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how they move around the city (transportation) and their ability to successfully navigate systems to access support, such as applying for SNAP benefits.

"People face these challenges differently and inequitably depending on their identity, including race and ethnicity," she said.

Burns said of the 247 people polled in the assessment, the majority said they did not face challenges cooking at home, but for those who did, time was the primary barrier. 56% reported that they feel food insecure.

Transportation also poses an issue, especially for those who rely on public transit to access groceries and are limited in the number of bags they are allowed to travel with.

Burns said there is also a 40% gap for SNAP coverage in Worcester County. Only 6% of SNAP users are utilizing HIP and the Summer Eats program is also underutilized.

"We said real challenges with eligibility," she said.

Maydee Morales of the Worcester Community Action Council said she has people in her office every day as a frontline worker who are suffering the effects of food insecurity.

"These are moms...these are kids," she said.

Morales stressed the importance of providing access to food with dignity.

"People want to eat healthier. People want to be able to eat with dignity," she said.

Morales said the emergency resourc-



Andrew Golas, chair of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission's Legislative Affairs Committee gives the welcoming remarks.

es provided during the COVID-19 pandemic helped ease the burden of food insecurity, but that has now gone away.

"We went back to our old ways when you can only get food for the child that is with you," she said, referencing the Summer Eats program.

Morales said a lot of people in the community are food insecure, even those that live in more affluent areas.

"Don't be fooled that there are not people in your communities, your towns, that are not food insecure," she said.

- public safety -

East Brookfield Police Log

During the week of July 22-28, the East Brookfield Police Department responded to 161 building/property checks, 59 directed area patrols, seven traffic controls, 17 radar assignments, six emergency 911 calls, two citizen assists, one fraud, two complaints, one property damage, one safety hazard, one motor vehicle investigation and 36 motor vehicle stops in the town of East Brookfield.

Monday, July 22

7:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation issued

Tuesday, July 23

12:24 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, South Pond Road, Transported to Hos-

3:15 p.m. Fraud, West Main Street, Report Taken

6:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

8:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Podunk Road, Citation Issued

8:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Flagg Road, Investigated

Wednesday, July 24

5:35 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Harrington Street, Transported to Hos-

7:11 a.m. Property Damage, Podunk Road, Report Taken

10:27 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, East Main Street, Transported to Hos-

11:28 a.m. Assist Citizen, Walk-in, Officer Handled

5:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Blaine Avenue, Citation Issued

Thursday, July 25

7:07 a.m. 911 Misdial, Cumberland Farms, Dispatch Handled

1:55 p.m. 911 Utility Issues, Podunk Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency 5:33 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Connie Mack Drive, Negative Contact

11:19 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Paula Circle, Transported to Hospital Friday, July 26

7:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Mechanic Street, Citation Issued

7:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

7:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

8:25 a.m. Safety Hazard, Route 49, Officer Handled

9:20 a.m. Traffic Control, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

9:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning 11:32 a.m. Complaint, Lake Lasha-

way. Officer Handled 6:51 p.m. Assist Citizen, Connie

Mack Drive, No Action Required 9:19 p.m. Traffic Control, East Main

Street, Written Warning

9:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

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- public notices -

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, 18-25, as amended by Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2009, The Wetlands Protection Act, the West Brookfield Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on WEDNESDAY August 7, **2024 at 6:00 pm** in the first floor meeting room, West Brookfield Town Hall, 2 East Main Street.

6:00 – Public Hearing: NOI - 29 East Main Street - Housing Authority - Replace entry decking and railings 08/02/2024

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- back of a dog 11. Ones who build anew
- 14. Consume too much food
- 15. Praised 18. Provides
- weapons
- 19. Become less lively
- 21. Engine additive 23. Thought or
- suggestion 24. South Korean city
- 28. Midday rests 29. Expression of acidity or
- alkalinity 30. Group of rockers 32. Very fast
- airplane 33. One who is paid to do something
- **CLUES DOWN** 1. No seats available

35. Buzzing insect

religion founder

36. Monotheistic

39. Strong dark

41. Blood type

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46. Present

body

49. Duty

44. Honorific titles

in NW Semitic

52. Municipality in

56. In a normal way

58. Rode a bicycle

60. Charitable

62. Verandas

63. Uncredited

2. Russian river

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7. Prefix indicating mutual 8. Kilometers per

4. Phrase

5. Idol

3. A European river

6. Keyboard key

- hour 9. Set an example 10. It's among the
- "Great" ones 12. VVV
- 47. Afflict in mind or 13. Murdered 16. Icelandic poems
 - 17. Seas 20. Famed cartoonist
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 - quintillion bytes 26. Speak incessantly
 - 27. Disquiet 29. Parts per billion
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- Yogi 40. Ancient Egyptian
- notion of spiritual part of humans 43. Fishing net
- 45. Tinseltown 48. MacBeth's wife was one
- 50. Took a spill 51. Adversary to
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