

Central County News

GRAFTON

Mass Food Giveaway Returns To GLSP



A look back at the Food Giveaway at GLSP last November. Eastwick Press File Photo.

It was so successful back in November, that the Catholic Charities of the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese CC Move Program, the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York, the Capital District Labor Federation, Grafton Lakes State Park and *The Eastwick Press* are pleased to announce, another giveaway has been scheduled for **Friday, April 30**. The event starts at **9:30 am** and continues while supplies last.

Available once again will be a variety of fresh vegetables, frozen chicken and pork, milk, eggs, bread and other items. This community event is open to anyone.

Those who wish to receive food should enter the park's main entrance on NYS Route 2 in Grafton, following directions to the main parking lot. There, several stations will be set up and vehicles can drive up and have food placed inside in a contactless manner.

We Need Some Help

To pull this off, volunteers are needed in the packing and distribution of food. Masks and gloves will be provided. Volunteers may also take a box of food items as needed. Those willing to help are asked to

arrive at the site by 8:15 am. Interested volunteers may RSVP to volunteer@ccreda.org or at news@eastwickpress.com. You may also call 518-203-7574.

WEST SAND LAKE

Doors Of Hope Food Pantry

Any Rensselaer County resident is eligible to receive food assistance on a monthly basis from the Doors of Hope Food Pantry, located in the 43 Mall in West Sand Lake. Food is distributed between 9 am and noon Monday through Saturday.

The Pantry offers a variety of food choices and assurance confidentiality. Please call 518-674-4048 to order food.

ALBANY

Capital Funding For Touring Road Improvements

Assemblymember John T. McDonald III joined with Assemblymember Patricia Fahy, local elected officials, and the New York Conference of Mayors Executive Director Peter Baynes at Cohoes City Hall on Thursday, April 15 to discuss new capital funding in the 2021-22 New York State Budget to provide an equitable solution to the problem of municipalities absorbing the cost of maintaining state touring routes.

The new program provides \$100 million to establish a capital funding source called the "City Touring Routes Program" to reimburse cities, villages, and towns for capital project costs on local roads and bridges. The funding is allocated based on New York or U.S.-signed touring route miles for which these municipalities have capital maintenance responsibility. This is a program that will dedicate significant funds to the Capital Region. In particular, the City of Troy would receive \$3,707,699 under this funding proposal.

Assemblymember McDonald III said, "This has been an issue that I have long championed and I have worked for years to assist local governments with their capital needs related to these state touring routes that are main connecting roads carrying large volumes of traffic. Yet the financial responsibility rested solely on the local governments. This funding opportunity works to address those inequities and is a step in the right direction. I would also like to thank NYS Assembly Transportation Committee Chair William Magranello for his efforts in ensuring that this funding was included in the final budget. I would also like to thank and recognize my colleague Assemblymember Nily Rozic, who has carried a bill to permanently increase the reimbursement rate for arterial road maintenance to municipalities, the same roads that this new program will benefit. I look forward to continuing to work with her and my colleagues on this effort to ensure an

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