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BROOKLINE SENIOR CENTER FOOD RESOURCE REPORT

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Featured:

UPDATE: City of Boston adult meal sites opened in response to COVID-19 will stop services on Friday, July 3.

- **SPRINGWELL GRAB-AND-GO MEALS FOR SENIORS AT THE BROOKLINE SENIOR CENTER:**
 - Please call **617-730-2747** to make a lunch reservations by **10:30am** two business days in advance (by Thursday for Monday lunch, by Wednesday for Friday lunch). If you would like to cancel your meal reservation, please call by 10:30am two business days in advance.
 - Participants will receive a call confirming their pick-up time.
 - Optional \$2.00 donation per meal.
 - **YOU CAN OBTAIN A COPY OF THE MONTHLY MENU AT WWW.SPRINGWELL.COM**

- **Brookline Farmers' Market**

<https://www.brooklinefarmersmarket.com>

The Brookline Farmer's Market is open Thursdays from 1:30-6:30

The Brookline Farmers' Market accepts SNAP/EBT! They do NOT currently have an overall "SNAP MATCH" available.

There are **TWO ways to use your SNAP/EBT** cards at the Brookline Farmers' Market:

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#1 - **Pay with your SNAP/EBT CARD DIRECTLY** at these 5 farms with your card and get HIP: Dick's Market Garden - Stillman's Farm - Kimball Fruit Farm - Myco Terra - Nicewicz Farm. You DO NOT need to get wooden tokens at the Market Info Booth first to do this.

Using your SNAP/EBT card directly at these farms means you will make use of the HIP Program when you shop. The ONLY way to use HIP (matching cashback from DTA) is to shop directly at these 5 farms.

#2 - Use your SNAP/EBT Card to get wooden tokens at the Market Info Booth

If you wish to use your SNAP/EBT card to shop at any other stands at the market (for instance for meat, or cheese, or honey, or fish) then you will **come to the Market Info Booth to have us charge your card and give you wooden tokens** which allow you to shop at all other food stands.

Please be aware that when spending the wooden tokens you will NOT receive HIP benefits (even if you are buying fruits or vegetables).

We CANNOT refund your card if you do not use all of your wooden tokens. You can use them any week you want, all the way through the end of the market season.

HIP is run by the DTA (Department of Transitional Assistance). The SNAP Token System is run by the Brookline Farmers' Market. To get HIP benefits, you must use your EBT card DIRECTLY at the 5 participating farms.

Please note - Info Booth staff and the HIP participating farms CANNOT assist you with questions you have about your SNAP /EBT card balances, forgotten PIN #s, or other problems. For help, call the Department of Transitional Assistance at 1-877-382-2363.

- **Food Commodity at the Brookline Senior Center!**

July 15, 2020, we will distribute USDA Commodity Food Program to registered participants outside the Senior Center. For more

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information, contact Patricia Burns at **617-730-2743** or pburns@brooklinema.gov.

- **SNAP benefits can now be used online at Amazon.com and Walmart.com**

[Mass.gov/SNAPonline](https://www.mass.gov/SNAPonline)

DTA received approval from the USDA to join the SNAP online purchasing program. **As of May 29, Massachusetts residents can use their SNAP benefits to buy food online** at Amazon and Walmart. Read the Press Release here.

To help spread the word, DTA has launched a new website: [Mass.gov/SNAPonline](https://www.mass.gov/SNAPonline). The website contains a one-page flyer (English/Spanish, more languages to come), FAQ (English/Spanish), sample social media posts and more. Check it out and please share the materials!

DTA supports the expansion of this program to more retailers, increasing access for MA residence and communities. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) approves all retailers. If you know of any retailers interested in joining, please refer them to the USDA's website.

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Key Contacts and Information:

1) Municipal Governments

Town of Brookline

- COVID Information Call Center: **617-879-5636**
COVID19Info@brooklinema.gov
- Brookline Council on Aging HELP home care program: **617-730-2752.**
- **Senior Center Newsletter Archive:**
<https://www.brooklinema.gov/Archive.aspx?AMID=37>

City of Newton

- Senior frozen lunches and grocery shopping help: **617-769-1672**
Emily Kuhl, LMHC, LSW

2) Commonwealth of Massachusetts

- For accurate and up to date information about COVID-19, please visit [Mass.gov/COVID19](https://www.mass.gov/COVID19), call 2-1-1, or text COVIDMA to 888-777.
- Attorney General's Office: **617-727-8400.**

Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA/SNAP)

- DTA Assistance Line: **877-382-2363**
- Fax: **617-887-8765**
- DTA Connect App or at DTAConnect.com
- DTA.SNAPOutreach@state.ma.us.
- EBT Customer Service: **800-997-2555**
- For DTA-specific information regarding COVID-19, please visit [Mass.gov/dta/covid-19](https://www.mass.gov/dta/covid-19).

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3) Springwell

Per Springwell CEO Trish Smith: Home delivered meals will be delivered on schedule, frozen instead of hot. Springwell staff are doing extra check-ins to identify and resolve issues with frozen meals. **Springwell is not taking new referrals for home-delivered meals at this time. To volunteer,** contact volunteering@springwell.com, <https://springwell.com/blog/seeking-volunteer-home-delivered-meal-drivers/>, or www.springwell.com/volunteer

- Phone: **617-926-4100**
- TTY: **617-923-1562**
- <https://springwell.com/blog/covid-19-springwell-updates-for-our-communities/>

4) Massachusetts Councils on Aging Covid-19 Nutrition Updates

<https://mcoaonline.com/coronavirus/resources/nutrition-programs/>

5) Project Bread/ Greater Boston Food Bank

<http://www.projectbread.org/news-and-events/news/covid-19-hunger-food.html>

- FoodSource Hotline: [1-800-645-8333](tel:1-800-645-8333); TTY [1-800-377-1292](tel:1-800-377-1292)
Hotline Hours: Monday – Friday: 8AM-7PM; Saturday 10 AM - 2 PM

6) Community/ Mutual Aid Groups & Nonprofits

- **Brookline Mutual Aid:**

(617) 651-1468 (Bonnie Bastien & Eliana Von Krusenstiern)

MutualAidBrookline@gmail.com

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/18wyl-f2x2j-](https://docs.google.com/document/d/18wyl-f2x2j-tFMCsbaxWW98PjY5bVUKfPluFibmX9u8/edit?usp=sharing)

[tFMCsbaxWW98PjY5bVUKfPluFibmX9u8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/18wyl-f2x2j-tFMCsbaxWW98PjY5bVUKfPluFibmX9u8/edit?usp=sharing)

- **Brookline Mutual Aid volunteers will go grocery shopping or run errands for anyone who is unable to do so for themselves. They perform social-distanced drop-offs and accept reimbursement via PayPal, Venmo, cash, or check.**

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- **Brookline Food Co-Op: 617-852-5967**

- **Combined Jewish Philanthropies (CJP):**
 - CJP Warmline: **1-800-CJP-9500 (1-800-257-9500)**
 - CJP Coronavirus Emergency Fund: <https://www.cjp.org/our-work/cjp-coronavirus-emergency-fund>

- **Community Servings: 617-522-7777**
<https://www.servings.org/meal-delivery/>

- **Farm to Institution – matchmaking spreadsheet to connect surplus food to organizations that need it:**
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hxTCuFVUCv4ad-_VIOGhOsDcYmwLXMkm5chzRF6wODM/edit#gid=0

- **JF&CS: 781-647-JFCS (5327)**
<https://www.jfcsboston.org/COVID-19/COVID-19-Resources>
info@jfcsboston.org.

- **Massachusetts Councils on Aging Nutrition Update**
 - <https://mcoaonline.com/coronavirus/resources/nutrition-programs/>

- **MA Food Rescue Resources (<https://mafoodsystem.org/projects/sub/Food-waste-covid/>)**

- **Project Driveway**
<https://projectdriveway.org/about-us>
<https://projectdriveway.org/order-here>

7) Food Pantries:

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- **The Brookline Emergency Food Pantry:** 617-566-4953
www.brooklinefoodpantry.org/need-groceries.html
For more info, contact Chanin Kennedy: chanin@brooklinefoodpantry.org
 - **TO INITIATE (Contactless) FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY:**
 - **Write an email to BFPEmergencyFoodAssistance@gmail.com with the subject line: "Needs Home Delivery," or call 617-800-5339. Include name and age of Head of Household, total number of people living in household, and ages of all household members.**
 - **In Person:** Clients may present to the doors of the pantry during normal pantry hours to receive pre-packed bags of perishable and nonperishable items **during these hours:**
 - 15 St. Paul St.:
Wednesday: 3 PM - 6 PM, Thursday: 11 AM - 2 PM
 - 55A Egmont St., Community Room
Thursday: 3 PM - 7 PM, Saturday: 10 AM - 1 PM
 - 226 High St., Community Room (follow Family Learning Center signs): Tuesday: 3 PM - 7 PM
 - **Fact sheets from the Brookline Public Schools include information about the Food Pantry and are translated into Arabic, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Hebrew, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.**
- Centre Street (Newton) Food Pantry: **617-340-9554**
info@centrestfoodpantry.org, volunteer@centrestfoodpantry.org
www.centrestfoodpantry.org
 - Serves residents of Newton, Brookline, Needham, Allston/Brighton, Waltham, Watertown and Wellesley

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- Until further notice, they will be distributing pre-packed grocery bags only – with cold and frozen foods as well as produce and dry goods.
- Grocery pickup: Tues: 2:30PM-6:00PM, Sat: 11:00AM – 2:00PM.

8) Shopping for Groceries and Necessities

New online grocery ordering option – Pepper Pantry

<https://pepperpantry.com/pages/faq>

- Pepper Pantry is an online grocery service connecting consumers to companies that usually supply food for restaurants.

For up-to-date list of senior hours, grocery delivery, and no-contact pickup, email kjovin@brooklinema.gov.

9) Housing

- Center Communities of Brookline: **617-363-8100**
- Brookline Housing Authority: **617-277-2022**. For updates, contact Matt Baronas or Danielle Mendola.