

BILLERICA COMMUNITY PANTRY -



PANTRY PULSE

PO BOX 285

BILLERICA, MA 01821

Located at 11 Concord Road

June 2021

From the Billerica Community Pantry's President:

The weather is warming, and we are well into Spring. The flowers, leaves, & trees are busily growing and displaying their beauty. With the help of community volunteers, the Billerica Community Pantry has also been springing into a regular beehive of activity. With the ongoing help of donors, the pantry has been able to continue growing, improving, and helping individuals & families come out of the pandemic fog and into the sunshine of better days ahead.

It has been said that "Flowers don't tell; they show" (Stephanie Skeem). Since 2018 our mission has been one of action – to assist Billerica residents who struggle to feed and provide basic necessities for themselves and their families. During the pandemic we have seen an increase in older and younger families caught in the resulting ongoing economic impact. We greatly appreciate the amount of selfless service our cadre of volunteers gives toward providing participants with

healthy, delicious food as well as with the items they need to sustain life and have a means of improving their situation.

Just like no two flowers are the same; every pantry participant's circumstances are uniquely different. We hope the Billerica Community Pantry is able to add a little additional sunshine to everyone who visits, regardless of their situation. Happy Spring!!!

-Jared Koyle

Update: *The Billerica Community Pantry continues to provide food and personal care items at no cost to Billerica residents who need assistance.*

- *Distributions will continue to use a 'Drive-thru' model.*
- *Each month recipients will be required to contact us and confirm their appointment.*
- *We ask that our clients continue to wear masks a while longer since our volunteers will be closer than 6 feet when interacting with you.*

Thank you.

Contact information!

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Fun Facts

Did you know that since January 2021 the Community Pantry has utilized 480 volunteers in more than 2,000 hours.

We can't do what we do without you!

Peanut Butter

Peanut Butter Energy Bites

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup old-fashioned rolled oats

Directions

1. Blend together peanut butter, honey, and vanilla extract until smooth.
2. Pour in oats and mix until well.
3. Refrigerate for 1 hour and roll into one-inch balls.
4. Put into an airtight container and refrigerate for up to 2 weeks.



We want to thank our generous donors. Your donations have made it possible to provide much needed services to our food insecure patrons. In order to secure our future, we need your continued support. Please send your contributions:

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Or contribute via our website:
WWW.BillericaCommunity.com

Canned Tuna

Blackened Tuna Patties

Ingredients

- 1 can (5 ounces) tuna, drained
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/4 cup diced onion
- nonstick cooking spray
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/3 cup sliced veggies (like carrots, peppers, or zucchini)
- 1/3 cup bread crumbs or dry day old bread
- 2 tablespoons light ranch dressing

Directions

1. Beat egg. In a large bowl stir all ingredients together. Wash hands. Form 4 patties. Each patty about 1/3" thick and 3" wide. Heat a skillet to medium. Spray the pan with cooking spray when hot.
2. Cook the patties for 2-3 minutes. Turn over for 2-3 minutes more. Cook until patties are browned. Serve hot.



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Vehicle Donation line - any used vehicle from cars to campers (condition at discretion of company) may be donated. Funds provided to Billerica Community Pantry.

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We need to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** – to the two companies that made our Donation Shed possible.

Salt Box Nursery (Boston Road Billerica) donated and delivered the crushed stone to aid in creating the stable base. And **John LaFauci Tile & Marble** not only covered the cost of the Shed, but John also assembled a crew to build the shed.

The shed is available right at the Pantry to drop off donations of non-perishable foods and other items for future distribution.

We also have many Local Organizations, Corporate donors, and their employees who donate time and talents. Going forward we will spotlight one in each future issue of the Pantry Pulse. We can't do what we do without you!