

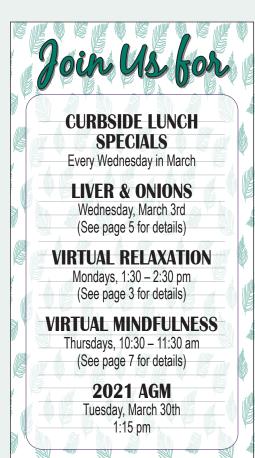
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Decade of Healthy Aging

From December 4, 2020, World Health Organization News:

The United Nations General Assembly today declared 2021-2030 the Decade of Healthy Ageing.

society and the private sector, that we will be people who need it.

able to not only add years to life, but also life to years," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization, in response to today's development.

"By adopting a UN-wide approach in support of healthy ageing, we will be able to galvanize international action to improve the lives of older people, their families and communities, both during the COVID-19 pandemic, and beyond," added Dr Etienne Krug, Director of the Department of Social Determinants of Health at WHO.

Health is central to our experience of older age and the opportunities that ageing brings. Initiatives undertaken as part of the Decade will seek to: change how we think, feel and act towards age and ageing; facilitate the ability of older people to participate in and contribute "Today's announcement of the UN Decade to their communities and society; deliver inteof Healthy Ageing sends a clear signal that it grated care and primary health services that is only by working as one, within the United are responsive to the needs of the individual; Nations system and with governments, civil and provide access to long-term care for older

"Today's announcement is the culmination of many years of collaboration with partners across the world," said Alana Officer, who leads WHO's Demographic Change and Healthy Ageing team. "But it also represents a new beginning. If we are to be successful in delivering the change envisaged under the Decade, we need new ways of working".

WHO and UN partners are seeking inputs from all interested stakeholders to help build a <u>collaborative Platform</u> where all knowledge on ageing can be accessed, shared, and produced in one place – by anyone, anywhere in the world.

LSCO, through our local, provincial and national work, will strive to be a leader in the implementation of services to support the *Decade of Healthy Ageing*. We will also play a leadership role in the promotion of the Decade.

In the meantime, be safe and be kind. \star

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D ight or wrong, black or white, left or right, $oldsymbol{\Lambda}$ all or nothing; anyone else notice the polarized world we seem to be living in?

Some folks believe that fossil fuels will be the way of the future. Other folks see renewable energy as the way to go. If I look around my home, I am already using a combination of both.

It seems we are divided into two political camps; we are expected to be either socialist or conservative. We demand services from all levels of government but complain when we are taxed to pay for those services as if politicians are supposed to magically pay for streets, sewers, and sports/art facilities. And each camp has its populist politicians trying to appeal to those voters who feel they are not fairly represented.

I watch folks argue on social media about vaccines, some for and others; antivaxxers. At the end of the day, it seems to me it is a personal Around 500 BC Lao Tzu wrote the "Tao Te decision.



President's Message

Where am I going with this? It has been my observation society wastes time, energy, and money with extreme attitudes. Each time the shortly. The budget for 2021 is a different story. pendulum swings to one side or the other we use up resources that could be best applied to forward motion if only we could find common income and expenses will be for the up comground and compromise.

Ching" (loosely translated "The Book of the In the meantime: Namaste ★

Way") He talks about the middle way and reducing the pendulum swings as much as possible, so our efforts move us forward not sideways. It is worth reading. (in English of course). At a personal level there are somethings I will not compromise but at a community level I believe it is very necessary in order for us to improve society for all.....and that's my rant for the month!

On a different subject our external auditors have finished their work and the Board will be able to share that information with you Now we have no idea when we might be able to reopen so staff are unable to estimate what ing year. As soon as we can provide you with realistic numbers we will do so.

COVID Is Changing Our Retirement Plans

A third of working Canadians now say they'll probably defer retirement

s a result of the coronavirus pandemic, almost half of Canadians are rethinking their retirement plans, with one-third of those still working saying they'll likely delay retirement.

Given the devastating effects of COVID-19 within seniors' residences, it's perhaps not surprising that two-thirds (63%) of those responding to a recent poll say they'd now prefer to live at home during retirement rather than move to a retirement facility. The survey, conducted for the financial services and investment firm IG Wealth Management, also found that half of Canadians are now prioritizing retiring somewhere near family.

The online survey was conducted by Pollara Strategic Insights between January 29 and February 1 and involved 1,508 adult Canadians.

Most respondents (88%) said that, given the pandemic, they're not sure how much money they'll need for retirement, and 46% believe they'll need more than they had thought; 67% said they see the need for a bigger emergency fund, both before and during retirement. Two-fifths of Canadians are considering how much health-care coverage they'll need in retirement, with half of Canadians hoping to have their estate plans in place before retirement.

The survey's findings were less optimistic than those of a BMO poll conducted two months earlier. In BMO's annual retirement survey, carried out in November 2020, 54% of respondents said they were confident that they'll have sufficient funds to retire at the age they want to, which was only a 4% decrease from the 2019 survey results.

"It's understandable that the events of the past year have caused many Canadians to pause and re-think what their futures will look like, including their plans for retirement," Damon Murchison, president and CEO of IG Wealth Management, said in a press release. "Whether it's staying in your current home for longer or re-evaluating how much health-care coverage might be needed, these changing priorities can have a significant impact on your finances. This makes it all the more important to have a financial plan in place that includes a robust retirement component. And, perhaps just as critically, one that can evolve and be adapted to reflect your changing priorities."

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By Caitlin Finlay February, 2021 goodtimes.ca

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1 Te have made it into March and hopes of warmer, brighter days are on the horizon. Although our building is closed, I am still in my office Monday-Friday and available to our team of LSCO volunteers. We are eager to have you back and looking forward to seeing you all. When we are scheduled to reopen I will be reaching out to our volunteers.

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Professionally and personally, I would like to thank Natasha for all her hard work and dedication to LSCO Meals on Wheels. She has also supported me, in my role at LSCO, on numerous occasions. Collaborating with her on our 2020 Christmas meal delivery is a highlight of our time working together. Natasha, thank you for being a part of our LSCO team and an



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New Pleasures, New Treasures

tepping into a new year with all its uncertainty and potential has a way of focusing one's attention on what really counts in life.

2020 was a year like none I've ever experienced and what 2021 will bring is still an unknown.

Yet I know a few things with greater certainty and clarity.

I know that pleasure is fleeting, but sweet. It often comes in small packages - like the squinting of a pair of eyes over the top of a mask, letting you know that someone is smiling at you. That little bit of humanity peaking over a fabric triangle is a treasure.

I have realized the value of a hug – the first one I got from a friend after months of abstinence was one of the sweetest encounters of the year. A year ago we would have clasped each other quickly and been on our way. Now we didn't want to let each other go. Who would have thought that in a world where hugs are free, they'd become a scarce commodity in a matter of a few short months?

I have begun to learn the pleasure of quietness and aloneness. Curled up in a comfy armchair in front of a flickering fire with a book in hand and a cat in my lap, I've let the soothing warmth from the fire and the cat comfort my soul and ease the stresses of the day. Not needing anything in that moment, just being and letting everything around me be...perfect.

I've discovered treasures within - each new selfdiscovery sending a thrill of joy coursing through my body.

Amid the struggles of 2020, I learned to release numerous emotions - of fear, of sadness, of loneliness, of worry, of rejection, of lack, of doubt. Emotion by emotion, I've sat with them one by one and let them arise and be seen, be accepted, and then released.

I've confronted the feelings of not being enough, and the reality that I can't fix everything. I've discovered peace as a welcome and ready replacement. I learned that I AM enough for any moment that arises, and trying to fix everything is just insane.

I've learned to observe from behind a short wall witnessing all the worldly shenanigans while holding my energy apart; not throwing myself into the pot with all the scalding debris and chaos.

I've nurtured the art of compassion – wishing my fellow earth-dwellers well, regardless the path they are on. I have let my hasty judgements fall away. I have embraced, instead, a belief in the appropriateness of all humanity. We are all on the same path, discovering who we are, each doing our best with what we have to work with.

I've recognized the bliss of family and friends - the steadfastness of relationships taken for granted when everything is going well, rising up in solidarity and fierce determination when a need presents itself.

I've discovered that love is not felt in the receiving, it is felt in the giving. The greatest act of kindness was learning to love myself. When no one else is around, you soon learn what a friend you are to yourself, or not. When activities are not bountiful enough to distract you. When all the trappings of a busy life fail to impress – there's just you.

I've discovered the pleasure that arises within when I take a few minutes to be present, to breathe deeply and consciously recognize the divine presence I hold within. I am discovering the treasure that is me.

2020 came bearing gifts. They are invisible to the eye, but what richness they bestowed! Intrinsic, beautiful, powerful, grace-laden gifts that hold the power to nurture us through any difficulty, any changes, any sorrow, any fear.

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By Barbara Ristro February, 2021 www.seniorlivingmag.com

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Love doesn't drop on you unexpectedly; you have to give off signals, sort of like an amateur radio operator.

~ Helen Gurley Brown

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Easing money stress with free financial empowerment services

With many Canadians struggling to manage the financial impacts of COVID-19, cities are stepping up with innovative ways to help residents tackle their money challenges and rebuild their financial stability and security.

Long before the economic shock of COVID-19, Canadians cited personal finances as their greatest source of stress. Since the beginning of the pandemic, over 5.5 million people have experienced job loss or reduced earnings. Those working in lower wage jobs, visible minorities and Indigenous Peoples have been hit the hardest.

Household financial insecurity, in turn, can cost cities up to 4.6 per cent of their budgets annually in foregone revenues and increased service costs, according to one U.S. study. A new program, developed by the national charity Prosper Canada, offers municipalities help to sustainably embed tailored financial help interventions into services they are already delivering to

vulnerable residents to help them improve their financial health. The model is showing promising results in several communities, including Edmonton and Toronto, where financial help is being built into transit, recreation, welfare, employment, and library services.

"Financial empowerment can be a gamechanger for municipal poverty prevention and reduction efforts," says Elizabeth Mulholland, Chief Executive Officer of Prosper Canada. "Weaving proven financial help interventions into existing services is a cost-effective way to help city programs deliver greater impact and to create more gateways to financial stability and health for residents struggling to make ends meet, manage debt and build a stronger financial future."

This month, the City of Edmonton will be launching its Community Navigator program, which offers safe and confidential one-on-one financial help to participants in their Leisure Access and Ride Transit

programs to help them access income benefits they are eligible for, as well as tackle other financial challenges. City social workers have been trained and deployed at program locations across the city, working with community financial help providers who can provide tax-filing assistance and more in-depth financial counselling to over 60,000 program participants annually.

"Community navigators can help assess participants' financial needs and connect them to community agencies that can help them access local, provincial and federal government benefits they may be eligible for," says Jenny Kain, director, safe and healthy communities at the City of Edmonton. "Participants also benefit from the navigators' built-in expertise as social workers."

More and more cities are exploring similar approaches to build the financial resilience of residents through programs that help households to regain their financial stability.

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LSCO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(FOR OPERATING YEAR 2020)

Tuesday March 30, 2021 1:15 pm

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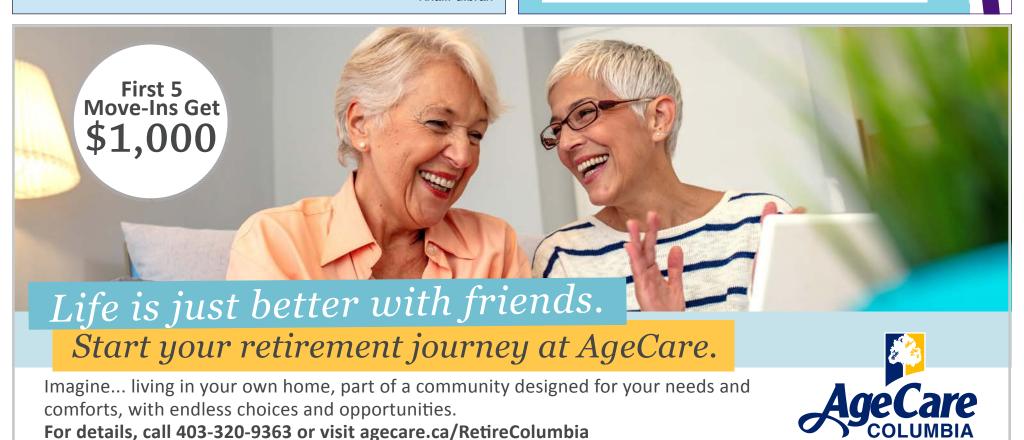
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~ Khalil Gibran



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Computer Corner

by Sjoerd Schaafsma

Handling and Managing Files: Part 1

So, here's the scenario; from last month's column or before, you learned that it's good to know the extension of a file. Great, big deal, so you know the extension, you know there are half a dozen or more extensions that can relate to photos, but where is the photo you downloaded from the internet last week?

You right clicked on a cool photo, and picked "save image" but where did it go?

I've had it happen to me plenty of times on various computers. You're busy, in the middle of something, and can't be bothered to give the picture a meaningful name or pay attention to where you saved it.

At this stage of the game we're going to make some assumptions, the main one being; you have your computer set to save all files to the 'Downloads' folder, another that you're working with Windows. If you've changed the download or default folder settings, or use a Mac, that's beyond the scope of this article. Check the links below.

File Explorer has options on what to view and how to sort files. Files can be sorted by name, date, file type or size. To do this you must click on **View** and select details. There will now be headings showing information about each file. Clicking on the column heading will sort the files. Left click on the Name heading, and files will be sorted alphabetically, with folder names first, followed by file names. Click again and the order will be reversed. The same goes for sorting by Date, Type, and Size, click on the appropriate heading, and the files will be sorted by that criterion, click again and the sort order will be reversed.

If your downloads folder hasn't been swamped with hundreds of downloaded files you may see your 'lost' file by choosing Quick access in Windows 10 which will display a list of Frequent folders, and Recent files. By default Windows 10 shows around 12 recent items. In Windows 7 go to Start menu, recent items.

Here are some links to more detailed explanations of how to use File Explorer and how to make better use of the MacOS Finder.

Get Help With File Explorer on Windows 10 – 2019

https://www.howtogeek.com/404740/get-help-with-file-explorer-on-windows-10/

Best Windows 7 Explorer Tips and Tricks – 2017

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How to Make the macOS Finder Suck Less – 2017

https://www.howtogeek.com/howto/33414/how-to-make-the-mac-os-x-finder-suck-less/

Terminology: OCR – Optical Character Recognition: Is a software tool by which images of text are converted to actual text. The resulting text can then be manipulated with word processing software.

Hints and Tips: F11 – As often as I use a shortcut, there are so many shortcuts that at times it slips my mind which is which, or that one exists for a certain operation. The F11 function key in most browsers switches in or out of full screen mode. Instead of seeing a bar full of tabs, you only see the current page.

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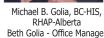
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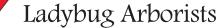
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