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		Properties		Median Price	
		Listed	Sold	Listed	Sold
January	24	37	16	\$694,450	\$688,250
December	23	28	34	\$682,450	\$680,000
November	23	33	33	\$549,900	\$549,900
October	23	41	30	\$597,450	\$590,000
September	23	29	35	\$649,900	\$635,000
August	23	35	42	\$644,900	\$641,500
July	23	56	36	\$614,950	\$620,750
June	23	58	63	\$639,900	\$642,000
May	23	35	42	\$609,450	\$612,250
April	23	46	43	\$615,000	\$615,000
March	23	50	46	\$564,950	\$565,000
February	23	33	14	\$549,900	\$550,000

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit mah.mycalgary.com

COPPERFIELD COMMUNITY REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY

		Properties		Median Price	
		Listed	Sold	Listed	Sold
January	24	17	13	\$494,900	\$518,000
December	23	10	14	\$464,450	\$443,450
November	23	20	29	\$479,900	\$484,000
October	23	33	37	\$435,000	\$436,000
September	23	39	30	\$419,900	\$425,500
August	23	39	52	\$419,950	\$417,500
July	23	42	36	\$394,950	\$409,950
June	23	43	34	\$437,450	\$457,450
May	23	54	53	\$449,900	\$460,000
April	23	29	34	\$425,000	\$461,250
March	23	36	26	\$364,950	\$359,950
February	23	18	15	\$349,999	\$350,100

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The Copperfield Mahogany Community Association (CMCA) is an organization formed by the residents of both Copperfield and Mahogany:

- To manage and direct its social and recreational activities.
- To act as a liaison with all levels of government, especially civic matters like planning and development.
- To plan, develop and maintain community facilities and amenities.



CMCA Members Can Register for Programs at the Mahogany HOA!

Did you know that anybody can register for programs at the Mahogany HOA?

They have a wonderful indoor facility with a banquet hall, studios, and even a gymnasium that hosts youth and adult programs. You can check out their programs at http://www.mahoganyhoa.com.

The best part is that CMCA members can register at a discounted rate, compared to the general public. This is to thank members for their commitment to both of our communities. Getting your CMCA membership is quick and easy – just go to https://cmcommunity.ca/memberships/!

Once you have your CMCA membership, kindly reach out to the Mahogany HOA team at 403-453-1221 and they can assist you in setting up your profile and registering you at the discounted rate. If you have any questions, reach out to programs@mahoganyhoa.com.





Copperfield-Mahogany Community Association Memberships

Community associations are run by residents in our neighbourhoods, they bring us together as friends, they are a voice for our community, and they offer many exciting opportunities right here:

- Hockey/Skating
- Youth Programs
- Community-wide events like Stampede, Picnic in the Park, and Movie in the Park
- Committee work (planning and development, special events, safety, etc.)

Other Benefits Include:

- Discounted rates to most programs that operate through the Copperfield Community Hall and many at the Mahogany Beach Club.
- Discounted rates on Copperfield Community Hall rentals.
- We are building a directory of businesses in the area that will offer discounts to you by showing your membership card! (Please contact us to become involved in this program).
- · And so much more!

Community Associations are dedicated to making sure our communities are a great place to live, work, and play. Purchasing a Community Association membership is a great way to get involved and show your support for the many ways our neighbours work to ensure you love where you live.

Memberships are valid for one year from the date of purchase, allowing you to purchase one at any time of year. You can set up an online account for your family at www.cmcommunity.ca and use this to purchase and renew memberships, as well as register for programs held at the Copperfield Community Hall! Memberships are good for up to two adults per household and their children up to 17 years of age. Membership is a voluntary \$30 per household, per year and is not included in the mandatory Mahogany Homeowners Association fee. A CMCA Membership does not grant access to the lake in Mahogany. You also get a vote at the yearly AGM (October/November) and it entitles you to hold a position on the Board of Directors.

Show support for your community and purchase your membership today!





The Copperfield-Mahogany Community Association (CMCA) meets monthly on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm (except July and December), and residents are welcome to join us as a visitor and find out what is happening in your communities first hand! You are also welcome to join the Board, as certain roles are still open.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR

Planning and Development Coordinator

Board position requiring a current CMCA membership. Must be able to attend monthly board meeting on the third Thursday of every month. The Planning and Development Coordinator will receive updates from the city on future development and planning and relay to the board. A full description of the role is available at https://cmcommunity.ca.

Facility Coordinator

Board position requiring a current CMCA membership. Must be able to attend monthly board meeting on the third Thursday of every month. The Facility Coordinator will help ensure our community hall and outdoor rink are maintained and kept safe for many years to come. A full description of the role is available at https://cmcommunity.ca/blog/join-our-team-facility/.

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

Schools Coordinator

Board position requiring a current CMCA membership. Must be able to attend monthly board meeting on the third Thursday of every month. The Schools Coordinator is responsible for acting as a liaison between the local schools and our community. A full description of the role is available at https://cmcommunity.ca.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT ANY OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE EMAIL PRESIDENT@CMCOMMUNITY.CA



RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES

Stargazing with Pat J: The Ice giants – Uranus and Neptune

by Patricia Jeffery © 2024, Calgary Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada

Similar to Jupiter and Saturn, Uranus and Neptune's atmospheres consist of hydrogen and helium, but the bulk of each planet is a frozen slush of water, methane, and ammonia, hence their nickname 'ice giants.'

Uranus

- Seventh planet from the Sun
- If the Sun is at a football field's goal post and Earth is on the 2-yard line, Uranus is at the 38-yard line



- Third largest planet, 63 Earths could fit inside
- Rotates on its axis in 17 hours. Takes 84 years to orbit the Sun
- Takes sunlight 2.5 hours to get there
- Lacks a hard surface. Despite being closer to the Sun than Neptune, Uranus is the coldest planet in the solar system at -224 degrees Celsius
- Has 27 moons and thirteen rings
- Very stormy atmosphere with wind speeds over 900 km/hr
- Early in life, a collision with an Earth sized object left it with a tilt of almost 90 degrees; meaning Uranus is literally lying on its side. As a result, summer on Uranus is 21 years of sunshine while winter is 21 years of darkness

Neptune

- Eighth planet and furthest from the Sun
- If the Sun is at a football field's goal post and Earth is on the 2-yard line, Neptune is at the opposing team's 50-yard line



- Neptune
- Fourth largest planet, 57 Earths could fit inside
- Rotates on its axis in 15 hours. Takes 165 years to orbit the Sun
- Takes sunlight four hours to get there
- Lacks a hard surface. Mean temperature: -200 degrees Celsius
- Has 14 moons and five very faint rings
- Stormiest atmosphere in the solar system with wind speeds over 2000 km/hr
- 8,000 km below the surface of both Uranus and Neptune, hydrogen and carbon are squeezed together under incredible pressure. The result is rain, not of water droplets, but of diamonds!



WINNIE IS CANADIAN

In World War I, Canadian soldier Harry Colebourn adopted a black bear cub, Winnipeg (Winnie). Donated to the London Zoo in 1914, Winnie captured the heart of Christopher Robin Milne. He named his teddy bear after her, inspiring A. A. Milne's creation of the timeless Winnie the Pooh stories. The rest is cuddly, whimsical history!





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The Good Food Box

Orders can be placed at bit.ly/CMCA_GoodFoodBox (if nothing appears, the order is currently closed - follow our Facebook page for updates when the next order is open).

We are excited to announce that the Good Food Box program is again available for residents of Copperfield and Mahogany communities.

The Good Food Box (GFB) is a program under the Community Kitchen Program of Calgary whereby you can purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at a very low cost. The boxes are put together and delivered by dedicated volunteers who, along with The Community Kitchen, desire to see individuals and families accessing affordable nutritious food.

Boxes contain both fruits and vegetables. Weights will vary depending on produce size and density. This is a monthly program by the CMCA and the schedule is as follows:

Order Date	Delivery Date
March 4	March 15
April 8	April 19
April 29	May 10
May 27	June 7
June 17	June 28
August 19	August 30
September 16	September 27
October 14	October 25
November 11	November 22
December 2	December 13

Orders can be picked up from Copperfield Community Hall (6 Copperstone Way SE).

Abandoned orders (paid for but not picked up) will be donated to the Copperfield Helping Hands or Mahogany Angels support groups for distribution to neighbours in need.

Thank you for your support, we look forward to seeing more community members benefiting from the Good Food Box program! Follow us on Facebook for ordering details and reminders.

Ten Tips for Dealing with Parental Estrangement

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



Parental estrangement is emotional and physical distancing between a parent/s and their adult child, resulting in a strained or severed relationship. It can be triggered by various factors such as disagreements, misunderstandings, differing values, or more serious issues like emotional or physical neglect or abuse. The reasons behind parental estrangement are complex, and individuals may choose to distance themselves from a parent for their own wellbeing. The experience is emotionally challenging for both the parent/s and the adult child involved.

The following are tips which offer help for either person of the estrangement:

- **1. Acknowledge Your Feelings:** Accept and validate your emotions. Feelings of loss, anger, and confusion are valid responses to the situation.
- **2. Build A Support Network:** Surround yourself with friends or support groups who can offer understanding and encouragement.
- **3. Establish Healthy Boundaries:** Clearly communicate and enforce boundaries that protect your emotional wellbeing.
- **4. Practice Self-Compassion:** Be kind to yourself and avoid self-blame. Estrangement is a complex situation.
- **5. Focus On Personal Growth:** Use the experience as an opportunity for self-discovery and personal development.
- **6. Journaling:** Write down your thoughts and feelings to gain clarity and process your emotions.
- **7. Engage In Activities You Enjoy:** Invest time in hobbies and activities that bring you joy and fulfilment.
- **8. Explore Forgiveness:** Consider forgiveness as a personal process, recognizing that it doesn't necessarily mean reconciliation.
- **9. Give It Time:** Healing from parental estrangement is a gradual process. Be patient with yourself and the situation.
- 10. Seek Professional Help: Consider therapy to help navigate and express the complex emotions that come with parental estrangement. Therapists can teach effective communication skills to navigate difficult conversations if your child wants to talk. Therapy offers a chance to explore the root causes of the estrangement, helping individuals gain insight into their own contribution to the misunderstanding. Therapists will teach you healthy coping strategies to manage emotions. Finally, therapy can help you understand, create, and enforce healthy boundaries for the repaired relationship moving forward.

Therapy is a personalized journey, and the specific benefits can vary depending on individual circumstances and goals. Remember, there is help and hope.

Checking in with Anxiety

by Alberta Health Services

It's normal to feel worried or anxious at times within your daily life. Mild to moderate anxiety can help you focus your attention, energy, and motivation. But when these feelings become severe and out of balance, causing you to feel helpless, confused, or very worried, it may be a symptom of an anxiety disorder or a more serious problem such as depression.

Anxiety can cause physical and emotional symptoms. A specific situation or fear can cause some or all of these symptoms for a short time. When the situation passes, the symptoms usually go away.

What is an Anxiety Disorder?

Anxiety disorders occur when people have both physical and emotional symptoms. These disorders interfere with how a person gets along with others. They also affect daily activities.

Often the cause of anxiety disorders isn't known. Many people who have them say that they've felt nervous and anxious all their lives. This problem can occur at any age. Children who have at least one parent with the diagnosis of depression are more than twice as likely to have an anxiety disorder than other children.

Did you know? Women are twice as likely as men to have problems with anxiety disorders.

Anxiety disorders often occur with other problems, such as:

- Mental health problems, like depression.
- Substance use problems.
- A physical problem, like heart or lung disease. A complete medical checkup may be needed before an anxiety disorder can be diagnosed.

When you have a generalized anxiety disorder, you feel worried and stressed about many everyday events and activities. But it could result in more serious outcomes like panic attacks and phobias.

What is a Panic Attack?

Panic attacks are sudden feelings of extreme anxiety or an intense fear without a clear cause or when there is no danger. While common, panic attacks sometimes occur in otherwise healthy people. They usually only last a few minutes but can last longer. For some, anxiety can worsen quickly during the attack.

Symptoms include:

- Feeling like you're dying or losing control of yourself.
- Rapid breathing (hyperventilation).
- Numbness or tingling of the hands or lips.
- · A racing heart. You may feel dizzy, sweaty, or shaky.
- Trouble breathing, chest pain or tightness, and an irregular heartbeat. These symptoms come on suddenly and without warning.

Sometimes symptoms of a panic attack are so intense that you may fear that you're having a heart attack. Many of the symptoms of a panic attack can occur with other illnesses, such as hyperthyroidism, coronary artery disease, or COPD. A complete medical checkup may be needed before an anxiety disorder can be diagnosed.

People who have repeated unexpected panic attacks and worry about the attacks are said to have a panic disorder.

What is a Phobia?

Phobias are extreme and irrational fears that interfere with daily life. While phobias are common, they can present as fears that are out of proportion to real danger. Some individuals with severe phobias are unable to control their fears and can occur with other conditions, such as panic disorder or Tourette's disorder.

Most people deal with phobias by avoiding the situation or object that causes them to feel panic. This is called avoidance behaviour. A phobic disorder occurs when the avoidance behaviour becomes so extreme that it interferes with your daily activities.

There are three main types of phobic disorders:

- Agoraphobia: fear of being alone or in public places where help might not be available, or escape is impossible.
- Social Phobia: fear of situations where you might be exposed to criticism by others.

• Specific Phobia: fear of specific things.

Phobias can be treated to help reduce feelings of fear and anxiety.

Paying Attention to Anxiety

Life is full of ups and downs which can cause shifts in your anxiety from time to time. It's important to check in with yourself, finding time each day to take notes or monitor how you are feeling in certain situations. Documenting these moments of anxiety can help you process and work through those issues, but it can also help you determine a baseline. This can help make it clear when things are going well or if you need to check in with your doctor and develop a plan to address your anxiety.

Anxiety can be treated through cognitive-behavioural therapy, relaxation therapy, anxiety reduction classes, medicines, or a combination of methods. Talk to your doctor and ask questions if you think you are struggling with anxiety.





Looking for Volunteering Opportunities in the Community?

The Copperfield-Mahogany Community Association strives to provide social and recreational opportunities to the residents of Copperfield and Mahogany, but we can't do this without the contributions of volunteers!

Consider volunteering for our available roles and make a positive impact in your community. With a variety of of roles available, you'll gain valuable experience while contributing to a cause you care about. Join our supportive and inclusive community today and start making a difference!

If you are interested in the available volunteering opportunities in our community, you can take a survey that is specifically designed to help you find out more about each role.

The survey will provide you with a comprehensive list of all the volunteering opportunities available in our

community right now. You will also have the chance to learn about the specific responsibilities, and how you can get involved.

By taking part in this survey, you will have the opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals who are passionate about making a difference in the community. Whether you are looking for short-term or long-term volunteering opportunities, there is sure to be something that will suit your needs.

So if you are ready to take the first step in making a difference in your community, be sure to

participate in the survey and discover all the available volunteering opportunities that are waiting for you.

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From mental health counsellors to nurses who can help with things such as anxiety and diabetes, you can access a variety of health support through one of the Alberta Primary Care Networks. There are a number of Primary Care Networks across the province, offering services designed to best meet the needs of each community. Primary Care Networks are part of Alberta's public health care system and are funded by the provincial government – there is no cost to use any of their services.

Access Free Health Support

Studies show that people who regularly see their family doctor are healthier, live longer, and have fewer hospital visits. You can find various health support through Primary Care Networks, including:

- Virtual and in-person workshops to support mental health, nutrition, diabetes, exercise, and to help you quit smoking.
- Access to a team of health professionals that could include nurses, mental health therapists, dietitians, pharmacists, and social workers who can provide you with specialized care.
- After-hours care to support you if you can't get in to see your family doctor.



Spicy Chicken Curry

by Jennifer Puri



Spice it up! Spices improve the natural flavour and appearance of food. There are over 300 spices but the most popular are Black pepper, Mustard, Cumin, Turmeric, Cloves, and Cinnamon.

Spices have been used for centuries for their medicinal and preservative qualities. In addition to their antibacterial and antifungal properties they are also a good source of vitamins, calcium, iron and antioxidants.

Saffron often referred to as "red gold" is the most expensive spice in the world and because of its distinctive yellow colour is used in everything from liquor, cheeses, curries, meat and rice dishes and soups.

Generally used in small amounts spices are probably the easiest way to create a great tasting meal.

Prep Time: 15 minutes **Cook Time:** 40 minutes

Servings: 5 to 6

Ingredients:

- 3 lbs boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 2 small onions finely sliced
- 34 cup Canola oil
- 1 ½ tbsps minced ginger
- 1 ½ tbsps minced garlic
- 3 tbsps curry powder
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp ground turmeric
- 1 ½ tsps powdered red chilli peppers

- 2 bay leaves
- 1.5 tsps salt
- 1 cup plain yoghurt
- ½ can (398 ml) crushed tomatoes
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1 tsp sugar
- 34 cup coconut milk
- 1 ½ tsp Garam Masala
- 3 to 4 tbsps chopped cilantro

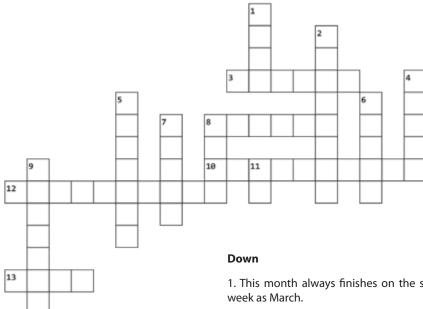
Directions:

- Cut chicken breasts into bite size pieces. Heat oil in a large pot or skillet, add onions and sauté until onions are lightly brown. Add ginger and garlic and sauté for a minute then add chicken and continue sautéing until the chicken is no longer pink on the outside about two to four minutes.
- Add curry powder, cumin, turmeric, red chilli peppers and the bay leaves and stir fry for two to three minutes. If the mixture is sticking to the pot sprinkle a little water and reduce heat.
- Next add the yoghurt and blend in followed by the water. Cover the pot and allow the curry to simmer for approximately 15 to 20 minutes or until chicken is tender.
- You can now add the crushed tomatoes, sugar and coconut milk and simmer for two to three minutes.
- Remove the curry from the heat and garnish with garam masala and chopped coriander leaves.
- Serve Spicy Chicken Curry with a tossed salad, steamed rice or naan bread.

Bon Appétit!



March Crossword



Across

- 3. The _____ Equinox is observed this year on March 19, and is one of only two moments in the year when day and night are almost equal in duration.
- 8. This Canadian pop sensation, Justin_____, was born on March 1, 1994, and turns 30 this year.
- 10. This mythical creature is often associated with St. Patrick's Day celebrations.
- 12. March Madness, an annual NCAA college tournament, is associated with this sport.
- 13. The _____ of March is well-known as the day Julius Caesar was assassinated.



- 1. This month always finishes on the same day of the
- 2. A three-leaf-clover, also known as a _____, is a plant that symbolized the arrival of spring for the Celts.
- __'s Day is annually 4. International celebrated on March 8, with this year's theme being "inspire inclusion."
- 5. Now known as X, this social media platform was first introduced on March 21, 2006, in San Francisco.
- 6. This novel, *Cloud* by David Mitchell was released in March 2004 and subsequently made into a film starring Tom Hanks, Hugh Grant, and Halle Berry in 2012.
- 7. March was originally the first month in the ancient _____ calendar.
- 8. Alexander Graham _____ made the first telephone call on March 10, 1876.
- 9. This flower, which symbolizes new beginnings, is the official birth flower for March.
- 11. Rajveer Meena holds the record for reciting the most digits of this mathematical phenomenon at 70,000 digits.



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For upcoming events, programs, lake conditions, volunteer information and more, check out the Mahogany HOA website:

www.mahoganyhoa.com

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All residents age 12+ must have their membership card/credential to access the Mahogany Beach Club and parks.

Stop by the MBC to have your picture taken and get your card/ credential today! Please bring your "Certificate of Title" and photo ID showing proof of residency. Tenants must bring in their lease agreements.

Bright Stars Preschool



Bright Stars Preschool, with locations in the Mahogany Beach Club and Copperfield Community Hall.

We provide preschool children with a joyful, playful, and wellrounded program so they can develop socially, emotionally, physically, mentally, and academically preparing them for Kindergardten.

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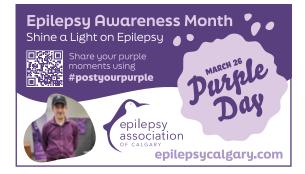
- Do you feel something is not quite right and you are concerned about recent changes in your thoughts, behaviour or experiences?
- Are you 12-30 years old?

Our studies offer monitoring, education and/or interventions. For more info, please contact: 403-210-8740 or napls@ucalgary.ca

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SAFE AND SOUND

Burns and Scalds

from Alberta Health Services

Each year Emergency Medical Services respond to emergencies involving young children who have sustained severe burns or scalds. These incidents often occur inside the child's own home. Common causes include a child accidentally tipping hot liquids onto themselves, touching hot surfaces such as stoves, or making contact with electrical outlets. Fortunately, incidents such as these can be avoided by taking preventative measures.

Degrees of Burn

- 1°: Affects only the top layers of the skin; appears red like a sun burn; discomfort is generally tolerable
- 2°: Deeper and much more painful than 1° burns; broken skin or blisters commonly develop
- 3°: Severe. The deepest layers of skin and tissue are injured; may appear charred or leathery.

First Aid for Burns

- Skin may continue to burn if not cooled. Immediately douse burns with large amounts of cold water.
- Cover the burn with a sterile dressing, or at least clean material to protect infection.
- Over the counter medications may be used for pain. Adhere to directions given on the label.
- Seek further medical attention, as required.

Prevention of Burns

- Check the temperature of your hot water tank.
 Temperatures as high as 60°C / 140°F will scald a child in iust seconds.
- Use placemats instead of tablecloths. Tablecloths can be yanked downward causing hot drinks or food to spill on a child.

- Turn pot handles to the back of the stove and ensure cords from kettles, slow cookers, and other electrical appliances cannot be reached.
- Avoid picking up a child while holding any hot liquids.
- Ensure electrical outlets are made secure by installing commercially available safety devices which prohibit access.
- Keep children away from areas where appliances are in use (kettles, irons, hot stoves).

If you require immediate medical attention, call 9-1-1.





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Preventing Cumulative Stress

by Alberta Health Services

Imagine running a marathon. Now imagine running another marathon immediately after with zero recovery time. Then another. Then another.

Cumulative stress is a bit like running consecutive marathons, except in this case there is little to show for it. Instead, chronically stressful situations with no reprieve have a harmful impact on your body and mind.

Cumulative stress has been defined as a common experience for people who work in chronically stressful situations. It can be the result of an accumulation of a heavy workload, poor communications, multiple frustrations, coping with situations in which you feel powerless, or the inability to rest or relax. It can be experienced in both work and personal lives and exacerbates stress levels in both areas of your life.

Moderate and contained stress can be a source of motivation, inspiration, and energy. However, prolonged, and negative stress stimulates the level of stress hormones that can impact your emotions, thoughts, and physiological responses.

Possible Cumulative Stress Reactions

If you are experiencing cumulative stress, here are possible reactions you may notice:

- Difficulty concentrating
- Feelings of hopelessness, powerlessness, and cynicism
- Sleep disturbances and chronic exhaustion
- · Irritability and angry eruptions
- Chronic criticism and blaming of others
- · Withdrawal from others
- · Depression and anxiety
- Increased substance use/abuse

What Can You Do?

There are many things you can do to improve your stress levels. Keep in mind that resilience should be a key part of a well thought out self-care plan that supports your ongoing personal and professional wellness needs.

Here are some suggestions or ways of reframing your thoughts:

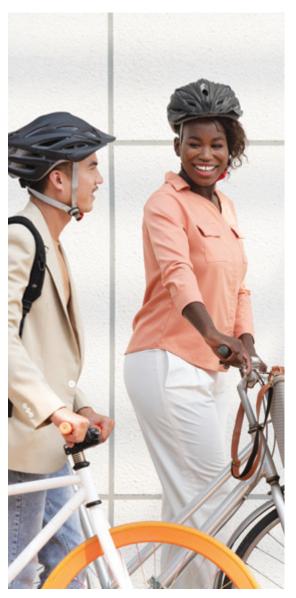
- If possible, can you spot the silver lining? Researchers suggest that perception plays a key role in how we manage stress.
- Manage your stress levels by regularly putting time aside through your day to relax your nervous system (i.e. by using breathing exercises, taking your breaks or a walk at lunch, etc.)
- Re-assess any self-blaming or negative thoughts patterns and instead, look for one or two positive aspects of your day that you have control over.
- Connect with your family, friends and/or coworkers.
 Human connection has been shown to be a key factor in supporting resiliency.
- Get some physical exercise. Exercising stimulates the release of stress-relieving chemicals (such as dopamine and endorphins) into our system.
- Find something that will help distract you from intrusive thoughts. Some people find it helpful to be engaged in leisure and social activities. Returning to daily routines can also be helpful.
- Maintain good sleeping habits. Avoid using electronics (i.e.: cellphone, tablet, laptop, etc.) at least one hour prior to bed. Having healthy sleep patterns will support your recovery.
- If you find yourself re-experiencing distressing thoughts or images, it's recommended to use grounding techniques and diaphragmatic breathing to keep you in the present moment. Information on these topics can be found on credible and well-known websites.
- Avoid comparing your recovery to that of your coworkers. We all recover differently based on our connection to the event, our interpretation of the incident and our life experiences.
- Connect with your leader at work to discuss your source of stress: they might be able to help and accommodate your needs during that time.

Reducing Cumulative Stress

Experiencing Cumulative Stress for a prolonged duration of time can have a negative effect on your wellbeing, impacting everything from decision making to your immune system. Fortunately, there are several options you can choose from to bring yourself to a better and more positive head space and find your

healthy balance. The key is implementing your chosen strategies consistently, and to review your self-care plan on a regular basis to ensure it is working.

If you are struggling, you are not alone. AHS has resources and services available to help you. For information on supports in place to help, visit our support site at AHS.ca, or call the Mental Health Helpline at 1-877-303-2642.



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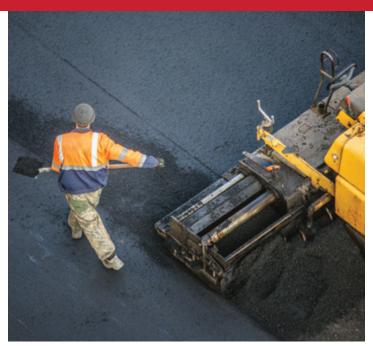
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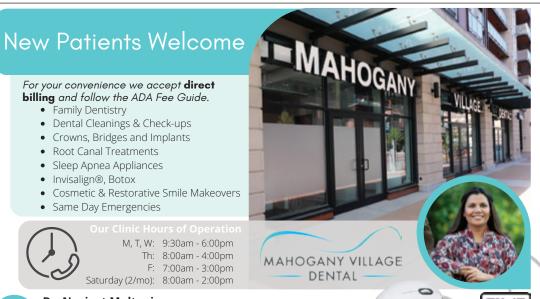
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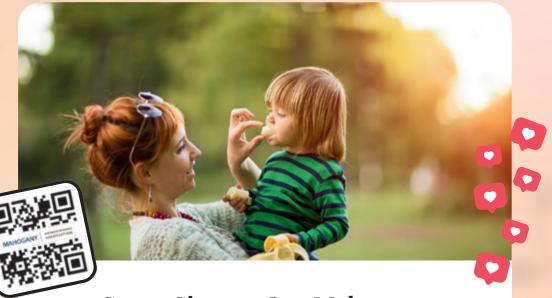
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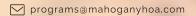




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