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	1 ■■ April Monthly Reports Due	2 ●	3 ●	4 ●	5 ●	6 ◆◆◆
7	8 ■■	9 ● Agency Advisory Council Meeting 12pm to 1pm All are welcome.	10 ●	11 ●	12 ●	13 Postal Food Drive Thank your mail carrier!
14 Mother's Day	15 ■■ Postal Distribution	16 ● Postal Distribution	17 ● Postal Distribution	18 ● Postal Distribution	19 ● Postal Distribution	20 ◆◆◆
21	22 ■■	23 ●	24 ●	25 ●	26 ●	27
28	29 Memorial Day Foodbank is Closed	30 ●	31 ●	"It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop." – Confucius		

COMING UP IN June 2017

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<p>Together we can solve hunger.™ foodbankonline.org</p>	<p>The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia 800 Tidewater Drive Norfolk, VA 23504 757-627-6599</p>	<p>Eastern Shore Branch 24530 Coastal Boulevard Tasley, VA 23441 757-787-2557 <i>Distributions by appointment only</i></p>	<p>Distribution Key: ● 7:30am—11:00am ◆◆◆ 8:00am—10:00am ■■ 5:00pm—7:00pm</p>
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Foodbank

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and the Eastern Shore

Agency
News

May 2017

The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia earns a SUPERIOR rating from AIB international

Earlier this year, the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia received a score of 925 out of 1,000 possible points during a food safety compliance audit conducted by AIB International. This is considered a "Superior" rating and is 20 points higher than our last audit. Further, the Foodbank scored a perfect 200 on two categories of the audit: pest control and cleaning. AIB International provides food safety audits, inspection, certification, and educational seminars worldwide to the food manufacturing and distribution industry and its suppliers, including finished foods and beverage products, ingredients, fresh produce, packaging production, and distribution facilities.

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Its POSTAL time again!

The **National Association of Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive** will be conducted on May 13, 2017.

What does this mean to you?

This means that between May 15 and May 19, the product donated will be made available at **no shared maintenance fee** to compliant agencies.

During this period, you will get the opportunity to "tote dive" as the product will not be sorted into baskets like usual.

Agencies will be allowed one appointment that week. And appointments will be made in the exact same manner as any other shopping appointment by calling 757-627-6599. **Make your appointment today!**



New Order Cut Off Procedure

Beginning June 1, the cutoff time for orders will be five business days before the shipment date. This applies to both delivery orders and pick up orders.

Leading the effort to eliminate

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Did you hear?

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The Foodbank's Superior rating from AIB assures our food donors, clients, agency partners, and the community that we are handling their donations safely and professionally. Those who are donating food and those that are receiving our food deserve the highest quality professionalism possible.



Headquartered in Manhattan, KS, **The American Institute of Baking (AIB)** is a third-party audit service commonly recognized for its certification program of food grade warehousing. AIB's food safety and hygiene audit services are recognized worldwide as the standard against which other food safety programs are judged. The AIB certification process involves a close inspection of the facility. Inspectors examine operational methods and practices at the company and audits cleaning practices and maintenance on equipment. For more information, go to www.aibonline.org.

The Foodbank's iServe Project

Your compassion helps the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore provide food to people struggling with hunger in our community. Join us on **Wednesday, May 24, 2017**, for lunch and the inaugural **Foodbank iServe Project**.

This Open House Luncheon, sponsored by AARP, offers innovative adults the opportunity to collaborate about food insecurity and engage like-minded individuals. Your attendance ensures the Foodbank iServe Project will provide emergency food bags to seniors in our area. It takes time, talent, and treasure to help eliminate hunger in our community.

When? Wednesday, May 24, 2017, from 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Where?** Here at the Foodbank

To register, please email orvolunteer@foodbankonline.org by Monday, May 15, 2017. Seating is limited. **Please direct questions to Walter Gray, Volunteer Coordinator, at 757-314-4559.**

The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore received a SUPERIOR rating from the American Institute of Baking!

Keep Food Safe in a Power Outage

April showers bring May flowers, but you should be prepared for possible severe spring weather, too. This can include tornadoes, lightning, and floods.

Emergencies happen, especially with extreme weather conditions. When they do, the best strategy begins with an emergency plan. This includes knowing the proper food safety precautions to take before, during, and after a power outage.

Minimize the potential loss of food and reduce the risk of foodborne illness by knowing how to determine food safety.

When the Power Goes Out

- Keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible.
- A refrigerator keeps food cold for about four hours if it is unopened.
- A full freezer keeps the temperature for approximately 48 hours (24 hours if it is half full) if the door remains closed.
- Refrigerators should be kept at 40 F or below for proper food storage.

Once the Power is Restored

- Check the temperature inside of your refrigerator and freezer.
- Check the temperature when the power comes back on. If the freezer thermometer reads 40°F or below, the food is safe and may be refrozen.
- You can't rely on appearance or odor. If the food still contains ice crystals or is 40°F or below, it is safe to refreeze or cook.
- Refrigerated food should be safe as long as the power was out for no more than four hours. Keep the door closed as much as possible.
- Discard any perishable food (such as meat, poultry, fish, eggs or leftovers) that stays above 40°F for two hours or more.

Inadequately refrigerated or frozen perishable food such as meat (like beef or pork), poultry (such as chicken or turkey), seafood, milk, and eggs may cause illness if consumed, even when thoroughly cooked.

DON'T FORGET... All Partner Agencies shall have thermometers in their refrigerators and freezers and they shall record the temperatures at least once a week. **Non-USDA agencies** do not have to send in the temperature logs. Keep them on site with all the client records and reports as they will be checked at your bi-annual inspection. **USDA agencies**, on the other hand, must be checked and recorded a minimum of three times a week and the **temperature logs do need to be sent in each month with the monthly inventory report.**

***Mark your calendars!
Distribution will be closed for inventory June 26 - June 30.
Please plan accordingly.***