery must be ordered online. Instacart is the CVS service; will deliver prescriptions and anything else you add. *Expect delays!* For in-person pick-ups, call as usual.

481 Angell St. Providence **401 521 4340** .

291 Thayer St. Providence **401 331 1970**

799 Hope St. Providence **401 331 5240**

425 East Ave. Pawtucket **401 722 8704**

Walgreens - www.walgreens.com Click on "store locator," then enter zip code. Store and pharmacy hours vary. Walgreens delivers prescriptions ONLY. Check with pharmacy for latest delivery information.

135 Pitman St. **401 861 4846**

1140 North Main **401 278 4901**

Green Line Apothecary - www.greenlineapothecary.com

905 North Main St. Providence **401-633-8100**

Check for latest information about deliveries (free; delivered following day). You may order prescription refills online or on the phone. They will deliver other items along with a prescription. They will initiate prescription transfers. (updated 5/26/2020)

GROCERIES

Rhode Island Delivers - The Office for Healthy Aging has compiled this large list of food delivery options: markets, meals, and more. Some local options, below. (added 5/10/2020)

Peapod - Peapod delivers groceries and meal kits.

Go to peapod.com to create an account or use as a "guest."

\$60 minimum for delivery. An order between \$75 and \$100 has a \$7.95 delivery fee; \$60 - \$75, a \$9.95 fee. Place your first order over \$100, and Peapod will provide a code for free delivery for orders placed in the first 60 days after joining.

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Eastside Marketplace (401 831 7771) Click on SHOP ONLINE, top right corner of page.

Next-day delivery (free; weekdays only)

Call, fax, or email your order to Delivery@eastsidemarket.com. They will deliver to your home. Orders submitted by 2 pm will be delivered the next day. Friday shopping by 2pm will be delivered Monday. Pay by check or cash upon delivery or credit card at time of order.

Same day Pick-up/Delivery:

Pick-up would work for Village members who would like to request this as an errand, paid in advance. Select a time slot for **same-day** pickup. They will load the order into a car (free).

Same-Day Delivery: Within a 4 mile radius \$5.00 • 5- 10 miles \$7.50
11- 20 miles \$10.00 • Over 20 miles, \$1.00 per additional mile.

Stop and Shop. Go to <https://www.instacart.com/stop-shop>. Sign up. Then, on the grocery page, select what you want and add to your virtual “cart.” Pay with a credit card.

Whole Foods

For Amazon Prime members only. On the Whole Foods site, click “Grocery delivery” and you’ll be sent to Amazon. Click on items to add to your cart. Pay with credit card.

Urban Greens Co-op 93 Cranston St., Providence

Non-members welcome! It stocks what most markets do (fresh, canned, and frozen foods; household). Local products: Baffoni poultry, Pat’s Pastured meat, etc. **Curbside pick-up for 10 items or fewer.** To order, use the “CONTACT US” dropdown on the web page. Type in a list, and they will contact you. Senior hours. Bicycle deliveries also available (\$). (updated 5/26/2020)

LOCALLY GROWN FOOD FOR HOME DELIVERY - Always contact for latest information. (updated 5/26/2020)

Farmers from [Munroe Dairy](#), [Pat’s Pastured](#), [Robin Hollow Farm](#) (flowers), and [Walrus & Carpenter Oysters](#) are offering *farm to home delivery service* for meats, milk, eggs, cheese, flowers, shellfish, and more. Order salad greens from [Baby](#)

Greens.

Farm Fresh Rhode Island has opened its [Mobile Market Delivery Service](#) to retail customers. Just remember to double-check quantities before ordering!

WhatsGood: Get to this online, or download the app to your tablet or phone. Order fresh produce, dairy, meat, etc directly from local farms. Select “Home Delivery,” shop from Rhode Island area producers. WhatsGood keeps no inventory. Your order comes directly from the farmer or producer.

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Misfits: delivers fresh, organic produce and more at a big discount since it has been rejected from grocery stores for cosmetic reasons. Prevents food waste too.

PREPARED FOOD DELIVERY - FOOD AID

Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island: Register online at rimeals.org. Patrons must meet certain eligibility requirements. There's more information online about eligibility under [PROGRAMS](#), or call the main office at 401 351 6700.

Meal Sites in Providence

Fox Point Manor. 575 Wickenden St., 401-751-7372.

Meals served @ 12-1pm – Wednesdays and Fridays

Vincent Brown Recreation Center, corner of Hope and Doyle, has prepared meals available for pick up on weekdays between 4 and 6pm. They have prepared dinners and breakfasts available for anyone who stops by.

RESTAURANT DELIVERY AND TAKEOUT

GoProvidence recommends: Many of Providence's area restaurants are offering takeout and delivery. Please note that some restaurants use a delivery service (such as Uber Eats or Doordash) that may add a fee. *Check with the restaurant for more details.*

[Dining Delivery & Takeout](#)

[Pawtucket restaurants](#) that are offering takeout and delivery. This opens a PDF. *Check with the restaurant for more details* (added 4/29/2020)

BICYCLE DELIVERIES!

Various groups have banded together to support bike delivery of groceries, bagels, and more. Edible Rhody has the goods [here](#)

TAKE-OUT DELIVERY COMPANIES

UBER EATS Get the app "Uber Eats" or access the online site [Uber Eats](#) and create an account, including a credit card (no cash allowed). **Browse.** Uber Eats has hundreds of restaurants to choose from (phone to see if open!) Browse by location, type of cuisine, etc. On restaurant menus, tap dishes to add to your cart.

Order. When you're ready to check out, you'll see your address, estimated delivery time, and the price, including tax and delivery fee. Tap "Place Order." They use the credit card on file.

Track. Follow your order in the app. When the order's ready, an Uber driver will pick it up. You'll be able to see their name, photo, and track its progress on the map.

DOORDASH. Works like Uber Eats. First, get the app "DoorDash" or access the online site [DoorDash](#) and create an account.

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LIQUOR and CBD DELIVERY

[Bottles Fine Wine](#) 141 Pitman Street (401 372 2030)

In Providence: Delivery Monday-Saturday between 11am and 7:30pm for orders placed by 11AM. \$25 minimum plus \$5 delivery fee.

- Curbside pick-up also possible. Instructions online.
- You can shop online, or call. All orders must be pre-paid.
- Someone of legal age (21+) must be there to receive and sign for order.

[Campus Fine Wines](#) - 127 Brook St. (401-621 9650)

Delivery (free with \$50 order); curbside pick-up. Delivery is next day; curbside pick-up, same day. Pre-paying is best! Either choose what you want from their website, or call to discuss what you hope to find.

[CBD American Shaman](#) - 288 Thayer Street. (401) 414-459.

Curbside Pickup or Home Delivery. Credit cards only.

To learn more about CBD, visit their site or give them a call.

LOCAL AND STATEWIDE ASSISTANCE OF ALL KINDS

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

Neighborhood Associations are your neighbors in action, sources of information, and help. Visit their websites or pages on [Facebook](#). Some also have web sites if you are not a Facebook user.

[Summit Neighborhood Association](#)

[Fox Point Neighborhood Association](#)

[Downtown Neighborhood Association](#) or [Facebook](#)

[Mount Hope Neighborhood Association](#) (Facebook only)

[College Hill Neighborhood Association](#) (Facebook only)

[Wayland Square Neighborhood Association](#) (Facebook)

[South Kingston COVID Resources](#) - for South County and beyond

NEIGHBORHOOD HELP- WARD 1 AND WARD 3

Providence Ward 1 (Downtown & Southern East Side)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdf-VB0IxqInWa8Q35KhPp1AD83HDKmvy-mK-pxfwed86j5nKQ/viewform>

Providence Ward 3 (Northern East Side)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKugpE8bEcKMTD1MprbSKK2IWmLCsm9RTzy8SV8eVwKaVgYg/viewform>

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STATEWIDE ASSISTANCE

[Age-Friendly Rhode Island](#) - A coalition of government agencies, service providers, individuals, advocacy, and faith-based organizations, businesses, academic institutions and municipal leaders committed to healthy aging. This excellent website includes latest info on COVID-19 in RI as well as links to all kinds of assistance. There's also a full [calendar](#) of virtual events- something for everyone. (updated 6/2/2020)

[Jewish Collaborative Services](#)

Offers a full spectrum of services, including senior housing services, and social services to all. JCS offers its services to *everyone* in Rhode Island and in nearby Massachusetts communities.

VOTE!

The Presidential Preference Primary will be held on Tuesday, June 2

Watch this short (1.5 minute) [You Tube Video](#) from the Secretary of State, Nellie Gorbea, that explains VERY CLEARLY how voting by mail will happen in the Presidential Preference Primary.

- If you sent your mail-in ballot application by the deadline (now past), you will receive a ballot and a postage-paid envelope
- Fill out your ballot according to the instructions that come with it
- Mail it a few days before the due date!
- Your ballot **must reach** the Board of Elections in Cranston by 8pm, Tuesday, June 2

Also find info about the Rhode Island Statewide Primary, September 8, 2020, and the General Election November 3, 2020 at vote.sos.ri.gov/ (updated 6/2/2020)

HELPING OTHERS: WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Your Village wants YOU! You could be calling fellow members just to be sociable - good for everyone these days. Or perhaps there is something else you can do from home — contact Eliza Sutton, Village Common Office (401) 228-8683 or email her at esutton@villagecommonri.org to learn more.

[Rhode Island Office of Healthy Aging](#) - **Project Hello** connects volunteers with those who could use a friendly phone call, and more. Become a caller! You can do this from home (added 4/19/2020)

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Volunteer to help these folks in your ward- sign-ups on each site.

Providence Ward 1 (Downtown & Southern East Side)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdf-VB0IqxqInWa8Q35KhPp1AD83HDKmvy-mK-pxfwed86j5nKQ/viewform>

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[Jewish Collaborative Services](#) - seeks volunteers, especially now. Much can be done from home. (added 5/25/2020)

[SAGEConnect](#) - connects LGBT elders with other community members in this time of crisis (Added 4/19/2020)

Do you sew? Make Masks! Do you have supplies? Elastic, closely-woven 100% cotton (old sheets/heavy shirts/denim for example) These offer protection for you and for others. Both RI Hospital and Miriam are accepting home-made masks: here's what they need www.lifespan.org/covid-donations

Community Food Bank - Donate to state or locate our local food bank rifoodbank.org/find-food/

RI Blood Center - www.ribc.org

Gift Cards - Buy from local businesses - it gives them some help right now.

EXERCISE AT HOME

There are MANY online exercise sessions. Some are free. If you have a favorite studio or gym, check to see what they offer. The [Village Common Calendar](#) includes movement in small spaces sessions.

[National Institute on Aging - Exercise and Physical Activity](#) - One of the NIH institutes, the National Institute on Aging's site lays out everything most of us need to know about exercising-types, how to stay safe, and all the benefits. (added 4/29/2020)

[YMCA Health and Fitness Videos for Active Older Adults](#) - All free. Other free workouts from our local [YMCA of Greater Providence](#) - Use the "CLICK HEFOR MORE" button on the Home Workouts Page to see all they offer. (added 4/29/2020)

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[Centre for Ageing Better](#) - part of the British government's What Works Network. Exercises for folks in a variety of situations. (added 4/29/2020)

[Flex Together](#) - FlexTogether brings the social experience of a senior fitness class into an older adult's home. It combines online exercise instruction with live video chat with friends and family. All classes are available on demand. In response to coronavirus, FlexTogether is being offered FREE to Village members.

Second Wind Health and Wellness - Second Wind offers free online yoga videos. Scroll to the bottom of their [homepage](#) to see the videos.

DISTRACTIONS: ENTERTAINMENT, CULTURE, LEARNING, AND MORE

MUSIC

[Rhode Island Philharmonic](#)- Resources for Listening and Learning at Home (added 4/20/2020)

[Music at Grace](#) - Grace Church Providence continues to offer its free Thursday concerts virtually. Previous virtual concerts are available as well. (added 4/29/2020)

Metropolitan Opera is streaming popular operas for free! Each opera is available for 24 hours, then they stream another one. The [schedule](#).

Boston Symphony Orchestra For the near future, anyway, the BSO will be streaming a performance a day, for free. Check it all out at www.bso.org/brands/bso/at-home/bso-at-home-week-1-bso-music-directors.aspx

Jazz - [WHRB \(95.3\)](#), Harvard student-run radio, now playing pre-recorded programs, plays jazz M-F from 5am until 1pm. Classical takes over from 1pm until 7pm, M-F. You can download the free app from the web site or from the Apple App store.

NPR Don't forget [NPR](#) as a source of music- right in the top tool-bar, there's a MUSIC link - to concerts, interviews with musicians, and more.

Library of Congress. Best treasure-chest ever: The Library of Congress's VAST digitized music collection. [Check it out](#), along with all the other truly wonderful digitized things available to all of us on this site.

More music- go to your favorite music organization's web site- look for podcasts, videos, streaming performances, interviews- and enjoy!

[99.5 WCRB Classical Radio Boston](#) - WCRB broadcasts (or streams) many concerts by the many groups that would normally be performing in the Greater Boston area. More various than the usual programming. (Added 4/20/2020)

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MOVIES

Providence Public Library - [Kanopy](#). PPL offers its cardholders free access to streamed movies. There are instructions on the site for setting it up.

Providence Athenaeum - Members of the Athenaeum can access **hoopla**, which provides digital streaming of movies and e-books. To learn more, go to [General Collections](#).

BOOKS

Providence Public Library offers thousands of [e-books](#). Card-holders can log into their accounts, search the catalog (you can limit results to e-books), and check a few out. There are also hundreds of databases and other digital resources for doing research, learning how to fix your car, learning a language, hunting through an encyclopedia, or researching your ancestry, among other things.

Providence Athenaeum offers e-books to members through [hoopla](#).

LECTURES & CLASSES

[Providence Athenaeum](#) - Many past salons (lectures and discussions) are available to everyone to stream on the web site. Or download and listen when you like.

[The Providence Art Club](#) is streaming past lectures and talks as well as online tours!

[Brown University Arts Initiative BAI At Home](#). Brown's arts scene, virtually.

[TED talks](#) Many lectures on every imaginable, and some unimaginable, topics.

UNIVERSITIES all over the world are offering free online classes. Here's a [link](#) to some of those offered by the Ivies- and there are many more. Check your favorite school's web site and poke around! (Added 4/19/2020)

ART & DESIGN

Gallery Night Providence - now [online](#), with many great links to all kinds of venues in Providence - galleries, art emporiums, museums, and more

[Bristol Art Museum](#) - take the online tour! (added 4/20/2020)

[Cocktails with a Curator](#) - The Frick Museum's cooked up this nice little series. Past cocktail hours are posted on their Web site, along with cocktail recipes. Why they didn't match a Bellini cocktail with the Frick's Bellini is unclear. (added 4/29/2020)

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Museums online - a jaw-dropping number of museums all over the world have [digitized](#) substantial parts of their collections, and have also made virtual tours, curator talks, lectures, and more available through [Google Arts & Culture](#). Browse, or use the little magnifying glass icon in the upper right-hand corner to search for a favorite museum, artist, work of art, or other types of cultural organizations. Find many New England/New York favorites, such as the [MFA](#), the [Gardner](#), the [Met](#), and the [Guggenheim](#), among others. Some museums, such as Boston's [ICA](#), not included in Google Culture, are posting virtual events *only* on social media (go to their web sites for links to these). Google Culture does not limit its content to museums, so see what else you can find!

GARDENS - Virtual dirt under your nails

[Blithewold](#) is offering various virtual experiences on various platforms (Facebook, Zoom, etc.) (added 5/10/2020)

[New York Botanical Garden](#) - virtual tours, plus even more offered via social media. Visit the site for more info (added 4/22/2020)

[Longwood Gardens](#) - Spring images, behind-the-scenes tours, and more (added 4/22/2020)

[Royal Botanic Gardens \(Kew\)](#) - This London park, known to all as Kew Gardens, has launched Virtual Kew. Includes tours of specific areas and lectures on a variety of topics (added 4/22/2020)

[Arnold Arboretum](#) in Boston offers online tours and lectures on evolution, plant-collecting, and more (added 4/22/2020)

MISCELLANEOUS

Atlas Obscura - this [Stories](#) section of the website contains short-ish articles about obscure events, places, customs, and people. Sign up to get a daily dose of this in your email if you enjoy what you see here. They also sell things (books and tours).

But wait- there's more! Many favorite local and national organizations offer wonderful things online, and did long before COVID. Go to any organization's web site and poke around- and consider making a donation. They need you more than ever.

Some local organizations offering digital distractions:

[Museum of Work and Culture](#) in Woonsocket has its usual eclectic mix of programs, now online. (added 5/10/2020)

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[Preservation Society of Newport County](#) has posted tours of some Newport mansions as well as of a number of exhibits in the mansions, and more. Click on “Virtual Visits” to view the offerings. (added 5/10/2020)

[Providence Preservation Society](#) offers a guide to Providence architecture (added 4/19/2020)

[New Bedford Whaling Museum](#) - always wondrous, either in person or digitally (added 4/20/2020)

[Herreshoff Marine Museum](#) - A museum that celebrates the Herreshoff Manufacturing Company, and the naval architect, Rhode Islander Nathanael Green Herreshoff. Herreshoff's designs, especially his beloved small sailboats, dart around southern New England waters to this day. (added 4/20/2020)

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