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Upcoming April Client Event Time For A Financial Spring Cleaning The Wellness Corner: Walk Your Way To **Better Health** Please share this newsletter with friends and colleagues who may be interested in this information.

Understanding FDIC Insurance

From The Desk Of Mark Mappa Hard to believe that spring is here. Everything always feels lighter at this time of the year. That being said, inflation is still a factor, although it's not as high as it was several months ago. Employment still seems to be holding steady for now. However, the troubling news over several regional banks has increased market volatility. I am closely monitoring the situation and will keep you informed, and I've

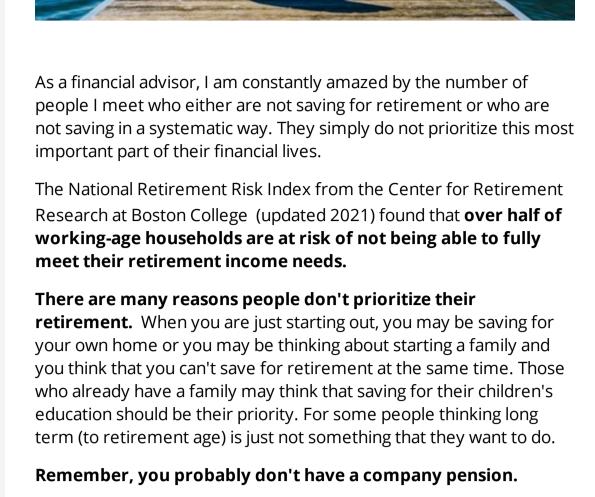
provided an article to clearly explain FDIC insurance.

other great articles starting with the importance of prioritizing your retirement. One way to keep your financial affairs in order is to do a "financial spring cleaning" and I have some good tips for your on how to do that. My relationship with you is something I value highly, please call with any questions on anything you read here or with any other questions you may have. I am always here to help. Very truly yours,

This month, in addition to the article on FDIC insurance, I have some

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Your Financial Plan: Prioritize Your Retirement!



advent of the 401(k) retirement account however, many companies retired their pensions and it became the worker's responsibility to save and invest for retirement. The days of working at a company for a number of years and receiving a pension at your retirement are all but over unless you work for the government or a select few companies that still offer them.

A good long term financial plan will prioritize retirement. "Pay yourself first" is what I tell clients when we discuss their financial

goals. Even if you start out with smaller contributions to your

As you earn more, you can contribute more.

Until 1978, when the 401(k) retirement account was introduced, most

companies offered workers a pension upon retirement. With the

Think long term. Americans are living longer in retirement, that means you have to plan a much longer retirement than previous generations and that is another reason keep your retirement planning your priority. One way to begin to think about retirement is to picture how you want to live after you have stopped working. Do you want to be as financially independent as possible? What would it be like to

depend on your adult children to support you? Working with a financial advisor will help you live well now and save for a good

The upshot is that you are responsible for making sure your retirement is at the forefront of your financial planning. But

you don't have to do it alone, I am here to help you keep your

retirement accounts, they will be growing over a long period of time.

Sources: https://crr.bc.edu/briefs/the-national-retirement-risk-index-an-

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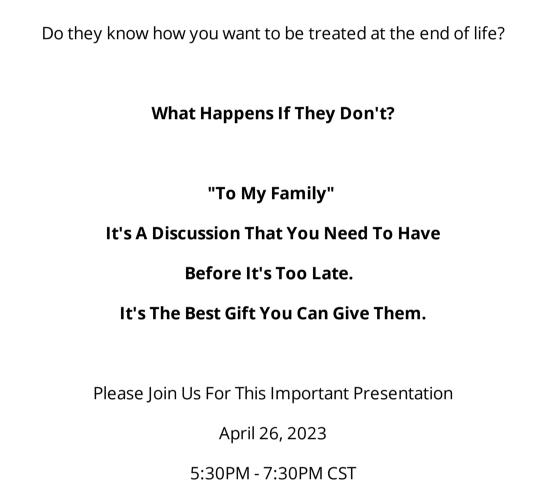
What Happens To Your Family If You Become Incapacitated

Or Pass Away? Ask Yourself:

Do they know how to find or access your bank accounts, investment accounts, insurance policies?

Do they have the passwords?

Do they know the name of your accountant, attorney or your financial advisor?



Time for a Financial Spring Cleaning If spring makes you think of opening windows to let in the fresh air, it may also have you taking a look around to see what needs to be replaced, refreshed or repaired. In other words, it's time for spring

Financial spring cleaning is about making sure your financial records are in order; it's about getting rid of old, unnecessary paperwork; it's also making sure your review meetings with your advisor are set-up.

Review all your financial accounts. Yes, I've discussed this before, but make sure you have all of your account information in one place. Is it possible you have a retirement account from an old employer you don't remember? Check your files for old bank accounts that could be put to better use. Go through that paperwork and see what pops

Speaking of paperwork. . . now is the time to clear out what you have been keeping for years. A lot of us have old checkbooks from longclosed accounts, legal documents for homes we sold years ago or credit card statements we no longer need. How to know what to

cleaning. But what about doing a financial spring cleaning too?

up. I can help you make sure your accounts are organized,

keep and what to discard? For small business owners go to:

www.forbes.com/advisor/personal-finance/financial-documents-

This is important to do periodically. Mistakes are often made and can adversely affect your credit rating. You can do this annually for free

through https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action. The

official website that allows you to access each of your credit reports from all three of the major credit bureaus — Equifax, Experian, and

Make sure your review meeting with your me is set up. Whether it is coming up soon or several months in the future, this is important

https://www.financiallyalert.com/financial-spring-cleaning-checklist/

https://www.consumerfinance.gov, confirms that this is the

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https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-

Tips for a successful financial spring cleaning.

consolidated and working efficiently for you.

employed/how-long-should-i-keep-records.

For the rest of us a quick reference guide is:

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

what-to-save-what-t

Review your credit score.

TransUnion — at no cost.

to put on your calendar.

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How To Spring Clean

Your Finances

Walk Your Way to Better Health The Wellness Corner has touted the benefits of walking before,

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but now there is even more evidence of the benefits of even a short, brisk walk. According to Dr. Francisco Lopez-Jimenez, the chair of the Division of Preventive Cardiology at the Mayo Clinic, "It's really amazing the amount of benefits you get for a relatively minor effort," he said, adding that walking is one of the best forms of preventive medicine." Walk away your aches and pains. While it seems like common

sense to rest an aching knee or back, it may be a better course of action to walk, not rest. A 2022 study published in "Arthritis and

who did not walk. Walking may also limit damage to the joint. It

Walking may also help maintain cognitive ability. A brisk (key word) half hour walk, five days a week, may increase blood flow to

Exercise helps to improve our inner life. Any exercise helps to combat depression, reduce stress and helps with anxiety. Walking is

Remember, walking does not need a gym, expensive equipment or a trainer. Just put on a good pair of sneakers and walk out

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seems to have a positive effect on lower back pain as well.

the brain which increases cognitive function and memory.

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the simplest exercise we can do regularly.

the door.

Source:

Rheumatology" found that patients with osteoarthritis in their knees and who who walked regularly had less pain in their knees than those

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