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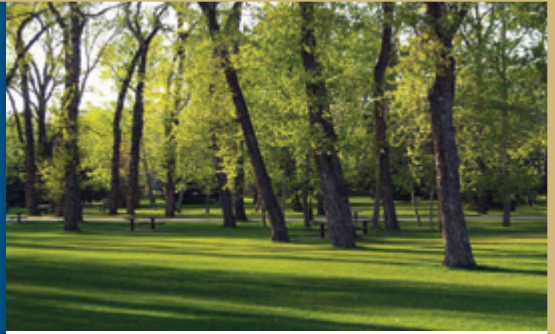
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February	23	14	2	\$1,274,900	\$1,232,500
January	23	8	2	\$1,307,500	\$1,252,750
December	22	3	4	\$577,450	\$550,750
November	22	3	12	\$388,800	\$373,000
October	22	13	7	\$1,375,000	\$1,335,000
September	22	13	6	\$1,844,500	\$1,650,000
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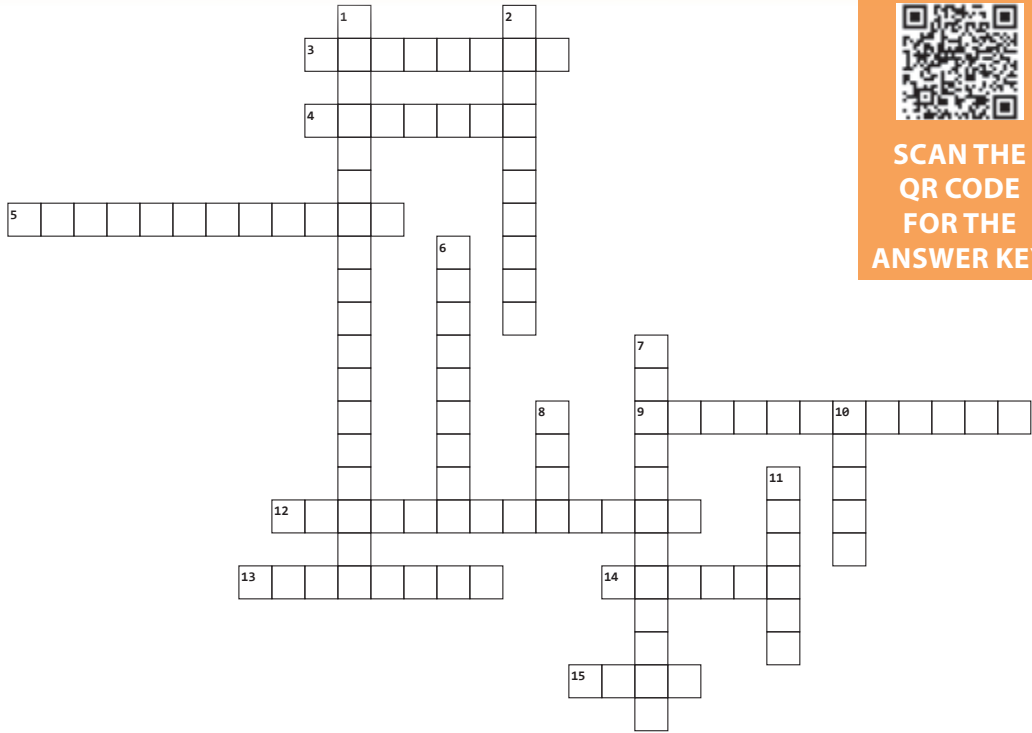
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# July Crossword Puzzle



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## Across

3. The first Canadian-hosted Olympic games took place in this city.
4. 7-year-old Roger Woodward became the first person to survive going over these falls without a barrel.
5. The month of July is named after this Roman political figure.
9. This Canadian province experienced the hottest temperatures ever officially recorded in Canada (45 degrees Celcius) on July 5, 1937.
12. The first human to walk on the moon, which occurred on July 20, 1969.
13. This Canadian American actress, born on July 20, 1971, is best known for her role in *Grey's Anatomy*.
14. On July 5, 1946, just after World War 2, the modern version of this risqué piece of women's clothing was introduced due to the rationing of materials.
15. Filmed in Alberta, this 2022 motion picture was referred to as "Skull" during production to keep it a secret.

## Down

1. *Go Set A Watchman* was the original manuscript for this classic Pulitzer Prize winning novel.
2. This iconic Coldplay album was released on July 10, 2000, and features the hit single *Yellow*.
6. In the summer of 2019, this folk horror film depicting Scandinavian paganism and starring Florence Pugh was released.
7. This Canadian artist rose to fame on YouTube and was the most Googled celebrity in July 2010.
8. National \_\_\_\_\_ Day is observed on July 31 and December 2 to raise awareness and help these dogs get adopted.
10. World \_\_\_\_\_ Day celebrates this intellectual two player board game.
11. On July 6, 1885, Louis Pasteur successfully administered this vaccination for the first time, replacing the previous treatment, mad stones.



## Guess That Song!

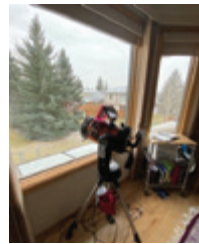
1. This Grammy award winning pop song is about being foolishly apologetic for constantly playing with new lovers' hearts. Oops!
2. This thrilling hit pop song is about a woman being stalked by a beast about to strike.
3. This 2014 electro-pop song is about meeting someone in the summer, falling in love in the fall as the leaves turned brown, and then being betrayed by lies.
4. This heartfelt alternative rock ballad is all about wanting to skip right to October because summer has come and passed.
5. This country song is about going out and having fun with no inhibitions, just feeling womanly and dancing with your girlfriends on a night out.
6. This gentle pop rock song is about being so in love with someone that they colour your world and make the stars shine for you.

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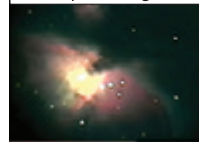
## Stargazing with Pat J: Indoor Astronomy

by Patricia Jeffery © 2023, Calgary Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada



If you ever find yourself stuck inside due to illness or injury, freezing temperatures, or have simply reached the age where a night at home is more appealing than a night on the town, did you know you can still enjoy the majesty of the heavens without venturing beyond the comfort of your own home?

Orion nebula: through two panes of glass



Sun spots



Yes, I am well aware that hardcore astronomers would not recommend this approach as the multiple panes of glass will distort the image somewhat. But if the alternative is no stargazing at all, I think you'll be pleasantly surprised by what you can see while sitting next to a window. While the images won't be Hubble quality, they can still be pretty darn impressive.

### Benefits of indoor astronomy

- Every clear night is a stargazing night
- Every clear day is a solar gazing day (Caution: you'll need a special filter for your telescope to safely observe the sun)
- No danger of frostbite (winter) or mosquito bites (summer)
- Jupiter's four largest moons are easily visible with a pair of binoculars
- Use binoculars to examine the moon at first quarter and third quarter, then use pencil and paper to sketch its surface
- Gain familiarity with the night sky with a smart phone astronomy app. Many good ones are free
- On nights when you're too stressed to sleep, instead of staring at the ceiling, try losing yourself in the serenity of the night sky
- When warmer weather returns, or recovery from your physical ailment occurs, you'll be primed and ready to pack up your astronomy gear and head outside
- Or you may discover you enjoy indoor astronomy so much that you've become a year-round convert.

BRAIN GAMES

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# How to Get the Most Out of Your Counselling/Therapy Sessions

by Nancy Bergeron, R.Psych. | [nancy@viewpointcalgary.ca](mailto:nancy@viewpointcalgary.ca)

Adapted from Dr. David Burns



### **We understand that therapy can sometimes be challenging**

People often report that unburdening their emotions and past experiences in the first few sessions is relieving. However, therapy often uncovers deeper issues. Opening up and getting to the heart of these concerns takes patience, persistent effort, and fostering a positive relationship with your counsellor. It takes time to build a strong therapeutic bond and rapport, and this is essential in creating the trust necessary to go to those deeper places where real change takes place.

### **Consistency will help you reach your goals**

If you wanted to improve your fitness and saw your physical trainer once every three months, you probably wouldn't be surprised when you didn't see the results you wanted. Similarly, therapy needs commitment and consistency to work through your concerns and be effective. Of course, your counsellor understands there are many demands on your time and resources. By collaborating with your counsellor, you can create a reasonable plan that balances

your commitment to your wellbeing with all your other commitments. This is also why sometimes your therapist may assign you homework or other types of activities to practice between sessions.

### **Providing feedback will help your counsellor know what is/isn't working for you**

Counsellors strive to build positive, non-judgmental, and compassionate therapeutic relationships, understanding this is beneficial for you and the therapeutic process. Despite this emotional and professional commitment, challenges in therapy can sometimes break down open communication and hinder the process. Providing feedback allows your counsellor to understand what has happened and work to repair any concerns you may have. A great therapist will provide a feedback form that can be filled out at the end of each session. Here you can let your therapist know what you liked best in the session, what you liked the least, and if there were things you had hoped to discuss that may have been missed. This allows your therapist to constantly adjust and better hone their skills to your needs.

### **Mutually agreeing to end therapy when you are ready**

When you and your counsellor recognize you are ready to move on, it can be exciting for both of you. In order to ensure you finish on a positive note, your counsellor will help you plan how to maintain your progress and what to do if you encounter concerns again. You have a fresh start, and your counsellor will be there in the future if needed.

Sometimes clients end therapy without talking with their counsellor, leaving their counsellor to wonder what happened. Not only can this make it more difficult for clients to maintain progress, but they may also feel they have lost a potential future support. If the counsellor can't reach the client, it also leaves the counsellor wondering what happened. Did my client feel enough progress had already been made? Did something go wrong? Did I say or do something that upset my client? Counsellors invest emotionally and professionally in the therapeutic relationship and appreciate feedback that lets them know what is happening. Your counsellor will always strive to treat you and your decisions with compassion and respect. In return, you can help your counsellor by communicating any concerns and showing that you understand they deserve compassion and respect too.



# THE EAU CLAIRE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (ECCA)

## About Us

The Eau Claire Community Association (ECCA) was founded in 1992 as a non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the quality of living in Eau Claire. It is recognized by the City of Calgary as the official voice of the Eau Claire community. The ECCA bylaws define the purpose and direction of the ECCA and are registered under the Societies Act of Alberta. The bylaws are available at [www.eauclaireca.com/about](http://www.eauclaireca.com/about).

The community of Eau Claire is located adjacent to the downtown commercial core, bounded by Prince's Island and the Bow River on the north and centre of 4 Avenue on the south, extending from the centre of 2 Street SW to the centre of 9 Street SW.

## Mission

The Eau Claire Community Association strives to create a vibrant connected community. Our approach to planning and development is to enhance the quality of life for our residents.

## Vision

Eau Claire is a safe, clean and liveable residential community proud of its natural environment. We are supportive of social and recreational gathering places and relevant businesses that support the community.



## Membership

Membership in the ECCA is open to all residents. The annual fee is \$6 per household. The majority of Eau Claire condominium complexes (and therefore their residents) hold a membership, paid for by the condo corporation. Business memberships are also available. Strong membership empowers the ECCA to protect the interests of our community. Issues of key interest are planning, transportation and safety. The ECCA's role is to provide a voice for Eau Claire residents, to help ensure that community interests are being considered and that development is in keeping with the Area Redevelopment Plan.

## Connect with ECCA



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## Why Calcium Matters

from Alberta Health Services



Calcium keeps your bones and muscles—including your heart—healthy and strong.

Your body needs vitamin D to absorb calcium. People who do not get enough calcium and vitamin D throughout life have an increased chance of having thin and brittle bones (osteoporosis) in their later years. Thin and brittle bones break easily and can lead to serious injuries. This is why it is important for you to get enough calcium and vitamin D at every age.

Your body also uses vitamin D to help your muscles absorb calcium and work well. If your muscles don't get enough calcium, then they can cramp, hurt, or feel weak. You may have long-term (chronic) muscle aches and pains.

### How much calcium do you need?

How much calcium you need each day changes as you age. Here are the recommended dietary allowances (RDAs) for calcium:

- Ages one to three years: 700 milligrams
- Ages four to eight years: 1,000 milligrams
- Ages nine to 18 years: 1,300 milligrams
- Ages 19 to 50 years: 1,000 milligrams
- Males 51 to 70 years: 1,000 milligrams
- Females 51 to 70 years: 1,200 milligrams
- Ages 71 and older: 1,200 milligrams

If you are pregnant or breastfeeding, you need the same amount of calcium as other people your age.

### How can you get enough calcium?

Calcium is in foods such as milk, cheese, and yogurt. Vegetables such as broccoli, kale, and Chinese cabbage also contain calcium. You can also get calcium if you eat the soft edible bones in canned sardines and canned salmon. Foods with added (fortified) calcium include some cereals, juices, soy beverages, and tofu. The food label will show how much calcium was added.

You can figure out how much calcium is in a food by looking at the percent daily value section on the nutrition facts label. The food label assumes the daily value of calcium is 1,100 mg. If one serving of a food has a daily value of 20 percent of calcium, that food has 220 mg of calcium in one serving.

Two common calcium supplements are calcium citrate and calcium carbonate. Calcium carbonate is best absorbed when it is taken with food. Calcium citrate can be absorbed well with or without food. Spreading calcium out over the course of the day can reduce stomach upset and allows your body to absorb it better. Try not to take more than 500 mg of calcium supplement at one time.

For more information, call Health Link toll-free at 811.



# Staying Healthy As We Age

from Alberta Health Services

Seniors Week in Alberta takes place the first week of June.

While we celebrate all that older adults have done for our society, let's talk about how to stay strong and healthy as we age.

Adults can start to lose muscle as early as age 30, but the loss increases quickly after age 70. Protein is a nutrient that helps you to build muscle and keep the muscles you already have. But many seniors do not get enough protein. Since your body can't store it, you need to eat protein at least three times a day, every day, to keep the muscle you have.

Often, adults tend to eat less protein at breakfast. Here are a few ways to increase your protein at breakfast:

- Have a glass of milk or fortified soy beverage with your meal.
- Add cheese or beans to toast.
- Mix one to two tablespoons of skim or whole milk powder or a scoop of protein powder into your cereal or yogurt.
- Make an omelette.

You can also try these tips:

- Add meat including wild game or poultry to pasta or vegetable dishes.
- Try a plant-based protein; for example, try chickpea falafel or tofu added to a stir-fry.
- Add canned beans or lentils to soups.
- Choose nuts, boiled eggs, Greek yogurt, or cottage cheese as a snack.

Protein alone does not build muscle. Movement helps older adults stay strong, mentally fit, and independent.

## **Here are some suggestions from the 24-Hour Canadian Movement Guidelines ([csepguidelines.ca](https://csepguidelines.ca)):**

Try to get 2.5 hours (150 minutes) of moderate (example, brisk walking) to vigorous (example, cross country skiing) aerobic activity each week. You don't have to do it all at once. You can break up the time into smaller sessions of 10 minutes or more.



Engage in muscle and bone-strengthening activities at least twice a week. These activities include climbing stairs, gardening, and housework such as vacuuming or washing the floor.

Include activities that challenge your balance, such as Tai Chi or Yoga.

Limit time sitting to eight hours or less. That includes less than three hours a day of screen time (in front of a TV, computer, tablet, or phone.)

Get seven to eight hours of good-quality sleep each night.

If you would like more tips on staying strong and healthy as you age, search 'Staying Strong' at [ahs.ca/NutritionWorkshops](https://ahs.ca/NutritionWorkshops).

## **Calgary Summers are Getting Increasingly Hotter and Drier**

*from the City of Calgary*



Extreme heat can put your health at risk, causing illnesses like heat stroke and even death. An extreme heat warning is issued when two or more consecutive days of daytime maximum temperatures are expected to reach 32 degrees Celsius or warmer and nighttime minimum temperatures are expected to be 16 degrees Celsius or warmer.

The following tips will help keep you safe during this extreme heat:

- Avoid working or exercising intensely in the heat or humidity when possible.
- Drink plenty of water to decrease your risk of dehydration.
- Have cool drinks in your vehicle and keep your gas tank full.
- Wear sunscreen.
- Never leave people or pets inside a parked vehicle.
- Close curtains and blinds during the day.
- Open windows for cooler air if safe.
- Avoid using your oven, if possible.
- Take cool showers/baths or go to an air-conditioned public space.
- Look at weather forecasts to know when to take extra care.
- Call 911 if you see an animal left in a hot parked vehicle.
- Look out for your pets. Avoid hot surfaces that might hurt to walk on and ensure that they have plenty of water.
- Heat stroke is a medical emergency. If you experience any symptoms, call 9-1-1 immediately.

To learn more about what you can do to protect yourself and your family, visit [calgary.ca/getready](https://calgary.ca/getready).

# Proper Disposal of Smoking Materials

from the City of Calgary

Improper disposal of smoking material such as tobacco products is the leading cause of outdoor fires in Calgary. To help reduce outdoor fire risks, citizens should make an effort to properly dispose of smoking material. Remember to always call 911 to report a fire.

## To Better Protect Your Homes, it is Recommended That You:

- Never put out cigarettes or smoking material in flower planters, peat moss, your lawn, or garden.
- Use a deep, wide, sturdy metal container with a lid, filled part way with sand or water that should be emptied regularly.
- Ensure that all butts and ash are out by soaking them with water prior to putting in the trash.

## Smoking in Natural Areas

Extreme caution should be used in the city's natural areas and green spaces where extremely dry vegetation covering the ground provides readily combustible fuel if an ignition source is applied.

## Reducing Risk

- Do not store propane tanks, firewood, or yard waste next to your house.
- Prune all tree branches within two metres of the ground and plant new trees at least three metres apart.
- Assess potential fire hazards within 1.5 metres of your home, including natural debris, trees, and other structures.

## Smoke Alarms

Having working smoke alarms saves lives – more than one-third of all fire fatalities are associated with having no smoke alarm.

## Cigarette Litter

Did you know that cigarette litter is a major environmental concern and contributes to a disproportionate amount of litter in our city? Contrary to popular belief, those white sponge-like butts are not made from cotton or paper — instead, they're a

synthetic microfibre that takes years to break down and are unsightly around our city.

- Cigarette filters are one of the most littered items in the world.
- Chemicals that can leach out of cigarette butts include arsenic, ammonia, and lead. The chemicals found in one cigarette butt can leach out and contaminate approximately 7.5 litres of water within one hour. This contaminated water is lethal to aquatic life.
- Sunlight will degrade a cigarette filter and break it into very small particles. These small pieces do not disappear or biodegrade but wind up in the soil or swept in water, contributing to water pollution.
- The fines for the improper disposal of cigarette litter ranges from \$250 to \$500, with a maximum fine of \$750 for throwing a butt out of a car window.

If you're a smoker, consider buying a pocket ashtray available locally and from popular online retailers.

## Age-Friendly Calgary Essential Numbers for Seniors in Calgary

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For EMERGENCY medical, fire, and police response. Call the non-emergency police line at <b>403-266-1234</b> to report an incident that is not an emergency.	Information, advice, and help accessing programs and benefits for older adults.
<b>8-1-1 Health Link (24-Hour)</b>	<b>403-266-4357</b> Distress Centre and SeniorConnect (24-Hour)
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<b>3-1-1 City of Calgary (24-Hour)</b>	<b>403-943-1500</b> Access Mental Health
Information on all City of Calgary services. <a href="http://www.calgary.ca">www.calgary.ca</a> .	Non-urgent advice on navigating the addiction and mental health system.
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# Heat Related Illness

*from Alberta Health Services*

EMS would like to remind everyone to stay safe in the heat and sun this season. While children and the elderly may be more susceptible to the effects of heat and sun, basic prevention measures should be taken by all to avoid a heat related illness during periods of hot and humid weather.

### Heat Exhaustion

- Heat exhaustion can occur due to excessive fluid loss during periods of prolonged sweating in a hot and/or humid environment (indoors or outdoors).
- Patients may suffer headaches, weakness, fatigue, nausea/vomiting, thirst, chills, and profuse sweating.
- The patient is usually cold and damp to the touch and the skin may appear pale or dusky gray.

### Heat Stroke

- Heat stroke is a medical emergency which, without prompt treatment, could be fatal.
- It occurs when the body can't cool itself naturally (e.g., perspiration). The body's temperature will continue to rise to dangerous levels.
- Due to severe dehydration and the inability to sweat, the patient may appear flushed, and skin may be hot and dry to the touch.

### First Aid

- First aid for all heat related illness begins with removing or sheltering the patient from the hot environment.
- Remove excess, or tight-fitting clothing, and allow them to rest in a cool environment.
- If the patient is conscious and alert, provide suitable fluids such as water, juice, or a sports drink.
- If you are concerned, seek medical attention.

### Prevention

- Stay well-hydrated by drinking plenty of water at all times.
- Be aware that excessive alcohol consumption will promote dehydration.
- Always wear a broad brimmed hat to keep the sun off your face and neck.



- Apply a broad spectrum, waterproof sunscreen with a minimum SPF of 30+, especially for children. The sun's UV rays peak between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm, even on cloudy days.



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As a member of the Environment Committee, I provide input on how Canada's resource sector is doing its part in contributing to a clean environment. Indeed, our resource industry has led the country in reducing emissions, and is the country's largest contributor, by far, in investing in clean technologies.

I believe we need to work toward solutions that both protect our environment and our way of life. Both can be achieved if reasonable policies are put forward, and all factors considered. In my experience, there is never a 'silver bullet' solution that is going to solve one environmental problem without potential negative environmental or societal effects. We need to understand the impacts of increased costs associated with more environmentally-friendly fuels, and understand how that affects escalating costs to society going forward, as well as the over-arching concern of having a reliable energy system – on which all of society depends.

The Environment committee will undertake a study this fall, considering Canada's bodies of freshwater. Some of the topics that will be coming out of this study will be management of freshwater pollution, climate change impacts on freshwater, groundwater, and effective monitoring of our waterways.

My office is open all summer serving constituents, so please do not hesitate to contact me at Greg.McLean@parl.gc.ca or by phone at 403-244-1880 and keep up to date on my work in Parliament on my website, GregMcLeanMP.ca.

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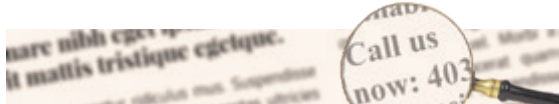
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