



September is Healthy Aging® Month

September is Healthy Aging[®] Month is celebrating its 30th year. The annual observance month focuses national attention on the positive aspects of growing older, particularly among adults ages 45-plus. The mission is to encourage everyone to take personal responsibility for their health.

The month was created in 1992, 30 years ago, by Carolyn Worthington, publisher of the Healthy Aging[®] multi-media platform and president of the non-profit Educational Television Network, Inc.

"Our goal in creating the month was to draw attention to the positive sides of growing older. We felt there needed to be a second time during the year in addition to May is Older Americans Month. September was chosen because so many people feel they can "get started" more easily then. Maybe the back-to-school routine never really goes away."

"When we started September is Healthy Aging[®] Month back in the 90s, not many people really wanted to talk about growing older. Not that we do now, but the focus is loud and clear that there are many ways to maintain a healthy lifestyle well into later years," Worthington said. "Aging is no longer a taboo subject. It's almost become trendy to be an active older adult.""

The U.S. Senate unanimously passed the resolution marking September as National Healthy Aging Month in 2021.

Dispelling the Myths of Older Ages by Generation. Each generation is proving that many older adults are vibrant, pas-

sionate, and not the image of old age at all. From the Greatest Generation (those now over 93), the Silent Generation (those between 75 and 92), and Baby Boomers (56 to 74) to Gen-Xers (40 to 55), there are pioneers of aging determined to remain vital and healthy.

What Can You Do to Remain Healthy? To maintain your vibrancy, why not make September the time to take stock of your lifestyle and set some healthy goals. Grab onto that old "back-to-school" feeling, and make this month a fresh start.

A healthy lifestyle should include getting and staying in shape, the importance of challenging the mind and spirit, and why making a commitment to better health and keeping up social connections are critical.

Look for the ten tips for healthy aging in recognition of September is Healthy Aging[®] Month later in this newsletter.

To learn more about Healthy Aging[®], visit https://healthyaging.net/.





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September 5 Center Closed for Labor Day

September 7 @ 10:00am Brunch Bingo

September 7 @ 1:45pm Book Club

September 7, 14, 21, 28 @ 2:00pm Spanish

September 8 @ 10:00am Daytrip: McNay Art Museum w/ Lunch at EZ's Brick Oven & Grill

September 12 @ 12:35pm Bunco

September 14 @ 1:45pm Arts & Crafts Series: Sharpie & Alcohol Canvas Art

September 15 @ 10:00am Daytrip: McNay Art Museum w/ Lunch at EZ's Brick Oven & Grill

September 20 @ 11:45am Lunch & Learn: Silver & Secure

September 22 @ 10:15am Daytrip: McNay Art Museum w/ Lunch at EZ's Brick Oven & Grill

September 23 @ 10:45am Falls Prevention presented by AACOG & STRAC

September 26 @ 12:35pm Bunco



By all these lovely tokens, September days are here, with summer's best of weather, and autumn's best of cheer. ~Helen Hunt Jackson

Note From the Center...

By Jessica Rosario

Let me begin by expressing my gratitude to everyone who supports the Center, either by donating money or volunteering their time (or both)! I understand that not everyone is in a financial position to donate but please remember that even \$10 helps the Center.

Our Individual Giving Campaign was off to a slow start this year and with just a few days to go I didn't think we would hit our goal of \$25,000. Then, suddenly, the community rallied and we got several more donations. One of our sponsors, M&S Engineering donated a large amount, which resulted in us actually surpassing our goal! If you donated to this campaign, or gave to the center earlier this year, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. This year has been financially difficult but with your help we can continue to offer our services.

It's already September and we made it through another hot summer! The days are still pretty warm and we are looking forward to cooler weather. The next few months are filled with exciting activities, presentations, events, and group trips. We don't want you to miss anything, so please make sure you read through this newsletter, the weekly newsletter (electronic), and look for any new flyers and signups in the hallway.

Don't forget about our Active Aging

Week coming up in October and the Health Fair on Saturday, Oct. 15th! We are going to have over 20 vendors as well as a blood drive, mobile mammography bus, and food trucks that day. Ladies, remember to sign up to get your mammogram done at the center during the Health Fair (online registration is required). We can help you get signed up online if need be. We will need a minimum number of participants for the mammography bus to come out, so please register at your earliest convenience and take advantage of the ease of the mobile mammogram bus.

September is National Healthy Aging Month and what better way to celebrate than with a visit to our gym, or by participating in one of our many different exercise classes. Being healthy is more than just eating well and doing some form of physical activity, you need to keep you brain active and in the right mindset. Do daily brain exercises, such as card games, sudoku, crosswords, puzzles, etc. and keep a positive attitude (remember to smile!). Exercise is important for both your mental and physical health and if you don't like the gym or structured exercise classes, please walk or jog for at least 30 minutes, 5 days a week.

I wish you all a wonderful month with positive thoughts and great health!



September Weekly Activity Schedule



MONDAY

9:00am Library 9:00am Visiting/ Socializing 9:00am Ride the Bus 10:00am 42 -(Dominoes) 9:00am Wood Carving 10:00am Men's Fellowship

11:30am Fellowship Meal

12:35pm Bunco (2nd & 4th Mon) 1:00pm Bridge Foursome (1st & 3rd Mon)



TUESDAY

9:00am Library 9:00am Visiting/ Socializing 9:00am Open Games 9:00am Ride the Bus 10:00am Mexican Train - (Dominoes) 11:00am Mah Jong

11:30am Fellowship Meal

1:00pm Bingo

WEDNESDAY

9:00am Library 9:00am Visiting/ Socializing 9:00am Bridge 9:00am Ride the Bus 10:00am Brunch Bingo (1st Wed)

11:30am Fellowship Meal

12:00pm Poker 12:00pm Knitting/ Crochet/Sewing 1:45pm Book Club (1st Wed) 1:45pm Arts & Crafts Class (2nd Wed) 2:00pm Caregiver Support Group (3rd Wed)



THURSDAY

9:00am Library 9:00am Visiting/ Socializing 9:00am Cards 9:00am Ride the Bus 10:00am Canasta HF

11:30am Fellowship Meal

1:00pm Mindful Meditation 2:00pm Table Tennis



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11:00am Fellowship Meal

12:10pm Bingo



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September 2022 Center Meal Menu



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Septe		1 Baked Potato Bar Salad Dessert	2 Hot Dogs Baked Beans Chips Dessert
We will be CLOSED TO OBSERVE DAY	6 Potato Soup Green Salad Dessert	7 Ham & Cheese Sliders Fruit Dessert	8 Pork Tenderloin Roasted Potatoes Broccoli Dessert	9 Tuna Salad Potato Salad Fruit Dessert
12 Hamburgers Chips Dessert	13 Chef Salad Bar Dessert	14 Frito Pie Fruit Dessert	15 Onion Chicken Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Brownies	16 Pizza Green Salad Dessert
19 Chef's Choice Dessert	20 Italian Sausage Sandwich Pasta Salad Dessert	21 Shipwreck Stew Cornbread Dessert	22 Hot Tamale Pie Green Salad Dessert	23 Quiche Fruit Dessert
26 Bean Chalupas Dessert	27 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Fruit Dessert	28 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Green Salad Garlic Bread Dessert	29 BBQ Chicken Pasta Casserole Cole Slaw Dessert	30 Pulled Pork Slider BLT Pasta Salad Dessert

Fellowship Meal is served Mon-Thurs@ 11:30am, Fri@11:00am (LUNCH IS SERVED FOR A 1/2 HOUR IN THE CENTER) Suggested Donation \$4 (Donations help make our fellowship meals possible) Menus are subject to change



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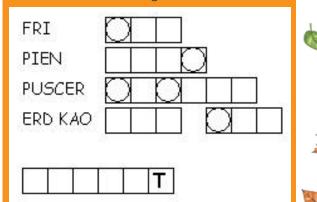
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Mumbo Jumbo

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in boxes and unscramble themfor the final message.



Bamboozles

The object is to try to figure out the wellknown saying, person, place, or thing that each bamboozable is meant to represent. (Solutions below)





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- **Debtors Congress Ducks**
- Picnic Easter Wastepaper 8.
- Twilight End No Parking
- 10. Secret Double Real Estate

August Answers

- They have waves
- They are hitched
- They are balanced
- They have tanks
- They have scores
- They have bowls
- They are filled
- 8. They have picks
- They are bucks
- 10. They deliver



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BAMBOOZLES SOLUTIONS: 1) Little fish in a big sea; 2) So long for now; 3) Foreigner; 4) Round of golf; 5) Holy cow; 6) Picket line. MUMBO JUMBO SOLUTION: Fir, Pine, Spruce, Red Oak; Final Message: FOREST

September Health & Wellness Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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GYM HOURS Mon-Thurs: 9:00am - 6:00pm Fri: 9:00am - 3:00pm *Class is FREE for all BSBAC Membes

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Health & Wellness Class Descriptions



ACTIVE AGING STRENGTH

This class helps improve strength. The instructor will take you through a variety of exercises for a complete workout. Get comfortable using circuit equipment as well as resistance bands, medicine balls, free weights, etc.

BALANCE & STRENGTH

This class is recommended for members with concerns about balance and loss of upper and lower body strength. Focus will be on functional fitness as well as balance and strength. ***Free to all members***



BALLET BARRE

The exercises build gradually, are safe and can be performed by anyone. Muscles become toned and lengthened, posture is improved, and movement becomes more graceful as the student becomes more aware of his/her body.



CHAIR YOGA

Chair yoga is a gentle practice in which yoga postures are performed while seated and/ or with the aid of a chair. Benefits include improved strength & energy, improved flexibility & balance, and improved concentration.

EASY PACE

Beginner to intermediate aerobics that includes cardio, marching in place, and basic arm and leg movement patterns. Improves muscle strength, flexibility, endurance, coordination, and balance.



LINE DANCING

Line Dancing is choreographed to a variety of music with repeating series of steps that are performed in unison. Learn some fancy footwork while challenging your mind to memorize these fun sequences.

RESTORATIVE YOGA

A therapeutic style of yoga which utilizes props to make it easier for the body to get into certain poses. The focus of this class is relaxation, renewal, effortlessness, ease and a completely supportive environment.

🦿 YOGA/YOGA MIXED

Slow flowing class of gentle stretching and physical postures using breath to connect mind and body. This is an excellent way for improving flexibility, balance and great for de-stressing.



ZUMBA/ZUMBA GOLD

Zumba is a dance-fitness class that is set to zesty Latin music like salsa, merengue, mambo, etc. Zumba Gold modifies the moves and pacing to suit the needs of the active older participant.

🔮 ZUMBA TONING

² Zumba Toning is perfect for those who like Zumba, but want to put extra emphasis on toning and sculpting to define those muscles. The challenge of adding resistance by using toning sticks (or light weights), helps you focus on specific muscle groups, so your muscles stay engaged.



"Exercise not only changes your body, it changes your mind, your attitude, and your mood."



Activity Center Happenings



We had a couple milestone celebrations last month in the Center. Iris Rossi turned 92 and Al & Charline Cordes celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary! Thank you for celebrating with us during Bingo.





Our Canasta card group got together to celebrate players that had birthdays in July, August, and September. They even had a special guest!





ARTS & CRAFTS SERIES

Members made the cutest diy cutting boards last month! Join us each month as we do a new and creative craft.





Some members of the Pieper Highschool Soccer team volunteered at the Center organizing, cleaning, tidying up the bus and setting up the pets meals on wheels bags. Thank you so much them for helping, we truly appreciate it!







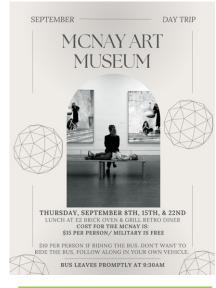
MONTHLY DAY TRIPS

In August, members took day trips to the Clear Springs Restaurant in New Braunfels and then made a stop at Naeglin's Bakery. Naegelin's Bakery, a New Braunfels institution for 142 years, was founded by Edouard Naegelin, Sr. who came to town in 1868 with a sack of flour and less than a dollar cash in his pocket. They had a great time and came back with some yummy goodies! Join us this month for the trip to the McNay Museum. Trips fill up quickly, so be sure to call or sign up in person at the Center.











Fall Awareness Lengthens Lives (FALL) Talk Falls are: Preventable & NOT a Function of Ageing

The FALL Talk is designed to provide you with ways that can help prevent falls.

Bulverde Spring Branch Activity Center 30280 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX

> Friday, 23 September 2022 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

FREE to individuals 60 years old and older

> To pre-register Please call: (830)438-3111





Ist Wednesday of Every Month 1:45 PM Contact the Center for monthly book

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DO YOU WANT TO LEARN TO SPEAK SPANISH ?

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SPANISH CLASS

Classes start Wednesday 8/3 from 2pm-3pm and will be every Wednesday for 8 weeks. Cost is \$10/person for the 8 week class.



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ARTS & CRAFTS SERIES SHARPIE & ALCOHOL CANVAS ART



Wednesday, September 14 1:45pm

All materials will be provided.

\$5/person donation is appreciated.

Please sign up in the Front Office.



What I want for

SEPTEMBER







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Smile September Self-love September





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ACTIVE AGING

Annual Active Aging Health Fair & Open House





ONSITE

WE WILL HAVE A VARIETY OF HEALTH & WELLNESS VENDORS

AN OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW OUR FACILITY

FLU SHOTS BY SPRING BRANCH PHARMACY

SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE EVENT: UHS MAMMOGRAPHY BUS SOUTH TEXAS BLOOD & TISSUE BLOOD DRIVE

SENSATIONAL SALADS & WRAPS

WHO WE ARE?

The Bulverde Senior Center (BSC) dba Bulverde Spring Branch Activity Center (BSBAC) is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization that provides services to seniors in the Bulverde/Spring Branch, Texas area. Current programs include Meals on Wheels, Senior Outreach, Social Activities, and Health & Fitness.

WHAT WE DO

We do many things here at the Bulverde Spring Branch Activity Center as our mission is to facilitate active aging and enhance the quality of life for older adults in our communities. We provide services and resources to seniors, homebound and those in need, through our Meals on Wheels program. We also provide Pet Meals on Wheels to our homebound members. We have many social activities going on all week throughout the Center. These include card games, exercise classes, group games, educational seminars, arts & crafts classes, daytrips and much more.

Interested in becoming a vendor, please contact Beth Collier

CALL US FOR MORE INFO 830-438-3111

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ACTIVE AGING 2022 AAHF SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, October 10th

10:30am-11:30am (Dining Room-Dividers) Presentation: Let's Have A Jarcuterie Party by Jymann Davis w/ Texas AgriLife 12pm-1pm (Group X Room) Lunch & Learn:

Tuesday, October 11th 10am-11am (Dining Room-Dividers) Presentation: Learn the Medicare Basics by Essy Mareno

11:45am-12:45pm (Group X Room) Lunch & Learn: by Nicole Stuart w/ SOAR

Wednesday, October 12th

10am-11am (Dining Room-Dividers) Presentation

11:45am-12:45pm (Dining Room-Dividers) Lunch & Learn: Advance Directives by Stephanie Bigbee w/ Hope Hospice Thursday, October 13th

10am-11am (Dining Room-Dividers)

Presentation: Healthy Living for your Brain & Body by Dianne Teran w/ the Alzheimer's Association

Friday, October 14th

9:45am-10:45am (Group X Room) Brunch & Learn:

Saturday, October 15th

8:30am-1pm Mammograms by UHS Mammography Bus 9am-2pm Blood Drive by South Texas Blood & Tissue Center 9am-12pm Flu Shots by Spring Branch Pharmacy 9am-12pm Active Aging Health Vendor Fair, River City Produce, & Senstational Salads & Wraps



Mammograms that come to U

You are a candidate for a mammogram if you:

- Are age 40 or older (most insurance companies
- will pay for a screening mammogram for women age 35-39 with a doctor's order]
- · Have not had a mammogram within the past year
- Are not pregnant or breastfeeding
- Have no unusual breast symptoms such as a lump

Preparing for your visit:

- You don't need a doctor referral. We will call your insurance company to make sure you are eligible.
- We offer some financial assistance to qualifying women (call 210-358-7020 for more information).
- Screenings take about 15-20 minutes
- Wear a two-piece outfit. Avoid using lotion, deodorant, powder and perfume on your breasts and underarm area.
- To register, go to healthyUexpress.com, and Click APPOINTMENT and complete the form. We'll contact your insurance company for certification. Our radiology department will call you within 3-5 business days to verify available appointment times.





We're coming

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Bulverde Spring

Branch Activity Ctr

30280 Cougar Bend

Saturday,

October 15

8:00am-12:00pm

Scan to schedule an appointment

must register for appointment

online at HealthyUexpress.com

Frequently asked questions



- You are a candidate for a mammogram if you:
- Are age 40 or older (most insurance companies will pay for a screening mammogram for women age 35–39 with a doctor's order)
- · Have not had a mammogram within the past 12 months
- · Are not pregnant or breastfeeding
- · Have no unusual breast symptoms such as a lump
 - lf you are pregnant, breastfeeding or feel a lump in your breast, talk to your doctor about getting a different exam, or call us at 210-358-7020 to learn more.

How long will my mammogram take?

The screening lasts 15-20 minutes

How can I prepare for my visit?

Wear a two-piece outfit. Avoid using lotion, deodorant, powder and perfume on your breasts and underarm area

How do I schedule my mammogram?

Go to healthyUexpress.com and click APPOINTMENT, and complete the registration form. Once we receive your information, we'll contact your insurance company for certification. Our radiology department will call you within 3.5 days to verify available appointment times.

Do I need a referral from my doctor?

No. We will call your insurance company to make sure you are eligible.

Do you offer financial assistance?

e financial assistance is available to qualifying women. Please call 210-358-7020 for more information

Register at healthyUexpress.com



Call 210-358-7020 for more information



News You Can Use

10 Tips for Reinventing Yourself during September Is Healthy Aging® Month:

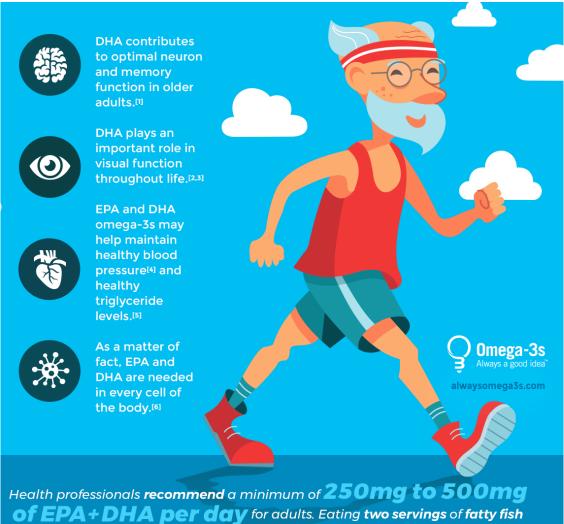
- Do not act your age or at least what you think your current age should act like. What was your best year so far? 28? 40? Now? Picture yourself at that age and be it. Some people may say this is denial, but we say it's positive thinking and goes a long way toward feeling better about yourself. (Tip: Don't keep looking in the mirror, just FEEL IT!)
- Be positive in your conversations and your actions every day. When you catch yourself complaining, check yourself right there and change the conversation to something positive. (Tip: Stop watching the police reports on the local news.)
- 3. Ditch the downer friends. Have negative friends who complain all of the time and constantly talk about how awful everything is? Drop them. As cruel as that may sound, distance yourself from people who do not have a positive outlook on life. They will only depress you and stop you from moving forward. Surround yourself with energetic, happy, positive people of all ages and you will be happier too. (Tip: Smile often. It's contagious and wards off naysayers.)
- 4. Walk like a vibrant, healthy person. Come on. You can probably do it. Analyze your gait. Do you walk slowly because you have just become lazy or, perhaps, have a fear of falling? (Tip: Make a conscious effort to take big strides, walk with your heel first, and wear comfortable shoes.)
- 5. Stand up straight! You can knock off the appearance of a few extra years with this trick your mother kept trying to tell you. Look at yourself in the mirror. Are you holding your stomach in, have your shoulders back, chin up? Check out how much better your neck looks! Fix your stance and practice it every day, all day until it is natural. You will look great and feel better. (Tip: Your waistline will look trimmer if you follow this advice.)
- 6. How's your smile? Research shows people who smile more often are happier. Your teeth are just as important to your good health as the rest of your body. Not only is it the first thing people notice, but good oral health is a gateway to your overall well-being. (Tip: Go to the dentist regularly and look into teeth whitening. Nothing says old more than yellowing teeth!)
- 7. **Lonely?** Stop brooding and complaining about having no friends or family. Do something about it now. Right this minute. Pick up the phone, landline, or cell and make a call to do one or more of the following: Volunteer your time, take a class, invite someone to meet for lunch, brunch, dinner, or coffee. (Tip: Volunteer at the local public school to stay in touch with younger people and to keep current on trends, take a computer class or a tutorial session at your cell phone store to keep up with technology, choose a new person every week for your dining out.)
- 8. **Start walking** not only for your health but to see the neighbors. Have a dog? You'll be amazed how the dog can be a conversation starter. (Tip: If you don't have time for a dog, go to your local animal shelter and volunteer. You will be thrilled by the puppy love!)
- 9. Get a physical. Make this month the time to set up your annual physical and other health screenings. Go to the appointments and then, hopefully, you can stop worrying about ailments for a while. (Tip: For a list of recommended annual health screenings, a great resource is the My Health Finder. Here's what Medicare Covers.
- 10. **Find your inner artist.** Who says taking music lessons is for young school children? You may have an artist lurking inside you just waiting to be tapped. Have you always wanted to play the piano, violin, or tuba? Have you ever wondered if you could paint a portrait or scenic in oil? What about working in wood? (Tip: Sign up now for fall art or music classes and discover your inner artist!)

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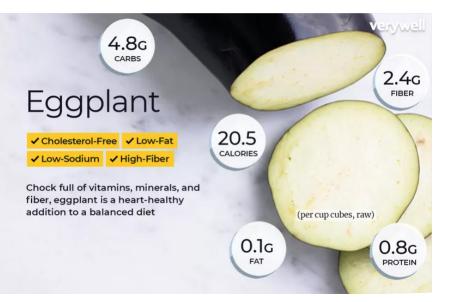


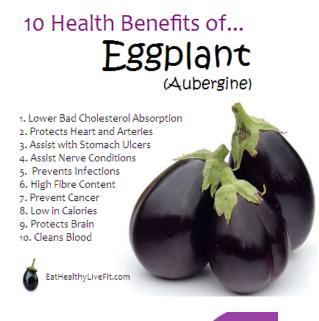
per week or taking a daily omega-3 supplement can help reach this goal.^[7]

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What's Cooking









Stuffed Eggplant Parm

INGREDIENTS

1 1/2 c. marinara, divided
2 medium eggplants, halved
1 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
1 medium onion, chopped
1 tsp. dried oregano
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 c. chopped tomatoes
1 large egg, lightly beaten
2 1/2 c. shredded mozzarella, divided
1/4 c. freshly grated Parmesan
1/4 c. Italian bread crumbs
Freshly sliced basil, for garnish

DIRECTIONS

- Preheat oven to 350°. Spread 1 cup of marinara over the bottom of a 9x13inch baking dish. Using a spoon, hollow out eggplants, leaving about a 1/2-inch-thick border around skin to create a boat; transfer to baking dish. Roughly chop scooped-out eggplant flesh.
- 2 In a large skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Add onion and cook until soft, 5 minutes. Stir in chopped eggplant and season with oregano, salt, and pepper. Cook, stirring often, until golden and tender, 3 to 4 minutes. Add garlic and cook until fragrant, 1 minute.



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- Transfer mixture to a bowl and add tomatoes, egg, 1 cups of mozzarella, and remaining 1/2 cup marinara. Mix until just combined, then scoop into eggplant boats. Top with remaining 1 cup mozzarella, Parmesan, and bread crumbs.
- **4** Bake until eggplants are tender and cheese is golden, about 50 minutes.
- **5** Garnish with basil before serving.









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