

Food bank a family ritual as prices rise

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‘Thanksgiving celebration is important for everyone’



Ann Slocum, of Maynard, adds stuffing to prepared Thanksgiving meals at Open Table in Maynard, Nov. 11.
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Maynard kitchen prepared Thanksgiving meals for hundreds

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Inside Open Table’s commercial kitchen in Maynard on the morning of Nov. 11, volunteers filled containers with turkey, stuffing, butternut squash, mashed potatoes, preparing more than 600 Thanksgiving meals for people facing food insecurity across Middlesex County.

Among them was Sarah Napier of Concord, who began volunteering at Open Table in early September after retiring and looking for a way to become more involved.

“I’ve done some volunteer work with unhoused population and I see what an issue food insecurity is for so many people, so I just wanted to find a way to contribute,” Napier said.

The meal-preparation effort was part of Open Table’s annual Thanksgiving food distribution. The nonprofit, based at 33 Main St., Maynard, serves 3,000 households in 21 communities in central Middlesex County.

In addition to the prepared meals, individuals and families who wanted to cook their own Thanksgiving dinners could receive meal kits containing frozen poultry, shelf-stable foods such as cranberry sauce, gravy and stuffing mix, produce and dessert.

“Our prepared meals are most popular with our seniors or our individuals who are living alone and who maybe don’t want to prepare, you know, like a turkey, but they want to

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Medway voters spoke

Now Flock cameras have gone dark

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Flock cameras in Medway were to be covered up by the end of the week, Town Manager Michael Boynton said on Tuesday, Nov. 17.

On Monday, Nov. 16, the Select Board voted unanimously to have the Flock Safety automatic license plate readers (ALPRs) covered and to have town counsel evaluate the town’s contract with Flock to terminate the contract.

Town Meeting on Nov. 9 voted 167-92 to ban the use of ALPRs in town. The bylaw still has to go to the state Attorney General’s Office for review, but the board on Monday decided not to wait.

“As far as I’m concerned, the town runs as a democracy,” said Chairman Dennis Crowley. “We have a Town Meeting, the Town Meeting spoke and they spoke overwhelmingly.”

The board had not supported the citizens’ petition, led by Michael Fahey, who founded an online group called “Deflock Medway.”

However, the Select Board said voters had their say and they were going to listen to them.

“I’m a firm believer in democracy and that is what happened at Town Meeting,” said Board Member Maryjane White.

Medway has six Flock cameras. They opposed the removal of the cameras calling them a vital law enforcement tool.

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Meet the man helping shape Hudson police’s future

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Chad Perry didn’t take the normal route to becoming a police officer.

He has a degree in business. He worked at his family’s cleaning business for years and he even opened up his own martial arts studio in Acton.

That all changed when he was dating his now wife Lisa, whose father is retired Hudson Police Chief Paul Veo, who inspired him to change careers. He joined the Hudson Police in 1998 and is now the second in command at the department after Police Chief Richard Dipersio recently promoted him to become the department’s first deputy chief.

“As deputy chief, I work as the right-hand man to the chief, I’m directly under him,” said Perry, 57. “I basically assist with the operations of the department as a whole.”

Perry grew up in Bolton before moving to Hudson as a teen and graduated from Hudson High School in 1987. After working in cleaning and his martial arts school, he met Veo, the then

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