

Drive Thru Food Drive Set for March 26

Three County Fair Food Drive To Benefit Local Food Pantries

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Northampton, MA – The Hampshire, Franklin & Hampden Agricultural Society, the non-profit organization that manages the oldest on-going agricultural fair in the country, will be conducting a Drive Thru Food Drive on Saturday, March 26 outside of their main office at 54 Fair Street in Northampton. The Fair held its last food drive in the Spring of 2020 during the onset of the health crisis and delivered more than 2,000 pounds of food to area pantries.

The Fair is seeking non-perishable foods such as canned fruit, soup, tuna, and vegetables, plus cereal, pasta, pasta sauce and peanut butter for area food pantries who have partnered with the Fair including the Easthampton Community Center, the Franklin County Meals Program, the Helping Hands Cupboard Food Pantry at BOCC in Belchertown and the Westhampton Congregational United Church of Christ food pantry.

“The pandemic created food insecurity for many families for the first time and increased the need for others,” said Gerry Devine, member of the Society’s Board of Directors. “Because of the continued hardship of so many, the success of our last food drive, and the extreme generosity of our community willing to help their neighbors, we are proud to once again provide this service.”

Each vehicle that donates will be supplied with a pair of complimentary tickets to the 2022 Three County Fair, scheduled for September 2-5. Donations can be dropped off at the Fair’s main office at 54 Fair Street in Northampton between the hours of 10am-2pm on Saturday, March 26th. The Fair requests that donations be compiled in disposable bags or boxes for volunteers to easily accept them from vehicles.

About the Hampshire, Franklin & Hampden County Agricultural Society:

Located in Northampton, Massachusetts and incorporated in 1818, the Hampshire, Franklin & Hampden County Agricultural Society promotes agriculture, agricultural education, agricultural science and sustainability for the region through exhibitions, displays, competitions and demonstrations and annually operates The Three County Fair, recognized by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture as the oldest on-going Fair in continuous operation in the U.S.A, with the first Three County Fair taking place, October 14-15, 1818 and every year since without interruption.

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