

# Human Resources Update



## Upcoming Workshops

December 10, 2008 – Public Works Transportation Bldg. 11am–12 noon  
Lunch and Learn, Speaker Leroy Blake, Safety Coordinator will be discussing Holiday Safety

December 11, 2008 – Summerville Council Chambers 10am – 11:30am  
Dorchester County Employee Assistance Program

December 11, 2008 – St. George Council Chambers 1pm – 2:30pm  
Dorchester County Employee Assistance Program

**Please notify Tammy of the training needs you may have in your office**

## HOLIDAY MOOSE MUNCH

### Ingredients:

- 2 egg whites, beaten with 2 tbsp. water
- 1 cup walnut halves
- 1 cup pecan halves
- 1 cup pistachios
- ½ cup Splenda sugar blend
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ½ tsp. nutmeg
- ¼ tsp. cloves
- 1 cup hickory-smoked almonds
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 1 cup dried cherries

### Directions

After beating the egg whites with water, add walnuts, pecans and pistachios and stir to coat well. Combine Splenda Sugar

## Last Minute Tax Reduction Tips

The end of the year is around the corner. You still have time to trim your tax bill for this year. Here are some things you can do to reduce this year's income taxes:

- Give to your favorite charities – gifts of money are always appreciated and can be deducted from your tax return if you itemize expenses. The same holds true when you donate household items to charities. Remember to keep all receipts to document your giving and to have in case of a tax audit.
- Pay property taxes before year end – by prepaying property taxes that are often due early the following year, you get the deduction for the current year's taxes.
- Make sure that you've maximized tax deductible 401 (k) – type accounts – fund these accounts to the maximum you can afford. Every dollar you put into a

tax-deductible employer-sponsored savings account reduces your taxable income.

Make sure that you organize your tax documents so that you can quickly retrieve them for tax return preparation.

## HR Reminders

- Verify that your name and address are correct on your pay stub. If you have changes to be made please contact HR before December 31, to ensure that your W2 is printed with the correct information.
- Any enrollment changes that you made in October will reflect on your December 11<sup>th</sup> paycheck, but will be effective January 1, 2009.

*Have a Happy and Safe Holiday!*

blend, salt and spices and add to nut/egg mixture. Stir well, so that the Splenda Sugar blend clings to the nuts. Spray nonstick cooking oil onto a jelly roll pan. Thinly spread nuts on the coated pan. Bake in 275 degree oven for 30 minutes. Stir several times while they bake to prevent sticking and clumping. Cool. Add almonds, cranberries and cherries. Store in an airtight container.

### Nutrition

Calories: 178, Total Fat: 12g, Cholesterol 0mg, Sodium 73mg, Carbohydrate 16g, Protein 4g

Number of Servings: 24



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