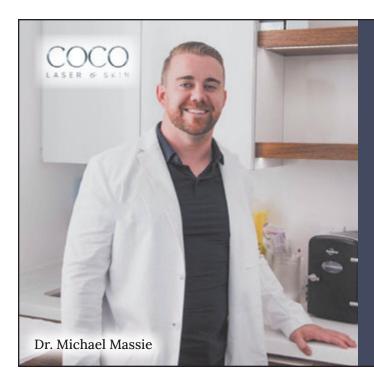
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27 Ways to Say No

by Nancy Bergeron, R.Psych. | info@nancybergeron.ca

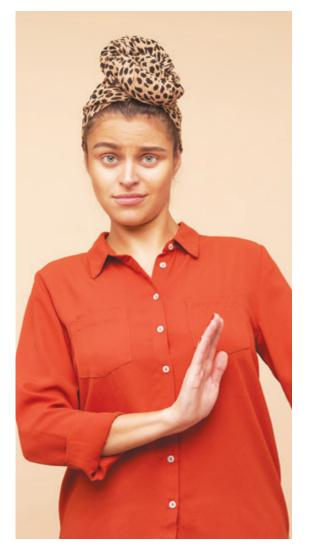
Are you a people pleaser? Do you have trouble finding the words to say no? Maybe you just need some time to evaluate whether you want to say yes. Don't let others rush or pressure you into something you may not have the capacity for.

Here are 27 ways to say no or defer your answer:

- I am not comfortable with that.
- I have some other things that need my attention right now.
- I need to focus on myself/personal life/job.
- I'm sorry but I just don't feel qualified to help with that.
- I wish I could but I am unable to help.
- I can see you want my help but I am just unable to.
- I just don't have that to give right now.
- That sounds wonderful but I just can't commit.
- Gee, I wish I could, but I just can't right now.
- I'm sorry but I can't help you at this time.
- I'm just too occupied at this time, so I can't.
- Unfortunately, it's not a good time.
- Circle back to me in few weeks.
- I can't make it this month, week, day, year.
- Perhaps another time.
- I am not available for this.
- Sorry, this is something I can't do right now.
- I really appreciate you asking me, but I can't commit to that right now.
- · Sorry, I can't make it, maybe another time.
- I'm afraid I don't have any open time for that/this.
- I can't as I have some other pressing commitments.
- I've filled my schedule.
- I'm really swamped right now.
- I'm so overwhelmed these days that I can't take on any more.
- Right now, I've got way too much on my plate.
- I'm not taking on any more work/tasks/projects at the moment.
- No.

*Remember that you do not have to provide any explanations for saying no.

People pleasers are constantly getting manipulated. You are not responsible for other people's emotions.



Every time you say yes to something or someone, you are unwittingly saying no to someone or something else at the same time (usually your own needs). In trying to please everyone, you end up disappointing almost everyone, especially yourself.

People will actually learn to respect you more if you stay true to your values. It's empowering to say yes when you truly want to. You are of value; you have the right to say no.

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GAMES & PUZZLES

Trivia: Calgary Edition

- 1. What year did the Calgary Flames win the Stanley Cup?
- 2. What was Calgary's original name?
- 3. What iconic indie pop duo hails from Calgary?
- 4. In 1969, what cocktail did Walter Chell invent in Calgary?
- 5. Who was Canada's flag bearer at Calgary's 1988 Winter Olympics?



TAKE ON WELLNESS

Canada's Newest Guidance on Alcohol and Health

from Alberta Health Services

Alcohol is one of the most common substances used among Canadians, including youth. Recently, the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA) released an updated report on guidance around alcohol and health. This was in response to the growing evidence that alcohol is the leading preventable cause of many major health issues. The recommendations are a better approach to addressing alcohol related injuries and maintaining general wellness.

So, what are the facts?

- The main message is that drinking less is better. This presents differently for everyone.
- All levels of alcohol consumption are associated with some risk, but this risk increases with more alcohol.
- There are times in which no alcohol is the safest. This can include driving, using heavy machinery, trying to be or being pregnant, breastfeeding, using medications, and being responsible for the safety of others.
- A standard drink depends on the type of alcohol, the amount, and the percentage involved. For example, one standard drink can be either one 341 ml (12 oz) beer with 5% alcohol or one 142 ml (5 oz) glass of 12% wine.
- Cancer is the leading cause of death in Canada and alcohol is known to cause seven types of cancer.

So, what do we do with this information?

Take the time to look at your alcohol use to make healthier and informed choices. Reading this article and increasing your knowledge about the impact alcohol may have on your life is a great first step! If you are hoping to decrease your alcohol use, here are a few tips offered by CCSA:

- Explore activities that are alcohol-free or offer nonalcoholic alternatives.
- Slowly set realistic limits that you can implement during your day-to-day life.
- If you choose to drink, drink slowly and make sure to nourish yourself with food and water.
- Track your alcohol use with tracking tools on smartphones or in a journal. Perhaps make note of how you feel after you decide to drink or not.

Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medals Awarded for Volunteerism

by Ross Utigard, President of Sage Hill Community Association

On March 17, I was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal for long standing service to the province of Alberta and its people. Medals were also awarded to Kris McPherson (President of Symons Valley Park Society), Travis Merrick (President of Kincora Community Association), and Danny Ta (President of Nolan Hill Community Association). Congratulations to all recipients!

Please keep your eyes out for the May edition, as we will have an announcement after the Annual General Meeting about our new board.



Ross Utigard and Hon. Jason Luan MLA Calgary Foothills



From left to right: Danny Ta, Ross Utigard, Kris McPherson, Hon. Jason Luan MLA Calgary Foothills, Travis Merrick, Citadel CA representative







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Homeowner Water Guide – Spring Checklist

from the City of Calgary

Protecting Calgary's precious water resources is a shared responsibility among The City, businesses, and Calgarians. There are many actions you can take to ensure your home is using water efficiently.

Inside

As a part of your regular home maintenance, take the Leaky Toilet Test to find the most common cause of household leaks:

- Remove the tank cover.
- Put several drops of food colouring (or another coloured liquid, such as coffee or tea) into the tank.
- Wait 15 to 20 minutes.
- Look in the bowl. If the water changes colour, you've got a leak.

Most toilet leaks are silent and go unnoticed for long periods of time, so the sooner you find and repair leaks, the better.

Outside

With spring around the corner, it's time to think about outdoor water efficiency. Add these items to your spring checklist:

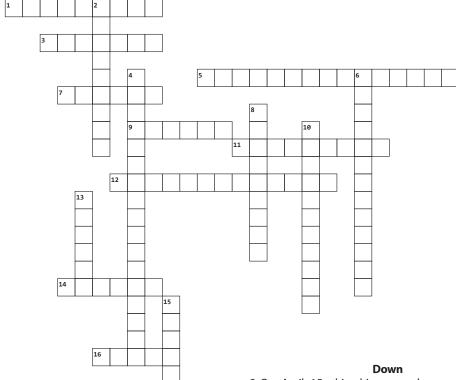
- Check your outdoor taps, irrigation system, and water features (e.g. ponds or fountains) for leaks.
- Consult the YardSmart plant list before planning this year's garden.
- Set up your rain barrel.
- Clean and repair downspouts, directing stormwater away from your house, ideally towards your garden.

Being water efficient means you're helping protect Calgary's water resources by:

- Keeping our rivers healthy by removing less water.
- Saving money and energy on treating and delivering water.
- Extending the use of our water treatment plants.
- Making drought less impactful to our homes and businesses.
- Increasing our resiliency to climate change.

To learn more about water efficiency, visit calgary.ca/ waterguide.

April Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1. The smell that is caused by the mixture of rainwater and various earthly compounds.
- 3. Kids will leave these out for the Easter bunny in case he gets hungry.
- 5. Born on April 15, 1452, this artist's painting was famously stolen.
- On April 11, this national observance advocates against animal violence and cruelty.
- 9. The Latin root for the word 'April'.
- 11. This Calgary-born competitive pair skater won gold at the 2002 Olympics with her partner David Pellettier.
- 12. This Vancouver-born actress is best-known for playing Robin Scherbatsky on the CBS sitcom *How I Met Your Mother*.
- 14. Literature lovers will know that April is National Month.
- 16. A colourful and popular marshmallow Easter treat.

- On April 15, this ship rescued around 705 people from a famous shipwreck 595 km off the coast of Newfoundland.
- 4. What makes April 9, 1917, an important date to many Canadians?
- 6. It is said that this day began in 1852 when France started using the Gregorian calendar and the new year no longer began on April 1.
- 8. Born on April 21, 1816, she is the oldest Brontë sister and author of *Jane Eyre*.
- This Chilean-American The Last of Us actor was born on April 2, 1975.
- 13. In the United States, spring is said to have arrived when this bird comes to town.
- 15. One of April's birth flowers that comes from the Old English phrase'dæges-eage.'

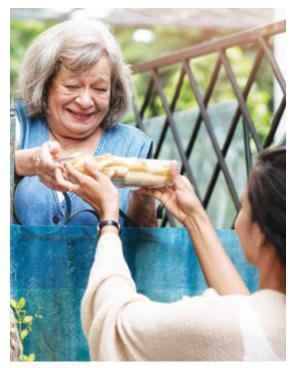
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How to Meet Your Neighbours

A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities



Moving to a new neighbourhood can be exciting and intimidating if you don't know anyone. Welcoming new neighbours into your community can be a great way to meet new friends and establish good relationships with neighbours. It has numerous benefits and even reduces the possibility of crime because people who know each other are more likely to look out for one another.

Do your part to transition new neighbours into your community or to meet neighbours who have been in your community for a while that you haven't met yet. There are little things you can do that will go a long way for bringing neighbours together!

 Introduce yourself to your neighbours and ask them a few questions about themselves. Tell them some information about yourself too. Some good starting points could be where they moved from or how long they've been in the community. Also, new neighbours could use information about the community association's programs and services, how to become a member, upcoming events, and even great local businesses or restaurants.

- 2. Welcome your neighbour by making a small yet caring gesture or gift. It can be the traditional pie, a cup of coffee, some flowers, vegetables from your garden, or even an invite to dinner. Moving is hard work and a warm meal will be appreciated by your new neighbours!
- After introducing yourself, make the effort to wave, greet, and make small talk with your neighbours continuously. This encourages friendly discussion and makes neighbours feel continuously welcomed.

Community Association Welcoming Committees

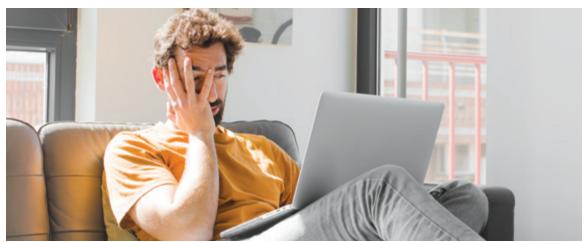
Welcoming committees are a team of people who welcome new residents as they move to the community. Usually, they create welcome kits full of community association information on programs and services, business cards of local shops and restaurants, My Neighbour cards, emergency information and services, and maybe some small gifts like coffee cards. Upon moving into a home in the community, Welcoming Committees present these to new neighbours! Check with your community association to see if they have a welcoming committee, and if not, offer your help to develop one. One way to help distribute welcome kits is by asking local realtors, rental management companies, apartment managers, and landlords to inform the committee of new additions to the community. Then, you and your committee can deliver the packages!

Being welcoming can be very easy but it can be intimidating crossing cultural barriers. Keep in mind that good neighbours can be of all cultural backgrounds. Having an open heart and wanting to learn from new neighbours can make your community a diverse cultural hub. Be interested in getting to know your new neighbours, celebrating cultures, and sharing your family's own traditions.

DOLLARS & SENSE

Bored? Think Twice Before Taking That Facebook Quiz

from the Better Business Bureau



Social media is used as a fun distraction for some people, and taking a Facebook quiz may seem like a harmless way to pass the time. But are you giving away more information than you think?

How the scam works

A fun quiz pops up on your Facebook feed or another social media platform. A few questions are answered to prove how well you know a friend. Or a short personality test is offered to match you with a character from a favourite TV show.

These quizzes appear to be meaningless, but the intent behind them is to collect information. For example, questions like: "What was the first car you owned?", "What is your mother's maiden name?", or "What is the name of the street you grew up on?" These are common security questions for insurance, banking, and credit card accounts. Sharing this information can lead to accounts being hacked, and personal and financial information being stolen.

Not all social media quizzes are data collection scams; however, BBB cautions users to be careful about what they share online and to check the privacy settings on the account. Social media data and quiz answers can be used to steal identity or enable a scammer to impersonate you to your friends and family.

Tips to avoid social media scams

- **Be skeptical:** Before answering a quiz, figure out who created it. Is it a brand you trust? Just because something appears to be fun and innocent, doesn't mean there isn't an inherent risk.
- Adjust privacy settings: Review the social media account's privacy settings and be strict about any information that is shared - and be mindful of who you are sharing it with.
- Remove personal details from your profile: Don't share information like your phone number or home address on social media accounts.
- Don't give answers to common security questions: Be cautious if the questions in a quiz ask for things like your mother's maiden name, street you grew up on, previously owned vehicles, favourite foods, or the name of your high school.
- Monitor friend requests: Don't accept friend requests from people you don't know. Also be wary of a second friend request from someone you are already connected with; the second profile may be an imposter trying to access your data and your friends list.

Read more at BBB.org.



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My 'Tips for your 2022 Taxes' newsletter was recently mailed out to all constituents and is now posted on my website. I hope you find it helpful. It is not a comprehensive list of tax-saving measures, nor is it tax advice, so for more information about specific deductions, please visit the Canada Revenue Agency website or seek professional advice.

If you have not already done so, you may be preparing your personal income tax return. As April 30 falls on a Sunday this year, the deadline for individuals to submit their tax returns is May 1, 2023.

If you have a modest income and a simple tax situation, you may seek assistance from volunteers at a local free tax clinic in order to complete your tax return. A list of locations is available on Canada Revenue Agency's website.

Taxes continue to increase, making life less affordable. I tabled Private Member's Bill C-266 on March 31, 2022, to repeal the "excise escalator", which raises the tax on alcohol automatically on April 1 each year, without a vote in Parliament. This year's automatic 6.3% tax increase puts Canadian producers at a competitive disadvantage, raises prices for consumers, and denies Parliament its power to approve or reject tax increases.

Other new taxes in 2023 include a 30% hike in the carbon tax, which will raise prices at every step of the supply chain, and increased payroll deductions for El and CPP which took effect January 1.

Archived newsletters, e-newsletters, and 'Tips for your 2022 Taxes' are available on my website for your reference: https://patkellymp.ca/house-to-house-archive/.

My constituency office is open for those who need help with federal departments or agencies. Please reach out to me or my staff with questions, concerns, or requests for assistance at pat.kelly@parl.gc.ca or 403-282-7980.



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Foxtail Barley

Spring has arrived, and with it, so does the Foxtail Barley plant popping up in our ward. Foxtails are a native plant, often found in "disturbed" areas such as construction sites and roadsides.

The Foxtail is made of seeds known as awns. In the fall, these awns dry out and the Foxtail breaks apart. Awns are dispersed by the wind where their sharp tips help them stick to new locations and grow by burrowing into the ground.

The City is legislated to perform control on plants classified as "Prohibited Noxious" or "Noxious" by Alberta Environment. Foxtails are not listed in the Alberta Weed Control Act. Though a native plant, Foxtails can cause issues for dogs as the awns can become stuck in their fur, paws, or facial features, creating a painful and potentially dangerous issue for pets.

What The City Does

A tailored approach to protect the natural environment to support its sustainability and the impacts on citizens and their pets. This may occasionally include manual removal in sensitive areas.

Raise awareness of the ecological benefits of this plant and the potential impact on dogs.

A pilot project was executed that planted micro clover and/ or urban grass seed mix to try and mitigate the instances of Foxtail growth.

What You Can Do

In your garden:

- Cut Foxtails short prior to it going to seed.
- · Hand-pull Foxtails as you see them.
- · Pour boiling water on Foxtails to kill them.

For your dog:

- · Avoid walking through areas with Foxtails, if possible.
- Keep your dog on-leash and within line-of-sight during walks.
- Keep dog fur short around paws and armpits.
- After walking, check dog for awns, especially in ears, crevices/skin folds, paws, and mouths.
- · Remove awns with tweezers.

If your dog is sneezing, shaking its head, scratching, rubbing, or chewing right after a walk, take them to a vet immediately for analysis.

Hoisin Pork with Pineapple Rice

by Jennifer Puri

Deliciously yellow fruit, a pineapple is neither a pine nor an apple but is a group of berries fused together.

Pineapples are indigenous to South America and are believed to have originated in the forests of Brazil and harvested by tribes who lived in the area. Christopher Columbus is credited with introducing the pineapple to Europe and "Pina Des Indes" or "Pinecone of the Indes" were the names used to describe the fruit by the Spanish.

The pineapple plant has a life span of up to fifty years, can take up to three years to grow and mature, and only one pineapple is produced by a plant in a season.

Pineapple goes well with ham, seafood, chicken, tofu, yoghurt, and cottage cheese.

The combination of hoisin pork and pineapple rice fuses together delicious flavours and can be prepped and cooked in a relatively short amount of time. The filet or tenderloin used in this recipe is one of the healthier cuts of meat and is just as lean as skinless chicken breasts.

Prep Time: 15 Minutes

Cook Time: 30 Minutes

Servings: 2 to 3

Ingredients:

- 1 pork tenderloin
- 2 tbsps. hoisin sauce
- 2 tbsps. soya sauce
- 1 tbsp. grainy Dijon mustard
- 2 tsps. honey
- 1 ½ tsps. rice vinegar
- 2 tbsps. vegetable oil
- 4 cups cooked white or jasmine rice
- 2 tbsps. butter
- ½ tsp. red chilli flakes
- 2 tbsps. chopped coriander leaves
- 1 can (398 ml) pineapple tidbits, drained
- ½ tsp. salt





Directions:

- In a small bowl, mix together hoisin sauce, soya sauce, honey, Dijon mustard, and half a teaspoon of rice vinegar. Spread the marinade all over the tenderloin and let it sit for ten minutes.
- Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Add two tablespoons of oil to a large skillet and place the tenderloin in it. On medium heat, brown the tenderloin on all sides, approximately three to four minutes. Remove tenderloin from skillet and place on a foil-lined baking tray. Pour any remaining marinade over it and then place it on the middle rack of the oven. Bake uncovered for 20 minutes or until cooked through.
- On medium heat, melt butter in a wok or skillet, add drained pineapple pieces, chilli flakes, chopped coriander, one teaspoon of rice vinegar, and salt. Stir fry for a couple of minutes and then add the cooked rice and gently blend all the ingredients together. Remove from heat and garnish with coriander leaves and a few pineapple pieces.
- Remove tenderloin from oven, cover and let stand for five minutes. Serve sliced tenderloin with small bowls of Pineapple Rice and use Hoisin sauce as a dip if desired.

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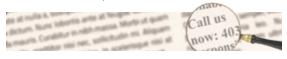
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