

## **Adult Medical Daycare**

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**Dementia Care** 



Welcome to the November edition of our Worldshine Newsletter!

At Life Enrichment, your loved one will benefit from meaningful programs, quality health care, and opportunities for socialization





Classes : English Class: 11/3 & 11/17 Chinese Class: 11/10 &11/24 Mahjong Class: 11/14 Sign Language: 11/28 💋

11/7: WALMART

11/28: Marshalls

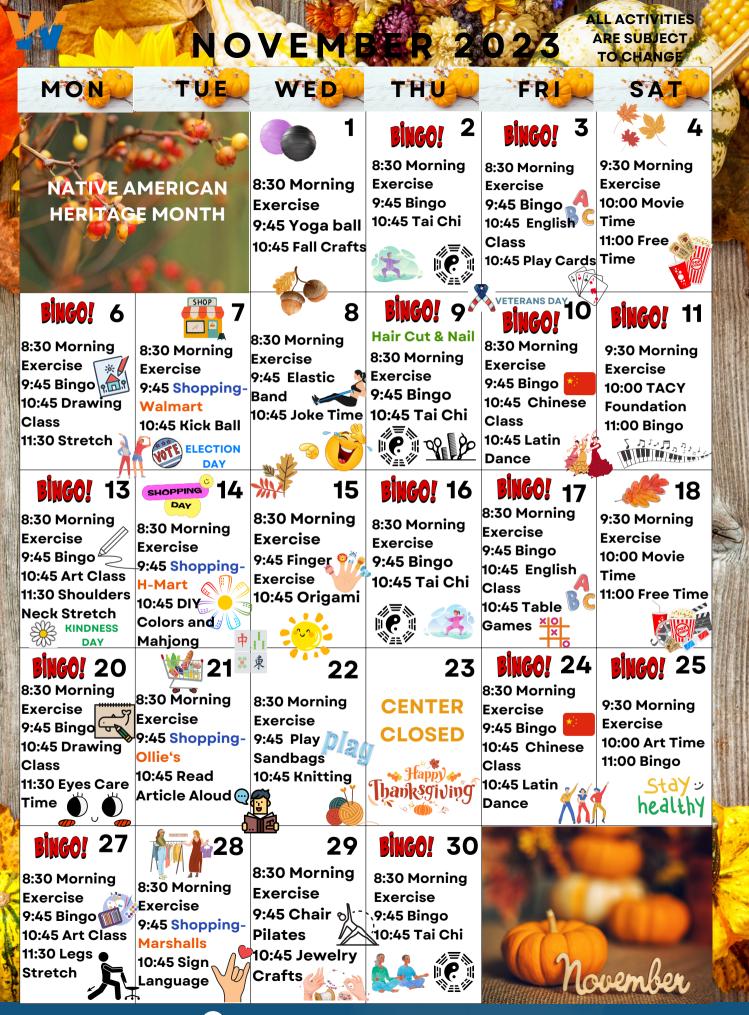
11/14: H-MART

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**Recurring Activities Every Monday:** *Painting Class* Every Wednesday: Music Class Every Thursday: Tai Chi Class

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



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## Health and Wellness Corner

## Fall Back into a Dental Routine

HELPFUL TIPS

Taking Care of Your Teeth and Mouth

Healthy teeth and gums make it easy for you to eat well and enjoy good food. Several problems can affect the health of your mouth, but good care should keep your teeth and gums strong as you age.



## Tooth Decay

Teeth have a tough outer layer called enamel. But every day, tiny bacteria films, called dental plaque, form on your teeth. These bacteria make acids that can damage the enamel and create cavities. To prevent this, you should brush and floss your teeth.

If a cavity forms, you need a dentist to fix it with a filling.

To keep your teeth strong and cavity-free, use toothpaste with fluoride. If you're at a higher risk of cavities, like having a dry mouth from a health condition or medications, your dentist might give you extra fluoride in their office or suggest fluoride gel or mouthwash at home.



## <u>Gum Disease</u>

Gum disease begins when plaque builds up along and under your gum line. Plaque causes an infection that hurts the gum and bone that hold your teeth in place. A mild form of gum disease may make your gums red, tender, and more likely to bleed. This problem, called gingivitis, can often be fixed by brushing and flossing every day.

A more severe form of gum disease, called periodontitis, must be treated by a dentist. If not treated, this infection can lead to sore, bleeding gums, painful chewing problems, and even tooth loss.

To prevent gum disease:

- Brush your teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste.
- Floss regularly.
- Visit your dentist routinely for a checkup and cleaning. Tell the dentist about any medical conditions you have and medications you take.
- Eat a well-balanced diet.
- Quit smoking. Smoking increases your risk for gum disease.









#### Dentures

Sometimes, false teeth (dentures) are needed to replace badly damaged teeth or teeth lost because of gum disease. Partial dentures may be used to fill in one or more missing teeth. Dentures may feel strange at first. In the beginning, your dentist may want to see you often to make sure the dentures fit. Over time, your gums will change shape, and your dentures may need to be adjusted or replaced. Be sure to let your dentist handle these adjustments. Be careful when wearing dentures because it may be harder for you to feel hot foods and drinks or notice bones in your food. When learning to eat with dentures, it may be easier if you:

- Start with soft, non-sticky food.
- · Cut your food into small pieces.
- Chew slowly using both sides of your mouth.

Keep your dentures clean and free from food that can cause stains or bad breath. Avoid small crunchy foods that can get trapped under the dentures and hurt your gums. Brush dentures every day with a denture-care product, and soak them in water or a denture-cleansing liquid at night. Be sure to leave them out of your mouth while you sleep to prevent swollen gums.

## Dry Month

Dry mouth happens when you don't have enough saliva, or spit, to keep your mouth wet. It can make it hard to eat, swallow, taste, and even speak. Dry mouth can increase your risk of tooth decay, fungal infections of the mouth, and cavities. Many common medicines can cause this problem. For example, medicines for high blood pressure, depression, and bladder-control issues often cause dry mouth.

#### **Oral Health Resources for Caregivers**

Download these tips on oral health for older adults and caregivers from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research.

#### There are things you can do that may help.

Try sipping water or sugarless drinks. Don't smoke, and avoid alcohol, caffeine, soft drinks, and acidic fruit juices. Avoid spicy or salty foods. Sugarless hard candy or sugarless gum that is a little tart may help. Your dentist or doctor might suggest using artificial saliva to keep your mouth wet.



## **Oral Cancer**

Oral cancer can start in any part of the mouth or throat, including the tongue. It is more likely to happen in people over age 40. A dental checkup is a good time for your dentist to look for signs of oral cancer. Pain is not usually an early symptom of the disease. Treatment works best before the disease spreads. Even if you have lost all your natural teeth, you should still see your dentist for regular oral cancer exams.

You can lower your risk of getting oral cancer in a few ways:

- Do not use tobacco products, such as cigarettes, chewing tobacco, snuff, pipes, or cigars.
- If you drink alcohol, do so only in moderation.
- · Use lip balm with sunscreen.
- · Electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) are relatively new, and scientists are still learning about their long-term health effects. However, we do know e-cigarette vapor contains cancer-causing chemicals.



#### Oral Health and Older Adults



Oral health is important for people of all ages. Oral health is linked to overall health and can impact physical, psychological, financial, and social wellbeing. A healthy mouth helps people enjoy their food, chew better, eat well, and avoid pain and tooth loss. With good oral hygiene and regular visits to the dentist, older adults can maintain their oral health into their later years.

## How to Clean Your Teeth and Gums

There is a right way to brush and floss your teeth. Every day:

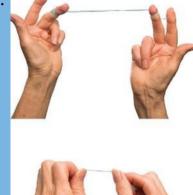
- Gently brush your teeth on all sides with a soft-bristle brush and fluoride toothpaste. Replace your toothbrush every 3 to 4 months.
- Use small circular motions and short back-and-forth strokes.
- Brush carefully and gently along your gum line.
- Lightly brush your tongue or use a tongue scraper to help keep your mouth clean.
- Clean between your teeth with dental floss, prethreaded flossers, a water flosser, or a similar product. This removes plaque and leftover food that a toothbrush can't reach.
- Rinse after you floss.

People with arthritis or other conditions that limit hand motion may find it hard to hold and use a toothbrush. Some helpful tips are:

- Use an electric or battery-operated toothbrush.
- Buy a toothbrush with a larger handle.
- Attach the toothbrush handle to your hand with a wide elastic band.

See your dentist if brushing or flossing causes your gums to bleed or hurts your mouth. If you have trouble flossing, a floss holder may help. Ask your dentist to show you the right way to floss.

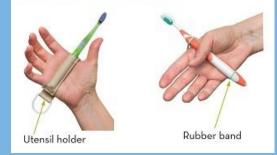
\*\*\*Ask our Nursing department to schedule the dental appointment for you now.







#### Make the toothbrush easier to hold.



By following these tips, you can make the most of the fall and winter seasons while prioritizing your health and well-being. Wishing you a wonderful and healthy season ahead!



## May this birthday bring you lots of amazing moments and wonderful memories



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## Some fun moments!









Exercise is beneficial for your health. It helps improve cardiovascular fitness, build strength, maintain a healthy weight, and enhance mental and emotional well-being.









Having tea time is a delightful and enjoyable experience.









Creating art and craft projects can be incredibly enjoyable.





HALLOHEEN Special moments!





















The Halloween party was a blast, full of spooky fun!

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## Special moments!











We extend our sincerest appreciation for taking the time to peruse our newsletter. See you next time.

Thank you for the amazing performance during the Mid-Autumn Festival from WASHINGTON TRADITIONAL CHINESE ORCHESTRA. Your music was beautiful and made the celebration special. We really enjoyed it and appreciate your talent and effort.



### If you have any questions or require additional information, please don't hesitate to contact our friendly staff

## Front Desk: 301-378-2950

- General inquiries
- Attendance updates

## Social Work: 240-422-7166

- Refer a friend/family
- Application inquiries
- Medicaid assistance

### Nursing: 240-928-0041

- Health updates
- Medication management

## Transportation: 301-338-1461

- Pick-up and drop-off
- Transport to appointments, grocery shopping, etc.

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## Early Stage Memory Café **Circle of Friends**

Memory Café is a safe and relaxed place where people with memory loss, or early stage dementia, their families and friends can come together for a unique blend of education and social interaction. Get connected with one another through social events that promote companionship. Anyone affected by memory loss is welcome to attend.

Attendance is free.

NOTE: Pre-registration is required.

## TO REGISTER: Please Email

Aging & Independence caregiversupport@frederickcountymd.gov or Call 301-600-1234

# MEMORY CAFÉ

**Urbana Senior Center** 9020 Amelung St. Frederick, MD 21704 May 12th July 14th September 8th November 17th

## **Emmitsburg Senior Center**

300 S Seton Ave, Emmitsburg, MD 21727 11:30 AM -1:00 PM April 14th June 9th August 11th October 13th **December 8th** 



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