

Dear Valued Patron,

At the Senior Center, your health and well-being are our top priorities. To ensure the safety of all our patrons, I would like to share a few important points.

We kindly request that all meals provided at the center be consumed while at the Senior Center. Our program is designed to provide one nutritionally balanced meal per day. We receive funding through the Older Americans Act which dictates that we must comply with the most recent Dietary Guidelines. The requirement states that the purpose is to: reduce hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition of older adults promote socialization of older individuals, promote health and well-being of older people by assisting them in gaining access to nutrition and other disease prevention and health promotion services, and to delay the onset of adverse health conditions resulting from poor nutritional health or sedentary behavior.

Meals are to comply with the most recent Dietary Guidelines for Americans; meals are to provide nutrients to meet the Dietary Reference Intakes as follows: a minimum of 33 1/3 percent of the DRIs for one meal per day.

Meal service is to meet state and local public health codes for safe and sanitary foodservice. Most state public health departments use the Model Code from the Food and Drug Administration.

If meals are consistently saved instead of consumed, they may not serve their intended purpose of helping maintain your health. Any uneaten portions should be discarded and not taken home. This suggestion is in place to adhere to food safety guidelines and to prevent the risk of foodborne illnesses.

#### Why This Policy Is Important:

Missing meals—or not consuming enough calories and nutrients—can significantly raise the risk of malnutrition,

especially for older adults. Research shows that inadequate intake leads to weight loss, muscle decline (sarcopenia), and weaker physical function.

Perishable foods, such as meats, dairy products, and cooked dishes, can become unsafe if not stored properly. Bacteria that cause foodborne illnesses can multiply rapidly when food is kept at temperatures between 40°F and 140°F, a range often referred to as the "danger zone". Consuming food that has been left out or improperly stored can lead to serious health issues, especially for older adults.

Even refrigeration does not completely halt bacterial growth. Some bacteria, such as *Listeria monocytogenes, can continue to grow at refrigerator temperatures. Therefore, it's crucial to consume prepared foods promptly and avoid storing leftovers unless they have been properly cooled and refrigerated within two hours of preparation.* 

#### Our Commitment:

By following these guidelines, we aim to provide a safe dining environment for all our patrons. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain high food safety standards.

Your health and comfort are our priority. If you have reasons to save your meal for dinner, please let me know. Let's work together to help you. There are resources that we can connect you with. If your situation changes, or if you'd like to revisit your delivery plan if you are on Meals on Wheels, we'd be glad to carry out a reassessment and make changes that better suit your needs.

Warm regards, Giselle Madrid Senior Center Director

# Fall Recipes: Easy Butternut Squash Soup



**Ingredients** 

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 large yellow onion, chopped

½ teaspoon sea salt

1 (3-pound) butternut squash, peeled, seeded, and cubed

3 garlic cloves, chopped

1 tablespoon chopped fresh sage

½ tablespoon minced fresh rosemary

1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger

3 to 4 cups vegetable broth

Freshly ground black pepper

#### **Instructions**

Heat the oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add the onion, salt, and several grinds of fresh pepper and sauté until soft, 5 to 8 minutes. Add the squash and cook until it begins to soften, stirring occasionally, for 8 to 10 minutes.

Add the garlic, sage, rosemary, and ginger. Stir and cook 30 seconds to 1 minute, until fragrant, then add 3 cups of the broth. Bring to a boil, cover, and reduce heat to a simmer. Cook until the squash is tender, 20 to 30 minutes.

Let cool slightly and pour the soup into a blender, working in batches if necessary, and blend until smooth. If your soup is too thick, add up to 1 cup more broth and blend. Season to taste and serve with parsley, pepitas, and crusty bread.

https://www.loveandlemons.com/fall-recipes/ #wprm-recipe-container-51313

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You meet your 15-year-old self, but you can only tell them 3 to 5 words. What do you say?



# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

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### **Medicare**

Dear Marci,

I turn 65 soon. I can't decide whether to sign up for Original Medicare or Medicare Advantage. What's the difference?

Henry (Hartford, CT)

#### Dear Henry,

Great question! Choosing between Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage is an important step in planning your healthcare coverage. I'd like to help you make an informed choice. Here's a clear breakdown of both options and the key differences between them. It should help you decide which option best fits your needs.

Original Medicare is the traditional program offered + Other benefits directly through the federal government. Medicare **Advantage** plans are private plans that contract with the federal government to provide Medicare benefits.

Key differences between Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage:

#### Costs

#### Original Medicare

- → You will owe Part A and Part B costs, including the monthly Part B premium.
- → You will owe a 20% coinsurance for Medicarecovered services if you see a participating provider and after meeting your deductible.
- + Medicare Advantage
- → Your cost-sharing will vary depending on plan. You will usually pay a copayment for in-network care.
- → Plans might charge a monthly premium in addition to the Part B premium.

### + Supplemental insurance

#### Original Medicare

You have the choice to pay an extra premium for a **Medigap policy** to cover Medicare costsharing.

- **→** Medicare Advantage
- → You can't purchase a Medigap policy.
- + Provider access

#### Original Medicare

You can see any provider and use any facility that accepts Medicare (participating and nonparticipating).

**→** Medicare Advantage

- → You typically can only see in-network providers.
- ★ Referrals

#### Original Medicare

- → You don't need referrals for specialists.
- **→** Medicare Advantage
- → You typically need referrals for specialists.
- + Drug coverage

#### Original Medicare

You have to sign up for a stand-alone prescription drug plan.

- **→** Medicare Advantage
- → In most cases, your plan will provide prescription drug coverage. You may be required to pay a higher premium.

#### Original Medicare

- + Does not cover vision, hearing, or dental
- **→** Medicare Advantage
- → May cover additional services, including vision, hearing, and/or dental. Additional benefits may increase your premium and/or other out-of-pocket costs.

#### **→** Out-of-pocket limit

#### Original Medicare

- ✦ No out-of-pocket limit.
- **→** Medicare Advantage

Annual out-of-pocket limit. Your plan will pay the full cost of your care after you reach the limit. You might sign up for Original Medicare and later decide you would like to try a Medicare Advantage Plan-or vice versa. Be aware that there are only certain **enrollment periods** when you are allowed to make changes.

Keep in mind that different areas have different Medicare Advantage Plans. A particular plan may not be available where you live. Call 1-800-MEDICARE (633-4227) or your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) to find out about plans available in your area.

Hope this helps!

-Marci

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1	2 11:00 Mind Fitness	3 11:00 Origani
HAPPY Labor Day	11:30 Cranium Crunchers 1:00 Movie: Sweet Home Alabama	11:00 Origami 1:00 Kitting Group 1:00 Golden Age of Hollywood Trivia
8 10:00 Journaling 11:00 Bingo 12:30 L&L Nutrition w/ Jenna 12:45 Jeopardy 1:00 Cooking demo w/ Jenna 1:00 Coloring Group	9 10:30 Cooking Class: Cooking on a Budget w/ Janet Huff 11:00 Mind Fitness 11:30 Cranium Crunchers 1:00 Movie: Knives Out	10 11:00 Craft 'n' Chit Chat: Apple Print Tea Towels (\$2) 1:00 Symmetry Art
15 10:00 Journaling 11:00 Loteria 12:30 Jeopardy 1:00 Coloring Group	16 11:00 Mind Fitness 11:30 Cranium Crunchers 12:45-3:00 Commodities 1:00 Movie: Little Women 1:15 Jewelry Making: Acorn Marble Necklace (\$2)	17 11:00 Origami 1:00 Art History: Hispanic Artists 1:00 Thriving w/Hearing Loss
22 10:00 Journaling 11:00 Music Bingo: Classic Country 12:30 Jeopardy 1:00 Coloring Group	23 11:00 Mind Fitness 11:30 Cranium Crunchers 1:00 Movie: La Bamba	24 11:00 Craft: Piñatas (\$3) 1:00 Happiness Jars (\$1) 1:00 Thriving w/Hearing Loss 2:15 Book Club: Frontier Grit
29 10:00 Journaling 11:00 Bingo 12:30 Jeopardy 1:00 Coloring Group	30 11:00 Mind Fitness 11:30 Cranium Crunchers 1:00 Movie: Cesar Chavez	HELLO O

## September 2025

Thursday	Friday
4 10:45 Out to Lunch Bunch: Maddox (\$10) 11:15 Card Making w/Brenda 1:30 Ping Pong	5 9:00 Senior Swans Ballet Class 11:00 Wii Games 12:30 L&L: Utah State Dietitian
11 8:30 State Fair Field Trip (\$25) 1:00 TED: Can Art Change the World?   JR 1:30 Ping Pong NO BINGO SIZE TODAY	9:00 Senior Swans Ballet Class 1:00 Paint 'n' Sip Fall Scene (\$5) 11:00 Blood Pressure
18 10:00 Hike: Benson Railroad Bridge Trail (\$2) 1:00 TED: Do You Talk to Yourself?   Ethan Kross 1:30 Ping Pong	19 9:00 Senior Swans Ballet Class 11:00 Tastes of Latin America (\$1)
25 10:00 Fall Foliage Field Trip (\$10) 1:00 TED: My identity is a superpower—not an obstacle   America Ferrera 1:30 Ping Pong	26 9:00 Senior Swans Ballet Class 11:00 Wii Games 11:00 Blood Pressure 1:00 Sun Print Art-Cyanotype (\$3)



### **Daily Activities** 8:15-2:30 Computers 8:15 Fitness Room 8:15 Library 12:00-1:00 Lunch 8:15 Pool Tables 8:15-2:30 Quilting **Monday** 10:00 Beginner Ukulele 10:00 Poker 11:00 Bread & Jam Band 11:00 Bingo 12:30 Jeopardy 1:00 Coloring Group 1:00 Tai Chi 1:00 Game: Hand and Foot Tuesday 8:30 Ceramics 10:15 Tai Chi 10:30 Writers Group 1:00 Mahjong 1:00 Movie Wednesday 9:45 Chair Yoga 11:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Bobbin Lace Group 1:00 Bridge 1:00 Tai Chi 1:00 Chinese Mahjong Thursday 8:30 Ceramics 10:00 Bingocize 10:30 Sit & Be Fit w/ Darrell 11:00 Poker 1:00 Mahjong Friday 10:00 Painting

11:00 Board/Card Games 1:00 Tai Chi

### Fraud



Genetic testing scams are a rapidly growing fraud trend throughout the country. Scammers are offering Medicare beneficiaries cheek swabs for genetic testing to obtain their Medicare information for fraudulent billing purposes or possibly medical identity theft.

Genetic testing fraud occurs when Medicare is billed for a test or screening that was not medically necessary and/• or was not ordered by a beneficiary's treating physician. Here are several ways genetic testing is advertised:

- Cancer screening/test DNA screening/test
- Hereditary cancer screening/test Dementia screening/test
- Pharmacogenetics (medication metabolization) Parkinson's screening/test

## Report potential genetic testing fraud, errors, or abuse if:

- A company offers you "free" or "at no cost to you" testing without a treating physician's order and then bills Medicare.
- A company uses "telemedicine" to offer testing to you over the phone and arranges for an unrelated physician or "teledoc" to order the test
- You see on your Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) or Explanation of Benefits (EOB):
- Charges (usually thousands of dollars) for a broad range of genetic tests that you did not request or possibly even receive
- Charges for pharmacogenomic tests (to determine how you metabolize drugs) for drugs that do not apply to you
- A company requests your Medicare number (or possibly driver's license) at health fairs, senior centers, assisted living facilities, malls, farmers markets, parking lots outside retail stores, home shows, or church-sponsored wellness events.

Cardiovascular Genetic Testing Fraud

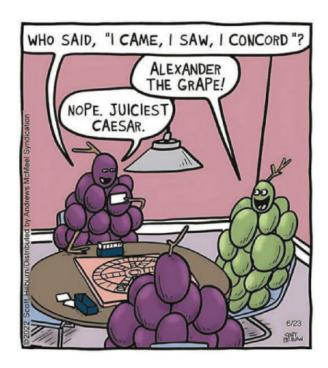
Cardiovascular genetic testing fraud occurs when Medicare is billed for a cardio type of test or screening that was not medically necessary and/or was not ordered by a beneficiary's treating physician.

Here are several ways cardiovascular genetic testing is advertised:

- Cardio/cardiac genetic screening/test
- Cardiovascular genetic screening/test
- Comprehensive cardiovascular panel
- Comprehensive cardiomyopathy NSG
- Cardiovascular disease genetic kit
- Hereditary cardiovascular profile

## Report potential cardiovascular genetic testing fraud, errors, or abuse if:

- A company offers you "free" or "at no cost to you" testing without a treating physician's order and then bills Medicare.
- A company uses "telemedicine" to offer testing to you over the phone and arranges for an unrelated physician or "teledoc" to order the tests.
- Medicare is billed (usually thousands of dollars) for a broad range of cardiac genetic tests that you did not request or possibly even receive.
- A company calls you stating your doctor or cardiologist requested that you have the testing done and they will send you a testing kit.



## **Field Trips**





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## September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
ME WILL BE CLOSED LABOR DAY	Chicken Alfredo with Pasta Steamed Broccoli Oranges  *vegetarian option	Ham Au Gratin Potatoes Green Beans Mixed Berries	4 Turkey Sandwich Carrot Raisin Salad Mixed Melon *vegetarian option	5 Roasted BBQ Chicken Mac & Cheese Caribbean Veggies Mixed Fruit Apple Crisp	
8 Loaded Baked Potato Soup House Salad Tropical Fruit *gluten sensitive *vegetarian option	9 Hot Open Faced Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Peas & Carrots Pears	10 Chef's Choice	11 Sweet Pork Salad Apples Cookie *gluten sensitive *vegetarian option	Baked Salmon w/Couscous Roasted Vegetables Grape Salad	
Hot Dog Baked Beans Broccoli Salad Peaches  *vegetarian option	16 Club Sandwich 3 Bean Salad 5 Cup Fruit Salad Chips *vegetarian Option	Beef Tips and Gravy Mashed Potatoes Creamed Peas Grapes Wheat Roll	Turkey Noodle Bake Roasted Vegetables Mixed Fruit *vegetarian option	Beef Enchilada Casserole Peas & Carrots Oranges  *vegetarian option	
Beef Stroganoff Buttered Noodles Cascade Veggies Fruit Cocktail *vegetarian option	Chicken Wild Rice Soup Caesar Salad Fruit *gluten sensitive	24 Orange Chicken Jasmine Rice Vegetable Blend Oranges  *gluten sensitive *vegetarian option	25 Chef's Choice	Swedish Meatballs Mashed Potatoes Sautéed Zucchini Mixed Fruit	
Chili Corn Bread Green Beans Fruit  *vegetarian option	Meat Loaf Scalloped Potatoes Glazed Carrots Fruit	*vegetarian options are available upon request please let front window at least the day before.	For those 60+ and their spouse the suggested donation is \$4.00 Don't forget to call in by 3:00 p.m. the day before.  The full cost of the meal is \$12.00 for those under age 60. Please pay at the front desk to receive your meal.		

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Learn how to handle those misunderstandings. Strengthen relationships when hearing loss is a factor - yours and theirs.

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- · Statistics, myths and goals
- Common barriers for those with hearing loss
- Changing communication habits for those hard of hearing and hearing
- Guidelines for the speaker and the listener



Adjusting to life with hearing loss can be easier when you are equipped with strategies and knowledge.

This is a six week class for anyone interested in improving relationships when hearing loss is involved.

For more information, contact Janice Roberts jarobertseutah.gov

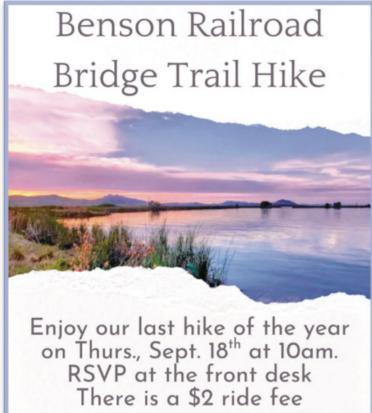


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## **Photo of the Month**



This month we had a time with our first production Hansen Gretel. A Big Thank You to USU Theater Dept. for this amazing experience. We loved the show and good job to all the participants!

## **Activities**

## September **Activities**

WED. 3<sup>RD</sup> @ 1PM **GOLDEN AGE OF HOLLYWOOD TRIVIA** 

WED. 10<sup>™</sup> @ 1PM SYMMETRY ART

WED. 24<sup>TH</sup> @ 1PM HAPPINESS JARS (\$1)



These activities are free to join, no RSVP required! Just meet in the cafeteria!

## LEARN HOW TO MAKE Cyanotype

## **Art Prints**

Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Learn how to make sun prints with various plants and leaves. Bring your own plants to use if you can! RSVP at the front desk. There is a \$3 fee to create.

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