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# Food Access Collaborative

## ACTION:

Please follow the link in the email for a brief FAC Assessment.

This is your community group and I need to hear from you!

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# *In the Spotlight:* **STATE LEGISLATION**

(an excerpt from Massachusetts Food System Collaborative website)

The Massachusetts legislature is considering many bills in the 2021-22 session that relate to recommendations made in the 2015 Massachusetts Local Food Action Plan and the 2020 Perspectives on Resilience and Recovery report. This list includes bills that most closely align with goals and recommendations from the Plan. We encourage committees to consider these bills, and look forward to working with legislators to further shape these and other bills that move the Commonwealth toward a more sustainable and equitable food system.

The legislature’s formal session for 2021-22 wrapped up on July 31, and while there still may be some movement on bills during the informal session, things will be relatively quiet on Beacon Hill until the new legislature is seated in January, as attention turns to campaigns.

Now is the time to be thinking about bills you’d like to see for next session. Along with refiling some of the bills mentioned above, the Collaborative will be working on legislation related to farmland, food literacy, and other issues. What do you most want to see the legislature address to help strengthen the local food system? Come to the Forum or send us an email to start a discussion.

FY2023 Food Security Budget			
Program	Line #	Request from advocates	Final Budget
Healthy Incentives Program	4400-1004	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 12M + \$8M PAC
Food Security Infrastructure Grants		\$ 30,000,000	\$ 0
UMass Extension	2511-0100	\$ 620,570	\$ 620,570
Local Food Policy Councils	2511-0100	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
MDAR staffing	2511-0100	\$ 300,000 increase	\$ 300,000 increase
Buy Local Agricultural Organizations	2511-0100	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000
Project Bread <u>FoodSource</u> Hotline	4400-1001	\$ 850,000	\$ 900,000
Project Bread Child Nutrition Outreach Pgm.	7053-1925	\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000
Massachusetts Food Trust	2511-0100	\$ 300,000	\$ 100,000
Mass Farm to School	2511-0100	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000
MA <u>Emerg.</u> Food Assistance Pgm. (MEFAP)	2511-0105	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 30,000,000
Senior Farm Share Program	9110-1900	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
Universal School Meals Extension	7053-1925	\$ 120,000,000	\$ 110,000,000
Mass in Motion	4513-1111	Maintain FY22 lang.	Maintain FY22 lang.

For more information, please visit: [articlehttps://mafoodsystem.org/projects/current-legislative-activity/](https://mafoodsystem.org/projects/current-legislative-activity/)

# Recipe of the Month!



## Ingredients

- 16 oz Brussels sprouts, rinsed
- 3 tablespoons olive oil (or melted butter)
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt and freshly cracked black pepper
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese, or to taste

## Garlic Parmesan Roasted Brussel Sprouts



## Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Trim the bottom of the Brussels sprouts, slice each in half, top to bottom. Prepare a large baking sheet (line it with parchment paper, foil or spray with canola oil).
2. Pat the Brussels sprouts dry with paper towels and place them in a large bowl. Add olive oil, Italian seasoning, garlic, Parmesan, salt, and pepper. Toss gently to coat evenly.
3. Place the sprouts on the baking sheet, spreading evenly into one layer. Bake for 25–30 minutes until the vegetables are golden brown.
4. Transfer the sprouts to a large serving bowl and sprinkle with fresh chopped parsley if you like. Enjoy!

# Community Happenings

## YOUTH PROGRAMS ARE KICKING OFF!

- Register with Carrisa [csacherski@nbccoalition.org](mailto:csacherski@nbccoalition.org)

## W.O.W. WORKSHOP: FIRE CIDER + THE IMMUNE SYSTEM

- Friday 4th; 5-7pm
- UNO
- Registration required by 5PM THURSDAY
  - email interest to [jbyrne@nbccoalition.org](mailto:jbyrne@nbccoalition.org)

## BIKE MECHANICS 101 WORKSHOP

- Monday 7th; 3:30-5:30pm
- The Armory (206 Ashland St.)

## COMMUNITY FORUM

- Friday 11th; 2-4pm
- Terra Nova, 85 Main Street
- "Retain and Engage New Community Members"

## NEIGHBORLIES

- Wednesday 16th; 5-7pm
  - Submit someone for a good deed, act of kindness and going above and beyond!

## FAMILY FUN SKATE DAY!

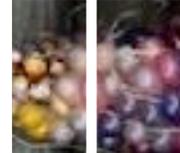
- Friday 11th; 11:30-1pm
- FREE!
- Vietnam Veterans Skating Rink
  - 1267 Church St, North Adams

## FESTIVE

- Saturday 19th; 10-3pm
- FREE!
- Greylock Works, North Adams
- Immerse in beautiful and delicious gifts at Greylock WORKS' 5th annual Fall FESTIVE – a holiday market celebrating the handcrafted magic of the Berkshires and beyond.

## BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING AND TICK TALK

- Tuesday 22nd; 10am
- North Adams COA
- Sign up at (413) 662-3125



# Pin Board

This Newsletter is brought to you by:

**Elder Services of Berkshire County, Inc.**  
877 South Street, Suite 4C, Pittsfield, MA 01201  
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Northern Berkshire Community Coalition  
Community Empowerment • Prevention & Wellness

## Coming In Not Calling Out A Conversation for Divided Times

### Loretta Ross

Award-winning, nationally recognized expert on racism and racial justice, women's rights, and human rights.  
Associate Professor  
Program for the Study of Women and Gender  
Smith College  
Northampton, MA

Thursday, November 17, 2022  
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm  
Live via Zoom Webinar



**FREE Registration**

For More Information  
[berkshireahec.org](http://berkshireahec.org) or 413-842-5160

**NOW HIRING**

**Drivers for our Meals on Wheels Team!**

Call 413.499.0524

## Join us for the Grand Opening

of The Children's Winter Boutique at  
Berkshire Community Action Council

Thursday, November 3  
10 a.m.  
85 Main Street, 2nd Floor  
North Adams, MA 01247

R.S.V.P. is requested by November 1  
[kLaBombard@bcacinc.org](mailto:kLaBombard@bcacinc.org)



The Children's  
**Winter**  
Boutique

at  BERKSHIRE  
COMMUNITY ACTION

  **Young Athletes™**

We are excited to share that Williams College will be hosting a Level 2 Young Athletes program this 2022 fall season in Williamstown, MA!

Young Athletes (Level 2) is a child's next step in Special Olympics participation after they have gone through the Level 1 Young Athletes activities. Level 2 focuses more on sport specific skills and drills, and introduces young athletes to early game play concepts. Children ages 6-12 with and without intellectual disabilities are eligible to participate.

Young Athletes offers families, teachers, caregivers and people from the community the chance to share the joy of sports with all children. Children of all abilities can take part and they all benefit! The students at Williams College will be reviewing basketball skills each of the four weeks.




**Dates:** Sunday Mornings

- October 23rd
- October 30th
- November 6th
- November 13th

**Time:** 11am - 12pm

**Where:** Williams College Field House  
• 82 Latham Street, Williamstown, MA 01267

To participate, please first complete the online registration form by following the link below or scanning the QR code.

<http://www.specialolympicsma.org/WilliamsYA>

If you have any questions please reach out to:  
Eric Archambault - [eric.archambault@specialolympicsma.org](mailto:eric.archambault@specialolympicsma.org)

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH JOB FAIR IN-PERSON EVENT

**NOVEMBER 1, 2022 • 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**MassHire Berkshire Career Center**  
**160 North Street, Third floor, Pittsfield, MA**

Meet in-person with employers with employment opportunities in the behavioral health field. Whether you are interested in starting a career in behavioral health or you are a seasoned professional, we want to meet with you!



Register online at [MassHireBerkshireCC.com](http://MassHireBerkshireCC.com)  
Walk-ins also welcome!



MassHire Programs & Services are funded in full by US Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration grants. (Additional details furnished upon request.)

**BCAC** is still accepting donations for **ELF!**

Call 413.663.3014

# Pin Board



**NORTH BERSHIRE  
VETERAN'S SERVICES**

## WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE HATS, MITTENS/GLOVES, & SOCKS

November 1st to November 27th

*NEW items only please.*

All donations to benefit holiday outreach to local veterans & their families

Donations can be dropped off at the following locations:

- North Adams City Hall Veterans Office
- Williamstown Community Chest
- Northern Berkshire YMCA
- North Adams Public Library
- Adams Town Hall



This Newsletter is brought to you by:



**C.O.V.**  
registration  
is open!  
Secure your spot  
today!

contact:  
Gabby Glasier at  
[gglasier@nbccoalition.org](mailto:gglasier@nbccoalition.org)



# How do you travel in Berkshire County?

Of course you do!

## Tell us your thoughts!

Give your input on the **Community Transportation Needs Survey**. Use the QR code to the right or visit [berkshireplanning.org/initiatives/RTP](http://berkshireplanning.org/initiatives/RTP)

We need your help to set priorities for roads, bridges, trails, tralls, highways, and more over the next 20 years.

### Attend a Public Information Session:

- Wed, November 2 at 5:30pm - Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield
- Thu, November 10 at 5:30 pm - North Adams City Council chambers
- Wed, November 16 at 5:30pm - Great Barrington Firehouse - 37 State Rd.

For language or accomodation assistance, please contact BRPC at (413) 442-1521 or by email at [nrusso@berkshireplanning.org](mailto:nrusso@berkshireplanning.org), preferably within one week of the meeting date. Esta información está disponible en español en [berkshireplanning.org/initiatives/RTP](http://berkshireplanning.org/initiatives/RTP)

Take the survey here!

