Nutrition Column

- Summer Fruits -

July is peak fruit season in Boston. Fresh fruits like blueberries, watermelon, peaches, and apples are rich in fiber, vitamin C, and antioxidants—important nutrients for older adults.

How much?

The USDA recommends 1–2 servings of fruit per day. One serving is about ½ cup of cut fruit or one small piece.

Tips for healthy fruit intake:

Sunlight helps your body make vitamin D, but overexposure can lead to heatstroke, sunburn, and skin aging. Follow these tips:

- Choose **whole fruits** over juice to get more fiber and less sugar.
- Pair fruit with **protein or healthy fat** (like yogurt or nuts) to help manage blood sugar.
- Wash and store fruits properly—especially berries—to prevent foodborne illness.

Seasonal fruits are not only more nutritious but also more affordable. Enjoy them as part of a balanced diet this summer!

This article was provided by Dietitian Sophia Ding. If you have any questions, please call 617-936-3397

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5 Oak Street West, Boston Tel: (617) 423-7560 Fax: (617) 423-0502

Breakfast & Lunch Dine-In Breakfast Time: 8:00am-10:00am Lunch Time: 11:15am-12:30pm Activities: Taichi, Dance, ESL, Calligraphy, Smart Phone Workshops, Painting

Hong Lok House

25 Essex Street, Boston Tel: (617) 936-3966 Fax: (617) 350-4621

Lunch Dine-In

Lunch Time: 11:30am-1:00pm Activities: Dance, ESL, Balance Exercise, Technology Workshops

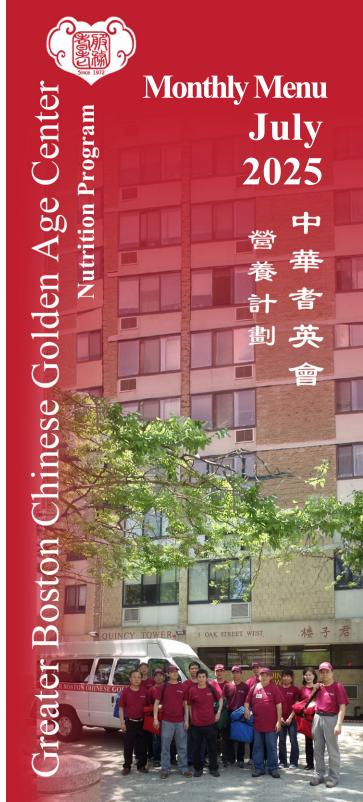
Brighton House

677 Cambridge St., Brighton Tel: (617) 789-4289 Fax: (617) 789-5623

Lunch Dine-In

Lunch Time: 11:30am-12:00pm Activities: Taichi Soft Ball, Technology

Workshops, ESL, Dance



July Monthly Menu

* indicates higher sodium items > 500 mg Our customer service number is 857-990-1775

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Baked Chicken Wings with Crispy Garlic Spices	Stir-fried Shrimp with Celery	Satay Tofu and Fish Balls	4
4 TH JULY INDEPENDENCE DAY	Main Course + 340mg + 125mg + 3mg Total Sodium = 468mg Calories: 699kcal	Main Course + 736*mg + 125mg + 3mg Total Sodium = 864mg Calories: 464kcal	Main Course + 680*mg + 125mg + 3mg Total Sodium = 809mg Calories: 595kcal	Closed for the day Independence Day
Baked Pork Ribs with Orange Flavor	_	Baked Fish Patty	Noodles with Shrimp in Black Bean Sauce	Soy Braised Chicken Thigh
Main Course + 157mg Milk + 125mg Rice + 3mg Total Sodium = 749mg	Main Course + 549*mg + 125mg + 3mg Total Sodium = 678mg	Main Course + 520*mg + 125mg + 3mg Total Sodium = 649mg	Main Course + 388mg + 125mg Noodles + 252mg Total Sodium = 765mg	Main Course + 235mg + 125mg + 3mg Total Sodium = 364mg
Calories: 700kcal	Calories: 702kcal	Calories: 531kcal	Calories: 525kcal	Calories: 651kcal
Baked Fish Fillet with Dried Bean Curd	Buddist Delight	Baked Pork Slices with Chinese BBQ Sauce	Baked Chicken Wings with Chinese BBQ sauce	Noodles with Minced Pork in Soybean Sauce
Main Course + 317mg Milk + 125mg Rice + 3mg	+ 125mg + 3mg	Main Course + 512*mg 125mg + 3mg	Main Course + 647*mg + 125mg + 3mg	Main Course + 687mg + 125mg
Total Sodium = 446mg Calories: 531kcal	Total Sodium = 364mg Calories: 558kcal	Total Sodium = 640*mg Calories: 791kcal	Total Sodium = 776mg Calories: 791kcal	Total Sodium = 812mg Calories: 828kcal
Baked Pork Ribs with Black Pepper Sauce	Baked Fish Fillet with Garlic	Stir-fried Shrimp and Squid with Salt and Pepper Sauce	3	Stir-fried Pork Slices with Broccoli
Main Course + 113mg Milk + 125mg Rice + 3mg Total Sodium = 242mg	Main Course + 160mg + 125mg + 3mg Total Sodium = 289mg	Main Course + N/A + 125mg Monthly Special Total Sodium = N/A	Main Course + 312mg + 125mg + 3mg Total Sodium = 440mg	Main Course + 597*mg + 125mg + 3mg Total Sodium = 725mg
Calories: 542kcal	Calories: 530kcal	Calories: N/A	Calories: 701kcal	Calories: 658kcal
Stir-fried Trio	Mapo Tofu with Minced Pork	Braised Beef Tendon with Radish with Rice Noodles		
Main Course + 1121*mg Milk + 125mg Rice + 3mg Total Sodium = 1257mg	Main Course + 139mg + 125mg + 3mg Total Sodium = 268mg	Main Course + N/A + 125mg + 3mg Total Sodium = N/A	Main Course + 139mg + 125mg + 3mg Total Sodium = 268mg	獨立日始鄉
High Sodium Calories: 596kcal	Calories: 613kcal	Calories: N/A	Calories: 613kcal	

Meals are based on a No Added Salt (3-4 gm sodium diet) for healthy older adult. If you have a special concern regarding sodium, contact the Dietitian for guidance on managing your intake to meet your diet requirements. The nutrition information above does not include vegetables nor fruits. Vegetables - calorie 30 - 60 kcal, sodium 60 - 150 mg; Fruits - calorie 71 - 105 kcal, sodium 1 - 2 mg. Meals may contain allergens including milk, egg, fish, crustaceans, tree nuts, wheat, peanut, soybeans and sesame; and, food ingredient that contain these proteins.

Food Safety Rules

If you choose not to eat your lunch right away, please put it in the refrigerator immediately.

When you are ready to consume the lunch:

- 1.Slit the plastic cover open or peel it back
- 2.Re-heat in the microwave for 2-3 mainutes
- 3.Preheat oven to 350° then place container on cookie sheet and heat for 10-20 minutes. Do not heat over 30 minutes.

*Caution: containers should never be put into a toaster oven.

Note: Fruits and vegetables listed on the menu are subject to change due to seasonal availability. We reserve the right to modify an entrée for holidays or special occasions. Please watch out for small bones in your meal to avoid choking or discomfort while eating.

