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Mother's Day is quickly approaching, and maybe it's time to consider a fresh approach to show your mama just how much you love her. Sure, flowers and chocolates are always nice, but they are a little predictable. Breakfast in bed is a lovely idea, but let's face it, sometimes it just ends up being added work for mom herself. And not everybody is that fond of raw pancakes and burnt bacon.

Calgary Reads would like to suggest giving mom a literary gift this Mother's Day. It's a very thoughtful way of spelling out just how much you love her. Here are a few suggestions to get you started.

Write your mother a poem. Take mom to the library and help her pick out some books to read together. While you are there, let her pick out a new novel for herself. Write a story for your mama. Turn it into a book, by binding it between construction paper covers that you have decorated yourself. Take mom to the CBC - Calgary Reads Book Sale (which runs all Mother's Day weekend). Take along an extra toonie and surprise mom with a book that you bought with your own money. Or give mom a day of pampering and let her go to the book sale all by herself. Have supper ready for her when she gets home and decorate her place setting with a homemade card. Make some Mother's Day themed bingo cards and challenge your mom to a game. Or, if you are really ambitious, make mom a crossword puzzle that she can complete while enjoying her coffee.

There are so many words and ways to show your mom how much you love her. Have fun!

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The yellow lady's slipper orchid will begin to emerge in spring so if you are exploring Griffith Woods, keep your eyes open.

To protect this environmentally sensitive park, users should be mindful of staying on designated paths and respecting posted signs.

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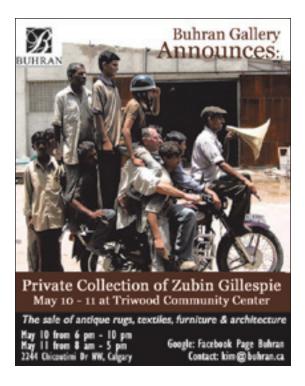


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Foodie or not, you may have heard of Oysters Rockefeller, which is arguably the most famous oyster appetizer in the world. First created at Antoine's Restaurant in New Orleans, Rockefeller's recipe has been a closely guarded secret for over a century. Further, and contrary to conventional culinary wisdom (having worked at Antoine's for years), I can say with some certainty not one leaf of spinach is found in the recipe. The truth is, though I do not claim to have any sense of how proportioned, the main suspect ingredients of this most delicious oyster dish is the nutritiously rich green tops of several other vegetables (carrots, turnips, celery). Put another way, everything that would normally be discarded from any cutting board as refuse. So, paradoxically, (and again, this is only my very well informed guess) this most delicious dish, invented to be served to impress the richest man in the world of that era, is in reality composed of healthy foods most likely considered compost in a modern kitchen. Thus the inspiration for this seemingly hoity-toity dish sprung not from a decadent model of conspicuous consumption, but rather from the opposite, as the true muse for Rockefeller was frugality.

And herein lies the life lesson I feel we might learn from all those sharp chefs facing razor thin profit margins common to all restaurants, namely to avoid waste of any sort. For, far beyond food cost concerns, the cost of waste plays out in too many ways in our lives, and world. While some might already be rightly considering wise and wonderful things like recycling, energy conservation (and not letting that kale garnish go uneaten off the next office party finger sandwich platter), I am actually talking about the moments in life which we are all guilty of squandering. Those moments that are between all of our planned activities. Be it a conversation struck at the checkout counter, a sunset seen while stuck in traffic, or a smile shared in an elevator -- these discarded moments can actually be the most nutritious, and deliciously cherished memories. Memories that turn out to be even "Richer than Rockefeller".



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by Kim DesLandes

The preparation of your Will, Power of Attorney and Personal Directive is an important step in the responsible management of your family's financial and legal affairs. Whether you are married or single, with or without children, a Will is something that everyone needs. If you die intestate (without a will), Alberta law determines who will receive your money and property and who will be the guardian of your minor children.

Dying intestate means your loved ones may have to go to Court in order to deal with all of your property. This could be quite costly and time consuming.

With a Will, you will get to choose the person you want to administer your estate; you will be able to tell people what your wishes are; and you will decide who will look after your children.

With so much at stake, proper estate planning is crucial to ensuring that your wishes are carried out as you had intended.

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We all know how great we feel after a really solid, intense, butt kicking workout. Heck, even after a moderately intense workout we feel fantastic. Wouldn't you agree?

The very act of getting past our "why we can't" excuses and hitting the trail, the gym, our living room floor, that spin bike, or whatever our exercise of choice is makes us feel proud, empowered and impressed with ourselves. Not to mention how wonderful it is that each workout takes us one step closer to our fitness goals, whatever they may be.

Then why is it, I often wonder, that for so many of us even though we know exercise is good for us and how awesome it makes us feel, we still don't do it often enough, if even at all? These are the thoughts that run through my mind most days and most vividly one morning this spring as I was in the kitchen making my daily cup of coffee.

I heard in my head a voice like a flash of inspiration, whispering to me that said "Do or do not. There is no try." Lucky me, I had channelled master Yoda -- the cool old wise green guy from Star Wars (and my favourite character hands down). What a fabulous saying. How true it is and oh, how well it applies to getting fit! "Do or do not. There is no try".

When was the last time you tried to exercise? Did you exercise or didn't you? When it comes to getting fit you put on your exercise shoes and get to it or you don't. You make the time in your schedule and commit to actually doing a workout or you don't.

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Alberta Health Services Window & Balcony Safety

With the return of warmer weather, Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents of an often overlooked hazard in the home – open windows.

Every year, paramedics respond to emergencies where a child has fallen from an open window in their house–often from the second floor. Falls such as these are preventable by taking time to assess your home and ensuring windows are safe.

Further prevention tips

- Children aged one to four are at highest risk of falling from a window or balcony.
- Direct supervision of children is the single most effective way to prevent falls from windows and balconies.
- Consider installing safety devices which limit windows opening to a maximum of 4 inches or 10 centimeters.
- Ensure the safety device can be released quickly so the window can be used for escape in case of fire or other emergency.

Windows and screens

- Move furniture such as cribs, beds, stools, and change tables away from windows to prevent access to them.
- Keep drapery cords out of children's reach. Wrap excess cord around cleats or tie-downs to avoid a choking hazard.
- Remember: screens are designed to keep bugs out, NOT to keep children in!

Balconies

- Do not underestimate a child's ability to climb. Furniture and other items stored on balconies and decks can be used to climb resulting in falls over the railing.
- Consider installing a balcony guard to eliminate access between the vertical bars of a balcony or deck.

AHS EMS is proud to be a member of the **Partners Promoting Window and Balcony Safety.** Take time to assess your home for window and balcony hazards and eliminate the risks before a preventable fall occurs.

Alberta Health Services What kinds of natural disasters can occur in Calgary?

If you said "none", you'd be mistaken. Many Calgarians think natural disasters like earthquakes, floods, hurricanes and tornadoes happen in other places. While we may not be subjected to huge superstorms like Sandy or Hurricane Katrina, we have our own potential problems.

As we head into spring, we are also heading into flooding season. In the spring of 2005, about 40,000 homes in Calgary suffered flood damage. More than 1500 Calgarians were evacuated in a state of local emergency. Even if you live in an area on higher ground, you may still experience flooding though basement seepage, storm water backup and sewage backup. Certain types of flood damage are often not covered by insurance policies – you should be aware of how your insurance policy covers flooding.

The Calgary Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) encourages Calgarians to be prepared for any emergency. Some of the things you can do include:

- Know the risks. For example, flooding is most common mid-May to July, but can occur at any time of year.
- Plan for an evacuation in the event you have to leave your home.
- Ensure you have a 72-hour kit stocked and ready to go. A 72-hour kit is supplies to support you and your family for 72 hours (3 days) in an emergency situation.
- Have a family plan. The most common source of stress during an emergency is not knowing where your loved ones are. Know how to contact everyone in your family.

CEMA invites you to learn more about how you can get prepared at Disaster Alley, a fun and FREE family event! Disaster Alley showcases first responders and agencies that help in emergencies. Disaster Alley is a great chance to get up close and personal to representatives – and their equipment! – from the Calgary Fire Department, the Calgary Police Service, STARS, Alberta Health Services, HAWCs helicopter, ENMAX, ATCO, Calgary Transit, and more!

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See you soon at the Signal Hill Library!

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Fostering safe communities...

Spring Clean up

It's that time of the year again: spring cleaning! Here are some things to keep in mind during your spring cleanup:

- Complete a walkthrough of your property to ensure that all buildings and structures are in good repair, there is no vandalism or graffiti and no wildlife has taken up shop over the course of the winter. If you see any graffiti on your property, please report it to The City of Calgary by contacting 311 and remove it as soon as possible.
- If you plan to partake in any construction projects, please ensure any material stored in the yard is not visible from outside of the property. Only an appropriate amount of materials for the current building project is permitted and it should be stacked in an orderly and safe manner.
- Many community associations host community cleanups in the spring. These events are great opportunities to properly dispose of unwanted household items, such as electronics or old furniture. Contact your community association for the date of the cleanup closest to you.
- Hazardous materials such as gasoline, motor oil and paint cannot be disposed of with your household garbage. Visit calgary.ca to find a list of Throw n' Go locations and fire stations with special storage depots for proper disposal of these materials.

Having a tidy property increases personal and community pride. You, your family and your friends will feel comfortable and safe enjoying your yard and spending time outside.

SALGARY WILDLIFE



Waxwings: Bandits and Drunks

Jenna McFarland

he beautiful waxwing is named for the red wax-like droplets of colour on the tips of its wings; reminiscent of the wax used to seal letters long ago. As if these beautiful splashes of red were not enough, the rest of its feathers dazzle with yellows, peaches, and greys, all accented with a striking black mask over its eyes, reminding us of a bank robbers and bandits from old movies. We see two

different species of waxwing regularly in the Calgary area, the Cedar Waxwing and the Bohemian Waxwing. The Cedar Waxing is the smaller of the two species and is distinguished by a light grey body and lemon yellow underbelly. The Bohemian Waxwing is larger, has a darker grey body, and a rust coloured patch of feathers under its tail. At the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society, waxwings are a common admittance

in the late fall and early spring. They are brought in to the clinic after hitting reflective windows or are rescued by members of the public after sustaining injuries during the fledgling stage of development. It is during this fledge that well-meaning members of the public, often mistake the birds' awkward flapping and attempts at flight as distress. For birds this is just a natural

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Waxwings cont'd

stage in their development where they must learn to fly through trial and error. This stage is also the most vulnerable in a bird's life; they are often taken by domestic cats, attacked by other birds, or hit by cars. With waxwings in particular, the most interesting medical condition seen at CWRS is intoxication. In the fall, right before their southern migration, waxwings fill up on leftover Mountain Ash berries off the trees and on the ground. Often by this time of the year, the berries are fermented and though still nutritious, can cause the birds to become quite

drunk. These "drunken sailors" need a little time and lots of fluids to sober up at the rehabilitation facility before they can be released to finally embark on their long journey. If you encounter any wildlife in distress please call the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society on their wildlife hotline at 403-239-2488 for advice and instructions.

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