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FOOD FOR THOUGHT NEWSLETTER

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FOOD WORKER CARD CLASS INFORMATION

CALL THE FOOD RECORDING LINE AT 425.339.5250 FOR OFFSITE CLASS LOCATIONS & OTHER INFO

COST: \$10 cash only

BE ON TIME: Classes last approximately 90 minutes, with no breaks. Doors close promptly when classes begin. No latecomers admitted. **ALL CLASSES WILL BE CANCELLED ON HOLIDAYS.**

ENGLISH CLASS LOCATIONS AND TIMES:

Everett: *Snohomish Health District*, 3020 Rucker Avenue, Everett, in the first floor auditorium

Every Monday - 3 PM

Every Thursday - 10 AM and 3 PM

Third Monday and Third Thursday of every month at 6 PM

(Allow plenty of time for street parking at this location)

Lynnwood: *Elks Lodge*, 6620 196th Street SW, Lynnwood

Every Monday - 10 AM **NEW!**

Every Tuesday - 10 AM and 2:30 PM

(Plenty of parking available)

Monroe: *New Horizons Christian Church*, 23515 Old Owen Road, Monroe

Second and Fourth Wednesday of every month - 2:30 PM **NEW**

(Plenty of parking available)

**NEW CLASSES
ADDED IN
LYNNWOOD & MONROE
BEGINNING IN JUNE!!**

SPANISH CLASS LOCATIONS AND TIMES:

Everett: *Snohomish Health District*, 3020 Rucker Avenue, Everett, in the first floor auditorium

First Tuesday of every month - 10 AM

Third Tuesday of every month - 2 PM **TIME CHANGE!**

Lynnwood: *Elks Lodge*, 6620 196th Street SW, Lynnwood

Every Monday - 2 PM **NEW!**

Monroe: *New Horizons Christian Church*, 23515 Old Owen Road, Monroe

Second and Fourth Wednesday of every month - 10 AM **NEW!**

**NUEVAS CLASES
SE AGREGARON EN
LYNNWOOD Y MONROE
AL COMENZAR JUNIO!!**

ESPAÑOL:

Everett: *Snohomish Health District*, 3020 Rucker Avenue, Everett, Sala de Conferencias, 1 Piso

Primer Martes de cada mes a las 10 AM

El Tercer Martes de cada mes a las 2 PM **CAMBIO DE TIEMPO!**

Lynnwood: *Elks Lodge*, 6620 196th Street SW, Lynnwood

Cada Lunes - 2 PM **NUEVO!**

Monroe: *New Horizons Christian Church*, 23515 Old Owen Road, Monroe

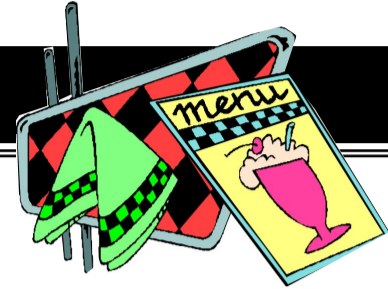
En Segundo y Cuarto Miércoles de cada mes - 10 AM **NUEVO!**

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TOP 5 INSPECTION VIOLATIONS

Here are the top 5 red item violations seen by food service inspectors in Snohomish County and how to avoid additional inspection fees that may result:

SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT		State of Washington Food Worker Card	
MARY	J	DOE	
DOB	3/8/1987	Valid	2 Yrs
Tested	3/7/2005	To	3/8/2007
Card#	0999999		
HEALTH OFFICER: <i>Health Officer</i>			
Best Lamination Will Destroy This Card			
Signature: _____			

- 1. Lack of Food Worker Cards.** Make sure all employees have a current and valid Food Worker Card. Have them available for inspection and for employees to review for time to renew.
- 2. Inadequate handwashing facilities.** Hand sinks should be operational, easily accessible and used ONLY for handwashing, and supplied with warm water, soap and paper towels at all times.
- 3. Failure to keep potentially hazardous foods cold at 41° or below.** Monitor food temperatures, keep equipment clean and allow for proper air flow by not overloading the shelves with too much food.
- 4. Food thermometers not available or not used to monitor temperatures.** Know where your digital thermometers are to monitor food temperatures. Have more than one and keep them in good repair.
- 5. Improper storage of raw meat.** Store raw meats below and away from ready-to-eat foods.



REMINDER: Grandfathered refrigerators (in continued use earlier than 2005) not capable of holding food at 41°F or less **may no longer be used after May 2, 2010** per the Washington State Food Code. **So plan ahead!** Make sure your existing refrigeration equipment, as well as any equipment being added or replaced, meets this requirement. If you have questions, contact your health inspector.

TEMPORARY PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

A permit is needed for all temporary events (fairs, festivals, etc.). A checklist outlining the requirements is mailed with each permit. Please read and check off each item for proper set up. **Be advised** that permitted facilities performing any food service outside of their building may need a separate temporary permit. Permit applications and the checklist are available on our web site @ www.snohd.org. If you have any questions, contact the Food Section at 425.339.5250.

\$\$\$ SAVE MONEY ON ANNUAL PERMIT FEES!! \$\$\$

- WHAT:** Manager Certification Course (MCC)
- WHY:** Save your food service establishment up to 25% on the annual Permit to Operate.
- WHEN:** October 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2009 - 9 AM - 1 PM for 4 consecutive Wednesdays (16 hours)
- WHERE:** Snohomish Health District, 3020 Rucker Ave., Everett, First floor auditorium
- COST:** \$150.00
- HOW:** **Register yourself or your manager for the next MCC course!**
Obtain an application from our office or our web site @ www.snohd.org.
Attend the course and gain valuable, in depth, and up to date information on food safety.
Upon completion of the course, receive a certificate valid for 5 years. Perform monthly self-inspections on your establishment and submit them regularly to Snohomish Health District (inspection forms provided by SHD).

**SIGN UP NOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE BENEFITS!!
SPACE IS LIMITED TO 20 PARTICIPANTS**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW CERTIFIED MANAGERS

The following individuals completed the Manager Certification Course in March:

Nermina Habul, Darcel Levin, Sue Bussinger, Susana Tusvik, Michael Hein, Edie Fisk, Daniel Hernandez, Mollie Langum, Marcia McDonald, Elizabeth Roberts, Antonio Portugal, Randy Olson, Joseph Dray, Alma Jo Klein, Joe Cartwright, Steve Hanft, Anthony Harding and Cheryl Lichttenegger.

Summer, 2009

Questions or comments? E-mail: flequestions@shd.snohomish.wa.gov