

Senior Nutrition Program

Senior Dining



It's more than a meal ...

Connecting you with support and services

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Welcome to Marquette County's Senior Nutrition Program!

Nutrition is an important part of older adult's lives to keep them healthy and independent. Eating a nutritious meal daily helps support mental and physical function, helps prevent malnutrition, and may help manage some chronic conditions. In 1978, our program started and continues to provide nourishing meals, companionship and connections to services that promote independent living.

The program's goals are to:

- Promote a healthy lifestyle through good nutrition and health promotion
- Expand social opportunities
- Reduce hunger and food insecurity

Nutritious meals are provided for people 60 years of age or older (and their spouses regardless of age). For disabled individuals under 60, please call our office for eligibility. Meals are served at six Senior Dining Sites throughout the county. In addition to getting delicious meals, each site provides an excellent opportunity to meet new people, participate in social activities, and keep informed of programs and issues through education and outreach. There are no income guidelines.

Home delivered meals are provided to people who meet eligibility requirements with a doctor, hospital discharge planner, social worker, or health care professional is preferred. In addition to a meal, our drivers provide a safety check for participants.

Nutritional Information

Menus are approved by a registered dietitian and follow the federal and state guidelines. Meals are prepared locally in our Central Kitchen in Montello. We provide a general diet.

Each meal contains:

- 3 oz. of protein
- 3 servings of fruits and/or vegetables
- 1 serving of bread
- 8 oz. of 2% milk
- Dessert or fruit

In addition:

- Each meal provides 1/3 of the U.S Recommended Daily Allowances of vitamins and minerals for adults
- All meals are prepared with no added salt and contain no more than 1100mg sodium per day average per week
- All meals are reduced in saturated fat with <10% of calories coming from saturated fat
- Fruit is served fresh, frozen, or canned in juice



Because the program is partially funded with Older Americans Act (OAA) federal dollars, the guidelines state that we can suggest a donation for meals served to people who are 60 years old or older (and their spouse regardless of age).



However, the OAA believes in giving people the opportunity to share the cost of the meal. The suggested donation for meals at our senior dining sites is \$4.00. The suggested donation for homedelivered meals is \$4.50. No one is denied a meal if they are unable to contribute. All donations are confidential. While contributions are voluntary, they are also essential to keep the program in operation. (People who are less than 60 years old also may eat at any of the Senior Dining Sites as long as they pay for the full price of the meal (\$16.78).



Marquette County Senior Dining Locations

Meals are served at Six Senior Dining Sites throughout the county. For those 60 & older, meals are available on a donation basis with a suggest-ed donation of \$4.00. There are no income guidelines.

Endeavor Civic Center

Oxford Village Hall

Packwaukee Town Hall

400 Church St, Endeavor WI 53930 Meal Served: **Wednesday at 11:30** 129 S. Franklin St, Oxford WI 53952 Meals Served: **Tues & Thurs at Noon**

N3511 State St, Packwaukee WI 53953

Meals Served: Tues & Thurs at Noon

Montello Senior Center (Dome)

140 Lake Court, Montello WI 53949 Meals Served: **Mon, Wed, Fri at Noon**

Neshkoro Area Community Center

114 E Park St, Neshkoro WI 54960 Meals Served: **Tues & Thurs at Noon** Westfield Municipal Building 129 E. 3rd St, Westfield WI 53964 Meals Served: Mon, Wed, Fri at Noon

To make a reservation, call **608-297-3146** the business day before by 3:00pm and indicate which location.

Senior Dining



Senior Dining Site Guidelines

- Treat staff, volunteers, and guests with respect.
- Minimize wasted food by canceling any reservations as soon as you can by calling the Nutrition Program Office at (608) 297-3146.
- Provide information required by our funding sources when requested.
- Contribute to the cost of the meal by donating what you can afford. Please don't ask about or comment on what other's donate.
- Follow appropriate grievance procedures if you have a complaint or concern.
- Be part of a positive atmosphere. Conduct yourself according to dining site expectations.
- If you take any part of your meal home, be responsible for handling it safely. Refrigerate and reheat appropriately.
- If you wish to bring "treats" to the Senior Dining Sites, please notify the dining site manager in advance. (The "treats" must be served after the meal to avoid any confusion.)



Home Delivered Meals

Home-delivered meals are provided to individuals age 60 or older who are homebound and unable to prepare adequate meals on their own. A referral from a doctor, hospital discharge planner, social worker, or health care professional is preferred. Please call our office for complete eligibility qualifications.

Nutritious meals are delivered to participant's homes Monday thru Friday on most routes. Frozen meals are also available. Meals are provided on a long term or short-term basis.

In addition to a meal, our drivers provide a safety check and friendly smile for the participants. In the event that a participant does not answer for their meal, the driver will call the participant and/or the emergency contact to verify everything is okay. If necessary, public safety officers may be contacted to do a safety check.

Participants have the privilege of making a monthly donation to the program with a suggested donation of \$4.50 per meal. No one will be denied a meal due to their inability to contribute. Each month, a letter is sent to home-delivered meal participants (or a designated payee) stating how many meals were delivered. Contributions may be sent to the program monthly. While contributions are voluntary, they are also essential to keep the program in operation.



Home Delivered Meal Guidelines

The following guidelines have been adopted for the Home Delivered Meal Program to run smoothly and effectively:

- 1. Be sure that your house address can be seen easily from the street.
- 2. If you will not be home because of a medical appointment, etc. please call the Program office at (608) 297-3146. The drivers are not allowed to leave your meal if you are not home. (A 24- hour notice is preferred for meal cancellations. This allows us enough time to make adjustments.) However, in an emergency, please call the office as soon as possible. Emergency procedures, which may lead to a check by the Sheriff's Department, will be initiated when someone is unaccounted for.
- 3. The container your meal arrives in is disposable. If you do not eat the meal when it arrives, it must be refrigerated or frozen.
- 4. Frozen meals must be used within 30 days or thrown out.
- 5. For the safety of the meal transporters, PLEASE RESTRAIN DOGS AND OTHER PETS AT THE TIME OF MEAL DELIVERY.
- 6. In winter, it is your responsibility to arrange for your sidewalk and driveway to be cleared of snow and/or ice to ensure the safe delivery of your meal.

Winter Weather Information

The following guidelines have been adopted for the Home Delivered Meal Program to run smoothly and effectively:

Winter weather creates the possibility of closing the Senior Dining Sites and canceling Home-Delivered Meals. If Montello OR Westfield School is closed then the dining sites will be closed and homedelivered meals will not be delivered. Check you local TV station for Montello and Westfield school closings. Listen to the following radio stations for information on closings due to bad weather.

| WCWC Radio 96.1 FM | WRPN Radio 93.1 FM |
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| WISS Radio 102.3 FM | WBKY Radio 95.9 FM |

There are other situations that may cause us to cancel meals. We will make the decision based on road conditions, weather forecast and the safety of drivers.

Please make arrangements to have your driveway plowed and walkway salted before the scheduled meal delivery.

If you have questions, please call: (608) 297-3146 or toll-free (855) 440-2372



Reheating Instructions for Frozen Meals

Do not thaw meal before reheating. Leave meal sealed.

Microwave Instructions:



Heat on high setting for 2 to 3 minutes.

Microwave ovens may vary. Meal should be steaming when you peel back seal. **Be careful when peeling back seal because steam may burn you.** If meal is not steaming, recover with seal and heat again for 1 minute at a time until steaming.

Oven Instructions:



Preheat oven to 350°.

Heat meal for about 20 minutes. Ovens may vary. Meal should be steaming when you peel back seal. **Be careful when peeling back seal because steam may burn you.** If meal is not steaming, recover with seal and place in oven for 3 minutes at a time until steaming.

VOLUNTEERING

Just as we count on donations, we also count on volunteers. Many volunteer opportunities exist at each of the Senior Dining Sites and participants are encouraged to be involved.

Assisting the Senior Dining Site Manager with various tasks such as: setting and clearing the tables, helping with activities, greeting participants, etc. will help you become acquainted with other people. Socialization is what our Senior Dining Sites are all about and volunteering is a great way to make social connections within your community.

Call our office to find out more about volunteer opportunities in the Senior Nutrition Program.



Contact Us

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> Or visit our website: www.adrcmarquette.org



Please feel free to call the ADRC for answers to questions or more information on services.