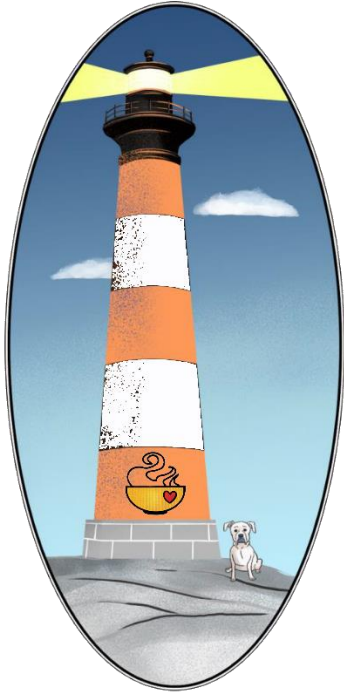


Waterville Area Soup Kitchen

We have news to share!



We Did It!

The Waterville Area Soup Kitchen's original mission - *to provide tasty, nutritious meals in a welcoming space* - was only partially realized for 16 months because of COVID19 and the search for a location. This mission became reality on Monday, May 2nd when WASK moved operations indoors and we welcomed our first guests to dine with us - **indoors!**

Big News

The WASK board has entered into a lease agreement for the space at 38 College Avenue (thank you Rita LaCroix). After just two weeks in our new home, which we named *The Lighthouse*, we expanded our service to Monday through Friday. We are gratified to have acquired a regular clientele who visit most days and as word about *The Lighthouse* spreads, we delightfully meet new people almost daily.



After six weeks of service, we were thrilled to celebrate with an official Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony on June 22nd. We were joined by our board members, Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce Director Kim Lindlof, State Representatives Bruce White and Colleen Madigan, City Manager Steve Daly and dozens of supporters for a joyful celebration which included tours of our new facility.



The Lighthouse

The Lighthouse is a wonderful place! We have a lovely dining room that seats 65 and an extensive list of menu options. Volunteers fill plates with delicious food and a large serving counter is laden with hot and cold beverages as well as a few staples or fresh produce for take-away. Not unlike Marden's, you never know what you might find!



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And there's more.

Less visible though very impressive is our kitchen. We have made a significant investment in a suitable and impressive commercial kitchen - outfitting it with a new 6-burner stove, multiple ovens, freezers, and coolers for food preparation and storage. Our chefs are now producing some 100 meals every day, with capacity to efficiently increase production if and when the need and our mission expands.



While we advertise 'Open at 11 - Food served from 11:20 to 12:30', it is typical for guests to arrive for coffee as early as 10:15. Some dine with friends and also take a few meals 'to go' for family or neighbors. We serve between 80 and 100 meals each day and we receive great reviews from our guests. In addition to the good food, they express that they enjoy the opportunity to sit and socialize during their visit to The Lighthouse.

Some have even volunteered, which demonstrates a sense of shared ownership.

How marvelous is that!

What do we serve?

Our staff has at least 20 menus to choose from including personal size meatloaf, baked chicken, beef stroganoff, shepherds' pie, chicken cacciatore, turkey stew, spaghetti, and many other delicious entrees. And that doesn't begin to list our dessert assortment!

What's next?

Now that we have an attractive and working interior, we have an exciting plan for our façade - we hope to share photos in our next newsletter. We even have thoughts about additional services to offer and will keep everyone informed as our ideas mature.



**As the response and demand for The Lighthouse service grows, so does our need to solidify and grow our funding streams.
In addition to actively pursuing a number of grants, we need you.**

To support our mission

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Thank You

We are enormously grateful to all who support us

We need and appreciate you!
