

MENU AND MEAL PREPARATION

The home delivered meal menu is printed in the Wednesday edition of the Maquoketa Sentinel Press. A monthly menu is delivered to participants by the beginning of the month.

The meals are prepared in the kitchen of Jackson County Senior Center and delivered once a day (Monday - Friday) at lunch time.

We follow your doctor's orders for your special dietary needs.

MEAL DELIVERY

Your meal will be delivered to your home by a volunteer. **You must be home to receive your meal-- volunteers cannot leave a meal in your absence.** When you receive your meal, you are in charge of maintaining its freshness if you don't eat it right away.

Meals will not be delivered:

- If Maquoketa public schools are closed due to adverse weather. Please listen to local radio stations for confirmation of this.
- On holidays and weekends. Holidays are listed on the menu.

HOW TO CANCEL A MEAL

Cancel your meal before 9:00 am if you will not be home to receive it that day. Call 652-6771 ext.1. (The answering machine is always on. You can even call the day before.)

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE VOLUNTEER CAN'T DELIVER YOUR MEAL

We will assume you are in need of help. Your emergency contacts will be called. If we cannot reach your emergency contacts, the police will be called to check on you. **(That is one of the reasons it is important to call 652-6771 ext. 1 if you will not be home to accept the meal.)**

Count on Us
For
Hot,
Healthy,
Home Delivered
Meals.

Home Delivered Meals

Jackson County
Senior Citizen Center
1000 E. Quarry St.
Maquoketa, IA 52060
(563)- 652-6771

DEAR HOME DELIVERED MEALS PARTICIPANT:

Jackson County Senior Citizen Center receives funding from Scenic Valley Area Agency on Aging to provide home delivered meals in Maquoketa. (Scenic Valley Area Agency on Aging is a private, nonprofit agency receiving a small amount of federal and state funding to provide services for older persons.) The need for these services is great.

Since the total cost of providing the meals is more than the funding received by Scenic Valley, they use a suggested contribution schedule. We ask all participants to contribute toward the meals they receive.

The actual cost of a home delivered meal is \$6.80. The suggested contribution range is \$3.00 to \$6.80. Please choose an amount to contribute based on your own ability to pay. You will receive a reminder for that amount at the beginning of each month (for the previous month). Please mail your check to:

Jackson County HDM
1000 East Quarry Street
Maquoketa, IA 52060

TWO ADDITIONAL WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Did you or someone you love benefit from the meal program? Did you benefit from other services provided by Scenic Valley? Please consider:

- A bequest or legacy to Scenic Valley Area VIII Agency on Aging in your will.
- A cash gift to Scenic Valley Area VIII Agency on Aging. (Cash gifts are tax deductible. A contribution for meals received is not tax deductible.)

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION

Your eligibility is determined by Scenic Valley Area VIII Agency on Aging when you begin receiving the meals and at least every six months thereafter. You must agree to stop receiving meals as soon as your health permits and you are no longer eligible.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Participants must be age sixty or older, **and** physically or mentally unable to prepare a nutritious meal, **and** unable to use a vehicle or a transportation system or walk to a food establishment, **and** no one else is willing and able to prepare a nutritious meal for you.
- As a participant, you must be able to eat your meal and if necessary arrange for whatever assistance or supervision you may need to safely eat it.
- A spouse or disabled individual living with an eligible person may also receive home delivered meals. These individuals must meet all eligibility criteria (except for age), and the meal must be in your best interest as the eligible person.
- The Jackson County Senior Citizen Center must be able to provide a meal that meets your dietary needs. (This means some persons with unusual dietary needs may not be able to receive meals because the correct type of food cannot be prepared.) We must be able to assure the food is at the proper temperature when it is delivered. (This means we need to limit our delivery area. Of course deliveries also depend upon the availability of volunteers!)

To cancel your meal for the day, call the Jackson County Senior Center kitchen at 652-6771 ext.1