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Cornelius Today Update

This is a new and different edition of Cornelius Today

BY DAVE YOCHUM, EDITOR

Normally in this spot we have news of upcoming events of interest to everyone in Cornelius. Well, there aren't any that we know of.

Welcome to the new, New Normal and to a new and different edition of Cornelius Today.

But first I want to express my concern and appreciation for everyone in our community. I am hoping for the best for you as we enter an even more difficult several weeks. Stay healthy and, if you can, stay at home.


At Cornelius Today and Business Today we're trying our best to forge ahead with what we do and that's provide intensely local news and information.

We're all working from home, writing, editing, producing pages and proofing remotely. Pardon our dust but the team is all over our new normal.

We doubled our efforts online to provide the latest and best news of COVID-19's impact on our community. There is considerable coverage on www.corneliustoday.com. It's free for you to use. We have also launched a daily newsletter that right now is dominated by COVID-related news.

Believe me, I hope that's not the case for too long.

Regarding the print edition, we have combined elements of Business Today with Cornelius Today so the look and



Dave Yochum is also the toilet paper reporter at Cornelius Today

feel is just a little different than in the past.

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I like to say our anniversary is April 1—no joke. We launched 18 years ago, well before the internet, before media consolidation and before COVID-19. And we're still here, thanks to the readers that drive advertising.

Let me say it directly: Thank you Cornelius.


We hope to get back to hosting our Newsmakers Breakfasts as well as Big Day at the Lake, but both are on hold for right now.

If you have news to share, please don't hesitate to get in touch via CorneliusToday@gmail.com or 704-895-1335

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Adoptable Pets

www.cornelius.org/279/adoptable-animals



Amber

Amber is a 7 month old Plott hound mix, who was recently surrendered to the shelter when her owner could no longer take care of her. She has beautiful Brindle marking and a sweet personality. She is all puppy and full of energy. She would be a great fit for an active family. Please come meet her.




Wiggy

Wiggy is a seven year old, black, neutered male cat that's been here longer than any other cat in our care. He was surrendered to the shelter a while ago and has been here much longer than we would like to see. We feel he would do best in a home without other pets, he is affectionate but very much a typical cat and thinks he's the boss.

The Cornelius Animal Shelter is open for adoptions Tuesday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 5 to 7 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to noon. 704-237-3602


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Cornelius will be going in circles—7 of them

BY DAVE VIESER

Back in 1969, there was a hit song recorded by the Friends of Distinction, called “Going in Circles.” Cornelius motorists may want to dig up a copy and put it on their iPhones for musical background as they navigate no less than seven traffic circles which are slated to be built in town within the next several years.

Traffic circles have proven to be safer than regular signalized intersections, and the estimated \$36 million cost will be paid for by the state. However, their installation on heavily used roads will be a big change for local drivers.

Here’s what’s currently planned for Cornelius, starting with those to be built on existing thoroughfares:

1. Twin circles at US 21 and Catawba Avenue: This was hotly debated but the NCDOT finally decided to construct two circles. One will be on 21 (Statesville Road) near the entrance to the Lucky Dog Bar south of Catawba, while the other will be north of Catawba near the old Days Inn site. Left turns off of Catawba Avenue onto 21 (Westbound going North, and Eastbound going South) will be eliminated. You’ll have to turn right, use the circle, and then head towards your destination.

Who owns that street?

BY DAVE VIESER

There’s a big pothole in the road outside your home—not a surprise given the rainy winter—but who do you call to get it fixed? It could be the state, the town, your homeowners association or a developer who still owns the road.

Such is the dilemma facing property owners, like those who live in the Antiquity development, where some roads still have not been turned over to the town years after they were constructed.

Here’s how the process works: If you live on a state maintained road, such as Bethel Church Road or Washam Potts Road, where there are quite a few homes, it’s simple. You notify the NCDOT.

Some neighborhood streets can get more complicated: The private owner or developer has the initial responsibility to fix the road. Depending on how



It looks like 7 traffic circles will be coming to Cornelius in the near future

Construction Cost \$9.3 million	Estimated Construction Start Date Spring 2021
Estimated Construction Duration 2 years.	
2. Torrence Chapel Road/Liverpool Parkway: Three separate circles are planned: One will be at the entrance to the Fresh Market/Stein Mart shopping center, a second at the intersection of Knox Road and Torrence Chapel Road, and the third will be south of Catawba at the intersection of Liverpool Parkway and Chartwell Center Drive, next to the Cornelius Post Office.	
Construction Cost \$3.4 million	Estimated Construction Start Date Spring 2020
Estimated Construction Duration 2 years	
3. NC 115/North Main and Potts Road: This traffic circle will be on the border with Davidson and will eliminate the left turns on 115 whereturning motorists often create congestion.	
Construction Cost \$3.4 million	Estimated Construction Start Date Spring 2020
Estimated Construction Duration 2 years	
4. Northcross Drive extension and Westmoreland Road: Northcross Drive is to be extended northward from Huntersville, terminating at Westmoreland Road near Eagle Way Drive in a new traffic circle.	
Construction Cost \$11.7 million	
Estimated Construction Start Date Spring 2021	
Estimated Construction Duration 2 years	



the community is structured, a homeowner would contact either their HOA or the owner themselves.

Eventually, the private developer can request that the town take over jurisdiction for maintaining roadways after the development is complete. However, that shift in responsibility is not automatic.

The town inspects the roads carefully to be sure the pavement, sidewalk and curbing meets specifications. Once they are satisfied that it does, a resolution must then be approved by the town board at a regular public meeting accepting maintenance responsibilities for the specifically named roads.

Usually this happens within a few years of final sub division completion, sometimes sooner, but in the case of some roads in Antiquity, it has taken much longer.

“I can tell you Cornelius is in no rush



Grant

to take ownership of some Antiquity Roads,” a town official told Cornelius Today. “We are requesting that they be brought up to our standards.” Sinkholes have been an issue in the neighborhood.

Once the road is turned over to the town, all of the maintenance responsibility shifts to Cornelius. However, there is some financial help provided by the state through legislation known as the Powell Bill. Adopted in 1951, it was the successful result of a 15-year effort by the League of Municipalities to have the state fund the building and maintenance of major city and town streets. Using funds derived from a gasoline



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Cornelius sets legislative goals, including local sales tax

BY DAVE VIESER

Canceling the I77 toll lane contract tops the list of priorities in the 2020 “state legislative agenda” adopted by the Cornelius Town Board. Copies of the agenda were sent to all state legislators following its formal adoption at their first March meeting.

The Town adopts a legislative agenda every year to identify legislative priorities. Elected officials and staff use them to communicate with our state representatives and other stakeholder entities “on matters that have a significant and tangible impact on the Cornelius community,” said Town Manager Andrew Grant.

The state legislature will hold a “short session” this year convening on April 28.

Not surprisingly, the I 77 toll lane contract is at the top of the priorities list, which also includes such items as a local sales tax and retaining town control of vacation home rentals.

Specific Cornelius priorities:

- 1. Cancellation of the I-77 Toll contract outside the STI (Strategic Transportation Investments) process. During cancellation process, open dialogue between NCDOT and impacted communities to determine best transportation solution moving forward.
- 2. Retain existing statewide Sales Tax distribution, where Sales Tax is returned to specific county where it originated from.



- 3. Retain recently approved legislation that provides educational options to the citizens of our municipalities and preserves municipal funding options for education.
- 4. Study legislation – Weighted Voting Structure for regional planning authorities like MPO/RPO
- 5. Support a future Westmoreland Interstate Interchange (Exit 27) for regional economic development.
- 6. Funding for regional community arts center located in north Mecklenburg (currently being planned for in Cornelius); \$100,000 capital project funding (for construction) and \$25,000 for program offerings (educational outreach classes to schools).
- 7. Enact a local bill that provides for a Cornelius-specific sales tax (up to a

Plan for the development of Atrium Health Lake Norman.

- 11. Accelerate NCDOT roadway projects that were delayed by recent cash flow shortage, including West Catawba and US 21 widening and NC115/Hickory Sreet improvements.

- 12. Transient Occupancy: Retain and support extension of state law to allow Cornelius to continue to have authority to regulate vacation rental housing. Additionally, support study of impacts and need for potential regulation of transient occupancy for all local governments.

- 13. Support continued research and funding in response to the unusual frequency of cancers in the Lake Norman Region.

- 14. Funding in the amount of \$50,000 for community redevelopment in low to moderate income neighborhoods.

NC Rep. Christy Clark, who represents House District 41 which includes Cornelius, said she fully supports the town's entire legislative agenda.

“In particular, I intend to continue to advocate for a magistrate for North Mecklenburg and prioritization of NCDOT projects that were delayed as a result of cash flow issues,” she said.

NEW FEATURE

CORNELIUS: *Then & Now*

I must’ve walked down Oak Street, past the mill, a thousand times during my childhood. Countless trips were made to Rite-Aid or Food Lion for snacks I paid for with lawn mowing money. I never knew how much history was right there this whole time.

—**Wesley St-Cyr**


Wesley St-Cyr is a photographer and proud lifelong resident of Cornelius. He graduated from Lincoln Charter and attends Central Piedmont Community College



Old Cotton Mill on Oak Street circa 1900



Old Cotton Mill present day



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Social distancing cinema: A guide to epidemic movies

BY JAY PFEIFER

Why would anyone want to watch a fictionalized epidemic while the coronavirus disrupts real life? Davidson College Professor and “Disease Detective” Kata Chillag says movies allow people to engage with their fears in a controlled way while documentaries about past pandemics can help us to understand the lessons they provide.

Another bonus: Watching movies at home is a good way to engage in social distancing.

Kata Chillag, Hamilton McKay Professor in Biosciences and Human Health, joined Davidson College in January, just before the virus that causes COVID-19 became an increasing source of concern.

A public health expert, Chillag spent more than a decade at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), serving a two-year stint as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer—or, as they’re sometimes



Professor Kata Chillag

known, “Disease Detectives.”

At CDC, Chillag worked on polio eradication in Bangladesh, biomedical HIV research in the United States and Sub-Saharan Africa, and served in the Emergency Operations Center during the H1N1 influenza pandemic. After CDC, she advised President Obama on ethical issues in science, technology, medicine and public health as part of the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues. She was a staff lead

on their work on the 2014-2016 Ebola virus disease epidemic.

Chillag studies the social, ethical, and political dimensions of public health issues, often focusing on vulnerability and disparities.

“Generally, public health problems disproportionately affect vulnerable and marginalized groups,” she said. “The measures intended to address those problems may also place disproportionate burdens on them.”

Chillag said social distancing measures like school closings or cancellation of mass gatherings, as we can see in the COVID-19 epidemic, can play an important role in public health response, but it is critical that they be grounded in the best available evidence, good governance, transparency, accountability, and solidarity.

That means thinking broadly about the many forms and implications of vulnerability, Chillag said. For example, separation from communities can negatively impact mental health and compound economic precarity.

This fall, Chillag will teach “The Epidemic Cinema Society: Public Health and Film,” a course that uses movies to explore public health. Why would anyone want to watch a fictionalized epidemic while the coronavirus disrupts real life?

“At a time like this, movies like ‘Contagion’ allow people to engage with their fears in a controlled way while documentaries about past pandemics can help us to understand the lessons they provide,” Chillag said. “There’s another bonus: Watching movies at home is a good way to engage in social distancing.”

Pfeifer is Director of Media Relations at Davidson College

Here is a curated list of movies to watch during this stay at home period

The Andromeda Strain

Based on a Michael Crichton novel, this 1971 film was a favorite of my family when I was growing up. A team of scientists investigate a deadly disease related to a crashed military satellite.



How to Survive a Plague

This documentary is about the early years of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the United States, chronicling how activist groups taught themselves relevant science to advance research on AIDS treatments.

The Lazarus Effect

This 30-min HBO documentary from 2010 focuses on the effects of increased access to antiretroviral treatment in Zambia.

Outbreak

Loosely based on Robert Preston’s nonfiction book The Hot Zone, this fictional movie focuses on government attempts to contain an Ebola-like disease in the United States.



Contagion

This one is popular right now because it hits close to home; chronicling the spread of a novel flu-like illness.



World War Z

This film follows a UN official investigating a virus that results in unusual and dangerous human (or non-human) behavior.



Where you can worship online

Houses of worship are practicing physical distancing by streaming worship and prayer services online to keep people connected with each other and God.

If your house of worship is not included, please email the information to corneliustoday@gmail.com. The listing will be updated on www.corneliustoday.com.

Here is a list of churches offering online worship or prayer services; more available at www.corneliustoday.com.

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https://lovelkn.online.church/

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mtzionumc.net

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newsongchurch.org

Northcross Presbyterian Church
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northcrosschurch.com

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stmarknc.org

Saint Therese Catholic Church, Mooreville
Services: Click on coronavirus up-



dates on website.
sainttherese.net

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Services: noon and 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, but can be viewed at later times also. See the following link for five ways to view these inspiring messages. <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/church/news/5-ways-you-can-watch-april-2020-general-conference-from-anywhere?lang=eng>
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vision broadcast presented by the Tabernacle Choir on Temple Square. 11:30 a.m. Sunday at www.thetabernaclechoir.org

Temple Kol Tikvah
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PETS AND COVID-19

What veterinarians are saying about COVID-19

There is no evidence that pets can contract or spread COVID-19. Indeed, the CDC says it has not received any reports of pets or animals becoming sick with the disease.

Dr. Lori Hoe, a veterinarian at Main Street Veterinary Hospital in Cornelius, said we are still leaning about COVID-19. “As of right now there is no evidence that pets can be infected with COVID-19 nor pass it to other animals or humans,” she said.

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), infectious disease experts and multiple human and animal health organizations agree there is no evidence to indicate that pets become ill with COVID-19 or that they spread it to other animals, including people.

Transmission primarily occurs when there is contact with an infected human’s bodily secretions, such as saliva or mucus droplets from a cough or sneeze.

Transmission via touching a contaminated surface or object and then



Lori Hoe: No evidence that pets can be infected with COVID-19

touching the mouth, nose, or possibly eyes is also possible, but appears to be a secondary route.

Hard surfaces like countertops and door knobs transmit viruses better than porous materials—paper money, pet fur—because porous materials absorb and trap the virus, making it harder to contract through simple touch.

If you are not ill with COVID-19, you can interact with your pet as you normally would, including walking, feeding, and playing, the AVMA says.

But you should continue to practice good hygiene during those interactions

including washing your hands before and after interacting with your pet.

It makes sense to be cautious. One way to make sure your dog doesn’t get touched by strangers is to avoid letting him off-leash in busy park.

Meanwhile, there are no local reports of pets being dumped at the Cornelius Animal Shelter.

If you do have COVID-19 limit contact with animals until more information is known about the virus, the AVMA says. “Have another member of your household take care of walking, feeding, and playing with your pet. If you have a service animal or you must care for your pet, then wear a face-mask; don’t share food, kiss, or hug them; and wash your hands before and after any contact with them,” the AVMA says.

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2/20/20 \$995,000 Nancy & Richard Reavis Jr. to Edward & Heidi Horne, 19002 Meta Rd.

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2/14/20 \$241,000 Richard & Kimberly Davis to Marlene & Edward Grose, 18849 Silver Quay Dr.

2/14/20 \$231,000 Michael Boney to Tyler & Aryn Lamberson, 19028 Long Pond Ln.

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2/21/20 \$258,000 Marc St. John to drin & Pranvera Kryeziu, 11209 Suunto Ln.

2/21/20 \$295,000 Donna Steele to Morton Family Holdings & Michael Morton Jr., 948 Gardners Way

2/24/20 \$2,300,000 Thomas & Shari Johnston to Diana & John Anderson, 16612 Flying Jib Rd.

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2/25/20 \$285,000 James & Nancy Childress to Paul & Carol Groeschel, 9009 Rosalyn Glen Rd.

2/25/20 \$465,000 South Creek Construction to Donna Kaelke, 15229 Reese Finley Ln.



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2/25/20 \$125,000 Bailey Forest Development to South Creek Construction, Lot 23 Bailey's Forest

2/26/20 \$275,000 David Bell to Riley Strickland, 1345 Jacemans Way

2/27/20 \$139,000 Huda Kutabi & Ayman Baroudi to Holiday & Nathan Worlsey III, Unit D Mill Creek Condominiums

2/27/20 \$404,000 South Creek Homes to James & Angela Owens, Lot 362 Bailey's Glen

2/27/20 \$70,000 Bluestream Partners to South Creek Homes, Lot 362 Bailey's Glen

2/27/20 \$1,670,000 Yin Chen & Qing Su to Dirk & Natalie DuToit 18121 Harbor Light Blvd.

2/27/20 \$225,000 Moe Properties to Dana Queen, 20101 Henderson Rd. Unit L

2/27/20 \$328,000 Eugene & Lynne Keener to Mae Dudley & Alexis Miller, 21418 Old Canal St.

2/27/20 \$250,000 Teresa Musser to Vicki Kubiak, 19614 Shevington Dr.

2/28/20 \$365,000 Tonya & Richard Steele Jr. to Ignacio Sanchez & Victoria Steiner, 19926 Seanmar Ln.

2/28/20 \$285,000 Linda Luxenberg to Kirk & Elyssa Davis, 18832 Nautical Dr. Unit 43

2/28/20 \$524,000 South Creek Construction to Marion & Robert Krohn, 14222 Cameryn Elise Dr.

2/28/20 \$130,000 Bailey Forest Development to South Creek Construction, Lot 153 Bailey's Forest

2/28/20 \$351,000 South Creek Homes to Joel & Allie Ritchie, 11112 Dublin Crescent Rd.

2/28/20 \$70,000 Bluestream Partners to South Creek Homes, Lot 361 Bailey's Glen

2/28/20 \$195,000 Edmundo & Denis Guevbara to Kim & Kelly Waterman, 16915 Doe Valley Ct.

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2/28/20 \$455,000 Thomas & Lorraine Carruthers to Pahl Davis Revocabale Trust, 1247 Inn Keepers Way

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3/2/20 \$511,500 South Creek Construction to Michael & Barbara Cullen, 14218 Cameryn Elise Dr.

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3/3/20 \$739,000 Lynn & Marvin Walrath to Melvin & Ann Baskin, 19017 Double Eagle Dr.

3/4/20 \$372,500 South Creek Homes to Scott & Marsha Steele, 7611 Inver Dr.

3/4/20 \$70,000 Bluestream Partners to South Creek Homes, Lot 369 Bailey's Glen

3/5/20 \$363,000 Claude Hartsell to Bethany & John Hutchinson, Lot 25 Courtyards on Lake Norman

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3/6/20 \$201,500 Nagarajan Srinivasan & Chithra Nagarajan to Jacob & Katherine Brooks, 9754 Bailey Rd.

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3/13/20 \$233,000 Erin Luckhaupt to Eva Clauss & Zachary Leonard, 19717 Playwrights Way

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2/19/20 \$525,000 Sean & Margaret Hanson to Rebecca & Thomas Bryant, 337 Ashby Dr.

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2/14/20 \$540,000 Brian & Dena Muenster to Juston Burris, 14016 Timbergreen Dr.

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2/18/20 \$535,000 Randy & Sandra Welch to William & Heather Welch, 105 Nautical Point Ct. 28117

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2/18/20 \$425,000 Joseph & Christina Kennedy to Joseph & Betsy Cannatti, 106 Brawley Woods Ln. 28115

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Managing through COVID-19

A crisis may slow, halt, or even generate sales depending upon your industry and business model. We cannot control the cause of the crisis, but we can control how we react to it.

The word crisis refers to circumstances we are not familiar with, problems we don't have experience solving, and significant disruption in our normal processes. These are reasons many organizations don't have a crisis plan—it can be too abstract, illusive, and it's never pleasant to contemplate.

Crisis planning requires a dogmatic "what if" approach to reviewing your organization's potential weaknesses -and the commitment to correct them. It can reveal information about your organization that may not be pleasant to reckon with.

Crisis planning takes time, commitment, and vigilance.

Even without a crisis management plan to refer to during the current COVID-19 pandemic, you still need to manage your business, customers and vendors, as well as your daily processes.



So, what to do?

- Rely upon what you know, remember your mission, recognize the strengths you have. Document what you are doing every day so you have a clear historical path; in a time of reflection you will want to know what you did and why, when you did it, and what was successful.
- In a time of chaos critical details can be lost; don't let that happen. Document, journal, dictate. Do whatever works for you so that in the future when your thinking is clear and not harried.

What is unique about a crisis?

- Time pressure: Everything seems URGENT
- You don't feel as rational as you normally do as the situation is complex, there are voids where you need information, or there is not time enough to process all the information that may be available.
- You don't know what you don't know
- What you say or do demands accuracy
- Your credibility is on the line (and your organization's)
- Stakes are high

How to move forward?

- Be disciplined. Structure your actions, your communications, your processes
- Rely on your experience: Rules that worked for you may before become critical now.
- Keep your values and mission in view
- Prioritize your activities and instructions.
- Use checklists
- Maintain your professional code of conduct.
- Recognize disruption and chaos may at times feel like grief-recognize and work through it as such.
- Learn from and watch for growth from you, and from the organization

Helpful features of crisis management

- Recognize your limitations
- Draw upon others' expertise; ask for help and insight
- Take it easy on yourself. You can't control situations, but you can control how you react to them.
- Take care of yourself or you can't take care of others

And when the crisis passes, set aside time to evaluate this period, and create a crisis plan for the future.

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- 2/11/20 Calvin Newman Youth Boating Education Fund, Steven E. Black, 18918 Serenity Point Ln.
- 2/11/20 Glen's Deluxe Painting LLC, Glen Evans Covarrubias Chacon, 17313 Shadow Bark Dr.
- 2/11/20 Kairos Para Las Naciones, Jannette Rodriguez, 20220 Bethel Church Rd.
- 2/11/20 MG Lelong LLC, Marc Charles Lelong, 18332 Invergordon Ln.
- 2/12/20 ENZ Enterprises LLC, Robert Nolan Enzwiler, 18729 Skysail Ct.
- 2/12/20 Glory to God Construction LLC, Andrew Mount, 20010 One Norman Cir. Apt. F
- 2/13/20 Chrystal Rose & Co LLC, Chrystal Rose Cordero, 18535 Old Statesville Rd. Ste. B
- 2/13/20 Jetton Rd. LLC, Richard R. Rolle Jr., 9615 Caldwell Commons Cir. Ste. B
- 2/13/20 Wolfen Technology Inc., Vaughn Seegers, 19825 N. Cove Rd. Ste. B #112
- 2/14/20 Safety Harbor Assessment and Therapy Services PLLC, Pholile Diamini, 19747 Deer Valley Dr.



- 2/17/20 HH&N Properties LLC, Bruce Nager, 20540 Bethelwood Ln.
- 2/17/20 Lakehouse Pointe Holdings LLC, Roger B. Skeen, 19124 Lakehouse Pointe Dr.
- 2/18/20 Hello Bye LLC, Christopher S. Boukedes, 20901 Island Forest Dr.
- 2/18/20 Sky Blue Exteriors LLC, Liza Jo Sayler, 20305 Sterling Bay Ln. W

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- 2/13/20 Cygnal Consulting LLC, Vanessa Richardson, 19721 Hagen Knoll Dr.
- 2/14/20 RKS Holdings LLC, Ron K. Steen, 18012 River Ford Rd.
- 2/17/20 Buffalo Land & Development Inc., Christian Turner, 568 Jetton St. Ste. 200
- 2/17/20 HRBR Limited Liability Co., Joshua Hart, 152 Mock Rd.
- 2/17/20 Metrolina Capital Investors LLC, Ben J. Cassarino, 445 S. Main St. Ste. 400
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- 2/19/20 Tribe Talent LLC, Allison M. Simpson, 165 Timberside Dr.
- 2/24/20 Lone Pine Logistics LLC, Colin Gorman, 219 Lingle Dr.
- 2/25/20 CGA Accounting LLC, Andrea B. Venus, 524 Greenway St.
- 2/26/20 Summer's Sweets LLC, Shawn Campbell, 13623 Helen Benson Blvd.
- 2/28/20 KM Real Property Investments LLC, Jesse C. Jones, 19331 Overleaf Ln.

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- 2/24/20 Best of Both Souls LLC, Chenelle Bragg, 15225 Tracy Beth Rd., Huntersville
- 2/24/20 Cam Sandwiches Inc., Enida Isufi, 17105 Windy Oaks Ct., Cornelius
- 2/24/20 Champs 24/7 Family Fitness LLC, Susan Surane, 20460 Chartwell Center Dr. #3, Cornelius

- 2/24/20 Driven in Heels Inc., Jasmine L. Perrin, 9708 Kinsey Ave. Apt. 117, Huntersville
- 2/24/20 Elite Consulting LLC, Deandra W. Henry, 10472 Samuels Way Dr., Huntersville
- 2/24/20 JR Consulting Services LLC, United States Corporation Agents, 11721 Maher Ln., Huntersville
- 2/24/20 Lone Pine Logistics LLC, Colin Gorman, 219 Lingle Dr., Davidson
- 2/24/20 Mini Me Tees LLC, Jenny Thompson, 13637 Toka Ct., Huntersville
- 2/24/20 Morgan Counseling & Consultation PLLC, Melissa Morgan, 10105 Hickorywood Hill Ave. Ste. B, Huntersville
- 2/24/20 Siadak Properties LLC, Daniel Siadak Sr., 22112 Country Club Cir., Cornelius
- 2/24/20 TMS Custom Designs LLC, Nick S. McIntosh, 1755 Rustic Arch Way, Huntersville
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Words fail us sometimes

I'm not good with words when pressed for them in uncomfortable situations. My typical response to someone when a person close to them dies is, "I'm sorry. It sucks." I think it conveys my feelings perfectly, but I guess I'm supposed to come up with something more eloquent.

So, coronavirus.

We're two weeks removed from shutting down my literal arena of work – professional sports – as well as schools, churches and pretty much everything else.

We've canceled my favorite thing to do – watch my kids play sports. We've canceled late-night television and suspended production of American Ninja Warrior and who knows what comes next.

We've closed my favorite place to send my kids – government supported daycare. Sorry I mean school.

School closings have forced what we've termed "distance learning" with laptops, which means coronavirus has somehow turned me into a virtual teaching assistant. Three hours into the first day of distance learning I pledged the remainder of my life to ensuring that teachers are paid more than everyone.

We're supposed to stay inside our homes and continue practicing social distancing when outside the home. That doesn't seem hard for middle-aged men, most of whom have been practicing social distancing for years. I no longer have to come up with excuses for not wanting to go to dinner with my wife's friends from yoga or go to a cocktail party that requires me to tuck in my shirt on a weekend? Things could be worse.

The Great Run on Toilet Paper appears to have subsided and, given the amount of TP hoarding, I think many, many of you have intestinal issues that you may want to address with a gastroenterologist once this is over.

Again, coronavirus.

On the germaphobe spectrum from



"opens-door-with-sleeve" to "opens-door-with-mouth," I definitely lean to the mouth side of center. I wash my hands in the bathroom and before cooking and that pretty much sums it up. I might use Purell if I'm at Urgent Care and the person who signed in before me threw up on the pen.

Now I'm washing my hands all the time and starting to understand why my wife has had hand lotion next to the sink for the last 15 years.

I've tried to stop touching my face but I just don't think it's possible. I never realized this but I probably scratch, touch or rub my face 300 times a day. I tried to stop and can't. Someone needs to open a rehab for face touchers. Or give me one of those collars they put on dogs after they get neutered.

Still, coronavirus.

As the children of grandparents I think it's reasonable to worry that the virus – and its high mortality rate in the elderly – might be coming for them. The odds are low but the anxiety is high.

Future Man developed a fever three weeks ago. Three weeks ago the implications of that seemed much different than today. The fever came and went for a week. A few days later he developed a dry cough that he still hasn't shaken.

In a normal world we never would have taken him to the doctor, but two weeks ago he woke up and had trouble breathing so my wife drove him to urgent care and had him tested for the flu and a variety of other things. Unsure what he had, they gave him a coronavirus test.

Look, I'm not trying to be dramatic. The kid was never seriously ill and we're the last people on Earth going to Facebook for #thoughtsandprayers or the kind of people who feed off the attention of others.

But a week ago his test came back negative. And that felt pretty good.

So, coronavirus.

My kids – like kids everywhere – are asking questions. They want to know why our pantry – which normally con-

tains two days of food and a box of old raisins – has a week's worth of food. I told them we're just being safe because you're supposed to go out as little as possible.

Then I told them about the people who walked out of the grocery stores with \$1,000 carts as others entered the store to find barren shelves. And I taught them to never become like the people who hoarded so others left empty handed.

They also want to know why something like this happens. The best answer I could provide was that society gets weird every 10 years. Since World War II – just to rattle off a few – we've had Vietnam, JFK, Watergate, the Cold War, Desert Storm, the 9/11 attacks, the Great Recession and now this. All were periods of great upheaval but we emerged every time, albeit with a little callus on our souls that reminded us to #NeverForget.

The one hidden benefit of a period like this, I told my kids, is that people start being nice to each other again. They stop shouting in traffic and hold the door for people and wave hello on walks. Something like this makes you pause and realize that 90 percent of what we do is meaningless and that we should focus more on the 10 percent that matters.

But, again, I'm not good with words when pressed in uncomfortable situations. I guess I'm supposed to come up with something eloquent, but I can't. I guess I'm supposed to wrap a neat little bow on this and hope that next month I can go back to making jokes about my kids. But I can't.

I'm sorry. It sucks.

Jon Show lives in Robbins Park with his wife, who he calls "The Mother of Dragons." Their 10-year-old son is "Future Man" and their 7-year-old daughter is "The Blonde Bomber." Their dog is actually named Lightning.



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Plexiglass shields up at Old Jetton Harris Teeter

March 27. By Dave Yochum. Who knew that supermarket employees would be on the front lines of the fight against COVID-19. They're working almost around the clock to keep the shelves stocked as the stay-at-home order sinks in. The Harris Teeter on Old Jetton has installed plexiglass shields to keep cashiers out of harm's way—

and vice versa. Lakeland, Florida-based Publix will also install plexiglass shields at checkout lanes, pharmacies and customer service desks. Chain-wide installation could take two weeks. COVID-19 can be spread by respiratory droplets. Social distancing of 6 feet is nearly impossible for cashiers.

What to expect at MD, physical therapy office, nursing home

March 26. The Mecklenburg County COVID-19 stay-at-home order exempts doctors' offices and clinics, but dentist offices like Artisan Dental Care, Lake Norman Dentistry and Welborne & White are closing except for emergencies. The NC State Board of Dental Examiners lacks the authority to mandate

the closure of dental offices. Owners, administrators, operators, staff, contractors and volunteers at nursing homes, long term care and assisted living facilities are prohibited from allowing anyone to enter the facility and visit a resident unless each of the following criteria are met...

Sunday Update: 1st COVID-19 death in Meck, 1st related unemployment checks coming this week

March 29. By Dave Yochum. With the Mecklenburg County Health Director reporting the first COVID-19 death in Mecklenburg County looming in the background, Gov. Roy Cooper has announced that the first unemployment

checks related to coronavirus will begin going out this week. The Division of Employment Security has received an unprecedented number of jobless claims...

Lake Patrol will issue citations for 'social distance' violations on LKN

March 29. Covid-19 disease transmission person to person is a given, but it seems as if people who can gather somewhere will do so. This picture, sent to us by a reader, shows people enjoying a beach on the island near Langtree. Cornelius Mayor Woody Washam on Sunday morning said he has been in touch with the chief of police, based on multiple complaints...

Our homeless neighbors are especially vulnerable to the coronavirus

March 27. By Lori Thomas, UNC Charlotte Urban Institute. If there has ever been an object lesson on why housing matters and why we must

prioritize providing it for people who don't have a place to live, this latest crisis should teach us. Charlotte's homeless population is at particular risk ...

COVID-19 cases appear to have doubled in Cornelius

March 27. Cornelius was largely quiet this morning—people seem to be obeying the stay-at-home order—but the number of COVID-19 cases may have doubled during the past week. Meanwhile, Cornelius officials said Gov. Cooper will announce a stay-at-home order at 4 pm today.

The order will take effect on Monday,

March 30 and will remain in place for 30 days. At a special town board meeting conducted Friday morning via Zoom, Mayor Woody Washam said there are now 4-6 cases in 28031. That's up from 1-3 earlier in the week as reported by the Mecklenburg County Health Dept.



Are we over-doing it? Davidson biology professor says we're not

March 26. Dr. Dave Wessner, a professor of biology at Davidson College, says the COVID-19 virus is different from other viruses the scientific community has seen in the past. For one thing, it is "highly contagious," more so than other viruses.

According to Wessner, the 2002 SARS outbreak and the 2012 MERS illness were more lethal but didn't spread so

easily. The current strain is—at least up to now—causing fewer deaths, Wessner says. "The real concern is that it can easily spread to the most vulnerable population... And our health care system is not equipped to handle large numbers of sick people," he said on a Bloomberg podcast.

Real estate: Virtual showings for buyers and sellers

March 26. Our home is the most important financial decision most of us will ever make. It's our sanctuary during these uncertain times. Pat Riley, CEO of Allen Tate, says there are still buyers who need to buy, and sellers who need to sell, in spite of COVID-19 and stay-at-home restrictions.

"What is unique about our business is that we have the technology and resources that will allow us to continue to provide what our buyers, sellers, insurance clients and mortgage clients need," he said.

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NC denies Certificate of Need for Atrium in Cornelius

March 30. The North Carolina Dept. of Health & Human Services has turned down a Certificate of Need from Atrium Health Lake Norman to build a 30-bed acute care hospital in North Mecklenburg.

The \$147 million facility, which was planned for the old Augustalee property in Cornelius, would have included two operating rooms. The decision may be appealed. "This is very disappointing news for Cornelius and the region's citizens, especially those who routinely use Atrium for their health network," said Cornelius Town Commissioner Michael Miltich.

Atrium purchased the Augustalee site on Hwy. 21 for \$20 million. Sources said the large healthcare chain plans a major medical development with an adjacent mixed-use project comprising residential, offices and retail, according to reliable sources in the real estate community. Based on the size and the scope of the development, Atrium would bring hundreds of new jobs to Cornelius.

Facial tissue is the No. 2 choice if you're out of toilet paper

March 25. Is it ok to use paper napkins, paper towels or strips of Cornelius Today to prepare one's derriere for what looks like a pandemic of toilet paper shortages?

In the interest of sanity, sanitation and humanity as we know it, we asked that question of toilet expert Randy Dickerson, owner of Randy Dickerson Plumbing.

The Cornelius-based plumbing professional says no, don't flush that stuff.

Toilet paper is designed to dissolve; napkins and paper towels aren't. The COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting wave of self-quarantining and work-from-home orders have caused panic buying in the paper aisles. The last thing you want is to clog your pipes with things not designed to be flushed.

COVID-19 will affect tenants, landlords

March 24. By Dave Yochum. When it comes to real estate, tenants and landlords are hurting. And it's not just residential, it's commercial, too. Indeed, there is growing anxiety among tenants and landlords alike as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to spread.

Can tenants—commercial or residential—continue to pay? Can landlords cover their mortgages and other expenses? Mecklenburg County Sheriff Garry McFadden says he will no longer enforce the remaining eviction orders his office has until April 17.

The new New Normal begins

March 25. By Dave Yochum. The Cornelius Board of Commissioners will go into Town Hall today for electronic/remote conference training, all part of the new, New Normal. Grocery stores will remain open under the County-wide stay-at-home order which goes

into effect tomorrow at 8 am. Supply lines are open, and there's no need to hoard groceries. That said, there are ongoing shortages of toilet paper as people continue hoarding, planning for the worst.

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