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#### METHUEN NOW COLLECTING FOOD & PAPER GOODS AS CITY PREPARES FOR SNAP BENEFIT CUTOFF

The federal government has announced that SNAP (food stamp) benefits will stop on November 1 because of the government shutdown. "About 19% of Methuen residents depend on SNAP to put food on the table," said Mayor DJ Beauregard. "This isn't political — it's about making sure nobody in our community goes hungry."

Many Methuen families, seniors, and people with disabilities could be affected. To help, the City of Methuen has set up 8 donation sites to collect nonperishable food and paper goods (no money, please).



### WHEN & WHERE TO PICK UP FOOD

Saturday, Nov. 1 — 7 AM-Noon Wednesday, Nov. 5 — Noon-8 PM Methuen Senior Activity Center, 77 Lowell St.

### **Bring:**

- Proof you live in Methuen
- Paperwork showing you receive SNAP, WIC, heating/fuel help, veterans benefits, or unemployment

Food and paper products will be given out while supplies last. More pickup dates will be announced if donations continue.

# **WHERE TO DONATE**

City Hall / Searles Building - 41 Pleasant St. Mon-Thu 8 AM-4:30 PM | Fri 8 AM-Noon

Nevins Library - 305 Broadway Mon-Thu 9 AM-9 PM | Fri-Sat 9 AM-5 PM

Senior Activity Center - 77 Lowell St.

Mon, Tue, Thu 8 AM-4 PM | Wed 8 AM-8 PM | Fri 8 AM-12:30 PM | Sat 7 AM-Noon

Police & Fire Stations (Open 24/7):

- Quinn Public Safety Building 90 Hampshire St.
- Central Fire 24 Lowell St.
- East End Fire 154 Swan St.
- North End Fire 250 Howe St.
- West End Fire 1 Bean St.

### MOW YOU CAN HELP

Methuen Police, Fire, and DPW are helping collect and move donations. If you want to volunteer to help sort or bag food, call the Methuen Senior Center.

The city is also working with Debbie's Treasure Chest to help Methuen residents get clothing, hygiene items, and winter wear.