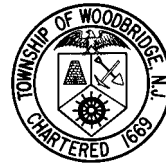


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ELECTION DAY FOOD DRIVE COLLECTS 15,000 POUNDS OF FOOD FOR WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP FOOD BANKS

Mayor McCormac Credits Township High School Students with Successfully Coordinating "Cast A Can When You Cast Your Vote" Food Drive...

WOODBIDGE – Woodbridge Township Mayor John E. McCormac today announced that the General Election Day “Cast A Can When You Cast Your Vote” food drive netted more than 15,000 pounds of much-needed food for Township food banks and pantries and that the food is already on its way to needy families throughout Woodbridge Township.

“The first-ever, student-sponsored General Election Day... “Cast a Can When You Cast Your Vote...” food drive was a tremendous success and demonstrates that Township residents will always stand ready to help their neighbors in time of need,” Mayor McCormac said. “I’m proud of the over 100 high school students from Colonia, Woodbridge and JFK High Schools who coordinated the election day food drive. It goes without saying that this unique student-run food drive will continue and perhaps will grow to be part of a county-wide election day food drive for future elections.”

According to Mayor McCormac, the ‘Cast A Can When You Cast Your Vote’ food drive asks voters to bring canned goods and non-perishable foods to their polling locations for drop-off when they go to vote. Students from Colonia, Woodbridge and JFK High Schools coordinate the food drive with the Board of Elections and Town Hall by placing drop-off containers at more than 60 polling locations throughout the Township. After the polls close, the students collect the containers and take the food to the Township Health Center where it is sorted and distributed to food pantries throughout the Township.

The ‘Cast A Can When You Cast Your Vote’ food drive was the brainchild of Colonia High School teacher Joyce Brown and became reality through the dedicated efforts of senior class students at Colonia, Woodbridge and JFK High Schools. The “Cast A Can When You Cast Your Vote” food drive will be in

place for all Township elections, including the primary election next February, the School Board elections in April and the various fire district elections.

Peter Barcellona, Chairman of the Woodbridge Township “We Feed” Food Bank Committee, noted that the 15,000 pounds of food collected via the “Cast A Can When You Cast Your Vote” food drive, along with the more than 40,000 pounds of food collected during the recent Mayor’s Summer Concert series, allowed Township food banks to continue to distribute food items to needy Woodbridge Township families and individuals through the following food pantries:

- Heavens Helper’s Pantry, 343 Pearl Street, Woodbridge (formerly Congregation Adath Israel), Kathy Hoffman, Coordinator @ 732-742-8942;
- First Presbyterian Church, 20 Middlesex Avenue, Iselin, Gloria Haesler, Coordinator @ 732-283-1188;
- Trinity Episcopal Church, Trinity Lane, Woodbridge, Val and Hertha Blatz, Coordinators @ 732-634-7422;
- Metro Park Assembly of God, 48 Berkeley Blvd., Iselin, Sandra Burton, Coordinator @ 732-310-8758;
- First Presbyterian Church, 600 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge, George and Robin Goodrich, Coordinator @ 732-634-1024;
- St. James Roman Catholic Church, 174 Grove Street, Woodbridge, Peggy Catalano, Coordinator @ 732-636-4310;
- First Presbyterian Church of Avenel, 621 E. Woodbridge Avenue, Carolyn and Jake Stockl, Coordinators @ 732-634-1631;
- First Congregational Church-Women of Faith, Barron Avenue, Woodbridge, Faith Longstreet, Coordinator @ 732-634-0582;
- St. Cecelia Roman Catholic Church, 45 Wilus Way, Iselin @ 732-283-0150, and
- Elijah’s Bread Food Pantry, Ridgedale and E. Prospect Avenues, Woodbridge @ 732-636-7727.

The ongoing effort to keep Woodbridge Township food banks stocked throughout the year continues with food donations being part of various Township-sponsored events such as “Cast A Can When You Cast Your Vote,” election day food drives, the Mayor’s Summer Concert Series, the Barron Arts Center Holiday Concert, and other public events. Additionally, non-perishable foods can be dropped off any weekday at the Woodbridge Township Public Health Center, 2 George Frederick Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Woodbridge Town Hall, 1 Main Street, the Woodbridge Library, 1 George Frederick Plaza, or at the Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main Street..

Additional information about Township-sponsored food drives or the “We Feed” Committee is available by contacting the Woodbridge Township Department of Health & Human Services at 732-855-0600 x5034.

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