July 2021 Food For Thought!



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Executive Director's Corner – Elias Nimeh

Dining Rooms Re-open Tuesday July 6!



If you are vaccinated, you are welcome to visit our dining room in the same way you did pre-COVID guidelines!



If you are NOT vaccinated, you are welcome to visit our dining room wearing a mask and eating your meal in a socially distant space.



For a dining room meal the week of July 6th, CALL YOUR SITE MANAGER ASAP! (No later than 10:00 a.m. July 1st!)



Not comfortable in the dining room? You can pick up or we will continue to deliver your meals to your home through September 2021.



If you are interested in getting your vaccine please visit myturn.ca.gov to find a vaccination near you!

We look forward to once again seeing you at lunch!

What You Want to Know!

Recently, we sent our annual survey to all of our clients to get their feedback.One popular topic was "What is the nutrition content of our meals?" Our menus are



carefully planned by Irene Palacios (Kitchen Director) and Wendy Fertschneider (Registered Dietitian) each month to provide 1/3 of the Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults and following the USDA Dietary Guidelines. Each meal is a minimum of 550 calories and must include:

- A protein entrée that has at least 15 g of protein
- 1 oz or half cup of grain (half of of the servings must be whole grain)
- 2 half cups of vegetables (salads are 1 cup per serving)
- 1 half cup of fruit
- 1 cup of milk
- Vitamin C: 25 mg daily
- Vitamin A: 250 mcg 3 times a week
- Sodium: 720 mg on average

For example, a recent meal contained 613 calories, 36 g of protein, 716 mg of sodium, 63 mg of Vitamin C, 435 mcg of Vitamin A, 79 g carbohydrates, 19 g of fat (5 g of saturated fat), 81 mg of cholesterol, 10 g of fiber, 523 mg of calcium and 4 mg of iron!

Volunteer News – Wendy Fertschneider, R.D.



We have the most amazing group of volunteers! You know how we know? Our clients told us so! We had nothing but glowing comments on the annual Client Survey! 98.3% of the client responses came from On -time! Friendly! and Helpful!

We are Meals That Connect in no small part because of our volunteers. Thank you much for all that you do for our senior clients. We appreciate you! And, as you can see, they do too! This quote from one our clients says it perfectly:

"Wonderful, <u>wonderful</u> people. Déserve all thanks and praise.

"I look forward to the meals, but also to talking to the volunteers!'

"I think all of you are amazing. You are - literally - life savers. I appreciate you more than words can describe. Thank you so much."

I also wanted to thank all of you that participated in the volunteer training.

We had over 200 volunteers complete the training! Everyone that participated received a goody bag and was entered into a drawing at each site. We awarded 11 gift cards for \$25 cash!

"Excellent about concern and welfare of me, as well as friendly and helpful.

And finally, it is that time of year again! Every volunteer is

required to complete Security Awareness Training annual renewal. This is done online and must be

"I look forward to their friendly smile and attitude.'

completed between July 1st & July 31st. Please print your certificate, sign and return to your Site Manager!

Here is the website:

www.aging.ca.gov/Information_ Security/Privacy and Information Security Awareness Training/

Spotlight on Volunteers! – Janine Lloyd, Site Mgr.



Meet the Angel of Avila! Mary Matakovich volunteers for our San Luis Obispo site, with a twist! Avila Beach is beyond our delivery area so Mary graciously drives to MTC's SLO site once a week to pick up frozen meals and delivers them to our seniors by the sea! Mary loves the clients on her route and enjoys seeing them each week. Thank you Mary!

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July 2021 Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
			1	2	
Meal Heating Instructions: Microwave for 2- 3 minutes. Regular Oven 10-15 minutes at 350°	Please ca to CAN RESUM	YOU NEED TO ICEL A MEAL? I your Site Manager CEL, SUSPEND or E meals 2 business dvance. Thank you! Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce & Marinar (Whole Wheat Pasta) Broccoli Romaine Salad Sliced Apricots Milk		Black Eyed Pea Salad Hard Cooked Egg Wheat Crackers Pickled Beets Carrot Salad Fresh Local Strawberries Milk	
5	6	7	8	9	
CLOSED Independence Day Observed.	BBQ Pork Rib Patty Graham Crackers Roasted Sweet Potatoes Brussel Sprouts Sliced Pears Milk	Chicken Enchilada w/ White Sauce (Tortilla) Pinto Beans Corn Mandarins & Pineapple Milk	Italian Noodle Casserole (Pasta) Cooked Seasoned Spinach Bean Salad Pineapple Tidbits Milk	Tuna Macaroni Salad (Pasta) Homemade Carrot Salad Romaine Salad Watermelon Milk	
12	13	14	15	16	
Cheese Ravioli w/ Meat & Marinara Sauce Cauliflower Italian Blend Vegetables Fruit Cocktail Milk	Sweet & Sour Meatballs Brown Rice Summer Squash Green Pea Salad Orange Milk	Chicken a la King Pasta Broccoli Spinach Salad Sliced Apricots Milk	Hamburger w/ Fixins Whole Wheat Bun BBQ Beans Homemade Cole Slaw Banana Milk	Chicken Ranch Salad w/ Romaine Wheat Crackers Homemade Carrot Salad Pickled Beets Cantaloupe Milk	
19	20	21	22	23	
Breaded Haddock Brown Rice Mixed Vegetables Homemade Cole Slaw Fresh Apple Milk	Beef Patty w/ Gravy Oatmeal Cookie Mashed Potatoes Winter Blend Vegetables Sliced Peaches Milk	Omelet w/ Cheese Birthday Muffin Roasted Sweet Potatoes Brussel Sprouts Sliced Pears Milk	Chicken Enchiladas w/ Red Sauce (Tortilla) Succotash Zucchini Honeydew Melon Milk	Hawaiian Chicken Salad Crackers Homemade Carrot Salad Corn Salad Orange Milk	
26	27	28	29	30	
Albondigas Corn Tortilla Pinto Beans Capri Blend Mandarins & Pineapple Milk	Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce & Marinara (Whole Wheat Pasta) Cooked Seasoned Spinach Romaine Salad Banana Milk	Turkey Pieces w/ Gravy Stuffing Broccoli Pea Salad Sliced Apricots Milk	BBQ Chicken Patty Barley Pilaf CA Blend Vegetables Homemade Cole Slaw Applesauce Milk	Beefy Taco Salad Tostada Homemade Carrot Salad Pickled Beets Watermelon Milk	

Menu item substitutions based on product availability.

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Site Locations	Serving Time	Site Manager	Phone			
Atascadero and Templeton	11:30	Liz	466-2317			
Cambria	11:30	Jesse/Kat	927-1268			
Los Osos	11:30	Rachel	528-6923			
Morro Bay/Cayucos	11:30	Marilee/Kat	772-4422			
Nipomo	11:30	Sandy	929-1066			
Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach, Pismo Beach, Shell Beach, Oceano	11:30	Debbie	489-5149			
Paso Robles	11:30	Marlene	238-4831			
Santa Margarita	11:30	Janine	438-5854			
San Luis Obispo	11:30	Janine	543-0469			
SLO: Laguna Lake Area: UCC Church	11:30	Janine	541-1168			
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