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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Courtney Warner

Thank you to everyone who took the time and energy to give us feedback on our lunch program. We received 144 surveys from Congregate diners and 135 surveys from Meals on Wheels participants. To those of you who shared kind words about our kitchen staff, volunteers and Meals on Wheels drivers – thank you! Even though we can always look for ways to improve, I appreciate you acknowledging the hard work the team puts in to get the job done.

So what’s next; what will we do with this information and your feedback?

To sum it up, one of the best comments that got my attention was “50/50 chance it’s good.” What that tells me is we are inconsistent and you do not know if your meal is going to be amazing or meh or if you will get what’s on the menu or maybe we run out. Some other focus areas were that we need to improve our serving portions, especially with Meals on Wheels, improve our consistency on vegetables and no more “roasting”, add more desserts in addition to fruit and bring back favorite menu items like Seafood Louie, Ribs, Country Fried Steak and more! We had a few comments for Liver and Onion and as much as we would like to include that, it is too challenging for us to pull off because of our increased volume. Liver and onion is a choice menu where we have to guess how many will pick Liver or Salisbury steak. When we were smaller, it was manageable, but as we’ve grown, we just don’t have the capacity to successfully pull it off anymore.

So what’s next: With the unexpected and sudden resignation of Shari, we have promoted Kaleb Heflin to Kitchen Manager who has created a tasty June menu incorporating your feedback with our classic favorites. I’m confident you’ll be pleased with the way Kaleb cooks and leads his kitchen crew.

Your constructive feedback is helpful – be detailed in your comment cards. Put a date or menu description so we know what you are talking about. Every survey and comment card is read by me and our Kitchen Manager. Decisions are made with consideration that we make about 600 meals a day and strive to please as many as possible.

Again, thank you for the feedback and participation!
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Senior Companion Program ........................................358-2322
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Patricia Eckman, AARP Foundation, Tax Aide Local Coordinator

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Recent natural catastrophes, from hurricanes to western wildfires, are a fresh reminder that disaster can strike at any time. And no area of the country is immune, when you factor in the threat of tornadoes, earthquakes and human disasters like toxic spills. While the circumstances may differ, there's one tip that every person needs to take from all these situations: how to pack a “go bag.”

A go bag is a packed case that you grab on your way out the door, and that will help keep you safe and comfortable in the coming hours and days. Stopping to hunt for your medications or other important needs can cost you critical seconds in an evacuation. Pack a separate go bag for yourself and every member of your household, and keep them stored in the same location.

I've interviewed hundreds of disaster victims, and compiled their recommendations below.

**BASIC ELECTRONICS**

Pack an extra phone charger in case you're fortunate enough to have electricity, and a portable battery pack in case you're not. Also stash a long-lasting LED flashlight. Pack a small hand-cranked or battery-operated AM/FM radio (with extra batteries).

**PERSONAL NEEDS**

While getting ready for a typical day, list every toiletry you use, then buy a travel-size version of each. Pack backup eyeglasses, as well as a first-aid kit, baby wipes and a multipurpose tool with a knife and can opener.

**CLOTHING**

Pack a few days’ worth. Include layers you can add or remove, plus lightweight rain gear and waterproof boots.

**YOUR MEDS**

Pack about three days’ worth of each of your prescriptions, which should last until you can get to a pharmacy that’s open. If you need larger items, such as an oxygen tank, make sure you have a portable version.

**THE PERFECT BAG**

Think small and portable. A backpack is ideal, but a lightweight suitcase with wheels will also do. Just remember, you may literally be running with it.

**PAPERWORK**

Fill a zip-top waterproof bag with photocopies of your birth certificate; driver's license; Social Security and Medicare cards; power of attorney and will; any marriage, adoption or naturalization certificates; proof of address; insurance, medical and immunization records; and information about your credit and ATM cards.

**FOOD AND DRINK**

Bottled water is essential. Granola or energy bars are great because they are small and filling, and they come in a variety of flavors.

**CASH**

In addition to enough money for a few days, include small bills and a roll of quarters. If you need to buy something out of a vending machine, you don't want to start asking equally desperate strangers for change.

Join us for the next TRIAD presentation on **July 16 at noon** to hear from the American Red Cross on Emergency Preparedness.

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Make physical activity a regular part of the day

Choose activities that you enjoy and can do regularly. Fitting activity into a daily routine can be easy — such as taking a brisk 10 minute walk to and from the parking lot, bus stop, or subway station. Or, join an exercise class. Keep it interesting by trying something different on alternate days. Every little bit adds up and doing something is better than doing nothing.

Make sure to do at least 10 minutes of activity at a time, shorter bursts of activity will not have the same health benefits. For example, walking the dog for 10 minutes before and after work or adding a 10 minute walk at lunchtime can add to your weekly goal. Mix it up. Swim, take a yoga class, garden or lift weights. To be ready anytime, keep some comfortable clothes and a pair of walking or running shoes in the car and at the office.

More ways to increase physical activity

At home:
- Join a walking group in the neighborhood or at the local shopping mall.
- Recruit a partner for support and encouragement.
- Push the baby in a stroller.
- Get the whole family involved — enjoy an afternoon bike ride with your kids.
- Walk up and down the soccer or softball field sidelines while watching the kids play.
- Walk the dog — don’t just watch the dog walk.
- Clean the house or wash the car.
- Walk, skate, or cycle more, and drive less.
- Do stretches, exercises, or pedal a stationary bike while watching television.
- Mow the lawn with a push mower.
- Plant and care for a vegetable or flower garden.
- Play with the kids — tumble in the leaves, build a snowman, splash in a puddle, or dance to favorite music.
- Exercise to a workout video.

At work:
- Get off the bus or subway one stop early and walk or skate the rest of the way.
- Replace a coffee break with a brisk 10-minute walk. Ask a friend to go with you.
- Take part in an exercise program at work or a nearby gym.
- Join the office softball team or walking group.

At play:
- Walk, jog, skate, or cycle.
- Swim or do water aerobics.
- Take a class in martial arts, dance, or yoga.
- Golf (pull cart or carry clubs).
- Canoe, row, or kayak.
- Play racquetball, tennis, or squash.
- Ski cross-country or downhill.
- Play basketball, softball, or soccer.
- Hand cycle or play wheelchair sports.
- Take a nature walk.
- Most importantly, have fun while being active!
Q: What is the difference between a Roman Numeral and a Roman Letter?

LAST MONTH’S QUESTION AND ANSWER
Q: What are the only three countries to have both Mediterranean Sea and Atlantic Ocean coastlines?
A: France, Spain and Morocco.
JAC Bus Renewals Pushed To July!
The annual renewals of JAC bus passes will be on July 1 and 2 from 9-2pm in the Senior Center Lobby. If you’d like to fast track the process, you can fill out and bring a completed registration form with you. Forms are available at the Reception desk. Please note: your current bus pass expiring on June 30 will still be honored by your bus driver through July 15.

Thank you to Dee and all of the amazing Jewelry Sale volunteers! We had another successful fundraiser for Meals on Wheels. Every purchase fed homebound seniors. We are so thankful for those who donated jewelry, and for the year-long effort of our wonderful volunteers! It takes a great deal of time to sort, price and display the jewelry for this event. We appreciate your time, energy and commitment.
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