

## **What's on the Menu at The Crystal?**

*By Paul Tison, Director of Resort Dining*

Following the well-received enhancements made during The Crystal's recent renovation, the Resort Dining team has been working behind the scenes to revitalize the restaurant's menu – from reintroducing the Crystal Platter to adding more menu options for a lighter fare as well as bringing back some of residents' favorite buffet night themes.

“We have been proud to welcome residents back to the famous Crystal restaurant after its renovation. After trying our brand-new, à la carte menu, residents have provided us with great constructive feedback,” said Jason Smith, senior director of hospitality. “We're excited to announce some changes based on these suggestions, from our new \$10 signature bowls and healthy LifeQuest bowls to a pizza buffet night and more.”

For starters, the well-loved Crystal Platter is back on the menu for both lunch and dinner, from Monday through Thursday, as well as at lunch on Friday. The platter costs just \$11 and includes a beverage and ice cream for dessert. On Sundays, when The Crystal is only open for brunch, an \$11 special is available that includes a small waffle, custom-made omelet, and a cup of fruit.

“We have also introduced a ‘One Plate’ menu option that lets diners purchase just one plate from any comfort station for \$10,” said Adam Thompson, dining manager at The Crystal. “It's perfect if you are looking for a smaller portion size and don't want to fuss with soup, the salad bar or the regular buffet.”

The Crystal Express is another option for lighter fare, providing one entrée from the buffet along with two sides. This item is only available on the buffets, and costs \$11. On Friday night and at Sunday brunch, a \$12 Crystal Express is available.

### *Dinner Is Served – Buffet Style*

Another favorite feature that residents enjoy at The Crystal is the themed dinner buffets that are served from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The theme for each buffet experience varies, rotating based on the day of the week.

On Monday, residents can enjoy traditional comfort foods like mac and cheese, chicken pot pie, lasagna and beef stew. Tuesday brings Asian cuisine to life with beef and broccoli, shrimp lo mein, cashew chicken, egg rolls and more – while Wednesday lets diners decide between pizza or pasta. On Thursday, a carving board buffet will tempt meat lovers with entrees like carved smoked brisket, chicken piccata, haddock and steak Diane. Friday celebrates Shell Point's tropical, waterfront setting with a seafood buffet that ranges from swordfish and crab cakes to fried shrimp and shrimp cocktail.

Closed on Saturdays, The Crystal will continue to offer its popular Sunday Brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Guests are always welcome at The Crystal. However, any non-residents who are not dining as the guest of a resident will pay a \$3 surcharge for their buffet. “Put another way, residents and their guests get the best deal out of dining at Shell Point,” said Paul. “And that’s how it should be.”

**Hours of Operation**

Lunch • Monday through Friday • 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dinner • Monday through Friday • 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday Brunch • 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Closed Saturday*

The Crystal may be reached at (239) 454-2199.

