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Mayor John E. McCormac & Woodbridge Municipal Council Remind Voters To "Cast a Can" When Voting on Primary Election Day, Tues., June 3

Township High School Students Continue Innovative Food Drive Effort Geared To Keep Food Pantries Stocked Throughout the Summer

Mayor John E. McCormac and students from Colonia, Woodbridge & John F. Kennedy Memorial High Schools are again reminding Woodbridge Township voters going to the polls to vote in the June 3 Primary Election to "Cast a Can When You Cast Your Vote" by donating canned goods and non-perishable foods before voting at all Township polling locations.

According to Mayor McCormac, students from Colonia, Woodbridge and JFK High Schools coordinate the election day 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.

The Woodbridge Township "We Feed" Food Bank Committee collected more than 80,000 pounds of food last year as part of the "Cast A Can When You Cast Your Vote" food drive, the Mayor's Summer Concert Program, the annual Barron Art Center holiday concert, the February "Have-A-Heart" food drive campaign, and other Township-wide food drive and collection programs.

Woodbridge Township food banks receive the foods from the Township Health Center for distribution to Township families 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 the Mayor's Summer Concert series every Monday night at 7:30 p.m. "on the lawn" at Woodbridge High School. The Summer Concerts get underway on June 30 through Aug. 25 – donations of canned goods and non-perishable foods serve as the price of admission to the summer concerts.

Additionally, food donations can be dropped off every weekday at the Woodbridge Township Public Health Center, 2 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge Town Hall, 1 Main Street, the Woodbridge Library, 1 George Frederick Plaza, or at the Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main Street, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m..

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.