



Life + Style

Summer
August 2024

The Village at Sherman Oaks
Newsletter



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continues here*

Zest
MIND • BODY • SOUL

Community Happenings

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Italian Night. Buon Appetite!

3:30-7 p.m. | Location TBD

Come along as we experience the culture of Italy. We'll wine and dine our way through the country, enjoy traditional music, and learn some Italian words and phrases along the way. And just like most travel adventures, there will be souvenirs, No Passport Required!

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NEW! Join the Choir

3-4 p.m. | Fitness Center

Learn about our new, resident-run, choir in this introductory meeting. Sign-ups for participation will take place at the first meeting. Have fun and meet new friends while singing oldies, folk songs, showtunes, and more. No auditions. Everyone welcome!

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Natural History Museum Outing

Sign-Ups Required | Departure Time TBD | Meet in Lobby

Experience the delicate wonder of the Butterfly Pavilion, a much-loved seasonal exhibit at Los Angeles County's Natural History Museum. Enjoy lunch at the museum cafe. For additional trip details, see Molly Meyer, Zest Director.

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Summer Olympics Week

19th - 23rd | Multiple Times | Multiple Locations

Calling all Village Olympians! Sign up for a full week of fitness challenges and earn prizes.

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NEW! Live Poet's Society with Molly Meyer, M.F.A.

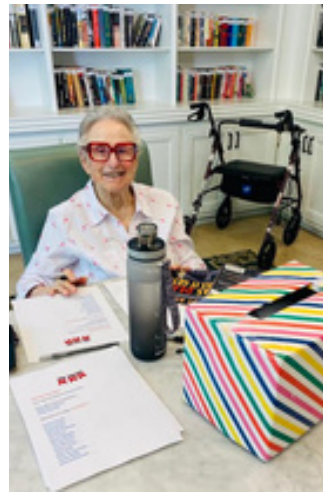
2-3 p.m. | A.L. Library

Join your very own Zest director, Molly Meyer, as she highlights the artistic mastery of two living poets and their work. August's featured poets are Alberto Rios and Amy Nezhukumatathil. You'll never read poetry the same way again!



Last Month's Wrap-Up

The
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AT SHERMAN OAKS



Celebrations!

Birthdays

J. Altman 8/6
H. Nefkens 8/15
T. Moore 8/22
A. Sanders 8/23
B. Graboff 8/24

H. Smith 8/27
L. Asher 8/29
s. Aptekar 8/31



Sweet Dreams: Sleep Strategies for Seniors

By Celynn Morin



As the years pass on, you might notice that you toss and turn more, wake up earlier, or need to rest more during the day. Lack of sleep is common among seniors and can lead to memory issues, difficulty focusing, mood swings, falls, and weakened immunity. Adjusting our rest habits can enhance our sleep quality and daytime vitality.



Insomnia, the most common sleep disorder in those over 60, makes falling and staying asleep difficult. Sleep apnea, where breathing repeatedly stops during sleep, can lead to serious health problems if untreated. If you feel extra sleepy during the day or snore loudly, consult your doctor. Make your bedroom a sleep zone—if you're awake 20 minutes after lying down, get up and return only when you feel sleepy.

Consider sensory strategies to aid sleep:

- **Sight:** Reduce bright light exposure in the evening to boost melatonin production.
- **Hearing:** Gentle sounds or music can help you fall back asleep.
- **Smell & Breathing:** Aromatherapy and deep breathing exercises can induce calm.
- **Taste:** Herbal teas can signal the end of the day without caffeine or sugar.

Join us for Module 6 on the Wellculator Online Program to explore practical ways to enhance your ability to rest well.

Scan the QR Code to access the Wellculator and learn more!



Morning sunlight exposure helps regulate your sleep-wake cycle.

Unleash Your Inner Power: Supercharge Your Mitochondrial Energy

By: Amanda Archibald



Imagine your body as an intricate, finely-tuned machine that constantly requires energy to function. Deep within your cells, there are tiny powerhouses called mitochondria, which play a pivotal role in converting the food you eat into energy. This energy fuels essential activities such as walking, thinking, and even the beating of your heart.

Ensuring these mitochondria operate efficiently is crucial for maintaining overall vitality and well-being. Mitochondria perform the remarkable task of transforming nutrients into ATP (adenosine triphosphate), the primary energy currency of your body. When these mitochondria are functioning optimally, they efficiently generate energy. A balanced diet that includes a variety of vitamins and minerals, particularly B vitamins, is essential to support this energy production process. B vitamins are found abundantly in foods like animal proteins and whole grains, which are part of the Foundation Ingredient Toolbox. By incorporating both of these food groups into your diet, you can optimize your intake of essential nutrients needed for efficient energy production within your cells.

LET'S ADD THESE IMMUNE ENHANCING INGREDIENTS TO OUR BASIC TOOLBOX

Animal Protein

- Beef Liver
- Chicken Liver
- Gruyere Cheese
- Lamb Liver
- Parmesan Cheese
- Ricotta Cheese

Herbs

- Parsley

Other

- Sesame Oil

Seafood

- Catfish
- Cod
- Crab
- Halibut
- Herring
- Mackerel
- Red Snapper
- Rockfish
- Sardines
- Trout

Nuts

- Macadamia

Vegetables

- Acorn Squash
- Asparagus
- Bell Peppers - All
- Butternut Squash
- Carrots
- Chicory
- Escarole
- Potatoes

Legumes

- Green Peas
- Snow Peas
- Split Peas

Fruits

- Cantaloupe
- Cherries (Acerola)
- Grapefruit
- Kiwi
- Lemons
- Limes
- Papaya
- Sweet Corn

Grains

- Rice Bran
- White Rice
- Wild Rice



Challenge: Identify which foods you currently enjoy and which foods you would be willing to add to your diet.

The Reach Exercise for Everyday Life

By Amanda Archibald & Celynn Morin



In August, we're focusing on exercises that help you reach with ease and confidence. Reach exercises help you maintain freedom of movement in your shoulders, upper back, and arms. They increase your range of motion, making upper body movements smoother and less restrictive.

Daily Examples of Using a “Reach” Motion

1. **Reaching High Shelves:** Getting items from kitchen cabinets or closets.
2. **Picking Up Objects:** Bending to pick up something from the floor.
3. **At Home:** Opening and closing curtains or shades.
4. **Grocery Shopping:** Reaching for products on high or low shelves.
5. **Gardening:** Pruning plants or picking fruits and vegetables.
6. **Personal Care:** Brushing your hair or reaching behind to fasten clothing.
7. **Social Interactions:** Waving hello or giving someone a hug.

Why Bother with Reach Exercises?

Exercises that improve your strength and flexibility are important regardless of age. Maintaining upper body strength and flexibility helps you stay independent and perform daily tasks with ease. It also reduces the risk of injuries from strains or falls. By incorporating the Reach Exercise into your routine, you ensure that your upper body remains strong and capable, enhancing your overall quality of life.

Explore simple, effective and easily adaptable ways to try out the reach exercises for yourself in Module Seven of our FUNdamental Fitness Program. Spend a few minutes with Darryl every day to enhance mobility and flexibility in your life every day.



Scan the QR code to get started!

What Do Reach Exercises Look Like?

- **Forward and Backward Reaches:** Reaching your arm forward and down, or backward and down to simulate picking up something from behind you.
- **Side Reaches:** Reaching to the side or across your body to simulate picking up something next to you.
- **Rotation Reaches:** Twist from your core to gently reach behind you or across your body



Mind



Dive Into History

Join us for an exciting history lecture, where we delve into fascinating events and figures that have shaped our world. This engaging session not only offers a chance to expand your knowledge but also provides a deeper understanding of the past, helping us appreciate the present and make informed decisions for the future. Come connect with fellow residents, share your insights, and enjoy stimulating discussions that bring history to life. We look forward to seeing you there!

Body



ZestFit: Move and Flex

As we age, our bodies undergo various changes that can affect our mobility and balance. This can lead to a higher risk of falls and injuries. However with the right training and exercises we can improve mobility and reduce risk of falls. Mobility training is a type of exercise that focuses on improving flexibility, strength, and balance. Try our mobility training class, ZestFit: Move and Flex to improve your flexibility and mobility

Soul



Actors Showcase

Get ready to showcase your theatrical talents at our upcoming Actors Showcase event! Each community has the unique opportunity to put their spin on this exciting event, whether it's through a readers theater group doing a table read or residents putting on a full play. This is your chance to shine on stage, share your love for acting, and entertain your fellow residents. No prior experience is needed – just bring your enthusiasm and creativity. Join us and be part of an unforgettable performance!

Molly's Monthly Memo

When you stop by my office, you'll notice a sign hanging on my wall. It's one I've carried with me throughout my professional adventures in senior living. It always finds the perfect place for display. On it are seven simple words: "The residents are my reason and joy." Although the words are simple, they serve as an impactful reminder of the way I choose to show up for the job. Thank you for your warm welcome. You are my reason and you are my joy! --Molly



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