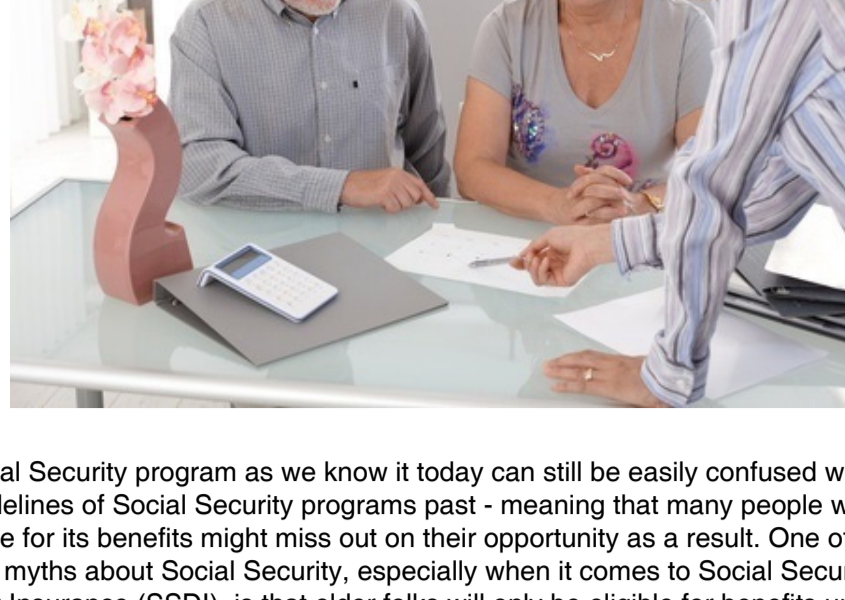




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**3 Reasons Why Age Is a Huge SSDI Qualifier**



The Social Security program as we know it today can still be easily confused with the rigid guidelines of Social Security programs past - meaning that many people who may be eligible for its benefits might miss out on their opportunity as a result. One of the most common myths about Social Security, especially when it comes to Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), is that older folks will not be eligible for benefits under the Social Security program once they fully retire. This isn't the case! As it turns out, a person's age can play a role in their eligibility for specifically receiving SSDI benefits, but not in the way you might think:

Older people have a higher chance of acceptance when applying for SSDI.

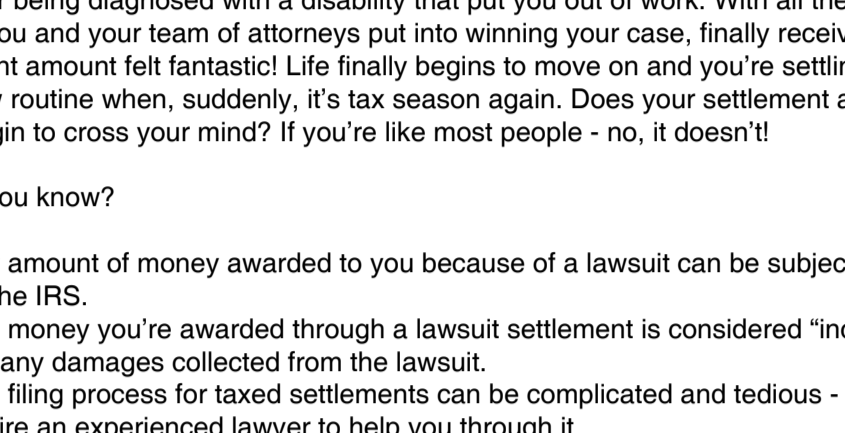
Determining whether an applicant is eligible for SSDI can be a lengthy process, but one definite factor that can help increase their chances of acceptance is simply being older - specifically, those aged 50 or older.

What is it about an older person that makes them more eligible than a younger person?

1. Their physical condition. One of the few certainties in life is the inevitability that we will grow old. With aging comes a decline in our physical conditions, which can make it harder to perform a range of jobs, or even keep a consistent job.
2. Education and work-related skills. The saying goes that we are only as "old" as we say we are however, with age comes an inevitable decline in the time and energy we must dedicate to mastering new skills or training for a new position.
3. The occurrence of age discrimination isn't new to anyone, though discussions around it have thankfully become more prevalent. When a person is faced with age-related discrimination in the workplace, it can make it harder to sustain their motivation and pathways to continued success in their field.

Though this list doesn't cover every reason, they are the three major reasons why people aged 50 and older are automatically considered more eligible for obtaining SSDI on their first application versus those who are under 50 years of age.

**How Can I Tell If My Settlement Is Taxable?**



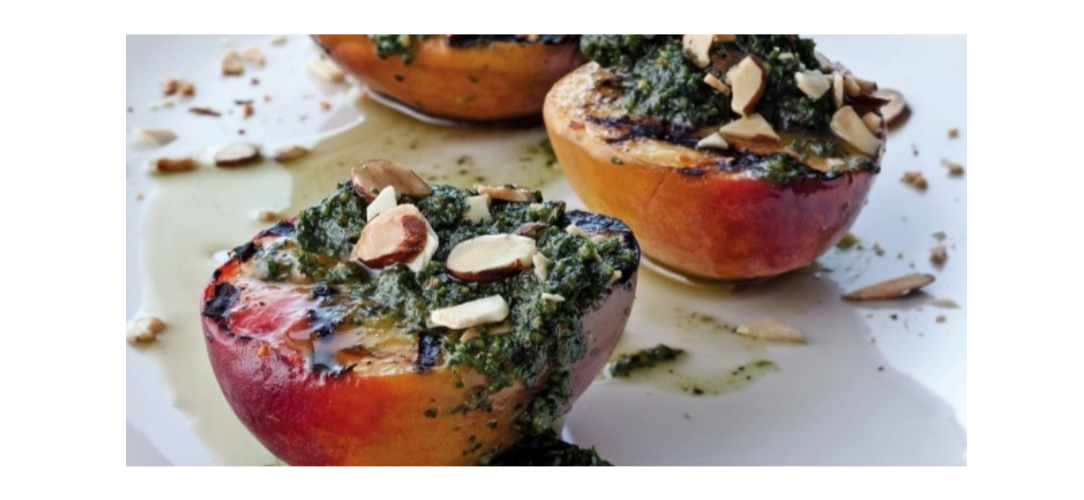
Imagine that earlier this year you went through a stressful experience, like getting hurt on the job or being diagnosed with a disability that put you out of work. With all the time and energy you and your team of attorneys put into winning your case, finally receiving your settlement amount felt fantastic! Life finally begins to move on and you're settling into your new routine when, suddenly, it's tax season again. Does your settlement amount even begin to cross your mind? If you're like most people - no, it doesn't!

But did you know?

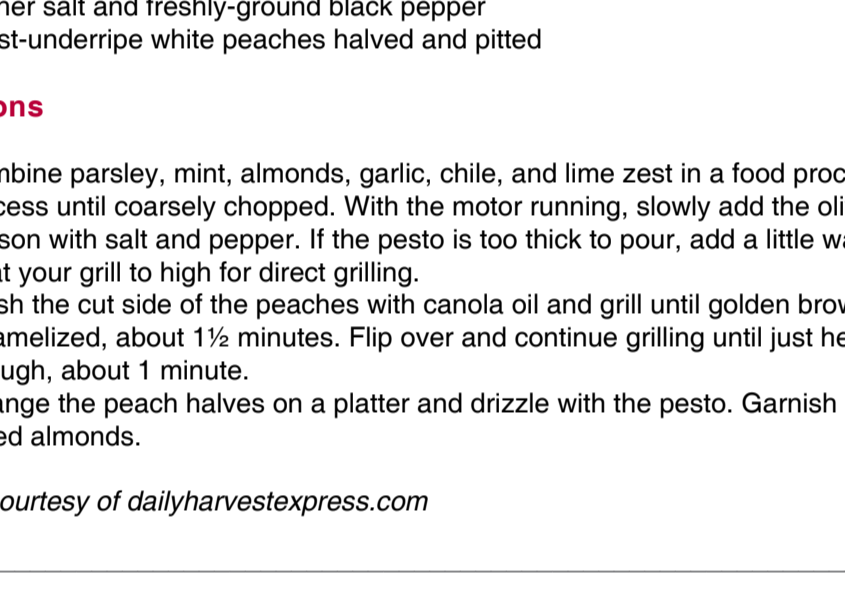
- Any amount of money awarded to you because of a lawsuit can be subject to taxes by the IRS.
- The money you're awarded through a lawsuit settlement is considered "income," as are any damages collected from the lawsuit.
- The filing process for taxed settlements can be complicated and tedious - it's best to hire an experienced lawyer to help you through it.
- There are two types of lawsuit settlements: taxable and non-taxable, though there is no exact science when it comes to determining what's what, and it's determined on a case-by-case basis.
- The only possible exception to this rule is when it comes to personal injury settlements, due to the nature of the incident leading to the lawsuit.
- Medical expenses, emotional distress, car accidents, and physical injury awards are among the only exceptions under the umbrella of "personal injury."
- However, when it comes to lost wages or punitive damages and interest, there is no such luck to deem it non-taxable.
- Workers' compensation settlements and payments, on the other hand, are tax-exempt under the Workers' Compensation Act.

As with just about anything pertaining to the law, there's an explanation and reason for nearly everything. Therefore, it's infinitely easier to hire an attorney with experience in exactly what you've found yourself experiencing to avoid further complication and confusion!

If you've been injured on the job and your employer doesn't carry workers' compensation, or if you need to file a personal injury claim, don't wait before seeking help from an experienced attorney. Our team at Heller, Maas, Moro, and Magill, Attorneys at Law in Ohio are here to help. From [workers' compensation](#) to [social security disability](#), [VA benefits](#), and [personal injury](#) - our highly skilled team is here to help. Contact us today at (330) 792-6611 for your initial free consultation from the comfort of your home.



**Recipe of the Month  
Grilled Peaches with Almond Mint Pesto**



Savory almond mint pesto makes grilled peaches the perfect side to anything you toss on the BBQ this summer.

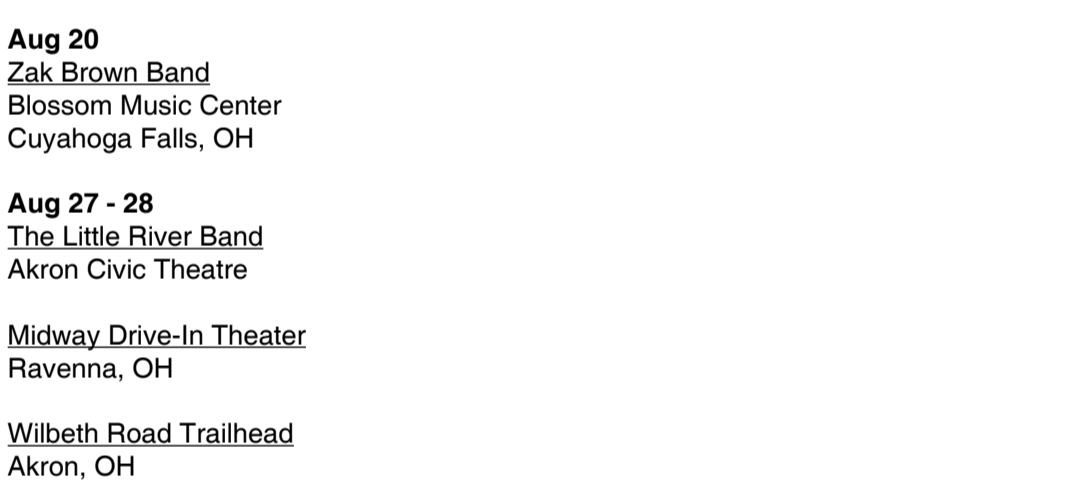
**Ingredients**

- 1 1/2 cups packed fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves plus more for garnish
- 1/2 cup packed fresh mint leaves plus chopped mint for garnish
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds lightly toasted, plus more for garnish
- 1 garlic clove chopped
- 1 serrano chile chopped
- Grated zest of 1 lime
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- kosher salt and freshly-ground black pepper
- 5 just-underripe white peaches halved and pitted

**Directions**

1. Combine parsley, mint, almonds, garlic, chile, and lime zest in a food processor and process until coarsely chopped. With the motor running, slowly add the olive oil and season with salt and pepper. If the pesto is too thick to pour, add a little water.
2. Heat your grill to high for direct grilling.
3. Brush the cut side of the peaches with canola oil and grill until golden brown and caramelized, about 1 1/2 minutes. Flip over and continue grilling until just heated through, about 1 minute.
4. Arrange the peach halves on a platter and drizzle with the pesto. Garnish with sliced almonds.

Recipe courtesy of [dailyharvestexpress.com](#)



**What's Happening in & Around Youngstown  
Warren, Salem, Akron, Ravenna**

As vaccination numbers increase and Covid-19 cases drop, venues and activities have returned to pre-pandemic levels and bring with it a sense of normalcy for many. We encourage you to enjoy some socially distant activities in your area and follow local safety protocols.

**Aug 4**  
The Black Crows  
Blossom Music Center  
Cuyahoga Falls, OH

**Aug 20**  
Zak Brown Band  
Blossom Music Center  
Cuyahoga Falls, OH

**Aug 27 - 28**  
The Little River Band  
Akron Civic Theatre

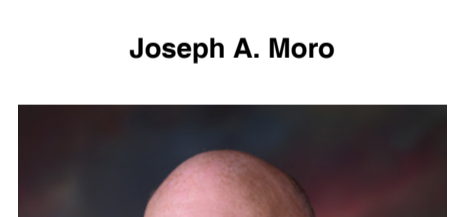
Midway Drive-In Theater  
Ravenna, OH

Wilbeth Road Trailhead  
Akron, OH

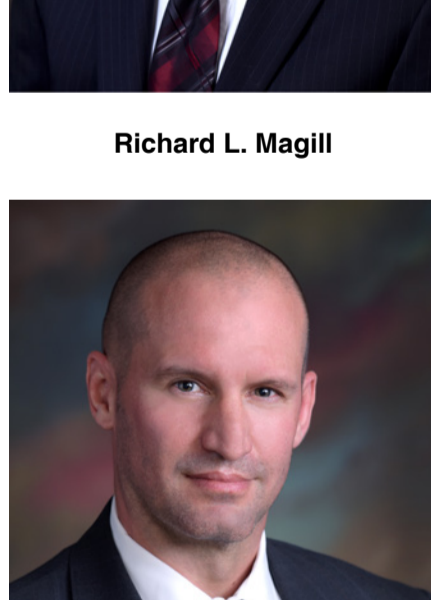
Mill Creek Park  
Canfield, OH

Akron Zoo  
Akron, OH

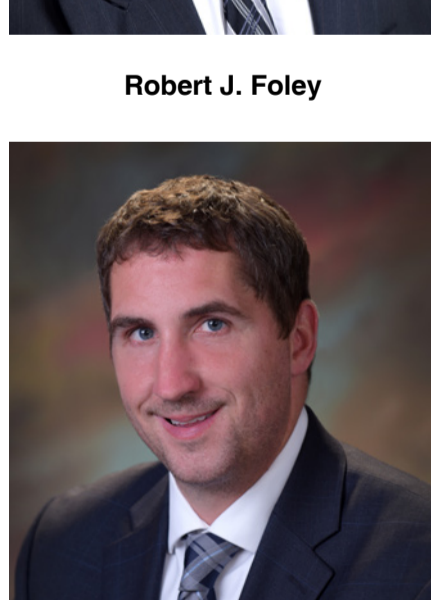
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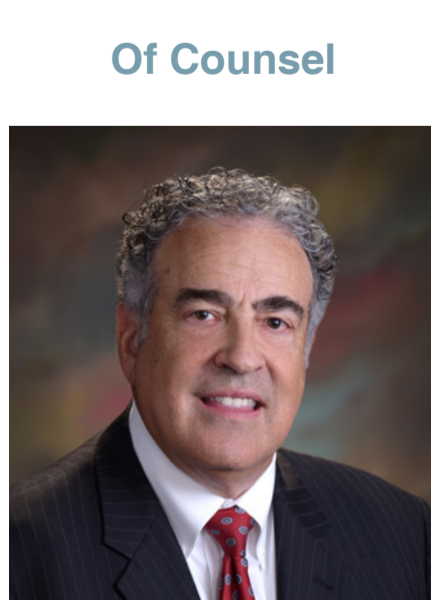
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