

NEWS RELEASE

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FOOD RESOURCES DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS

Leisure World is dealing with a “new normal” since the Coronavirus came to our shores. Seniors have been encouraged to self-isolate and others who don’t drive find themselves wondering how they will get food and other supplies during this challenging time.

Golden Rain Foundation is very much aware of this and has been working to put together information on resources available of which you may not be aware. This information is updated weekly, so please check back regularly.

The Recreation Department has been speaking to the local markets regarding special hours or other accommodations for seniors. The situation is fluid, so check with the store for the latest information:

- Gelson’s Market is open from 7 AM to 8 AM exclusively for seniors 65+. One caregiver per shopper is permitted. Proof of age required. They are well stocked.
- Pavilions is opening at 7:00 and asks that non seniors stay home till 9:00, but it is not enforceable. Some product is still limited.
- Ralph’s is currently opening at 6:00 AM to 7:00 AM for seniors. Traffic is restricted to 50 people at a time. Stocking is uneven due to suppliers’ inventories being low in some items but is improving.
- Sprouts is well-stocked with produce and has limited supplies of dairy and eggs. They are currently restricting quantities of certain items and bulk items will be sold prepackaged only now. There were no long lines here and plenty of fresh produce. They do not have senior hours but now deliver through Instacart or you can order ahead, and store staff will handpick your order for pickup.
- Trader Joes is well stocked but limiting eggs, milk, and paper products. Water available, paper goods are now available, but ask if you don’t see it. They are almost back to normal but controlling traffic when the store gets too full. Senior hours are now 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. for those 60+. Lines move quickly and the wait is only a few minutes generally.
- Costco is open now from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. with senior hours from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Don’t expect paper goods quite yet, though other items are well stocked. They deliver through Instacart and recent experiences have been good.

There is onsite food service available daily every evening at Clubhouse 6 parking lot at a Grab n’ Go event. In case of rain, lines will form inside Clubhouse 6:

- Koffel's Taco Tuesday truck will be onsite 3 days a week, 5 to 7 p.m., Sunday, Tuesday and Friday. Check menus from LW Live alerts.
- Viking Specialty Hot Dog truck is scheduled for Mondays 4 to 6 p.m. Preorders accepted*
- Gourmet Renee provides American cuisine on Wednesday nights, 4 to 6 p.m. Call ahead to preorder if desired*
- Domino's Pizza is here on Thursdays starting at 3:30 PM and now Saturdays from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. They will deliver special order to the parking lot if you call ahead to 562-493-2212. They also are here Saturdays from noon till 2:00 p.m.
- Hof's Hut is here at lunch time on Thursdays, 11a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Order online for faster service*. Their website is in progress, so ignore the pickup time your receipt says; it's definitely from 11 to 1.
- Naples Rib Co. is back with BBQ, sandwiches, and salads on Saturdays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Online preorders only*
- *see Grab 'n' Go Schedule for link or phone numbers

All information is subject to change as the food services are dependent on their suppliers. There may be longer wait times and a limited amount of meals. Be patient, as vendors learn the needs of the community and work with us to accommodate residents. Information will be posted daily on the electronic marquee at the corner of Golden Rain Rd. and St. Andrews. Dr.

We are also in touch with a number of volunteers who have stepped forward to assist Shareholders/Members with their shopping and errand needs. Contact the Recreation office at the number below to be matched to a volunteer. This is a free service, but any arrangements you make are between the two parties. GRF is simply sharing this information.

Are you aware that the Downtown Café in Building 5 is open for business? The vending machines are restocked daily with food and drinks for take-out. Due to social distancing rules, the tables and chairs have been removed temporarily.

Several local restaurants have reached out to us who now offer pickup and delivery service, some with specially priced menus with lower prices during this difficult time. Contact Recreation for information on specific restaurants by emailing events@lwsb.com or calling 562-431-6586 ext. 398.