# **Robert Rock Senior Center**



# **July 2024**

#### Senior Center Services

Elder Resource Specialist Amanda LaPlante Monday-Friday 401-270-1788

Community Health Worker Gilbert Williams–Hackney Monday-Friday 401-443-4312

Healthy Aging Nurse Coordinator Shahnee Lagor, BSN, RN-BC Office hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9AM-2PM

**Eastside Clinical Laboratory Transportation** Call 401-435-7800 to register for transportation.

Notary Public Pat Thomas, Receptionist M-F 9:00am-12:00pm to notarize documents for our seniors.

#### Senior Shopping

Thursday & Friday Mornings: Call 401-435-7800 The Senior Center will pick you up at your home and take you to Stop & Shop, Walmart or Shaw's in East Providence. Open to Seniors living in East Providence.

#### **SHIP Counseling**

By Appointment Only- Call 401-435-7876 x1137

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#### MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Robert Rock East Providence Senior Center is to assist, inform, and enrich the lives of all persons 55 years of age and older or persons with disabilities in the East Providence area.



Message from the Mayor:

Hope you all are enjoying your summer! East Providence is filled with great activities and events for the whole family to enjoy. I hope to see you all at Pierce Field on July 3 for our 2024 Independence Day Celebration. Food for purchase will be available as well as live music, fireworks, and fun. I would also like to let you all know about the 2024 Cruise Nights at Crescent Park happening every Saturday until September from 4pm-dusk. Come enjoy some classic cars with local residents.

If you are looking for more local events, visit our City calendar online at https://eastprovidenceri.gov/calendar

Our monthly calendar highlights all the great activities and events East Providence has to offer!

#### Sincerely,

#### **Mayor Bob DaSilva**



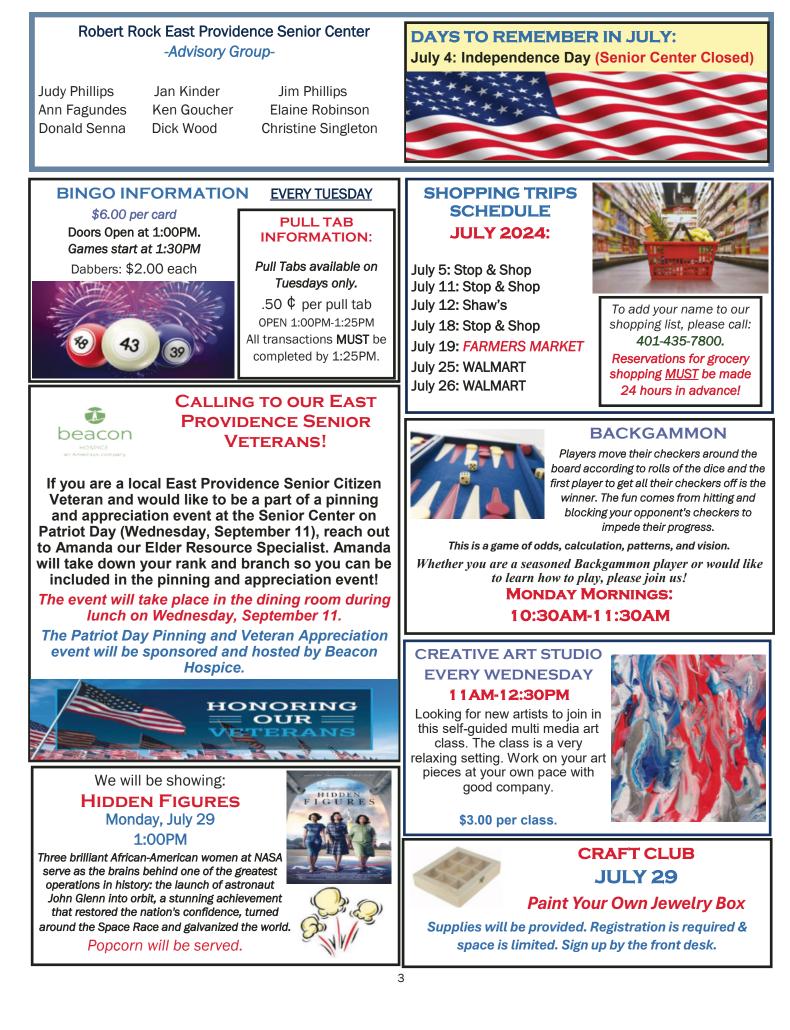
#### Letter from the Director:

Happy Independence Day! I would like to thank everyone that participated in our Senior Wellness Retreat in June. This event was very successful and I have heard a lot of positive feedback. Sometimes we need to slow down and make time in our busy lives for self care. I hope this week long event was helpful and fun for you all.

We are calling to our local East Providence Senior Veterans to provide us with your rank and branch so you can be included in a pinning/appreciation event hosted by Beacon Hospice on Patriot Day (9/11/24). We would love to honor our local Veterans. Please stop by the Resource Center and see Amanda. She will take your branch and rank.

Best,

Laura Jones Director of Senior Services



# FIREWORK SAFETY

THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY, PLEASE BE COURTEOUS WHEN SETTING OFF FIREWORKS, WHICH MAY BE UPSETTING FOR DOGS AND MILITARY VETERANS

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LOUD, UNEXPECTED NOISES, such as fireworks can remind combat veterans with PTSD of GUNFIRE OR EXPLOSIONS they had experienced on the battlefield. Consider your neighbors by not setting them off late at night or close to their homes, or better yet, go to an organized event! 1 IN 5 DOGS GO MISSING AFTER BEING SCARED BY FIREWORKS

FOR DOGS:



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More dogs go **MISSING** on the 4th of July than any other day of the year because the loud noises can scare even the **BRAVEST** dog.

## KEEP YOUR BEST FRIEND AT EASE:

**EXERCISE DURING THE DAY.** Ensure your dog gets plenty of exercise during the day to tire them out

STAY HOME. Don't bring them to events where fireworks will be set off

MAKE THEM FEEL SAFE. Provide a safe place at home with music or the TV playing

**DISTRACTION.** Entertain them with their favorite toys and treats

ACT NORMAL. Don't acknowledge the fireworks, as your dog may be looking to you on how to react

NAME TAGS. Make sure your dog is wearing their collar with ID tags (better yet, microchipped!)

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

## **Health Related Programs:**

#### GRIEF SUPPORT AND HEALING CONTINUED WITH BEACON HOSPICE!

Thursday, July 25 11AM-12PM

The loss of a loved one is one of the most difficult experiences anyone can go through. The pain and grief can be overwhelming. The Robert Rock East Providence Senior Center is committed to helping those in need manage their grief in healthy ways and help begin the healing process.



NURSE HOURS TUESDAY, THURSDAY, & FRIDAY 9AM-2PM

#### IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO LACE UP AND JOIN OUR WALKING CLUB!

Participants do not need to register. The Walking Club takes place every Wednesday at 9:30am

Stretches will take place in the dining room before heading outside to the walking paths.



#### 5 WISHES ADVANCED DIRECTIVES PRESENTATION TUESDAY, JULY 16 AT 11:00AM

#### Join us as Beacon Hospice facilitates a presentation on the 5 wishes.

Five wishes is the first living will that talks about your personal, emotional, and spiritual needs as well as your medical wishes. It lets you choose the person you want to make health care decisions for you if you are not able to make them for yourself.

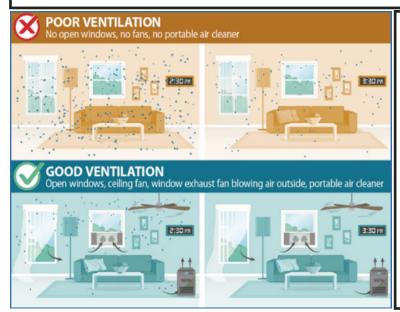
- It's written in everyday language, making it easy to understand and complete.
- It covers personal, spiritual, medical and legal wishes all in one document.
- It allows your family or caregiver to know exactly what you want, so they don't have to guess
- It's legally valid in nearly every state

#### Sign up is located at the front desk.

# COVID-19 UPDATES

#### Updated COVID-19 Guidelines:

The updated Respiratory Virus Guidance recommends that people stay home and away from others until at least 24 hours after both their symptoms are getting better overall, and they have not had a fever (and are not using fever-reducing medication). Note that depending on the length of symptoms, this period could be shorter, the same, or longer than the previous guidance for COVID-19.



#### How to Improve Ventilation in Your Home to Reduce Illness:

Using as many ways as you can (open windows, use air filters, and turn on fans) will help clear out virus

particles in your home faster. You can decrease particles even more by continuing to ventilate after a visitor leaves.

Bringing fresh, outdoor air into your home helps keep virus particles from accumulating inside.

Place a fan as close as possible to an open window blowing outside. This helps get rid of virus particles in your home by blowing air outside. Even without an open window, fans can improve air flow.

If you have one in your home, change your filters every three months or according to the manufacturer's instructions.



### A LOOK BACK Senior Wellness Retreat:



































We would like to thank all the instructors that came out to educate and inform our participants during this week long event. This event was sponsored by <u>Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island</u>, and we truly appreciate the assistance to get this program off the ground.

A special thank you to our Healthy Aging Nurse Coordinator, Shahnee who sculpted, networked, and created this unique event.



## **Robert Rock Senior Center Activities** JULY 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	- Thu	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
10:30A: Backgammon 10:30A: Pickleball Clinic 10:30a: Chair Yoga w/ Marilyn 2P: PODS Swimming *Tech Assistance by appt only*	9A: Bocce 9:30A: Tai Ji 10A: Watercolor Paint 10A: Smartphone Help 10:45A: Chair Yoga 1P: Beginners Mah Jongg 1:30P: BINGO!	8A: SHIP Counseling 9A: 20/20/20 Fitness 9:30A: Walking Club 10:45A: PACE Chair Exercise 11A: Creative Art Studio 1P: Cribbage	Independence Day	8:30A: Scrabble 9:30A: Senior Shopping 10A: Mah Jongg 10A: Bird Watching 10:45A: PACE Chair 11A: Meditation 1P: BCBS Balance 1:30P: Hi Lo Jack
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Part time Nurse is on site to assist you with any health related needs. Schedule an appointment with Shahnee today to learn more about maintaining a healthy lifestyle. 401-270-1792

Nurse Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9AM-2PM

# Age Well, Get Connected

Sharpen your computer skills with a once a month course on computers! Bring your own computer, or we can supply a Chromebook for you. **Registration not required. No fee.** July 17– 10:30AM

**SHIP Counseling** 

State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Counselor is available on Wednesdays and Fridays (by appointment only). Counselors can help with Medicare/Medicaid enrollment, current plans, and future medical plans. Call 401-435-7876 X1137 for an appointment.

No Fee

# Smartphone Help

Learn tips and tricks on your smart phone. Learn more about text messaging, internet use, and apps. Drop-in on Tuesdays 10:00AM- 11:00AM.

No registration required. No fee.

# Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga is wonderful for both your mind and body. Tuesdays with Cyn 10:45AM **\$3.00 per class. No registration required.** 

# **Creative Art Studio**

Oriented for personal choice media such as collage, acrylic, pastel, etc.

#### WEDNESDAYS 11AM-12:30PM

Registration required \$3.00 per class.

# **PACE Chair Exercise**

When you do chair exercises, you reduce the risk of falls. The movements in PACE chair exercise are low impact that increase blood flow and strengthen your muscles.

No registration required. No fee.

# **Senior Shopping**

Senior Services will pick you up at home to go grocery shopping at Stop & Shop or Shaw's weekly and Walmart monthly. Limit 4 bags per person. Everyone is given an hour to shop for their items. Senior Services will drop you off at home.

\$1 transportation fee. Registration is required.

# Knit & Crochet- Craft Group

Join us weekly to knit and crochet various items. Learn about new patterns and designs. Thursdays 1:00PM-3:00PM.

No registration required. No fee.

# Gym Orientations\_ Robin/Sandra

Robin and Sandra can provide orientations and show fitness members how to properly use the fitness center equipment. Robin and Sandra can explain proper techniques and demonstrate exercises.

For fitness members only Tuesdays 1P-3P Thursdays 8:00A-11:30AM Fridays 1P-2P No registration required. No fee.

# 20/20/20 Fitness

Three workouts in one! This senior geared class gives you 20 minutes of cardio, 20 minutes of strength training, and 20 minutes of stretching/core work. Wednesdays 9A-10A No registration required. \$3.00 per class

# Hi Lo Jack

A game of chance, Registration required. Call 401-435-7800 for more information or if you are interested in being a sub to play. Fridays 1:30PM-3:30PM. \$3.00 to play

.25 ups or bumps

# Craft Club

Participants are given the opportunity to explore various art making skills. Activities allow participants to enhance their creative and visual skills.

Registration required. Limited space available.

# Cribbage, Bridge, Scrabble, Mah Jongg, Backgammon

Each game is offered weekly at the Senior Center. Take a look at our daily activities calendar to see which day games are scheduled.

No registration required. \$3.00 fee for Cribbage.







If you are an older adult that wants to get technology support for their smartphones or tablets, then come learn how you can improve your lives by embracing technology. Although challenges do exist to using technology, there are many solutions for success.

Drop in for a one-on-one 'Tech Session' with an ATEL Representative to answer your questions or learn how to use your Apple or Android device to its fullest. Also, learn about apps and accessibility features that are designed to help older adults and people with disabilities use technology more easily.

Sign up for your appointment slot by the front desk!

To borrow a device, or see if you may be eligible to receive a no cost

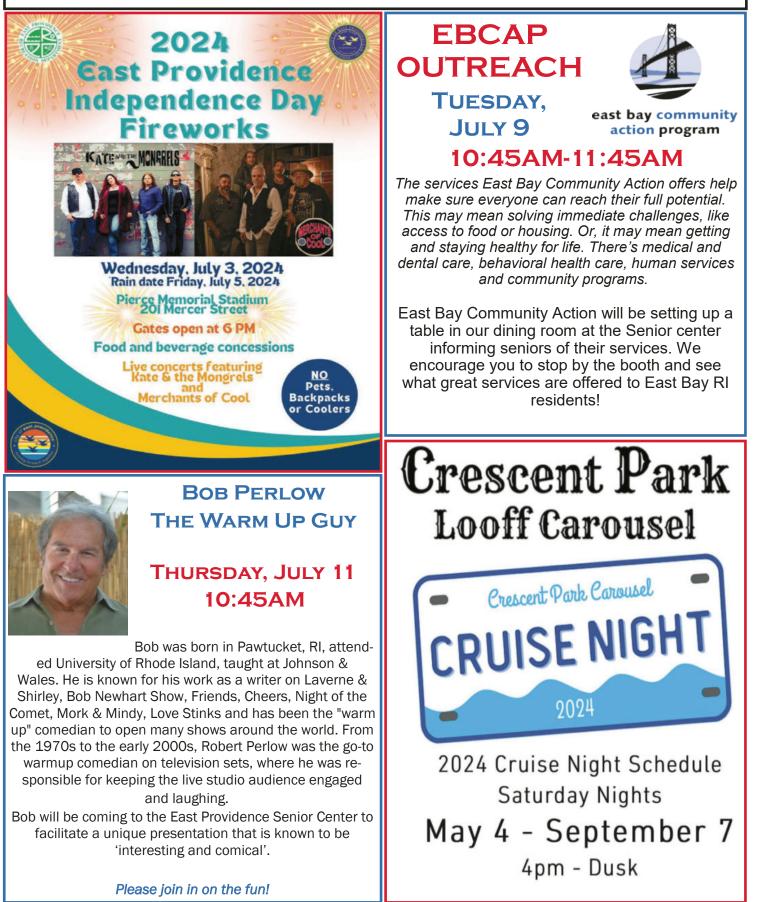
smart device from the ATEL Program, please contact Denise Corson, 401-486-3325 or



401-486-3325 or email Denise.Corson@ors.ri.gov



# JULY EVENTS IN EAST PROVIDENCE:



# **CONCERTS IN THE PARK:**

Concerts in the Park is back! Free weekly concerts at Crescent Park.

Bring your own chair!



2024 *Concerts in Concerts in the Park* 6PM at Crescent Park 701 Bullocks Point Ave. Riverside, RI 02915

June 6th Atwater Donnelly American & Celtic Folk

June 15th Strictly Sentimental Swing Band Big Band Swing & Jazz

June 20th RI Wind Ensemble Patriotic & Contemporary Music

June 27th 19th Nervous Breakdown Rolling Stones Tribute

July Ilth Playing Mantis Pop Standards & Dance Tunes

July 18th David Tessier's All-Star Band of All-Stars Classic Rock July 25th Mixed Emotions Soft Rock

August Ist Kelly & The Poor Boys Credence Clearwater Revival Tribute

> August 8th Mojo Rising Classic Rock

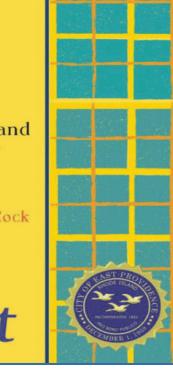
August 15 Jesse Liam Band Pop & Original Music

August 22nd Robin Hathaway & Her Big Mouth Blues Band Classic & Original R&B

August 29th Red Bridge Band Pop Standards & Classic Rock

All performances are weather permitting. Questions? Call 401-435-7511

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#### DO YOU LIKE WHAT YOU SEE?

#### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CENTER?



Give us a call at 401-435-7800 to schedule a tour today!

**MEMBERSHIP FEES:** \*Membership is required for all activities. Membership is not

required to only come for lunch\*

#### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:**

Residents of East Providence: \$20.00/year Non-residents: \$25.00/year

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INCLUDING FITNESS CENTER: Residents of East Providence: \$60.00/year

Non-residents: \$70.00/year

\*\* New membership and renewal forms can be picked up at the front desk!\*\*

Persons receiving transportation services from the Senior Center are called in the morning with their pick up times. Please allow time in the morning to assign pick up times before calling!



# **ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS/PRESENTATIONS:**

#### **PICKLEBALL CLINICS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024!**

**MONDAYS & THURSDAY MORNINGS** 10:30AM-11:30AM

Isabelle, a summer staff member a part of the Mavoral Summer Youth Workforce will be on at the pickleball court teaching Seniors how to play Pickleball every Monday and Thursday mornings during the summer months.



No experience reauired! Isabelle will show vou how to hit the ball and teach vou the rules of the game.

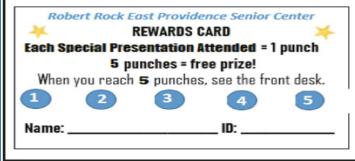
**Registration is** required. Sign up is located at the front desk.

#### **REWARD CARDS**

The East Providence Senior Center is excited to announce the return of the Rewards Program beginning in 2024! The program aims to promote and encourage member participation in educational opportunities at the Senior Center.

Here's how the program works: Stop by the Resource Center to pick up your rewards card. Find a class on the monthly calendar that is in red bold font. Attend the class and receive a stamp on your Rewards Card. Once you earn 5 stamps, turn your card in for a gift card at the Resource Center. Any staff member can stamp your card once you complete the class that is eligible for a stamp.

\*\*The rewards program at the Senior Center is funded by Blue Cross Blue Shield RI. The rewards program is subject to change or end if/when all funding for the program is spent down.\*\*



#### SHIP COUNSELING

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) helps people find the right Medicare coverage at the right cost. SHIP also assists beneficiaries with limited income to apply for

programs, such as Medicaid, Medicare Savings Program and Extra Help/Low Income Subsidy, which can subsidize or reduce healthcare costs.

SHIP Counselors are at the Senior Center weekly (by appointment only).

Call 401-435-7876 x1137 to schedule your appointment today!



east bay community action program

#### THE POINT

Maria from the Point will be visiting the Senior Center on the 4th Monday of the month to assist with Medicare, Medicaid applications, and DHS applications. Call Maria to schedule an appointment today!

401-519-0374



#### BIRDWATCHING AT THE SENIOR CENTER FRIDAYS BEGINNING JULY 5 10AM-10:30PM

Meet Laura in the dining room on Friday's at 10AM and grab a pair of binoculars to go bird watching! Laura will help identify local birds.





#### JULY GUARDIAN ANGEL AWARD

Please join us in congratulating *Christine Singleton* on being nominated for July's Guardian Angel Award. Christine is someone who is always looking out for others. Her

kindness and genuine concern for others has left an impact on so many of our members. Her nomination includes many acts of kindness including her special way of motivating others to try new things and to never stop learning. *Thank you Christine for helping spread kindness in our community!* 



12:
12:00 pm

Meals are ordered by reservation only.

Reservations are made

# NO WALK IN'S.

Suggested donation per meal is \$3.00. It is important to call if you need to cancel your meal. You can cancel your reservation by calling Cindy at 401-270-1814.

# Meals are served at 12PM Monday-Friday.

Please arrive before 12PM to check in at the dining room desk. NO ASSIGNED OR RESERVED SEATING! We can accommodate 60 diners. ENJOY YOUR MEAL!

# July 2024 PLEASE CALL OUR DINING ROOM AT 401-270-1814 TO PLACE YOUR LUNCH

**ORDER 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE!!** 

\$3.00 Suggested Donation

Lunch is served at

Menu Items are subject to change due to being unavailable to obtain.

29 Chicken escarole soup Roasted chicken Mashed potato Green beans Ww roll Pudding Roast beef on a Roll	22 Kale bean & sausage soup Shepards pie Mashed potato Ww roll Ww roll Chocolate cookie Egg salad sandwich	15 Minestrone Soup Meatball sandwich 3- bean salad Potato Wedges Pineapple chunks – Ww roll Cobb Salad	8 Navy bean vegetable soup Chicken Marsala Parmesan rice Mixed Vegetables Ww roll Tropical fruit Spinach salad with chicken	1 Chicken soup Baked chicken topped w/ Eggplant Bolognese Roasted potato Garlic bread Gookie Roast beef on a roll
30 Vegetable soup Pork Chop Italian Roasted vegetables Parmesan rice Tropical fruit - Ww roll Spinach salad w/ chicken	23 Tomato soup Marry Me Chicken Waxed beans Roasted potatoes Ww roll Sliced peaches Chef salad	16 Tossed salad Swedish meatballs Mashed potatoes Buttered corn Fresh fruit- Ww roll Roast beef sandwich on a roll	9 Mushroom Barley Soup Sausage & pepper sandwich Chips Roasted zucchini Ww roll Pudding Greek salad with chicken	2 Greek cucumber salad Potato crusted fish Green beans Rice Pilaf Ww roll Sliced peaches Ham & cheese on wheat
31 Tossed salad Pork roast Sweet potato Mixed vegetables/roll Oatmeal cookie Turkey Sandwich	24 Vegetable summer salad Beef tips w/ mushroom gravy Mashed potatoes Roasted Zucchini & Tomato Ww roll Melon Chicken salad on wheat	17 Clam chowder (red) Fish Sandwich Cole slaw Orzo salad Roll - cake Seafood salad plate	10 Tomato soup Lemon butter pork chop Roasted potatoes Mixed Vegetables Ww roll Sliced pears Seafood Salad Sandwich	3 Tossed salad Pub burger w/cheese Pasta Salad Charred Broccoli Ww roll Strawberry shortcake Turkey sandwich on roll
east bay community action program	25 Lentil soup w/ vegetables Silced turkey Stuffing Mixed squash Ww roll Brownie Seafood salad plate	18 Chicken soup Pot roast Mashed potatoes Peas & carrots Sliced peaches - Ww roll Cobb salad	11 Vegetable soup Chicken cordon bleu Rice Pilaf Waxed beans Ww roll Oatmeal cookie Chicken salad plate	CLOSED
All menu items may contain nuts, seeds, beans, wheat bran, and other allergens Funded in part by the US Administration on Aging and the Rhode Island Office	26 Tossed salad Chicken parm Steamed broccoli Spanish rice Ww roll Strawberry shortcake Chef salad	19 Cream of Broccoli Lasagna roll up w/ Meat sauce Roasted vegetables Pudding - Ww roll Tuna salad plate	12 Fresh fruit cup Baked pasta w/meatballs Sausage & cheese Roasted Vegetables Jello Roll Tuna salad sandwich	5 Tomato soup Sloppy Joe Cole Slaw Potato Wedges Ww roll Melon Egg Salad Plate