

February Edition:
Rensselaer County



The Food Pantries for the Capital District Resource Flyer

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Mass Food Distributions

Lansingburgh Boys and Girls Club

501 4th Ave

Troy, NY 12182

February 9th, 2026 @ 10:00 am



Van Rensselaer Elementary School

25 Van Rensselaer Dr.

Rensselaer, NY 12144

February 21st 2026 @ 8:30 am

What is NOEP?

The Nutrition Outreach and Education Program (NOEP) offers free and confidential services to connect hungry New Yorkers to nutrition assistance programs such as the SNAP program, the School Breakfast Program, and Summer Food Service Program. Your NOEP Coordinator can assist with evaluating your eligibility for SNAP, help you fill out your application, and will advocate for your right to benefits based on SNAP policy.

NOEP Rensselaer County Coordinator: Karen McKenzie

(518) 274-2607 x4108

KMckenzie@unityhouseny.org

Unity House of Troy, Inc. 2431 6th Ave, Troy, NY 12180



Need Food Assistance?

Call the Food Pantries for the Capital District Referral Line:

518-458-1167 ext. 1

- Receive **FREE** assistance
- Calls are 100% confidential
- Our team can help you:
 - Find emergency food assistance
 - Find food pantries near you
 - Arrange for home delivery of food if you cannot go to the pantry and there is no one to go for you
 - Connect you with other support services
 - Llamanos si necesitan ayuda con comida



You can also visit our website: <https://thefoodpantries.org/>

- View & print our Basic Resources Guide
- Use our Food Connect Map to find pantries near you, as well as other resources such as:
 - **Free Food Fridges**
 - **Community Meals**
 - **Soup Kitchens**
 - **Mobile Pantries**

Follow the link or QR code below and simply put in your address. The map will show you red pins where food pantries are located.

Community Events and Resources



PET FOOD PANTRY SCHEDULE FOR 2026

Hudson Mohawk Humane staff will be available to listen to your concerns on how to take care of your Pets.

Pet supplies may be available at each events.

JANUARY 21, 2026, 1PM – 3PM

APRIL 15, 2026, 1PM-3PM

JULY 22, 2026, 1PM-3PM

OCTOBER 21, 2026, 1PM- 3PM

WHERE: 378 TENTH ST TROY NY

(TRIP OFFICE ON TENTH ST)

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL

BEVERLY@TRIPONLINE.ORG

Infant Needs

You may qualify for WIC if you:

- Live in New York
- Are pregnant or have a child under 5 years old
- Meet income guidelines

Who Can Apply?

- Moms, dads, grandparents, and primary caregivers of children under 5.
- Working families and non-U.S. citizens may also qualify.

To Learn More Visit: hungersolutionsny.org/wic for more information.



Food pantries can occasionally stock diapers and formula. You can reach out to your local pantry to ask if they have the sizes and formula you need!

Here are some additional resources for infant needs:

Mom Starts Here



Immigrant & Refugee Support

- Albany Community Action Partnership (ACAP): Call (518) 463-3175 or visit www.albanycap.org
- Refugee & Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus (RISSE): Call (518) 621-1041 or visit www.risse-albany.org



Home Delivered Meals for Seniors

Serving meals to home-bound Rensselaer County seniors 60 years or older

Please call Rensselaer County Department for the Aging at (518) 270-2730 for an intake

To be eligible an individual must meet all three of the following criteria:

Participants must be age 60 or older and have difficulty preparing their own meals.

Code Blue protocols are active whenever the temperature is 32 degrees or less, including wind chill. Code Blue provides safe cold-weather shelter and support for people experiencing homelessness.



Did you know that The Homeless and Travelers Aide Society (HATAS) and The Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) partnered to ensure that those needing a free ride to a shelter during code blue can get one? Just let the bus driver know you need ride to a shelter!

**Joseph's House & Shelter Inc.
74 Ferry St, Troy, NY 12180
518-272-2544
Mid-November to Mid-April**

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

Need Help with Heating or Cooling Costs?

HEAP helps low-income New Yorkers cover heating and cooling expenses.

Eligibility:

- U.S. citizens or qualified non-citizens with valid Social Security numbers.
- Meet income guidelines (e.g., up to \$6,390/month for a household of four).

Benefits:

- One regular benefit per season.
- Emergency benefits for fuel shortages or utility shutoff.
- Covers electricity, natural gas, oil, propane, wood, and more.

How to Apply:

- Online: myBenefits.ny.gov
- In Person: Contact your local HEAP office.
- By Mail: Download and send an application to your local office.

More Information:

Visit ny.gov/HEAP or call 1-800-342-3009.

Stay safe and warm with HEAP!

Need Assistance? Healthy Alliance Can Help!



How to Connect:

Online: Visit healthyalliance.org/help and fill out the assistance form.

Phone: Call 518-520-3211

Healthy Alliance connects you to local resources at no cost.

Services Offered:

Physical Health, Food Assistance, Housing and Shelter, Mental Health, Substance Abuse Support, Employment Services, and more

Free Period Pantries

For more info and listing of all locations, please visit

<https://capitalregionmh.com/>

and

<https://www.mooncatcher.org/period-pantries>



NYS Healthy Neighborhood Program



The New York State Healthy Neighborhood Program is available to several communities in Rensselaer County for assistance with asthma, tobacco cessation, indoor air quality, lead, fire safety, and other environmental health hazards. To learn more call 518-765-3521 or visit their website:

<https://www.healthycapitaldistrict.org/index.php?module=Tiles&controller=index&action=display&alias=healthyneighborhoodprogram>

OAKWOOD TECHNIQUES

AN AFTER-SCHOOL **PERFORMING ARTS**
PROGRAM FOSTERING A LIFELONG LOVE OF
THE ARTS AND SELF-EXPRESSION

SPRING SESSION:

Tuesdays and Thursdays
February 3rd - May 28th

Sign up for full after-school program or just
classes!

After-school snack and activities until 4pm

Classes 4-5:45pm

Dinner and dismissal 5:45-6pm

Snack and dinner served each day

Recital performance held in May

REGISTER TODAY!
CLASSES ARE FREE BUT
SPACE IS LIMITED



Or contact Justin Relf at
oakwoodtechniques@
oakwoodcommunitycenter.org

CLASSES:

Percussion Ensemble - learn how to play a variety of
percussion instruments and how to read and play from
sheet music!

Acting Class - learn the art of acting to communicate a
message, theatre terminology, and improvisation!

Dance Class - learn how to move, create, and duplicate
choreography in a group setting!



NYS TAP Tax Filing Appointments

February 2nd, 10am-6pm

East Greenbush Library

Taxpayer Assistance Program (TAP)

If your 2025 federal adjusted gross income (FAGI) was \$89,000 or less and you have investment income of \$11,950 or less, you qualify to receive free tax assistance from the department. We can help you prepare and e-file your 2025 federal and state income tax returns at no cost.

(Note: Federal adjusted gross income is defined as gross income minus adjustments to income.

Gross income includes your wages, dividends, capital gains, business income, retirement distributions, as well as other income. For more information, visit the IRS at [Definition of Adjusted Gross Income](#).)

During a pre-scheduled virtual, in-person session, or walk-in session, our department representatives will guide you through free tax preparation software, step by step, as you complete and file your own tax return. Our online tax software is a safe and secure way to file. It's quick and easy!

Please note that The Food Pantries for the Capital District will be **closed** on February 16th in observation of President's Day.

If you know of a community resource that is not on this flyer, please email the Referral Team at resourcenavigator@thefoodpantries.org