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Woodbridge High School Students Remind Voters "Cast-A-Can-When-You-Cast-Your-Vote" General Election Day, Tues., Nov. 8, 2016

Election Day Food Drive Effort Geared To Keep Food Pantries Stocked Through the Holiday Season

Woodbridge - Mayor John E. McCormac and Woodbridge High School students today issued a reminder to Woodbridge Township voters going to the polls to vote in the **Nov. 8, 2016 General Election to "Cast-A-Can-When-You-Cast-Your-Vote"** by donating canned goods and non-perishable food items at all Township polling locations.

"The 'Cast-A-Can-When-You-Cast-Your-Vote' food drive is synonymous with Election Day in Woodbridge Township and is one of the most significant efforts we as a community participate in to assist our neighbors and families," Mayor McCormac said. "The Election Day food drive is even more important this year, as more and more residents are seeking help and assistance from our food pantries. So, when Township residents go to vote on Tues., Nov. 8, we're asking that they take a can... or two... or three... to their polling location for drop-off in the blue 'Cast-A-Can' container."

The "Cast-A-Can-When-You-Cast-Your-Vote" food drive, coordinated by students from Woodbridge High School works with the Board of Elections and the Municipal Clerk's Office to place drop-off containers at the 32 polling locations throughout the Township. The students collect the containers at the close of the the polling location and take the donated food to the Township Health Center where it is sorted and distributed to food pantries.

The "We Feed Woodbridge" Food Bank Committee has collected more than 100,000 pounds of food so far this year as a result of the February "Have-A-Heart" food drive campaign, the Primary Election Day "Cast-A-Can" food drive, the Mayor's Summer Concert Series, and other food drive efforts. The annual Barron Arts Center holiday concert and Township-wide holiday food drive collection programs will continue the effort to stock Township food pantries through the end of the year.

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 - 732-742-8942;
- First Presbyterian Church, 20 Middlesex Avenue, Iselin - 732-283-1188;
- Trinity Episcopal Church, Trinity Lane, Woodbridge - 732-634-7422 x4;
- Metro Park Assembly of God, 48 Berkeley Blvd., Iselin - 732-310-8758;
- First Presbyterian Church, 600 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge - 732-634-1024;
- St. James Roman Catholic Church, 174 Grove Street, Woodbridge - 732-636-4310;
- First Presbyterian Church of Avenel, 621 E. Woodbridge Avenue - 732-634-1631;
- First Congregational Church, Barron Avenue, Woodbridge - 732-634-0582;
- St. Cecelia Roman Catholic Church, 45 Wilus Way, Iselin – 732-283-0150;
- Elijah's Bread Food Pantry, Ridgedale and E. Prospect Avenues, Woodbridge - 732-636-7727;
- First Baptist Church of Sewaren, Sewaren – 732-750-9475

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.

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