Kindness is in full bloom



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Random acts of kindness have been popping up in our community. It makes me proud, and my heart warm.

For instance, a few pop-up food pantries have opened, both in West Elsdon and Archer Heights. On the 3800 block of West 59th Street a homeowner has put out tables with some food items. When I passed by, there was a sign on the window asking that only five items be taken.

Donations are accepted. By all means, if they are still open and if you can leave food on the table for someone who is less fortunate, please do.

On 43rd and Keeler, another food pantry much like the one on 59th Street has popped up. I don't know how long these both will continue; but for whatever time they are open, it sure was/is a wonderful idea. Thank you!

Our local St. Vincent de Paul societies have been busy with their food pantries, too. Thank you to all of their volunteers and donors, as well.

While I was sitting on the porch on April 21, 23rd Ward Ald. Tabares pulled up and posted a sign on our lawn. The sign reads, *Thank You First Responders*. Thank you, Alderman Tabares, for stopping by, I only wish we could have spent some time; but after social distancing is over, I am sure we will.

During crisis or not even during crisis there seems to be someone who takes advantage. So please be aware of various scams going on. Be wise when it comes to unsolicited phone calls and robocalls. One of these scams is regarding electrical service being cut off. Please note that ComEd has advised they never call from any of their service numbers to notify customers of electrical service being shut-off. Do not give out any of your personal information.

Cinco de Mayo is this Tuesday. The day commemorates the Mexican Army's victory over the French Empire at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. It is not to be mistaken for Mexico's Independence Day, Sept. 16. Here in the U.S.A. May 5 celebrates the Mexican-American culture. It's time to eat Mexican food, drink Mexican beer with lime and have a margarita, chips and salsa. I so miss going to our favorite Mexican restaurant. This year we will have to celebrate at home. Our favorite Mexican beer was just delivered.

An update regarding our pear tree: it is fully in bloom. All we need now is some pollination, and by September we should have a full crop of pears. So, who needs to come buzzing by? Mr. Bee, that's who! In fruit trees, bees are an essential part of the formation of fruit.

Happy birthday to Fabiola Mejia-Montalto. She used to live just two doors away from us, but moved just a little bit further away.