

Food Safety News Yavapai County Environmental Health and The University of Arizona Cooperative Extension

A Food Safety Partnership Making Yavapai County A Safer Place to Eat February, 2011 **Yavapai County Food Safety Industry Council**

Are you familiar with the Yavapai County Food Safety Industry Council? The Council was established in 2002 and is a partnership between The University of Arizona Cooperative Extension and the Yavapai County Community Health Services-Environmental Health Unit. The Council's main purpose is to identify and address food safety issues in Yavapai County. The Council serves in an advisory capacity to the UA Cooperative Extension and the Environmental Health Unit of the Yavapai Community Health Services.

The Council is an advisory board of the County Board of Supervisors. There are 15 members appointed to the Food Safety Industry Council. Each BOS District has 5 representatives. Nominations are submitted to the Food Safety Industry Council for consideration and upon approval, are then submitted for official approval by the Board of Supervisors. Members of the Council represent restaurant owners, food managers, other food service operators and consumers. Ex-officio members include The University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, who represent academia and provide ongoing research and education in the field of food safety, and the Yavapai County Environmental Health Unit which represents regulatory.

Meetings are held 6 times per year on the 2nd Monday of every other month. The meetings are open to the public. Check the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Web site for dates, times, and locations of meetings. Let your voice be heard! Some of the issues the Food Safety Industry Council has addressed over the past years include:

- Reviewing Yavapai County Environmental Health policies and the fee schedule
- Establishing a Hand Washing Campaign and creating Hand Wash posters
- Creating the Golden Plate Award (2005)
- Reviewing and updating the Food Handler's Class
- Reviewing and approving Food Safety Fact Sheets

If you have any questions regarding the Food Safety Industry Council or want more information contact Lori Brandman at the number below.

UPCOMING FOOD SAFETY MANAGER CLASSES

English Classes in Prescott-Feb. 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6 at UA Cooperative Extension, 840 Rodeo Dr., Bldg. C

English Classes in Cottonwood-Jan. 12, March 16, May 11, July 13 at County Annex Bldg., 10 South 6th St., 2nd Floor-Verde Room

2011 Certified Professional Manager Schedule is available on our Web site.

Call 928-445-6590 x221 to register or download the registration form from our Web site at: cals.arizona.edu/Yavapai

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