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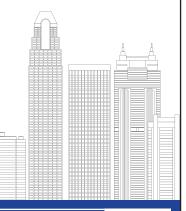
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WCA Board Meetings

First Tuesday of the month at the Woodcreek Community Centre at 7:15 pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

If you wish for your name to be added to the meeting agenda, please contact Keith Cartmell at 403-238-1611.

Next Meeting:

March 7, 7:15 pm

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Senior Moments

The Woodcreek Seniors' meetings are scheduled the first and third Tuesday of each month and begin at 9:30 am. We welcome all seniors to join our group. If you are interested, please contact Woodcreek Community Association at 403-238-1611 for a WCA membership.

Our 2023 March meetings are as follows:

March 7 – Introducing the "Liars Club," featuring five seniors' group members

March 21 – Entertainment: Line Dance Club "Keepin' it Country"

Other weekly Senior programs are:

Knitting and Crochet Group – Meets on Monday at 1:00 pm

Bridge - Meets on Tuesday at 12:30 pm

For further information, please contact Anne, Chairperson at 403-238-1611 or email akbund954@gmail.com, or Sandy, Vice-Chair at woodcreekseniors826@gmail.com.

The Woodcreek Seniors' Knitting Group

Come join us with your own knitting/crochet skills and enjoy time spent with like-minded people. We meet on Monday's between 1:00 and 3:00 pm at the Woodcreek Community Centre.

We continue to look for knitting yarn and wool. Donations can be dropped off at the WCA office, Monday to Friday between 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Contact Sandy Keating for more information at missuskeating@qmail.com.



PROGRAMS

401st Woodcreek Scouts

Beavers: Wednesdays, 6:15 to 7:45 pm

Scouts: Second Tuesday of the month, 6:30 to 8:00 pm Contact Tim Tratch at 403-251-4878.

Authentic Japanese Karate-Do for Children and Adults by Tenshi Dojo

Mondays and Thursdays, 6:00 to 7:00 pm Contact Shihan Hermann Pirela at 403-880-0992.

Ballroom and Latin Dance Classes for Adults and Children by Levita Dance

Fridays, 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Contact Dima Levita and Sasha Antonova at 403-613-5070.

Bravo Circus Classes for Kids (Ages 3 to 13)

Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Contact Maria Chekmareva at 587-894-0675 or maria@brayocircus.ca.

Bridge

Tuesdays, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Contact Ken Barrie at kenbarrie@gmail.com or Dorothy Macdonnell at dorothy.macdonnell@gmail.com

Calgary Southwest Seniors

Live music, dancing and socializing Thursdays, 9:30 am to noon

Larry Newel, 403-281-0715

Friday Prayers for Muslims

Prayer time: 1:35 pm

Gateway Victory Church

Sundays, 10:30 am

Contact Mara at 403-816-1684

Knitting

Mondays, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Contact Sandy Keating at missuskeating@gmail.com

Kokodo Jujutsu Adult Classes

Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 pm

Traditional Jujutsu, Aiki Jujutsu, and Goshinjutsu Contact John via https://www.kokodoyyc.com

M&D Dance

Fridays, 5:00 to 6:00 pm

Contact Marissa and Desiree Lanoire at 403-473-3252 or 587-438-4725.

Move & Groove

Fridays, 10:15 to 11:15 am

Contact the WCA office to register.

Move 'n Mingle - AHS Fall Risk Management Program

Monday and Wednesdays, 1:30 to 2:45 pm

Contact 403-955-1554 or

move and mingle @ albertahe alth services. ca~for~more~information.

Play Makers Preschool Program

Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00 to 11:30 am

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 to 11:30 am, 12:30 to 3:00 pm

Friday Accompaniment, 9:00 to 11:30 am

Contact Tara Gladun at admin@playmakerscalgary.com.

Silverbirch Girl Guides

Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Contact Barb Augustyn at 403-251-5169.

Tai Chi

Wednesdays, 9:30 to 10:30 am

Beginner (10 forms) and Intermediate (24 forms)

Contact the WCA office to register.

Therapeutic Yoga for Hips, Shoulders, and Back

Tuesdays, 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Chair Yoga: Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Contact Rosemarie Bartschak at 403-607-5806.

Vanshaw Academy of Irish Dance

Pre-Beginner (Ages 3 to 4):

Mondays and Tuesdays, 5:15 pm

Beginner (Ages 5+): Mondays, 5:45 pm and

Tuesdays, 5:15 pm

Adult Fitness Classes: Mondays, 7:00 pm

Contact: vanshawacademy@gmail.com.

WCA Parents and Tots Group

Mondays, 9:00 to 11:00 am

Contact Tina at tinawheeleryyc@gmail.com.

WCA Seniors

First and third Tuesday of the month, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm Contact Anne B. at 403-238-1611 or

akbund954@gmail.com.

Woodcreek Gardening Association

Meet third Saturday of the month, 10:00 am to noon.

Contact Ross Snyder at

gardener@woodcreekcommunity.ca.

Mark Your Calendar! Upcoming Events

March 7	WCA Board Meeting, 7:15 pm
March 10	Tween Dance
April 1	Easter Egg Hunt, 1:00 to 3:00 pm
May 1	Community Cleanup

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Good Food Box

The Good Food Box Program, (GFB) is a program under the Community Kitchen Program of Calgary whereby anyone can purchase boxes of fresh fruits and vegetables at an affordable price.

Fach Good Food Box contains a combination of fruits and vegetables. The content varies monthly, due to seasonal availability.

Order by 4:00 pm	Pickup Date from 1:00 to 5:00 pm
March 20	March 29
April 24	May 3

Pricing and Sizes:

• Small: \$25 for 15 to 20 lbs

Medium: \$30 for 25 to 30 lbs

Large: \$35 for 35 to 40 lbs

*Please note weights are approximate.

Orders are placed monthly through the WCA office and can be made in person, over the phone, or online via our "Events" page once logged in. *Please note that payment is due at the time of ordering and no refunds can be issued.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE



Hello Woodcreek Community!

With spring just around the corner, it is nice to reflect on the last couple months of winter happenings at the community centre.

If you were able to take advantage of one of the community rinks, just know that it takes a dedicated team of volunteers to keep the rinks in tip-top shape! Make sure to give them a big thank you if you see them working hard to keep up the ice surfaces. We would also like to thank Nicole Matheson and Cedric Klein Beernink for organizing our Sunday Skate and Shinny afternoons throughout January and February. They were a great success, and we hope you were able to take advantage of them.

The NYE dance was a fun evening, and we hope to have more dances coming your way very soon.

The Good Food Boxes provided affordable produce to many families and the community pantry remained open, with a modified indoor schedule. Both the Good Food Boxes and pantry are ongoing services provided by the community association.

Hall rentals were back up to historical levels and many of the popular programs have returned, so be sure to check out the facility schedule for all updates.

March is Community Association Awareness Month! We can't do what we do without your support. As a thank you to all our members, we will be offering a prize draw to all Woodcreek residents who hold a valid membership as of March 31, 2023. Memberships can be purchased online or by contacting the office.



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Looking ahead, we are hosting another Tween Dance this month, and an outdoor Easter Egg hunt in April, details to follow.

We are always looking for volunteers, so if you have a particular skill set that you think may be of benefit to our community, please contact the office to find out what opportunities are available. We have a few existing roles that need to be filled: Volunteer Coordinator and Spaghetti Dinner Coordinator.

And lastly, for students in our community, we are looking to hire a full-time summer student for the months of June through August. Please watch the website and your inbox for information on the position.

Thank you for your continued support.

Leanne Long

Second Vice-President



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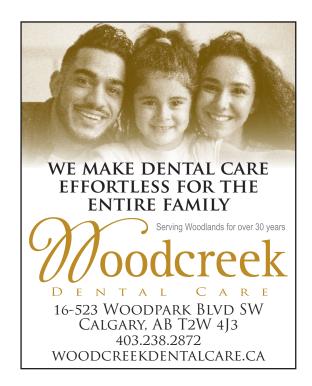
WCA Outdoor Rink Volunteers

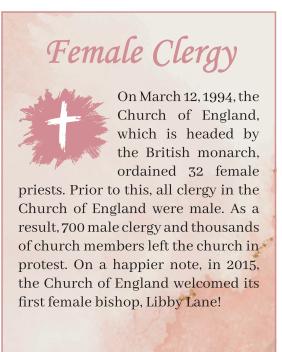
Every year when temperatures drop below freezing, we have a dedicated group of volunteers who work together to clear endless amounts of snow, flood, and maintain the outdoor ice skating facilities in Woodbine and Woodlands.

Two of our rinks are located in Woodlands at 1991 Woodview drive, and another is in Woodbine at 36 Woodborough Road SW. These skating surfaces provide enough space and variety to accommodate all levels of leisure and hockey skaters.

WCA Outdoor Rinks truly are a community endeavor and only made possible by the generous efforts of our committed volunteers, who have contributed many hours to bring this skating opportunity to our community for all to enjoy!

Thank you to our 2022-2023 rink volunteers - Kevin D, Tim B, Kevin C, Al E, Jim J, Dennis P, Jim H, Brian B, Don L. Josh F. Matt M. Matthew P. Nazar S. Sebastian K, Tim L, Tony S (and son), and William G.







Woodcreek Gardening Association

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Meetings will be held at the Woodcreek Community Centre (1991 Woodview Drive SW) on the third Saturday of the month, from 10:00 am to noon.

To join or for more information, contact Ross at gardener@woodcreekcommunity.ca.





Woodcreek Racquet Memberships

Courts located at Woodborough Park.

This season we are merging our Tennis and Pickleball memberships. This will enable our members to have more flexibility in using and booking courts online. Bookings require you to have a current Woodcreek Community Membership plus a racquet membership. The 2023 Racquet Fees per adult (18 +) are \$55. Take advantage of our discounted Early Bird Membership by April 30, 2023, and save \$10. Early Bird Racquet memberships per adult are \$45.

All memberships can be purchased online at www. woodcreekcommunity.ca beginning late March.



Family Skate and Shinny Events

Winter Skate and Shinny events at the community centre were a huge success. We would like to thank Councillor McLean, his office, and the City of Calgary for sponsoring the events through the Ward Community Event Fund. The Sunday events would not have proceeded without our dedicated ice crew and organizers, Nicole and Cedric, It was great to see families coming out to have some fun, meet new friends and neighbors, and enjoy some hot chocolate and a snack or two!



RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES

Spring Cleaning Your Way to Retter Health

by Nina Wilder



March is here and we all know what that means: time for spring cleaning! This time of year is all about hitting that 'refresh' button and tackling the chores

that we have been putting off. But this tradition doesn't have to just be about dusting the blinds and decluttering our garages, it can also be a great opportunity to set our environment up to support healthy habits.

To form new habits, we must make them attractive, easy, and satisfying. We can do this by cleaning and organizing our homes in such a way as to encourage us to do certain behaviours. For example, if we want to increase our activity and aren't interested in going to a gym, we can create a designated activity space in our home. We can clear out a corner or - if you have the luxury - an unused room and make it appealing for activity: set out a music player, hang up motivating images or quotes, and lay out equipment in an organized and accessible way. The more appealing the room is, the more you'll want to use it!

Conversely, to kick a bad habit, we must make it harder to do, unattractive, and unsatisfying. If our goal is to eat less junk food, we can start by reorganizing the kitchen. We can declutter our pantries and fridges of things that tempt us and put them somewhere harder to reach such as that cupboard in the garage, or the freezer downstairs. We can also organize the contents in our fridge so that healthier snacks are more towards the front so they're easier to grab and give us a strong visual reminder to go for those instead. If you find yourself throwing out uneaten vegetables and fruits that have gone bad, stop putting them in the fridge drawer, out of sight!

With a little elbow grease, we can not only make our homes cleaner and more organized, but also conducive to having better health. How's that for a new tradition?

RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES

Houseplant Design

by Carolyn Brown. Credits to the Calgary Horticultural Society

Whether you start with your home office, the family room, or the bathroom, create living harmony with the three 'P's of houseplant design: plant, pot, position. For example, plant a bold sansevieria (snake plant) in a solid square pot for impact, utilize a series of similar shaped pots to create flow with say, miniature ferns, or create a planter with varieties of succulents.

Tree-like tropicals like banana and figs bring an element of scale to larger rooms. Have a high ceiling? Climbing philodendron and vines like pothos are a perfect way to create a more intimate space. Do you live in an apartment or basement suite with low light? Try a zebra, snake, or cast iron plant. Choose beautiful pots as these slow growers may be with you for a lifetime!

Typically, the room with highest humidity, such as a bathroom with a window or skylight, is perfect for growing ferns and orchids. Did you know that mirrors will reflect even more light onto your plants? So, go ahead and find cute hanging pots and mini containers to add some 'funk factor' to this small utilitarian space. Have some fun with shape, colour and texture.

How about a string of pearls? Dolphins? Turtles, anyone? These diminutive trailing plants are often referred to as 'plant babies,' adding a touch of whimsy to the kitchen. How about an artillery or candystick plant to spark conversation in the den? Foliage colour can enhance a room or provide contrast within it. Gold, variegated, and deep purple leaves will make a statement or blend in seamlessly.

From big bold leaves to fluffy ferns, incorporating texture adds drama and interest throughout the house. Repeat patterns and plant varieties for a sense of calm and touch of class. Keep these design principles in mind to bring any room to life beautifully.

Fun Fact

The benefits of green leafy plants are proven to boost mood and the wellbeing of humans and animals alike. A natural air freshener, plants help to remove toxins and improve the quality of the air that we all breathe. With proper selection and care, plants bring pleasing aesthetics to any space when given the right environment.

Woodcreek Community Association

March is Membership Appreciation Month! We can't do what we do without your support. As a thank you to all our members, we will be offering a prize draw to all Woodcreek residents who hold a valid membership as of March 31st 2023. Memberships can be purchased online or by contacting the office.

Why Buy a Membership?

Community:

Membership fees are invested into delivering quality programs and supports the operational needs of our community centre and its grounds in Woodlands and Woodbine.

Events:

Attend community events such as adult dances, children's parties, Family Dinner Night, Fall Fair, Stampede Breakfast and a growing list of events and activities either free or at a discount.

Voting:

Membership allows you to vote on community issues at the Annual General Meeting. (Not available for Non-Resident Memberships).

Facility Rentals:

The community centre offers fantastic hall and meeting space for public programs and activities, meetings, and family events and gatherings. Members receive a 10% discount for bookings.

Feel Connected & Informed:

Helps you meet others in your community, as well as keeps you informed about important activities and community news.

Enjoy Sport Facilities & Groups:

A variety of sport facilities are available year-round, including basketball, tennis, pickleball, outdoor lit rinks for public skating, hockey, and lacrosse.

Receive Support:

The community association provides representation and input for Woodcreek residents with the City of Calgary and/or community planning.

Free Services:

Join with your neighbors and participate in community initiatives such as our Community Clean Up Days, Seniors Groups, Gardening Club.

Business Sponsors:

Community businesses partner with WCA annually to offer our members customized offers and discounts.

PURCHASE YOUR WCA MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

TAKE ON WELLNESS

Ride the Wave of Daylight Savings

from Alberta Health Services

The daylight savings time change aims to enhance our lives by simply adding more sunlight in our day. However, as many of us have likely experienced, this one-hour shift can truly impact us both mentally and physically.

We all live with a circadian rhythm or 'internal clock' that helps us get up in the morning and fall asleep at night. It is dependent on the exposure of light in our environment. This clock of ours likewise impacts our mood, energy levels, mental illness, and regulation of our digestive and hormonal systems.

So... if you are feeling restless, sad, or tired with the loss of time, remember that this is a completely normal response as our internal clock is adjusting for the change.

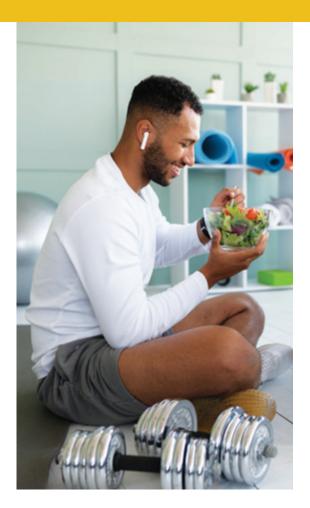
Here are some things you can do to adapt as we 'spring' forward in time:

Sleep Soundly: We need between seven to nine hours of restful sleep a day. To help reach this amount, turn off screens before bed, wake up and go to bed at the same time, and considering taking a short nap as needed as long as it does not interfere with your nightly ZZZs. Establish a routine that works for you!

Physical Activity: Adding movement of at least 30 minutes a day can help manage stress and boost mood. Take a walk around your neighborhood, join a community exercise class, or explore with a hike. Remember, the movement you seek should not be something you force, but something you enjoy!

Routine: Keeping ourselves in check with our regular daily activities is important. It can promote a sense of organization and accomplishment, which in turn can support stress management. Perhaps some of these self-care tips can be incorporated into your daily routine.

Involvement: Say hi, smile, and connect with others to foster your social relationships. Spending time with those in your community can provide a sense of belonging and natural support. Connect with those that lift you up and bring positive energy to your day!



Nourishment: Our gut health is important. A balanced diet can fuel our body and reduce symptoms associated with poor mental health. Have a plan to incorporate nutritious, wholesome foods alongside those that you truly enjoy. It is all about balance!

Giving Back: People who are kind, generous, and compassionate see clear benefits to their wellbeing and happiness. Lend a helping hand by running errands, shoveling the driveway of a neighbour, or volunteering with a local organization. Give back in a meaningful way that resonates with you.

Our internal clocks are all different, but you can make a plan that allows you to jive and thrive with change!

RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES

The Children of Weather

by Ananya Mirok, Grade 5



Icicles are like shards of glass growing on the windowpane Wind whirls around it as it goes
Trees put on its coat of snow
The pine dances in the air
Doing the waltz with the snow
The frost lands lightly on the hill
Chilly wind sways the trees and bends the leaves
Sparks of snow, fall so bright
Glittering even in the night
The only colour is grey and white
Throughout the day and in the night

The snow is now melting
Frost is all gone
Ice is slipping off the bark
And now it's dawn
Sprouts and beans are growing now
The butterflies are flying around
Petals are growing but not here yet
People are planting, knees on the ground
Seedlings are hatching, growing right now
Caterpillars are crawling around
Eating every leave in sight
With the butterflies in the sky
They wish they could take to flight

Petals in the sky Blossoms in my eye Day as bright as light As well as in the night Sky as blue as the sea But is lighter than thee Birds are coming back And that is a fact In the warmth and light The sun comes very bright At the beach we play In the hotness of the day Greenest grass in all the land Same with the trees and leaves Summer is coming to an end That means school will start again

The smell of apple pie walks through the air Filling our nostrils with the scent of cinnamon We see streaks of colour hitting the ground All the leaves floating around Autumn is leaving us once more Winter is now walking through the door

Woodcreek Fitness

Woodcreek Tai Chi (Beginner/Intermediate)

Learn the benefits of Tai Chi with instructor Christine Tao. Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Spring session runs March 1 to April 19. Cost is \$64 + GST for members and \$72 + GST for non-members. Drop-in is \$10 per class.

Woodcreek Move & Groove

Come take part in weekly fitness classes led by Nancy Ehle, a group fitness instructor, Friday mornings from 10:15 to 11:15 am. Spring session runs March 3 to April 21 (no class April 7). Cost is \$49 + GST for members and \$56 + GST for non-members. Drop-in is \$10 per class.

Please register by contacting the office at 403-238-1611 or wca@woodcreekcommunity.ca.

Residential Traffic Safety Unit (RTSU)

The Calgary Police Service is re-introducing the Residential Traffic Safety Unit (RTSU); a unit created to specifically address residential traffic issues. Their strategy is to utilize citizen feedback to develop their operational response. RTSU focuses on playground zones, pedestrian rich areas, and other high-risk locations identified through collision data analysis. The RTSU is attached to the Traffic Section of the Calgary Police Service. Residents can submit concerns through the Traffic Service Request System (TSR) through this link: https://www.calgary.ca/cps/traffic/traffic-servicerequests.html. A representative from RTSU will be attending the WCA Board meeting on March 7.

Woodcreek Pantry

Our pantry will remain indoors for the winter with scheduled access for donations and pickups. We are hoping to have the pantry open most Saturdays from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. This is dependant on volunteer availability, so dates and times may change. Details and updates will be posted on our website.







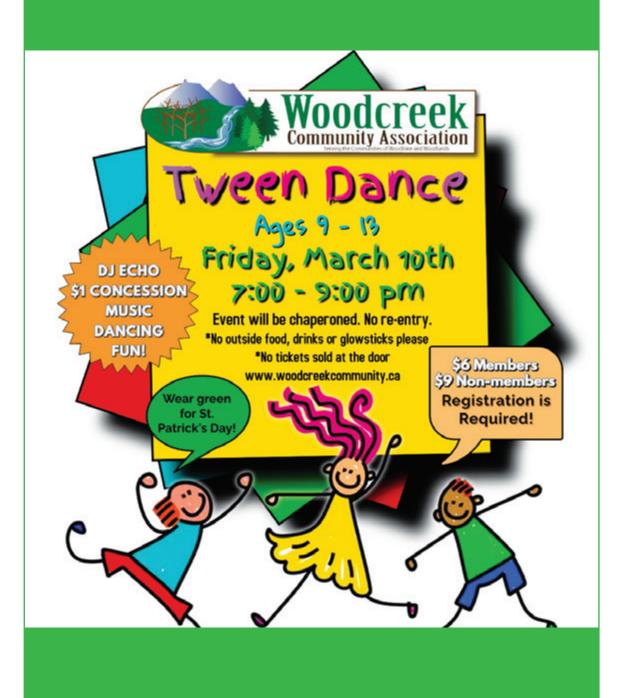
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March in Fish Creek

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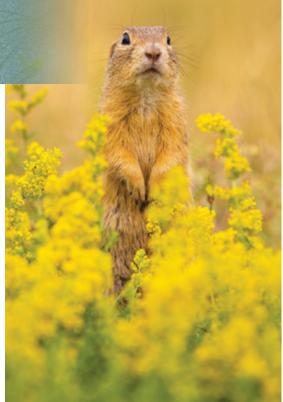
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Presented by Matthew Bogard, Assistant Professor and Canada Research Chair in Aquatic Environments Thursday, March 9, 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Matthew is an assistant professor and Canada Research Chair in Aquatic Environments at the University of Lethbridge. He has studied the ecology of lakes, rivers, wetlands, and coastal environments across North America, and is currently Associate Editor at Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. Matt's research focuses on understanding how human activities impact our precious water resources in southern Alberta. Free for Friends members and \$10 for non-members. Registration required. To register visit friendsoffishcreek.org/event/watershed.

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from the City of Calgary



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Choosing a Meal Delivery Service

from the Better Business Bureau

Meal delivery services give consumers a more convenient way to make home-cooked dinners by delivering fresh, pre-measured ingredients and easy-to-follow recipes to your doorstep. But just like any other service, each company is different.

Pricing, ingredients, and preparation requirements vary greatly between services. You'll need to do some homework to pick the one that best meets your family's needs. If the appeal of a meal delivery subscription is learning new recipes and experimenting with ingredients, you might choose one company. But if your main interest is speed and simplicity, another may be a better fit.

The following tips will help select an ideal meal delivery service for your household:

- Research the delivery service. Ask friends and family, read reviews, and check BBB.org to learn about past customers' experiences.
- Set a budget and check the fine print. Pricing can vary from one company to the next. Make certain the service aligns with your budget. In addition, not all meal delivery services include shipping fees in their pricing read the fine print.
- Know your skill level. Before committing to a plan, research what kind of cooking techniques you'll need to know. If a company's recipes require searing, roasting, and braising, do you know how? If not, make sure you have the time to learn new techniques.
- Consider ingredient quality. Not all companies offer organic, non-GMO, or free-range meal ingredients. If these are must-haves for your family, make sure the company offers them.
- Determine how much prep work you want. Some companies do more chopping and sauce-making than others. This seemingly small difference can make a big difference in how long each meal takes to make.
- Consider the customer service. If there is ever a problem – a missing recipe card or ingredient, for

- example you want to know that you can count on customer service. Make sure there are clear, easy ways to contact the company, even late in the evening. Read the company's reviews and keep an eye out for any indication that customer service is lacking.
- Check the cancellation policy. Before making a decision to subscribe to meal delivery, understand the cancellation policy. Each company is different and some may have very strict policies.
- Be careful with personal information. Most food delivery services process payments online. Make sure the company is legitimate before offering up personal information such as financial information and address.
- Review BBB tips for shopping online. Since meal delivery services don't usually have brick and mortar storefronts, consider BBB's tips for smart shopping online.









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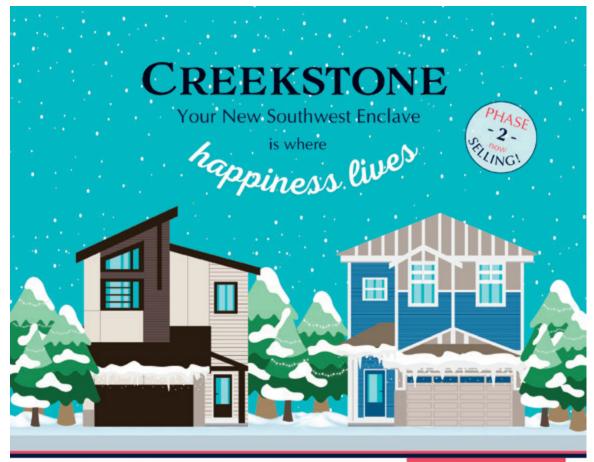


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The Imposter Syndrome: What It Is, Why It Matters, and How to Overcome It

by Lynn C. Cox

I remember the first time I came to understand what imposter syndrome is and I'll never forget it, even though it was over 15 years ago. I was early in my career as a public relations professional, and I had landed my dream job as an agency consultant with a well respected international firm. I was so very green and desperate to succeed. I was worried about impressing my bosses, clients, and colleagues. And I was terrified that at any moment, the penny would drop and my bosses who hired me would 'figure out' that they made a mistake in hiring me.

My three former bosses are outstanding human beings and phenomenal coaches. They were being mentored by two prominent business leaders in corporate Calgary – one oil and gas executive and the other, a president of a public relations firm. The PR executive was a trailblazing woman in the field, and it was rumoured that she was behind the strategy of some of the most profitable companies. I was in very good hands.

One day, when I must have been expressing my lack of confidence in my abilities to perform, one of my bosses told me something I will never forget. She told me that her mentor (the ball-busting, PR maven genius who had been rocking the industry for at least 20 years) had confided this to her and I will quote second hand: "You know, after all of this time, I still have a fear that one day the phone is going to ring and the person on the other end is going to tell me that they know that I don't know what the hell I'm doing."

What?! I couldn't believe my ears that a widely respected, industry leader with decades of proof under her belt could possibly feel that way! How could that be, I wondered?

Enter The Imposter Syndrome...

That poised, intelligent, accomplished, and capable PR executive was like nearly 70 to 80 % of high achievers. They too, suffer from this feeling of being found out to be a fraud, an imposter, and don't think they deserve the accolades, prestige, salary, or opportunities that they, in reality, worked so hard for.

These people who suffer from the imposter syndrome will attribute their success to others potentially, or just dumb luck. Or they'll think that others around them who admire and respect them have simply been fooled by their confident exterior and made an error in judgement. And it couldn't be further from the truth.

So, Why Does Imposter Syndrome Matter?

It matters a lot because it is downright debilitating. It causes stress, anxiety, low self-confidence, shame, and in some cases, even depression. Those are the mental, emotional, and psychological impacts. We also now know that our mental and emotional state is directly corelated to our physical health; this Imposter syndrome can now impact your health.

And, what about other areas of your life such as career and relationships? If you don't feel that you have much to offer; how likely are you to put yourself forward for career-growing projects, assignments, and promotions?

If you feel that there is something inherently wrong with you and it's just a matter of time before the phone rings and the sinister voice on the other end says, "I've got your number, I know you're a fraud," how willing are you going to be to be brave and vulnerable in your relationships? Imposter syndrome matters. And it matters a lot!

So Why Do So Many of Us Experience Imposter Syndrome?

Essentially, all of the issues we experience, from imposter syndrome to addictions to anxiety and phobias, have a root cause belief underlying them. Here are the three most common:

- 1. I am different and what I want isn't available to me.
- 2. I am different and can't connect/don't believe.
- 3. I am not enough.

I am quoting the wisdom of my teacher, Marisa Peer. In her experience, every issue boiled down to those three core beliefs, and always, always, #3 – I'm not enough. In my experience, I've seen the same. So, can you see how if one or more of your core underlying beliefs about yourself is #1, #2, #3, or all of them, how you just might, maybe, experience the imposter syndrome? I thought so.

Beliefs Guide Actions, Actions Reinforce Beliefs

Here are a few more reasons why and how this occurs.



Our beliefs, always, always guide our actions and who we think we are in the world. Some of us are better at hiding feelings of inadequacy (e.g., high achievers who experience imposter syndrome), but rest assured, that imposter syndrome is being expressed in other ways (e.g., stress, anxiety, retreating).

The Antidote

It's simpler than you think, and this is most often the case. The most effective solutions are the most elegant and simple. You have to do a few things and only a few.

- 1. Get real and honest with yourself. Honestly admit to yourself: "I feel like an imposter at times." It's helpful to jot down a few recent examples of when you felt that way.
- 2. Understanding is power. You cannot overcome what you don't understand. There, I just told you what you need to know in the paragraph before this.
- 3. Take action to change your beliefs and your perception of yourself. There are many ways to do this. Meditation, writing, affirmations, exercise, coaching, therapy, Rapid Transformational Therapy, and hypnotherapy.

Summary

- It's normal to experience imposter syndrome you are not alone.
- It's messing with you, even if you don't think so. Emotionally, psychologically, intellectually, physically.
- · Understanding is power,
- Changing your beliefs and perceptions is the antidote.

To your health, joy, and success!

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Orange Vegetables Are Healthy and Delicious

from Alberta Health Services



Canada's Food Guide Plate encourages Canadians to make half their plate vegetables or fruit. One recommendation is to have orange vegetables a few times a week.

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Orange vegetables that grow in Alberta are carrots, peppers, pumpkins, squash, and even sweet potatoes.

Here are a few ways to add orange vegetables to your meals:

- Choose sweet potato instead of regular potatoes.
- Serve roasted butternut squash.
- Serve sliced carrots or peppers as a snack.
- Roast carrots or peppers as a side dish.
- · Add pureed pumpkin to regular mashed potatoes, soups, and sauces. Or add it into muffin or cookie batter when baking. For a fall treat, try it in a smoothie with cinnamon and nutmeg.

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- b. Ireland
- c. Scotland
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- a. Snakes
- h Rats
- c. Witches
- 3. What colour is worn on St. Patrick's Day?
- a. Blue
- b. Red
- c. Green
- 4. What date in March is St. Patrick's Day?
- a. March 1
- b. March 16
- c. March 17

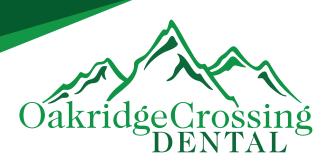
- 5. How many pints of Guinness are consumed worldwide on St. Patrick's Day every year?
- a. 13,000,000
- b. 1,300,000
- c. 1,000,000
- 6. What is St. Patrick's nickname?
- a. St. Paddy
- b. St. Pattv
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