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Take a least 2 clear photos of an insect. preferably from multiple angles.



Take at least 1-2 photos of the plant where you can see (1) the flower, and (2) the leaves/whole plant.



Upload your photos to iNaturalist. Tip: Create a separate observation for the insect and plant.



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Add your insect observations to the Calgary Pollinators Project. **Tip:** Link your insect and plant observations together.

Alberta is home to hundreds of different pollinators - more than 330 kinds of bees, as well as flies, beetles, wasps, and other insects that are critical to our local food supply. We want to get to know the pollinators that call Calgary home and what plants best support them, and you can help! **Community science** involves the collaboration between scientists and the general public to collect and analyze data. The data you uploaded to iNaturalist can be used in research around the world, and close to home!















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Association If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at DeerRidgeCA@gmail.com

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**OUR MISSION:** To enhance the quality of life in Deer Ridge for today and the future by establishing and fulfilling the common goals, needs and interests of our community.

## **Community Resources for** Vulnerable Citizens

Calgary Alpha House Society provides support to men and women whose lives have been impacted by alcohol and other drug dependencies. Their work positively impacts Calgary communities by providing help to vulnerable citizens. In doing so, we divert individuals away from unnecessary uses of health care, criminal justice, and emergency systems by building relationships and connecting clients to more appropriate resources. Some of Alpha House's resources are listed here. We encourage you to use them where appropriate.

Join us in creating community for everyone.

#### The DOAP Team

403-998-7388

24/7

Non-emergency number for individuals on the street needing assistance.

#### **Needle Response Team**

403-796-5334

Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Mobile unit cleaning up needle and needle debris on public and private property.

#### **Encampment Team**

403-805-7388

Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Mobile unit assisting individuals who are sleeping in camps outside.

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The Deer Ridge Community Association membership fee is \$15.00 per household and two membership cards will be mailed to you upon receipt of payment. Your membership also grants you Deer Ridge CA voting privileges at the AGM. We invite all Deer Ridge residents to actively participate in the decisions that shape our community. For volunteer opportunities, please visit <a href="https://www.beerRidgeCA.com/volunteer/">www.beerRidgeCA.com/volunteer/</a>



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#### **MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD**

Spring is in full swing and there is a lot to do, right now and all through the summer. We hope you will enjoy some of the amenities we have in our community, support the businesses that support us right here and nearby, participate in the fun events we have planned for you, and let us know how we're doing and what can be done to make Deer Ridge the very best community to live in, in Calgary.

#### **Deerfoot Trail Improvements**

The province is planning improvements to Deerfoot Trail, including Anderson Road and Bow Bottom Trail, the heaviest used access roads to our community. Learn more about the plans and stay up to date with the timing of construction on the improvements at https://www.deerfootimprovements.ca/anderson-road-bow-bottom-trail-2/.

#### **Community Garden**

Are you new to gardening and think you might like to try it? Want to cut back on your produce bills this summer and feed your family fresh, organic vegetables? Want to reduce your carbon footprint by growing your produce close to home? Watch the community garden website for news about when you can get a plot to rent for the summer. If you gardened with us last year, you should have received a notice to renew your plot in April. It is still possible to get a garden plot, but these are popular, so don't delay – contact Mr. Bob Hall at deerridgecg@gmail.com about the community garden today!

#### **Deer Ridge Dog Off-Leash Area**

If you recently welcomed a dog into your home or are new to our area, you will be happy to know that Deer Ridge has a large, designated, off-leash area! It is a large open space, away from most traffic, with a variety of ground features. The off-leash area circles around the east, south, and part of the west portion of the community and is easily accessible from anywhere.

The area is open to the public, with or without a dog, and is often frequented by children on their way to and from school, as well as folks out for a leisurely walk. The area has some pretty good views across the river valley and out toward the mountains. Sunrises and sunsets look magnificent from the ridge walk around the dog park, and midday walks in the green space are enjoyable too.

A map showing the off-leash area is included here and is also available on our website, for your convenience. Garbage bins are conveniently located throughout the off-leash area to dispose of waste.



#### **Community Festival**

Come one, come all, to our own Community Festival, to be held on Sunday, June 25, in Deer Point Plaza, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. This annual event has been growing over the years and has become very popular. Come on down and enjoy live music, activities for the kids, dancing, games, door prizes, bouncy castles, a food market, local artisans, and lots of fun and community building. Bring your friends and family, all are welcome, and access to the event is free. We look forward to getting together with you!

# Gommunity Festival

IN YOUR NECK OF THE WOODS

Sunday, June 25 10:00 am - 3:00 pm



LOCAL VENDORS - LIVE MUSIC - GREAT FOOD
COLD DRINKS - LOCAL ARTISANS - KIDS ACTIVITIES
COMMUNITY BUILDING - LOCAL BUSINESSES
BOUNCY CASTLES - WALK OR BIKE DOWN
DOG FRIENDLY - DANCING - BRING A LAWN CHAIR
GAMES - DOOR PRIZES - FOOD MARKET - TONS OF FUN

#### **PREVIOUS SPONSORS:**

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Location: Deer Point Plaza - 14919 Deer Ridge Drive SE

Website: www.deerpointcommunityfestival.ca Email: deerpointcommunity@gmail.com Facebook/Instagram: CommunityFestivalFoundation

#### Movie in the Park

Mark your calendars! Movie in the Park will be here on Saturday, August 19! Deer Ridge Community Association will host a family-friendly outdoor movie night, with hot dogs, cold drinks, and activities for the kids. The event is free for everyone – you don't have to be a community member to join in the fun. Come, bring the family, some bug spray, a blanket or chairs, and be ready to have a great time. Please plan to join us for this very popular, fun, neighbourhood and family event – we look forward to enjoying the evening with you!

#### Membership

Your membership contributes directly to the activities and amenities in your community!

In some of our previous newsletters the cost of membership was misidentified as \$150 per year – we apologize for the misprint.

Memberships are still only \$15 per household, and are available online from our website, www. DeerRidgeCA.com/Membership, or if you prefer to mail in your payment, download our membership form from our website, or request a form be mailed you to deerridgeca@gmail.com or 403-606-7331.

Thank you for your support!

#### **Monthly Meetings**

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, May 15 at 7:00 pm, location to be announced. Please let us know at deerridgeca@gmail.com if you would like to attend and we will be sure to get location details out to you – we welcome all community association members at our meetings.

Please contact us at the email above if you are interested in volunteering on the Board, or if you have anything you would like to discuss at the meeting.

#### **Annual General Meeting**

Details of our annual general meeting, customarily held in June, will be forthcoming – watch our website, emailed Bulletin Board, or catch the June newsletter for details.



# DEERFOOT TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS



Alberta's provicial government, to better accomodate cirrent and future traffic demands on Deerfoot Trail, is funding a series of projects to improve the safety and reliability for Calgarians. Deerfoot Trail is currently Alberta's busiest freeway, and a critical component of Calgary's transportation network for commuters and the local economy.

In January 2023, preliminary contruction work began adjacent to Deerfoot Trail near 64 Avenue NE to prepare for the upcoming construction season. Contracts for additional Improvement Areas have not yet been awarded, as the procurement process remains ongoing.

To accomodate the improvements near 64 Avenue NEW and other Improvements Areas along the corridor, impacts such as increased travel times, speed limit reductions, and intermittent/ temporary lane closures are expected in the coming months as construction progresses.

It is recommended that those travelling on Deerfoot Trail plan and give themselves extra time to reach their destination, and/or take alternate routes when feasible.

Additional information about these improvements and upcoming public events will be provided on the project website as it becomes available. Members of the public who would like to remain informed on the project are encouraged to subscribe to project updates.

# THE EMERALD

The emerald is May's official birthstone. Unlike some birthstones, emerald is classified as one of four precious gemstones. Although the oldest emeralds date back 2.97 billion years and were first mined in Egypt, emeralds have been found in Canada, although they're rare. Canada's first emeralds were found in 1998 in Yukon Territory!

# DEERFOOT TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

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#### WHERE CAN I GO FOR TRAFFIC UPDATES?

Deerfoot Trail is a provincial highway, and traffic updates and road conditions are reported through <u>511 Alberta</u>. For updates regarding City roadways please refer to the City of Calgary's <u>Traffic Imformation Map</u>.

#### WHY IS THIS WORK NECESSARY

All infrastructure requires regular maintenance and intermittent upgrades to account for regular wear and tear and increased usage presented by population growth.

Deerfoot Trail was first contructed in the 1970s when Calgary's population was much smaller than it is today, and has experienced decades of wear and tear since it was first opened. Improvements are needed across the corridor to ensure that current and future traffic needs can be met and help improve travel times and overall safety for the travelling public.

#### WHAT ARE THE TIMELINES FOR THIS WORK?

Each of the Improvement Areas will have its own unique timeline based on the scope of improvements and the amount of contruction required to complete the improvements. Information specific to each improvement area will be posted on the project website as contracts are awarded and more information becomes available.

Construction on Deerfoot Trail to complete the various improvements that are required is expected to occur over multiple construction seasons.

#### **HOW WILL THIS IMPACT TRAVEL TIMES?**

Traffic impacts will fluctuate over the course of construction beased on the work being completed. When feasible and safe to do so, work that requires lane closures will occur outside of peak travel times to limit impacts to the travelling public. It is recommended that members of the public plan ahead and give themselves extra time when travelling on Deerfoot Trail is required to reach their destination. Where possible, consider taking alternate routes to reduce impacts to travel times.

## I TAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. HOW WILL BUS ROTES BE AFFECTED?

Please visit <u>calgarytransit.com</u> to plan your trip and check for updates on individual route schedules.

## WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING DEERFOOT TRAIL DURING CONSTRUCTION?

<u>Carmacks Enterprises</u> is the highway maintenance contractor responsible for the maintenance of Deerfoot Trail. The contractor working on improvements being made to 64 Avenue NE will coordinate with Carmacks Enterprises to ensure that this area is adequately maintained.

### May

May, beautiful May – you represent so much to us. You herald the beginning of our summer season, the upcoming end of school, vacations, warm weather, gardening, patio time, and relaxing with friends and family. For a bit of relaxation today, look in this word search for ways to relax this summer.

**BASEBALL** LAZY SWIM **PARTY TENNIS** BBQ **BOATING PATIO TERRACE CROOUET** RUN **TRAVEL** SIT TRIP **FAMILY** 

**FRIENDS SNOOZE VACATION** 

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### **Good Food Box**

Are you finding it hard to keep up with continuously rising prices of fresh produce at your regular grocery store? Have you seen the big GFB truck coming through our neighbourhood or considered giving Good Food Box a try?

Good Food Box (GFB) is a program through which anyone and everyone can access nutritious fresh produce regularly and affordably. Good Food Boxes contain a combination of in-season fresh fruits and vegetables bought directly from farmers and wholesalers. The content varies weekly, depending on what's in season, and each box contains the maximum produce to ensure you get the most value for the price.

#### **Box Options:**

**Small Box:** \$25 15-20lbs\* of fruits and vegetables **Medium Box:** \$30 25-30lbs\* of fruits and vegetables **Large Box:** \$35 35-40lbs\* of fruits and vegetables

\*Please note, weights are approximate and will vary depending on produce size and density. While prices remain the same – box weights have slightly changed.

Order Day	Pick Up Day
May 23	June 1
June 13	June 22
August 15	August 24

#### No Good Food box in July

To order or pick up, please contact Emma at 403-278-8263 at Fish Creek United Church (previously known as Deer Park United Church), 77 Deerpoint Rd SE.









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