DRPS Launches the 2026 Food and Toy Drive



The Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) officially launched the 38th Annual Food and Toy Drive at Bobby Orr Public School in Oshawa on Tuesday November 17, 2026.

The past year has seen an increase in the cost of living, leading to a greater need for assistance in our communities, most especially for food. Members of DRPS would like to challenge the residents and businesses of Durham Region to make this year's Food and Toy Drive the biggest ever!

The Food and Toy Drive provides Durham Region families in need with food and toys for the holiday season. Throughout the months of November and December, local businesses, organizations and individuals donate food and toys, which are sorted and distributed to members of the community through various community agencies. DRPS does not assist in any individual requests for assistance; all donations are distributed through agencies across the region.

Donations can be dropped off at Durham Regional Headquarters, any DRPS Division, as well as any Clarington, Oshawa, Whitby or Ajax firehalls until December 21,2026.

Businesses or individuals wishing to make large donations can contact the organizers, including the Food and Toy Drive assistant coordinator Cst. Marta Flis, at drpft@drps.ca.

Anyone who wishes to make a monetary donation can do so with a cheque payable to Durham Regional Police Service Food and Toy Drive. Cheques can be dropped off at any DRPS division.



NEWSPRINT VS ONLINE POSTING

While printing has risen to serve as a prominent form of communication with online publishing speeding quickly to meet the needs of the literate world, there are still, and will remain to be, significant differences between print and on-line publishing. Online and print publishing are significantly different.

What is the difference between online and print publishing?

Online and print publishing are significantly different. Choosing what medium to publish in depends on such factors as your publishing goals, the amount of money you have to spend, and the kinds of resources that are available to you.

Are print newspapers better than online newspapers?

Here are some of the major benefits and drawbacks of both print and online newspapers. Print newspaper pro: It's physical. The feeling of a warm newspaper right off the press is one of my favorite feelings, and the fact that a print newspaper can be physically held in your hands is a huge pro for print editions.

The other great thing about print newspaper is that the source is trustworthy and community know. Information in print is more reliable and accurate. Print copies also tend to be more beneficial to advertisers as it gets their product or service right in the hands of the consumer. News print also tends to have a lingering affect as newspaper are not normally read and erased or tossed. Newspaper on the average are seen by 2.5 people per household.

Difference between paid news print paper and free newspapers.

Paid circulation newspapers is the most reliable and effective means of publishing. Paid for newspaper have a captive audience that look forward to getting their copy of the paper on a particular day of the week. Or in some cases daily.

Paid circulation have proven through history to be the most effective vehicle for advertisers. Costs, depend on number of copies published and or market reaches. In newsprint you truly get what you paid for.

What is an online newspaper?

An online newspaper (or electronic news or electronic news publication) is the online version of a newspaper, either as a stand-alone publication or as the online version of a printed periodical. Going online created more opportunities for newspapers, such as competing with broadcast journalism in presenting breaking news in a more timely manner.

Reputable newspaper have stayed away from offering free online newspaper. Instead, they ask for a subscription to read a version of the newspaper. Normally just news briefs. Online publication, has only taken off in the last 10 years.

The reason. Cheap to produce. In general advertisers that rely on this type of media. Their ads never gets notices as most of the advertisers are filed in part of the web page offering the news.

In today's online climate. Information posted as trusted news outlets must be taken with a grain of salt. Sources are sketchy and reporting at time is skewed towards a political hidden agenda.

The other important thing about online only newspapers is that by their own admittance in not printing hard copy. These online newspaper can't generate a strong enough readership to justify the printing cost of hard copy.

Economic difference:

In print newspaper only cost $1.00/wk to $3.00/wk. Online, newspaper need to be accessed through a computer or smart phone. Internet service needs to be in place.

This, for many making it an impossible access as many are economically suffering.

Advertisers:

Like they say. 'You get what you paid for.' Online, may be cheaper than in print copy. But you also get what you paid for. In newsprint it goes directly to your customers hands, then it is up to you to offer the right sale to attract them.

Rule of thumb for online advertiser. If the consumer can't get to your ad in 3 clicks. You lost the interest.

In print advertising. Curiosity always has readers coming back. Online, once you closed that page it is gone for ever.

THINK BEFORE YOU ADVERTISE ONLINE

Newsprint is alive and thriving. Be careful of advertising in FREE newspapers. By their own admittance they have no readership.

