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Word of the Month

Filipendulous: adjective (fil-i-pen-du-lous) Suspended by a thread.

The artist crafted a gallery full of filipendulous drawings and artworks.

RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES

Embracing May: A Season of Growth and Connection

by Chima Akuchie

With the arrival of May, Calgary bursts into life with longer days, warmer temperatures, and fresh opportunities to connect. It's a time for renewal—not just in nature but within our communities. Whether you're stepping outside to enjoy the city's parks, joining local initiatives, or simply spending quality time with loved ones, this month invites us all to embrace the season's energy.

Spring is the perfect reminder of the power of small actions. Supporting local businesses, volunteering, or lending a helping hand to neighbours can create a ripple effect of kindness. As the cost of living continues to challenge many, community support plays a vital role in ensuring no one feels left behind. Even simple gestures, like participating in a charity event or attending a neighbourhood cleanup, contribute to a stronger and more connected city.

Beyond acts of service, May is filled with opportunities for fun and discovery. From cultural celebrations to outdoor markets and live performances, there's no shortage of ways to engage. Exploring new events, trying different cuisines, or joining creative workshops can introduce fresh experiences while fostering a deeper connection to the city and those around us.

As the season blooms, so do new possibilities. May is an invitation to step outside your routine, meet new people, and take part in activities that enrich both personal and community life. Whether through attending events, picking up a new hobby, or simply appreciating the beauty of the changing season, every small moment of engagement adds to the collective spirit of the city.

Let's welcome May with open arms, embracing the opportunities it brings to grow, connect, and create lasting memories. Here's to a month filled with positivity and meaningful experiences!



In Loving Kindness

by Garth Paul Ukrainetz

Be not abashed when life is tough No shame in having need At times the road is harsh and rough Confused this world indeed

It's crucial that we all reach out In giving and receiving To rise above the walls of doubt Together we're believing

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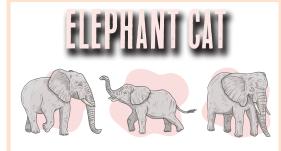
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MENTAL HEALTH MOMENT

Six Ways to Stand Up for Yourself

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

People-pleasing is a common pattern where individuals prioritize others' needs or desires over their own...often at the expense of their well-being. Overcoming this behaviour takes self-awareness, boundary-setting, and practicing self-care. Here are six ways to stop people-pleasing:

1. Recognize and Acknowledge the Behaviour

The first step in breaking free from people-pleasing is to recognize when you're doing it. Notice if you're constantly agreeing to things you don't want to do, neglecting your own needs, or avoiding conflict at all costs. Once you can identify these patterns, you can start taking steps to address them.

2. Set Clear Boundaries

Setting healthy boundaries is essential to stopping people-pleasing. This means learning to say no without guilt and making it clear what you can and cannot do. Practice asserting yourself calmly and confidently when someone asks for something that goes beyond your limits. You don't have to provide an explanation for your boundaries — just saying "I can't do that right now" or "That doesn't work for me" is enough.

3. Understand and Prioritize Your Own Needs

People-pleasers often suppress their own needs in favour of others. To stop this, be mindful of your own feelings and desires. Make a habit of checking in with yourself regularly. What do you need in the moment? What are your values? Prioritizing your own emotional, mental, and physical well-being helps you stop being overly concerned with other people's approval.

4. Challenge Your Fear of Disappointment or Conflict

A lot of people-pleasers fear disappointing others or facing conflict. Shift your mindset by reminding yourself that it's okay to disagree or say no. You don't need to make everyone happy, and people's reactions to your boundaries don't define your worth. Over time, you'll become more comfortable with discomfort and realize that you can handle others' feelings without compromising your own.



5. Learn to Tolerate Guilt and Discomfort

It's natural to feel guilty when you start saying no or standing up for your needs, especially if you're used to pleasing others. Practice tolerating that guilt and discomfort. Understand that feeling bad doesn't mean you've done something wrong — it simply means you're making a change. As you practice, this guilt will lessen, and you'll become more comfortable with acting in ways that align with your values.

6. Surround Yourself with Supportive People

Having people around who respect your boundaries and encourage your personal growth can help you feel empowered to stop people-pleasing. Seek relationships that are balanced and reciprocal, where your needs are valued just as much as others'. Positive, supportive people will help you feel more confident and less likely to fall back into people-pleasing behaviours.

Changing people-pleasing habits takes time, but with consistent effort and practice, you can learn to prioritize your own needs and create healthier, more authentic relationships.

TAKE ON WELLNESS

Colorectal Cancer Screening Saves Lives

by Alberta Health Services

Colorectal cancer is one of the most common causes of cancer deaths in Alberta, often affecting people over 50 with no family history of the disease.

Colorectal cancer develops in the colon (large intestine) or rectum and can begin as growths called "polyps" on the inner wall of the colon or rectum. Not all polyps turn into cancer, but some types can with time. Early-stage colorectal cancer and polyps can exist for years, without symptoms.

Get screened regularly, especially if you are between 50 and 74-years-old. Screening looks for early signs of cancer in people who feel well and have no symptoms. With regular screening, colorectal cancer can be found early, and many types of polyps can be removed before they turn into cancer.

Screening Tests for Colorectal Cancer

The two main screening tests for colorectal cancer are Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) and colonoscopy. You and your healthcare provider can discuss which test is right for you.

Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT)

FIT is the recommended screening test for people at average risk of getting colorectal cancer. Most people are at average risk. Average risk means those with no symptoms and no personal or family history of colorectal cancer.

FIT is an easy, at-home test that checks for hidden blood in your stool. You collect a small stool sample and take your completed FIT to the lab for testing. You should plan to do the FIT every year starting at age 50.

There are two easy ways to get your free FIT:

- Talk to your doctor about colorectal cancer screening. They'll give you a lab requisition form. Take this form to the lab to pick up your FIT.
- Order online at screeningforlife.ca or call AHS Screening Programs toll-free at 1-866-727-3926. We'll mail you a FIT.

If your FIT result is normal, it means that no blood was found in your stool sample. You should continue to



screen with FIT regularly. If your FIT result is abnormal, it means that blood was found in your stool sample. This can happen for different reasons.

While most people with an abnormal result do not have cancer, your doctor or healthcare provider may recommend a colonoscopy to find the cause of the bleeding.

For every 100 colonoscopies after an abnormal FIT, two to three cases of colorectal cancer are detected. Early detection leads to a 90% treatment success rate, making regular screening essential.

Colonoscopy

Colonoscopy is the recommended test for people at an increased risk of getting colorectal cancer. You may be at increased risk if you or someone in your family such as a parent, sibling, or child had colorectal cancer in the past. Colonoscopy is also the recommended follow-up test after an abnormal FIT result.

A colonoscopy lets the doctor see the inside of your colon. This test is done using a colonoscope, which is a long, thin, flexible tube with a light and camera on the end.

Colorectal Cancer Signs and Symptoms

Never ignore new symptoms including blood in your stool, a change in your bowel habits, pain in your belly, or unexplained weight loss. See your doctor or healthcare provider if you develop these or any other symptoms you're worried about. These symptoms may not be caused by cancer, but speaking to your healthcare provider can help you know for sure.

RECIPE



Thai Curry Chicken

by Jennifer Puri

Thai food is a blend of four cuisines – Indian, Chinese, Malay, and Thai.

Thai curry can be mild or spicy and contain meat, chicken, seafood, or vegetables, and is typically served with rice or noodles.

The "reddish" colour and flavour of the curry comes from the red chillies used to make the paste which would also include lemongrass, shrimp paste, ginger and garlic, turmeric, coriander, and cumin seeds.

Full fat coconut milk has been used in the Thai curry chicken recipe as it helps to offset the heat and give it a creamy consistency. The curry is actually quite mild, but you can increase the heat by stirring in the garnish of fresh, sliced red Thai chillies prior to serving.

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 35 minutes

Servings: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

- 3 lbs. boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 medium size onion, finely sliced

- 3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 4 tbsp. vegetable oil
- 4 to 5 tbsp. Thai curry paste
- 3 tsp. fish sauce
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 2 1/2 cups full fat coconut milk

Garnish:

- 3 Thai red chillies, deseeded and thinly sliced
- 10 to 12 fresh mint leaves or Thai basil leaves

Directions:

- 1. Cut the chicken breasts into small pieces.
- 2. Heat oil in a large pan or skillet (which has a lid), add the sliced onion and garlic and sauté for 2 to 3 minutes.
- 3. Add the chicken pieces to the pan and fry until they change colour and are no longer pink.
- 4. Add Thai curry paste, followed by the sugar, salt, and fish sauce, and blend in with the chicken.
- 5. Pour in the coconut milk and simmer on low heat until the chicken is tender, about 20 minutes.
- 6. Garnish with 2 to 3 thinly sliced Thai red chillies with seeds removed and fresh mint or basil leaves.
- 7. Serve with Jasmine or Basmati rice or rice noodles if desired.

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Hello, Ward 14!

It's gonna be May! There will be May flowers following the April showers, and there will be the full online May version of this newsletter column. There will be information about a student video contest, YardSmart tips, and Calgary's new Zoning Bylaw. I will also write about Emergency Preparedness Week. I hope you will read about it.

Feel free to contact me any time, and don't forget to visit calgary.ca/ward14 for the full version of this column. The best way to contact me is by visiting calgary.ca/contactward14 or calling 403-268-1653.

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