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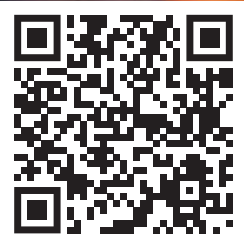
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- Membership is voluntary (\$20 per household within Cranston, \$30 per household outside Cranston).
- Protects and advocates for the interests of the neighbourhood; is the community voice.
- Past hot topics have included cell phone tower placement, congested intersections, and zoning.
- Direct contact with our City Councillor, MLA, Calgary Police Liaison Officer, Federal MP, and others on a monthly basis.
- Run events such as the Community Cleanup, Festival of Lights, and organizes the *Cranversations* newsletter.
- Partner with grassroots minor soccer programs.
- Run solely by volunteers; generally meet at 7:00 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month (excluding July/ August) at Century Hall and all are welcome!

Cranston Residents Association (CRA)

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- Membership is compulsory for all households in Cranston; fees are collected annually each April.
- It is a not-for-profit organization that is professionally managed and operated.
- Operates, maintains, and manages amenities within Cranston owned by the Cranston RA including Century Hall with its indoor and outdoor facilities including gymnasium, tennis courts, splash park, and ice rink. They also maintain the Windmill, Art Park, and Direct Control corners.
- Responsible for Century Hall's programming. Kids and adults can take part in all sorts of wonderful activities such as dance, yoga, basketball, and art classes.
- Additional events such as Stampede Breakfast, Farmers Market, and Winter Wonderland are also organized by the Cranston RA with help from a variety of generous sponsors.

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Understanding Mental Health

by Alberta Health Services

Mental Health is complicated. There are many ways to talk about it and it can get confusing. To better understand, Mental Health Literacy developed a tool known as “the pyramid” that consists of four layers. The base of the pyramid is the largest, which is related to the number of individuals in this state. Therefore, as the pyramid gets smaller so does the amount of people who may experience this state. Let’s take a closer look at what the four levels of the pyramid are:

1. No Distress, Problem, or Disorder

This is the bottom level and the largest of the pyramid. This is when everything is okay, and you are not experiencing any mental distress, problems, or disorders.

2. Mental Distress

The next layer up is mental distress. Distress releases a signal from our brain indicating the need to adapt to our environment and that there is a problem to solve. Triggers of distress are unavoidable, but the process is necessary for life-skills promoting and building resilience. An example is having an argument with your boss; once you figure out a solution the mental distress goes away.

3. Mental Health Problem

The layer second from the top is mental health problems which is an indicator that we are having difficulties and may need external help such as counselling or community support. This can arise from a stressor of great amount, such as the death of a loved one.

4. Mental Disorder/Illness

Located at the top of the pyramid is mental illness. This occurs when there is disruption in usual brain functioning. This disruption is the result of our genes and our environment from the time of conception and throughout the lifespan. Examples of this can be the diagnosis of ADHD, clinical depression, and anxiety.

Now that we have a better understanding of these terms, here are everyday things you can do for your mental health, also known as the Big Five to Thrive!

- Exercise: This could be a walk in the community or a session at the gym.

- Sleep: The optimal amount needed varies for everyone. Put away your phone and snuggle up for a good night’s sleep.
- Supportive Relationships: Develop and maintain positive relationships with family, friends, and community. Surround yourself with those who lift you up.
- Nutrition: Incorporate healthy foods that are easy to make and taste great!
- Helping Others: Get involved in your community coalitions or volunteer with local charities.

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Do you have your membership cards for Century Hall? All residents over the age of 10 are now required to have a membership card for entry to Cranston Century Hall Park and facility. Membership cards will also allow you to register for programs offered by the Cranston Residents Association (CRA).

Century Hall Updates

Did you know as a Cranston resident you have access to the Century Hall Tool and Equipment Library! Here you will find a variety of tools and outdoor sports equipment that you can borrow and enjoy for free! We have paddleboards, snowshoes, kayaks, lifejackets, skateboards, games bins, drills, ladders, saws, tools, you name it! Inquire today to learn more!

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Heritage A 1037 sq. feet	34 ft. by 30.5 ft.	50 Guests	\$61.50	\$69.50	\$77.50
Heritage B 850 sq. feet	34 ft. by 25 ft.	40 Guests	\$51.00	\$57.50	\$64.00
Heritage C 765 sq. feet	34 ft. by 22.5 ft.	35 Guests	\$51.00	\$57.50	\$64.00
Heritage A & B 1887 sq. feet	34 ft. by 55.5 ft.	90 Guests	\$72.00	\$81.50	\$91.50
Heritage B & C 1615 sq. feet	34 ft. by 47.5 ft.	80 Guests	\$66.50	\$75.00	\$84.00
Vista 639 sq. feet	18 ft. by 35.5 ft.	30 Guests	\$53.00	\$60.00	\$67.50
Riverside 534 sq. feet	17.5 ft. by 30.5 ft.	25 Guests	\$53.00	\$60.00	\$67.50
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Minimum two hour rental for Heritage Room(s)

Additional Charges

After Hours Security fee applies for rentals ending between 9:00pm and 1:00am.
 After Hours Teardown fee applies for rentals ending between 8:30pm and 1:00am.
 SOCAN and Re:Sound fees apply for bookings with music and/or dancing.

\$300.00 damage deposit on credit card required for all bookings serving alcohol and/or requiring after hours

revised March 2023 - prices subject to change



Century Hall Rental Policy & Procedures

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Booking Requirements

1. Signature on Rental Contract
2. Full payment – due upon receipt of Rental Contract
3. \$300.00 Damage Deposit on credit card. Refund will be issued 3-5 business days after event date, pending management review
4. Proof of Insurance – Home Owner Insurance – (Providers Name, Policy Number, Expiry date)

Failure to provide the booking requirements within **one week** from the date of booking will result in the rental being cancelled.

Rentals with alcohol are required to provide:

1. Party Alcohol Liability Insurance – www.palcanada.com or www.duuo.ca (due 10 days prior to rental)
2. Liquor Permit – available online at www.aglc.ca (due day of rental)

Rentals using third party contractors/vendors (caterers, bar tenders, decorators, etc.) are encouraged to provide:

1. Certificate of Insurance from each vendor and when possible have Cranston Residents Association listed as additional insured.

Temporary Bookings/Holds are not permitted. Bookings are on a first come first served basis.

Advanced Booking

Residents can book a maximum of **one year** in advance. Bookings for a full one year in advance can be booked on the 1st of the month of the year prior – see example below

Ex 1: Want to book your wedding for August 12, 2024? Your booking would be accepted as of August 1, 2023

Brookfield Communities can book a maximum of **11 months** in advance. Bookings for a full 11 months in advance can be booked on the 1st of the month, 11 months prior – see example below

Ex 1: Want to book your wedding for August 12, 2024? Your booking would be accepted as of September 1, 2023

Non-Residents can book a maximum of **10 months** in advance. Bookings for a full 10 months in advance can be booked on the 1st of the month, 10 months prior – see example below

Ex 1: Want to book your wedding for August 12, 2024? Your booking would be accepted as of October 1, 2023

Changes to Rental Agreements

Two weeks written notice is required for all rescheduling/change requests.

All changes (extending time, room, date, rescheduling or cancelling) **must** be done in writing.

A \$20.00 Admin Fee may be applied.

Cancellation	Must be done in writing – email rentals@cranstonra.ca
75% refund	Rental cancelled more than three months prior to the rental date
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No refund	Rental cancelled less than one month prior to the rental date

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Tortellini and Spinach Soup

by Jennifer Puri



Tortellini is an Italian bite-sized pasta which is stuffed with ricotta or parmesan cheese, pork, sausage, dried mushrooms, herbs, and vegetables.

This ring-shaped pasta is traditionally served in a broth, but tomato, mushroom, and meat sauces are also popular. Italy is recognized for its food culture and the work of rolling out the dough evenly and then cutting it into small squares, followed by the stuffing and shaping of the tiny tortellini which is an art in itself.

Tortellini and spinach soup is the perfect weeknight supper that can be enjoyed by every member of the family. It is delicious on its own or with a tossed salad and garlic or crusty bread.

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 15 minutes

Servings: 4 to 5

Ingredients:

- 1 package spinach or cheese stuffed tortellini (350 gm)
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 small yellow onion, finely chopped
- 6 tbsp. tomato paste
- 3 cups fresh spinach leaves, stems removed
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 10 cups of low sodium chicken broth

- ½ tsp. ground black pepper
- Salt to taste
- 1 tsp. Italian seasoning
- 1 cup half and half cream

Garnish:

- Grated parmesan cheese
- Parsley leaves
- Red chili flakes (optional)

Directions:

- Place the olive oil, onion, garlic, and carrots in a medium size pot or Dutch oven. Sauté the vegetables until the onions are translucent, approximately 4 to 5 minutes.
- Add the tomato paste, Italian seasoning, salt, and pepper, stirring frequently. Next add the broth and bring to a boil. Add tortellini and cook until the tortellini is al dente, about 5 minutes.
- Reduce heat to low and gently add the half and half cream and the spinach leaves and continue to simmer for a couple of minutes or until spinach leaves are wilted and then remove from heat.
- Ladle the soup into bowls and garnish with grated parmesan cheese, parsley leaves, and chili flakes (optional).

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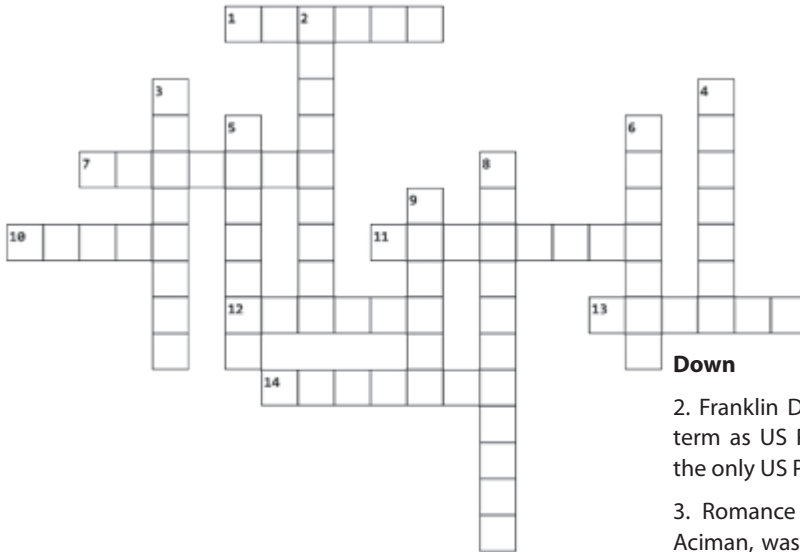
- Leftover soup can be stored in an airtight container and refrigerated for up to three days.
- Vegetarians can substitute the chicken broth with vegetable broth.

Bon Appétit!

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January Crossword



Across

1. Ice-hockey player and co-founder of a popular restaurant franchise, Miles Gilbert "Tim" _____, was born on January 12, 1930, in Cochrane, Ontario.
7. World _____ Day on January 4 marks awareness of a form of communication for blind and visually impaired people.
10. On January 2, 2010, American singer-songwriter _____'s debut single, "TiK ToK," reached number one on the Billboard Hot 100.
11. This iconic Aretha became the first female artist to be inducted in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on January 3, 1987.
12. This TV series first premiered on January 12, 1966, starring Adam West as the titular character and tells the story of a superhero who fights crime in Gotham City.
13. Legendary comedian, Jim _____, was born on January 17, 1962, in Newmarket, Ontario.
14. Disney's popular TV movie, *High School Musical*, premiered on January 20, 2006, starring Zac Efron, Ashley Tisdale, and Vanessa _____.

Down

2. Franklin D. _____ was sworn in for his fourth term as US President on January 20, 1945, becoming the only US President to do so.
3. Romance novel, *Call Me by Your Name*, by André Aciman, was published on January 23, 2007, and later became a film starring Timothée _____.
4. On January 7, 1610, Galileo Galilei discovered the first three moons of this planet – the largest in our solar system.
5. British actress and singer, Cynthia Erivo, who plays _____ in *Wicked*, was born on January 8, 1987.
6. Steve _____ and Steve Jobs officially incorporated Apple Computer, Inc. on January 3, 1977, in California.
8. "Wedding March", composed by Felix _____, was first played at the wedding of Princess Victoria and Prince Frederick William of Prussia on January 25, 1858.
9. The first Winter Olympic Games officially opened on January 25, 1924, in Chamonix, _____.



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May 24	83	73	\$580,000	\$575,000
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