

New Healthy Vending Machine can help keep New Year resolution!

Your New Year's resolution to "***Eat better in 2018***" just got a boost with the installation of a Healthy Snack vending machine in the lunch room on the second floor of the Kent County Administrative Complex. The machine offers a variety of low carbohydrate, high fiber and reduced sugar snack foods along with low to no sugar drinks.

The vending machine accepts bills, coins, and most major credit cards. No prices are on display, but simple instructions on the machine will direct you to push the corresponding letter and number by the desired food choice and the applicable price will be shown on the blue screen above the push button panel of letters and numbers. Simply insert the bill, coins or card, and a healthy snack will drop down for retrieval.

An interesting feature of the machine is a "*free lottery vend*". Each time, after 20 items have been sold a lucky person will receive a free snack.

Kent County has no direct control over the healthy vending machine and the provider retains the right to remove the machine with 14 days' notice if he determines that it is not profitable. Fortunately, the provider is very interested in offering items that appeal to the greatest number of employees. If the machine proves to be successful, the County will explore placing similar healthy snack machine in other County facilities.

If you have a special request or idea, please contact Facilities Management Division Manager Dick MacDonald. Placement of the healthy vending machine is the direct result of a request by Employee Council to County Administrator Michael Petit de Mange.

Listed below are the current vending machine items and their prices:

ROW A:

Veggie Straws	\$.75
Skinny Popcorn	1.00
Multi Grain Crackers	2.25
Pop Chips with Sea Salt	1.00
Veggie Harvest	1.00

ROW B:

Fiber One Bar	\$ 1.00
Combo	1.00
Crispy Crackers	1.25
Beef Jerky	1.75
Milano Cookie	1.00
Brookside Clusters	1.25

ROW C:

Salted Peanuts	\$.75
Roasted-Salted Pistachios	1.00
Roasted-Salted Almonds	1.00

ROW C: (continued)

Clif Bar	\$1.00
Nutri-Grain	.75
Luna Bar	1.50
Belvita Soft Bake	1.25
Fig Bar	.85
Kind Bar	1.75
Smart Life Bar	2.00

ROW D:

Chaokah	\$ 1.75
Starbucks Frappuccino	2.00
Gatorade G	1.25
Ocean Spray Cranberry	1.50
Monster Energy	2.25
Lipton Green Citrus	1.25
Bai	2.25
Five	2.25

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