

LOCAL/STATE

Feeding those in need

PB&J Project returns for 12th year

The Peanut Butter & Jelly Project is back again in Athens County. Here are details about the 2019 program and how to get involved, both as a participant and as a donor.

What is the program?

The project offers free peanut butter, jelly, bread and fresh produce to local families in need. These supplies are donated by community members and businesses, and are then distributed to families throughout the county.

For more details about the program, contact children services at 740-592-3061 or visit www.athenschildrenservices.com.

How to participate

Supplies are provided to those in need each Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The program runs from June 6 through July 25. Pick-up locations are as follows:

- Alexander Elementary
- The Plains Elementary
- Amesville Elementary
- Coolville Public Library
- Nelsonville Park (near city pool)
- Trimble Elementary

Note: The week of the Fourth of July holiday, distribution will take place Wednesday, July 3.

How to donate

The project is organized by Athens County Children's Services, which accepts monetary donations for supplies by mail to: "The PB&J Project, Athens County Children's Services, 10 Stonybrook Drive, Athens, OH 45701."

There are also numerous businesses in the county which serve as "drop-off sites" for donated peanut

butter and jelly supplies. Site locations and available drop-off dates are courtesy children's services:

- OU Credit Union's three Athens locations — 90 S. Shafer St.; 944 E. State St.; or 12 W. Union St. (through June 30)
- Maurices — 1002 E. State St., Athens (through June 30)
- Kimes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center & Blue Sky Therapy — 75 Kimes Lane, Athens (through June 15)
- Chase Bank's two Athens locations — 420 Richland Ave. and 2 S. Court St. (through June 15)
- Rocky Boot Outlet Store — 45 E. Canal St., Nelsonville (through end of July)
- Peoples Bank's two Athens locations — 801 E. State St. and 1 N. Court St. (no dates listed)

PB&J Race

The annual Peanut Butter & Jelly 5K/10K race is slated for Sunday, June 16 at Eclipse Company Town (near The Plains). Proceeds benefit the project. Registration for all events is available through June 15 at 8:30 a.m.

The event is hosted by the Athens Professionals for Philanthropy, and features at 10K starting at 8:30 a.m.; a 100-yard Kids Dash at 8:45 a.m.; and a Kids Mile and 5K both starting at 9 a.m.

Packet pick-up is available on race morning from 7:15-8:15 a.m. Online registration is available at athensprofessionals.com/pbj-race.



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Donors from Holzer Health System provided nearly a ton of peanut butter and jelly supplies to the project.

Free summer meals offered to local children

No registration needed; no income requirements need met

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Southeast Ohio Foodbank and Regional Kitchen is providing free meals to area children this summer at a dozen sites in Athens County.

There is no registration required and there are no income requirements that need met to participate. Anyone age 18 or younger will be served, and those ages 19-21 who are mentally or physically disabled.

Listed below are the Athens County sites. Note that each place has its own times and days of week serving food.

Contact the Southeast Ohio Foodbank and Regional Kitchen at 740-385-6813 or view the list online at www.seofoodbank.org/summer-feeding.

Athens County

- Albany
Wells Public Library — 5200 W. Washington Road, Albany; Mondays

through Fridays, noon to 1 p.m., June 3 to Aug. 2

- Albany Arms — 5810 Meadowbrook Road, Albany; Thursdays only, 11 a.m. to noon, June 6 to Aug. 8

Athens

- Hope Drive — 10 Hope Drive, Athens; Mondays through Fridays, noon to 12:30 p.m., June 3 to Aug. 9
- Lifepoint — 8076 Rolling Hills Drive, Athens; Monday through Friday, 6:30-8:30 p.m., July 22-26
- Lifepoint — Monday through Friday, 6:30-8:10 p.m., July 30 to Aug. 3

Chauncey

- Chauncey Public Library — 29 Converse St., Chauncey; Mondays through Fridays, 1:30-2:30 p.m., June 3 to Aug. 2

Coolville

- Coolville Village Hall — 26405 Main St., Coolville;

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, noon to 1 p.m., June 3 to Aug. 9

Glouster

- Glouster Public Library — 20 Toledo St., Glouster; Mondays through Fridays, noon to 1 p.m., June 3 to Aug. 2

Nelsonville

- Nelsonville Public Library — 95 W. Washington St., Nelsonville; Mondays through Fridays, noon to 1 p.m., June 3 to Aug. 9
- Circle Round the Square — 69 E. Washington St., Nelsonville; Mondays through Fridays, 8:30-9:40 a.m., June 10 to July 9
- Nelsonville Bike Rodeo at Library & Health Dept. — 95 W. Washington St., Nelsonville; June 15 from 10 a.m. to noon

New Marshfield

- Waterloo Senior Center — 4005 Old Route 56;

Mondays through Fridays, noon to 1 p.m., June 3 to Aug. 9

The Plains

- Evergreen Estates — 45 E. Fourth St., The Plains; Mondays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to noon, June 10 to Aug. 9

Hocking County

- Logan — Antioch Alliance Church; Shepherd of the Valley; Logan Hocking Public Library; Kachelmacher Park; Logan Village Apartments; Logan Vineyard Church; Logan City Pool; Logan Manor-Norwood Apartments; First Church of Christ; First Presbyterian Church, Laurelville — Laurelville Library; Laurelville Park

Perry County

- Corning — Corning Library. New Straitsville — Hope Acts.

Gallia County

- Bidwell — Gallia Metropolitan Estates; Heatley Crossing. Thurman — Jacobs Crossing.

Athens County Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens

The following is a list of food pantries and soup kitchens located within Athens County, courtesy a flier from the Southeast Ohio Foodbank and Kitchen.

Note that each has separate times and eligibility factors. It is highly encouraged that residents contact a pantry ahead of time to confirm service and residency eligibility.

Name — Location; phone number; eligibility factors

Athens Catholic Community Food Pantry — Christ the King Church, P.O. Box 5503, Athens; 740-592-3828; Athens County residents only, must be referred by Job & Family Services

Athens County Food Pantry — Distributed at

Athens County Job and Family Services, 13183 Route 13, Millfield; 740-590-7051; Tuesdays and Thursdays; Athens County residents only

Nelsonville Food Cupboard, Inc. — 421 Chestnut St., Nelsonville; 740-753-3810; Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 3 p.m.; Athens County residents only

Salvation Army — 70 N. Plains Road, The Plains; 740-797-1305; Mondays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Athens County residents only

The First Baptist Church of Nelsonville — 15 Adams St., Nelsonville; 740-753-4353; 3rd Thursdays of month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Torch UMC (Feed My Sheep) Pantry — 29023

Kitchen — 2 S. College St., Athens; 740-593-3977; Mondays from noon to 1 p.m.; Athens County residents only

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Torch Road, Torch; 304-916-8483; Thursdays from 10-11 a.m. and Sundays from noon to 1 p.m.; Athens County residents only

Ohio University Cats' Cupboard — Baker University Center Room 514, Athens; Mondays through Saturdays from 7 a.m. to midnight and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (open only during academic school year); Ohio University ID card required

Ohio University Mini-Food Pantry — Baker University Center 2nd Floor, Athens; Mondays through Saturdays from 7 a.m. to midnight and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (open only during academic school year); open to anyone

Food programs for seniors available

Several food programs are available to area seniors. The **Commodity Supplemental Food Program** provides monthly boxes of shelf-stable food items to nutritionally at-risk, income-eligible seniors ages 60 and older.

The program is operated by the Southeast Ohio Foodbank and serves seniors in Athens, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Morgan, Perry, Vinton and Washington counties. For more details and to apply, contact the foodbank

and kitchen at 740-385-6813.

The **Meals-On-Wheels** provides meals to homebound residents, with deliveries on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. There are also congregate sites in Athens County where eligible seniors can come daily

and eat the meals provided. For more details and to apply for Meals-on-Wheels, contact the Regional Food Center at 740-385-6813. Residents interested in becoming a volunteer driver are also encouraged to contact that number.

Federal Hocking Summer Food Bus

The Federal Hocking Summer Food Bus offers meals at several locations throughout the school district. The meals are free to all children living in the district. Families can call the district at 740-662-2122 for more information.

Meals are served each Tuesday at these locations:

- Federal Valley Resource Center, 10 a.m.
- Amesville Park Shelter, 11:30 a.m.
- Hope Drive (Athens), 1 p.m.

Meals are served each Friday at these locations:

- Fairview Church, 10 a.m.
- Coolville Elementary, 11:30 a.m.
- Lottridge Community Center, 1 p.m.

Rural Delivery Meals Program available for area students

The Rural Delivery Meals Program is once again being offered for children in the Nelsonville-York, Trimble and Morgan school districts. Participants receive weekly food boxes of two breakfasts, nine lunches and shelf-stable milk.

Meals can be picked up at a

distribution site by the student, or a designated parent/guardian.

Families can enroll by contacting the student's respective school; calling the Southeast Ohio Foodbank at 740-385-6813, or filling out/mailling an attached application available on the "SE Ohio Foodbank" Facebook page.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Trimble meeting rescheduled

TRIMBLE — Trimble Village Council's upcoming meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, June 17.

Athens County Children Services Board to meet

The Athens County Children Services Board will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 17 at 4 p.m. at 14 Stonybrook Drive, Athens.

East State St. work continues

A contractor is scheduled to install permanent pavement markings on East State Street, between Home Street and Cook Drive. The work is scheduled for Thursday and Friday.

Two-way traffic and access to all intersections will be maintained; however, temporary lane closures will be in place, and flagging will be utilized to assist traffic control at intersections.

Questions may be directed to the City of Athens Engineering and Public Works Department at 740-593-7636.

MESSENGER MINI FEATURE

THROWBACK THURSDAY



The Athens Brick Criterium returns to the streets of Athens later this month. Here's a snapshot of a criterium race held in the 1990s. Keep an eye out for Messenger reporting about the criterium in the next few weeks.

Check out tomorrow's Messenger Mini Feature: **CHEERS AND JEERS**

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