

# CAFÉ SCHEDULE

# COMMON GROUND NEWS



November 2022

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## REAR PARKING LOT PAVED

The recent paving of Common Ground's rear parking lot was made possible with funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and funneled through the City of Haverhill's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

The CDBG gives maximum feasible priority to activities which will carry out one of three broad national objectives: (1) benefit low-moderate income persons, (2) aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight, or (3) meet other community development needs having a particular urgency. Common Ground, a 501(c)3 non-profit, meets these objectives.

Also, Common Ground's association with the Merrimack Valley Dream Center, and CG's use of their mobile shower and bathroom facilities behind the café, was a key element that made this possible. Additional funds were also provided by the City of Haverhill to pave from Winter Street to just beyond the emergency generator to meet and merge with the rear lot.

Access to the food storage area is now easily accessible by eliminating muddy conditions when unloading CG's truck. It also streamlines the monthly food pantry distribution. On Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> work was completed by Petra Paving of Hamstead, N.H. at a substantial savings for Common Ground.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>CG Café</b> <b>Breakfast</b> 7:00 to 9:00 am. <b>Coffee With a Message</b> 9:00—to 10:30 am <b>TO GO MEAL</b> 2:00—3:00 pm at rear of First Baptist Church - Provided by Open Hearts Ministries (OHM)	<b>Thrift Store Closed</b> <b>CG Café</b> Noon—3:30 pm (lunch) <b>OHM</b> at CG Café Meal <b>Emergency Food</b> 9:00 am—3:00 pm <b>Mobile Health Unit</b> 1:00—4:00 pm <b>ESL</b> 6:30—8:30 pm (TBA)	<b>Thrift Store</b> 9:00 am—3:00 pm <b>CG Café</b> Noon—3:30 pm (lunch) <b>OHM</b> at CG Café Meal <b>Emergency Food</b> 9:00 am—3:00 pm	<b>Thrift Store</b> 9:00 am—3:00 pm <b>CG Café</b> Noon—3:30 pm (lunch). <b>Emergency Food</b> 9:00 am—3:00 pm <b>Mobile Health Unit</b> 1:00—4:00 pm <b>ESL</b> 6:30—8:30 pm (TBA)	<b>Thrift Store</b> 9:00 am—3:00 pm <b>CG Café</b> Noon—3:30 pm (lunch) <b>OHM</b> at CG Café Meal <b>Emergency Food</b> 9:00 am—3:00 pm	<b>Thrift Store</b> 9:00 am—3:00 pm <b>CG Café</b> Noon—3:30 pm (lunch) <b>Emergency Food</b> 9:00 am—3:00 pm <b>Mobile Health Unit</b> 1:00—4:00 pm	<b>Thrift Store</b> 9:00 am—3:00 pm <b>CG Café</b> Breakfast 7:00 am to 9:00 <b>Bagged Lunches</b> 9:00—11:00 am <b>Food Pantry</b> 10:00 am—2:00 pm on the second Saturday of each month. (varies)

## Buy A Brick Donors

We would like to present businesses, organizations, and individuals the opportunity to: "Buy a Brick." For \$250 it will be located on the front wall; \$500 bricks are in the entry way; \$1,000 bricks will be displayed on the pillar, and a virtual brick will be displayed on our website in recognition of your generosity, sharing with everyone that you are part of the mission to support those in need in the Greater Haverhill area.

Please visit [www.commongroundne.org](http://www.commongroundne.org) for more information on CGM's Buy A Brick Partnership Campaign.



**Common Ground Café**  
**194 Winter Street**  
**Haverhill, MA 01830**

## To Contribute:

**ON LINE:** [www.commongroundne.org](http://www.commongroundne.org)

**MAIL TO:**  
 Common Ground Ministries  
 PO Box 324  
 Haverhill, MA 01831

Please specify "**Common Ground Café**" with your gift.

## Rooftop Compressors Add Climate Control to the Second and Third Floors

The compressor units pictured at right, located on the roof above the café, provide the final elements for climate control of Common Ground's second and third floors, a major step to utilizing the spaces for our outreach ministries. The units, funded by the George C. Wadleigh Foundation, Inc. Haverhill, MA, allow us to go forward throughout the seasons as our programs expand to meet the needs of those we serve.



## VOLUNTEER PROFILES

Barry Waugh, born in Lawrence, moved to Haverhill as a teenager. He eventually began frequenting Somebody Cares, New England, a drop-in center/cafe at 125 Winter Street in Haverhill. At that time, Somebody Cares was an outreach of Pastor Marlene Yeo that catered to the homeless and low-income residents of the Acre neighborhood. In 2006 Pastor Yeo asked Barry to take on the role of Café Leader and he readily accepted. In 2008, Somebody Cares moved its outreach activities to the Mount Washington area of Haverhill, and the café transitioned to the Common Ground Café under the leadership of Pastor Russ Wheeler. Barry was asked to continue in his role and again accepted the challenge. In 2015 when Common Ground moved to its new location at 194 Winter St., Waugh went along too. Barry, who spends seven days a week



at the new café—when asked what his day-to-day challenges were, he responded: “Keeping the peace.” When asked about the rewards, without hesitation he said: “Seeing the progress that many have made, and moved on to stable lifestyles.”

## Mobile Health Unit Visits Common Ground

The Greater Lawrence Mobile Health Unit, aka the Mobile Hospital, visits the parking lot adjacent to Common Ground's Winter Street on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons, 1:00 to 4:00 pm. As a walk-in clinic, it is staffed by a doctor and nurse providing free services and medications available through the Haverhill Family Health Center, 755 Main Street. All visits are confidential and provided by the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center.



## REAR PATIO GETS HOLIDAY USE

The rear patio was put to good use on Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day and Columbus Day by hosting cook-outs prepared by the café for the homeless and low income. The patio also provides shelter from the rain and a place to eat meals and congregate when the café is closed.



## COMMON GROUND HOLDS FUNDRAISER AT THE ROMA

The following donors contributed to the successful fundraising event by sponsoring tables to benefit Common Ground at the Roma Restaurant on Thursday, November 3rd.

A \$1000 table was sponsored by Cyr Electric;

\$500 tables were sponsored by Pentucket Bank and GL Family Health Center;

\$300 tables were sponsored by Community Christian Fellowship/Somebody Cares, Just Church, Open Hearts Ministry (2 Tables), The River Church, Newlife, The Rock 45's, MV Bridge Clinic, Bruce & Linda Squibb, Bethel Kline and two Anonymous donors.