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An advertisement for Wicker Land Patio. It features two images of outdoor patio furniture sets. The text "Your Patio Furniture Superstore!" is prominently displayed. Logos for Yeti, Traeger, and Weber are included. The text "Wicker Land Patio" is written in a stylized font. Below, it says "Modern Patio" and "BBQ LAND". At the bottom, it provides the location: "Located Three Blocks East of Chinook Mall, 6125 Centre Street S, (403) 258-2506, WickerLand.ca".

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- Supply & install new subfloor
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**Get involved - come to our next board meeting!**

**Thursday, April 17**  
7 to 9 p.m.

**Southwood Community Hall**  
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## Jane's Walk Calgary

**May 2, 3, 4, 2025**

Jane's Walk is an annual festival of free, community-led walking conversations inspired by urbanist and writer Jane Jacobs. On the first weekend of May every year, Jane's Walk festivals take place in hundreds of cities around the world. This event encourages people to share stories about their neighbourhoods, discover unseen aspects of their communities, and use walking as a way to connect with their neighbours.

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# Overcoming Dating Anxiety

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

Dating anxiety is common, but you can manage it with the right mindset and strategies. Here are some suggestions to get you started:

### 1. Shift Your Mindset

Lowering the pressure or expectations. Treat dates as casual meetups instead of stressful interviews.

Reframe any rejections. Not every match works out, and that is normal. See each time as a learning experience.

Focus on the enjoyment of the date. Instead of trying to impress your date, focus more on whether you are enjoying their company.

### 2. Prepare and Practice

Start small. Get comfortable with social interactions by practicing with friend or in low pressure environments.

Plan ahead. Choose a familiar setting for the date to feel more at ease.

Have conversation starters. Think of a few topics in advance to avoid awkward silences.

### 3. Manage Anxiety in the Moment

Breathe deeply. Try slow breathing exercises.

Use grounding techniques. Focus on your senses - what you see, hear, feel to stay present.

Accept your nervousness. It's normal. A little anxiety can make you appear more engaged and authentic.

### 4. Build Confidence Overtime

Expose yourself gradually. The more you date, the more natural it will feel.

Positive self-talk. Remind yourself of your strengths and why you are a great person to date.

Don't overanalyze. Avoid replaying the date in your head. Just move forward.

### 5. Seek Support if Needed

Talk to friends. They can offer their encouragement and a different perspective.



Consider therapy. If your anxiety is overwhelming, a therapist can help with confidence building strategies.

### 6. Confidence Tips

**Before the Date:** Dress in a way that makes you feel good and comfortable. Listen to music that pumps you up. Visualize the date being successful. Remind yourself why you are going to be a great date.

**During the Date:** Open body language by maintaining good posture, an open smile, and making eye contact. Try to slow your speech, reminding yourself that it's okay to pause and breathe. Focus on the other person as it helps keep away self-consciousness. Laugh off any mistakes you make. Humility is actually attractive.

**After the Date:** Don't overanalyze the date in your head. It is what it is, they either like you or they don't. It's a two-way street...you're evaluating them as well. Celebrate that you took a chance even if the date wasn't perfect. You break your anxiety cycle by facing your fears and learning as you go!

Practice makes each attempt easier and builds confidence. Get out there and have some fun.



## SOUTHWOOD CA

This is your community newsletter with a mission to keep Southwood residents connected and involved in community life. The volunteer efforts of contributors and distributors ensure its success. This newsletter is printed monthly and is distributed without charge to all residents of Southwood.

Please check out our website, which contains useful information for you to access at SouthwoodConnects.ca.

### Newsletter Submissions

We welcome articles and letters from our readers. All submissions must be accompanied by a name and telephone number. Articles should be between 200 and 550 words and can be submitted to the newsletter editor.

We reserve the right to edit articles for appropriate content or length. Photographs of community events are also greatly appreciated. Editorial deadline is the first day of the month prior to publication.

We want to make our newsletter as complete as possible, to include all community events and programs. If we missed yours, please contact the newsletter editor.

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## Gentle Yoga

We will explore yoga poses, mindful movement, and tools for self-regulation including breathing exercises. We will learn gentle ball rolling techniques that act as a tune up for the body and bring awareness to the continuity of our fascia. Some classes will include Critical Alignment exercises to care for our spines. The intended effect of the practice is to leave feeling refreshed, calm, and ready for the rest of the day.

Three main goals of this class are adding variety to the way we move and to practice sensing and responding to our bodies with kindness. We will explore movements that resource our fascial matrix to resource ourselves.

Please bring a yoga mat, a large towel or two, and a curiosity about our amazing bodies.

A squishy apple sized ball may be used in some classes as well as a Pilates stability ball (approximately 8 to 12 inches in diameter). Please bring your own if you have one. Extras are available to borrow.

No prior yoga experience required.

June Kwak holds certifications from the Myofascial Yoga Institute of Canada (300Hr), the Yoga Studio College of Canada (RYT 200), Critical Alignment and Therapy (CAY-T Level IV), and Mindful Yin Yoga.

For more information and to register, contact June Kwak at [june@regroovenating.com](mailto:june@regroovenating.com) or 403-710-5126 (texts welcome).

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- Keeping residents informed through articles in the monthly community newsletter and online at [www.Southwoodconnects.ca](http://www.Southwoodconnects.ca)
- Exclusive offerings for Southwood Community Association Members at community events

To register your household for a membership, you can do one of the following:

1. Go to [Southwoodconnects.ca/Memberships](http://Southwoodconnects.ca/Memberships).
2. Complete the form below and drop it off or mail it to the community association (11 Sackville Dr SW Calgary, Alberta T2W 0W3)

# Southwood Community Association Membership

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- Southwood Community Association meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm – All are welcome. 11 Sackville Dr SW
- Have a voice and be informed about issues affecting our community
- Volunteer at Events. Join the Southwood community board



# Bicycle Helmet Safety

by Alberta Health Services EMS

Most injuries occur when a cyclist suffers a fall, strikes a stationary object, or collides with another cyclist or pedestrian. It is the law in Alberta that cyclists under the age of 18 must wear a helmet (and recommended for all ages). Helmets should be CSA approved and worn during recreational activities such as skateboarding, in-line skating, and cycling.

### Getting Informed

- Wearing a helmet while cycling can prevent a serious injury or even save a life.
- Brain injuries can cause permanent disability or death.
- Reduce your risk by always wearing your helmet.
- Replace any helmet that has been involved in a crash, even if it appears undamaged.

### Getting Started

- Allow children to assist when buying their helmet. Cyclists who choose their own helmet are more likely to wear them.
- Start the habit early. Young children learning to ride tricycles need to wear helmets.
- Parents must lead by example – always wear a helmet when cycling.

### Getting the Right Fit

- Take the time to properly fit and adjust your helmet to ensure maximum protection in case of a crash.
- When worn properly, helmets should fit level, not tilted up, or down over the forehead.
- Helmets should feel snug, but not too tight. To test the fit, the helmet should not fall off when you shake your head from side-to-side while the straps are unfastened.
- Adjust the chin straps to form a “Y” below and slightly forward from the ears.
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# Getting Your Gut on Track

by Alberta Health Services

You may have heard of the gut microbiome – it's the community of microbes (example: bacteria) that live in your colon (or gut) that influences your health.

It's an exciting area of nutrition research because what you eat and drink can affect the health of your gut and the microbiome. This can affect your risk of chronic diseases like obesity, heart disease, and even certain cancers.

There are many foods that support a healthy gut microbiome which is linked to better overall mental and physical health.

### Whole Plant Foods

It's recommended that whole plant foods make up the majority of what you eat. Whole plant foods are vegetables, fruits, whole grains, beans, legumes, and nuts that have undergone limited processing. These foods have fibres that feed your gut microbes. For example, whole grains have benefits for metabolism and immunity. Gut microbes feast on parts of the bran layer in whole grains, which has an anti-inflammatory effect. This is important as many chronic diseases are linked to inflammation.

Having a variety of whole plant foods has been shown to help improve feeling of fullness and can help your body to be more sensitive to the insulin, which regulates blood sugar in your body. Choose a variety of plant foods.

As many Canadians struggle with getting enough whole grains, where possible look for opportunities to replace refined grains with whole grain options.

### Protein Foods

The protein foods to support gut health are plant-based protein foods and fatty fish. Examples of plant-based protein foods are kidney beans, chickpeas and lentils, nuts like walnuts or almonds, and fatty fish like Arctic char, mackerel, herring, salmon, sardines, and trout.

Beans and nuts contain fibre and phytochemicals (plant chemicals) which can help to increase the helpful gut microbes. Fatty fish has omega-3 fatty acids which help lower inflammation.

### Low Fat and Fermented Dairy Products

Fermented dairy foods that have live bacteria (like kefir and yogurt) can increase the good bacteria in the gut microbiome.

Look for milk, yogurt, and kefir with little or no added sugar and lower milk fat (M.F.). Lower fat dairy (2% M.F. or less) is recommended over higher fat dairy foods like cheese because they are lower in saturated fat.

Saturated fat is linked to inflammation.

### What to Limit or Avoid

**Red Meat:** Small amounts of lean red meat can be included in a healthy eating pattern, as red meat has many nutrients including protein. It is recommended to be included in smaller amounts because it can contribute to inflammation.

**Processed meat:** Avoid or minimize them because the curing agents in processed meats contribute to cancer forming compounds when they are digested by gut microbes.

### Try Mediterranean Style Eating!

The Mediterranean style of eating has been shown to help support a healthy gut microbiome. It includes lots of vegetables, fruits, beans, peas, lentils, fish, nuts, and olive oil. There is some research that it can help support brain function and it can also reduce inflammation as well as frailty in older adults.

If you are looking for practical ways to eat in a way to support a healthy gut microbiome, visit [ahs.ca/nutritionhandouts](http://ahs.ca/nutritionhandouts) and search for Mediterranean Style of Eating.



## Travel Safe Student Video Contest is Now Open

by *The City of Calgary*

Calling filmmakers of all ages and abilities. Whether you are an aspiring movie producer, working on your stop-motion skills, or you shoot videos as a hobby, this is the contest for you!

The Travel Safe Student Video contest is open to Calgary students from kindergarten to Grade 12. Win great prizes and a chance to have your work showcased! The deadline is April 30.

The contest is not only a fun and engaging way for students to think about traffic safety, but also part of the Calgary Safer Mobility Plan, a partnership between the City and Calgary Police Service aimed at improving the overall safety of our transportation network.

“We know students have unique perspectives when it comes to traffic safety and we can’t wait to see solutions through their eyes,” said Jacquelyn Oriold, Mobility Education Specialist with the City. “Whether that’s a video from a kindergarten student worried about safety as they walk or wheel to school, or from a middle school student concerned about speeding drivers, or a teenager’s perspective on navigating rush hour, we can’t wait to see their work.”

### Key Dates:

- April 30, 2025, at 11:59 pm: Contest closes
- May 14, 2025: Public screening event of finalists and winners announced at the Central Library in the Patricia A. Whelan Performance Hall.

For full contest rules, eligibility, waiver, tips, and resources visit [calgary.ca/travelsafevideo](http://calgary.ca/travelsafevideo). For general inquiries about the contest, email [streetsafekids@calgary.ca](mailto:streetsafekids@calgary.ca).



## Green Calgary Rain Barrel Sales

by *The City of Calgary*

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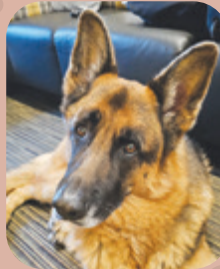
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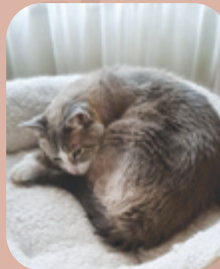
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