

Neighbors Helping Neighbors – The Hope Food Pantry is Here!

Some of our community members are going through difficult financial circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic and are having a hard time feeding their families. A Facebook page was recently started called “Lower Bank & Green Bank, NJ” which has allowed community members to share local issues and collaborate to find solutions. This issue came to the forefront and many in the area expressed an eagerness to help and donate items. The concept of a community food pantry box was discussed where residents in need could anonymously pick up a few food items to help get them through. The “Hope Food Pantry” is now installed in front of the Washington Township Municipal Building and will be accessible 24 hours a day to community members in Lower Bank and Green Bank. It was built by Lower Banker’s Matt Gitto, Joe Melita and Kevin Krout with materials donated by neighbors. We would like to see this be a permanent installation, since future circumstances can change suddenly for any of us.

All of the items inside the boxes are free and there are no forms to fill out. Those using the boxes can come and go as they wish. The products that are stocked are put directly inside the pantry. There’s a door on the front of the box but no lock, so food items can be accessed 24-7. Please take only what you need and leave some for others.

If you are able to donate items, please place them directly in the pantry at any time. Suggested non-perishable items for donation to the pantry include:

Pasta and spaghetti sauce

Boxes of cereal

Peanut butter and jelly

Crackers

Macaroni and cheese

Non-perishable juices

Rice and canned beans

Bread

Canned soup

Boxed milk

Canned tuna and chicken

Jars of baby food

Canned fruit and vegetables

We will have a sheet on the inside of the pantry door for people to list specific items they need and we will do our best to get those!

If you would like to make bulk donations or cash contributions toward food purchases, email us at: townshipfoodpantry@gmail.com Thank you!

