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## QUEENSLAND - DIAMOND COVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone,

First off, I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends.

A lot has happened in 2022. All COVID-19 restrictions were lifted, and all our regular groups have returned. I must thank all these groups for their patience over the summer, as we were going through some major renovations and these groups had to allow the work to be done. There were some closers, but all work is done for now. I encourage you all to drop by and check out the new and improved community centre.

Our Children's Christmas Party was a huge success. Thank you, Martine, and her crew of volunteers, for putting on a great event. Also, I'd like to thank the Deer Ridge Community Association for their generous donation and involvement.

Kudos to Martine and everyone who helped welcome in the new year by volunteering at the Casino on December 30 and 31.

Thanks also to Aaron and the rink crew who have been busy looking after the ice for everyone's enjoyment.

Finally, Happy New Year to all. I hope that you have a very happy and successful 2023. Here's to another wonderful year in our community.

Cheers,

Brian

## COOK'S CORNER

### Turkey Biscuit Stew

#### Ingredients

- 1/3 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup butter, cubed
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 can (10 to 1 1/2 ounces) condensed chicken broth, undiluted
- 3/4 cup 2% milk
- 2 cups cubed cooked turkey
- 1 cup cooked peas
- 1 cup cooked whole baby carrots
- 1 tube (16.3 ounces) large refrigerated buttermilk biscuits

#### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375°. In a 10-inch cast-iron or other ovenproof skillet, saute onion in butter until tender. Stir in the flour, salt, and pepper until blended. Gradually add broth and milk. Bring to a boil. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly for about 2 minutes. Add the turkey, peas, and carrots; heat through. Separate biscuits and arrange over the stew.

2. Bake until biscuits are golden brown for 20 to 25 minutes.



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## Queensland/Diamond Cove Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Queensland  
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Median Asking Price	Median Sold Price
November 2022	\$ 350,000	\$ 333,250
October 2022	\$ 399,987	\$ 430,000
September 2022	\$ 299,900	\$ 297,500
August 2022	\$ 467,450	\$ 450,000
July 2022	\$ 299,900	\$ 291,500
June 2022	\$ 425,000	\$ 446,500
May 2022	\$ 435,000	\$ 445,000
April 2022	\$ 329,950	\$ 350,500
March 2022	\$ 364,360	\$ 404,500
February 2022	\$ 437,450	\$ 477,500
January 2022	\$ 225,200	\$ 212,750
December 2021	\$ 379,900	\$ 420,000

Last 12 Months Diamond Cove  
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Median Asking Price	Median Sold Price
November 2022	\$ 0	\$ 0
October 2022	\$ 0	\$ 0
September 2022	\$ 630,000	\$ 630,000
August 2022	\$ 674,900	\$ 655,000
July 2022	\$ 0	\$ 0
June 2022	\$ 599,888	\$ 565,000
May 2022	\$ 689,888	\$ 670,000
April 2022	\$ 0	\$ 0
March 2022	\$ 499,900	\$ 499,000
February 2022	\$ 829,900	\$ 785,000
January 2022	\$ 0	\$ 0
December 2021	\$ 619,900	\$ 610,000

To view more detailed information that comprise the  
above MLS averages please visit [qld.mycalgary.com](http://qld.mycalgary.com) or  
[dia.mycalgary.com](http://dia.mycalgary.com)

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<b>Gym use</b>	\$60/hr + GST
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<b>Children's parties</b>	\$175 + GST + \$100 cleaning fee
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## New Year's Eve in Times Square

New Year's Eve in Times Square is quite the spectacle, with live entertainment, fireworks, and a ball drop at midnight. But did you know that the first New Year's celebration held in this square had a slightly different purpose? In 1904, Adolph Ochs organized the event to celebrate the new headquarters of his publishing company, The New York Times!



## Fly Safely on Your Vacation

from the Better Business Bureau



Are you thinking about traveling by air for a few days?

### **Before Clicking the Button to Buy Tickets, BBB Recommends the Following:**

- Check current requirements for domestic and international travel. In Canada, look for Canadian travel advisories.
- Make sure everyone who is traveling has the appropriate ID. Make certain parties traveling together have a current compliant ID as required by the provinces or countries you're traveling to.
- Read all cancellation policies carefully. Not all situations require a full refund of the ticket value and fees if your flight is canceled. Each online travel agency, airline, and broker is different.
- Book tickets only after reviewing travel restrictions. Save time and stress by reading the updated status of restrictions on the Health Canada website.
- Consider trip insurance. Have a complete understanding of what the policy does and does not cover.

- Be an informed traveler. Refer to the Department of Transportation website for details on consumer issues, filing complaints, and other aviation information.
- Avoid hidden fees. Read the fine print!

Flying isn't the only aspect of your trip to consider.

### **Here Are Some Other Travel-Related Resources from BBB:**

- **Rental cars:** Make your next car rental experience a little easier.
- **Hotel rooms:** Learn what to keep in mind when booking a hotel room.
- **Travel agents:** Know what to look for in a travel agent and find one near you.

During the holiday or any time of year, find ways to travel safely and avoid scams. If you plan to travel to or from Canada, check for travel advisories. Remember to report any suspicious activities to BBB Scam Tracker and sign up for Scam Alerts.

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# FRIENDS of Fish Creek



## The Fish Creek Community Terrace

Every brick tells a story, and we invite you to share your story with park visitors by dedicating a brick along the Fish Creek Community Terrace. We are now offering bricks in Phase 3 of the Fish Creek Community Terrace at the Bow Valley Ranch. There are only 100 spaces available so make sure to get yours today. If you have a local business, consider having a brick inscribed for your business - it's great advertising in a very busy area! We are planning to install the bricks this summer and registration for this amazing program will close June 1. For more information, please contact the Friends of Fish Creek at 403-238-3841, ext. 1 or visit <https://friendsoffishcreek.org/brick>.

## Park Protectors Needed

Now is the perfect time of year to become a Fish Creek Provincial Park Protector! Fish Creek is a cherished natural green space we are fortunate to have in the city. As a non-profit organization based in Fish Creek and serving the Calgary community, the Friends of Fish Creek do not receive regular funding and rely on grants, sponsorships, program fees, donations, and fundraising to continuously support Fish Creek. Through the Park Protector program, a monthly donation will be effortlessly withdrawn from a credit card of your choosing, and you will receive a valuable tax receipt for your contribution. The Park Protector monthly donor program is the most convenient way to support Fish Creek Provincial Park every day. Rest assured that your hard-earned donation will be used effectively and efficiently right here in Fish Creek. For more information, please visit <https://friendsoffishcreek.org/park-protector-signup>.

## Membership Shows You Care

Now is the best time of year to renew your Friends of Fish Creek membership or to become a member. Friends of Fish Creek members receive benefits like admission to our Fish Creek Speaker Series programs, a discount on the popular Birding Courses, a discount at select local businesses, and the ability to vote at our Annual General Meeting. Show your support for this park by becoming a member or renewing your membership today. Memberships will be good until December 31, 2023. To renew your commitment to Fish Creek, please visit <https://friendsoffishcreek.org/membership>.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Do you have free time and want to volunteer in Fish Creek Provincial Park? The 2023 volunteer season is just around the corner, and we are looking for people to assist with various programs starting this spring. To begin volunteering, please visit our website and create an account on our online volunteer system, MyImpactPage. We look forward to working with you to bring the Friends' 2023 volunteer programs to life! For more information, please visit <https://friendsoffishcreek.org/volunteering-basics>.

## Stay Up to Date on Fish Creek Provincial Park

Did you know that there are 18 communities that directly border Fish Creek and thirty neighbourhoods within proximity to this park? Fish Creek is such an important part of the lives of countless people who live near the park and visit regularly. You may be familiar with the Friends of Fish Creek and some of our programs, and we invite you to learn more about Fish Creek Provincial Park and all our conservation activities by signing up to be on our email list. The Friends' seasonal newsletter, the Voice of the Friends, now in its 27th year, provides up to date information and in-depth articles about programs, courses, events, and activities here in Fish Creek. Please check out our newsletter online and sign up for regular updates about park events at [friendsoffishcreek.org](https://friendsoffishcreek.org) > Contact Us > Sign Up for Email List.

## **Calgary Winters Are Safer When Everyone Pitches in to Clear Snow and Ice**

*from the City of Calgary*

While our crews are clearing roads, designated pathways, and overpasses, residents and business owners are reminded to remove snow and ice from their property's adjacent sidewalk within 24 hours of snowfall ending.

The fine for not removing snow/ice from a sidewalk/pathway is \$250, with an escalating scale for subsequent convictions to the same property owner/occupant over a 12-month period.

Uncleared sidewalks can be reported to 311. Make sure to include the address or specific location details. A photo can be included with the 311 app.

When a complaint is submitted to 311, a Community Peace Officer issues a Snow and Ice Removal Notice, which gives the owner/occupant of a parcel 24 hours to clear the sidewalk. If after 24 hours the sidewalk has not been cleared, the file is then sent to a contractor to clear the sidewalk at the owner's expense.

Consider being a Snow Angel and clear the sidewalk of a neighbour who could use your help.

Learn more at [calgary.ca/snowfines](http://calgary.ca/snowfines).



## **Winter Cart Placement Tips**

*from the City of Calgary*

Follow these winter tips to keep your cart collection safe and on schedule:

- Clear snow and ice to put your carts on even ground. Don't place carts behind or on top of snowbanks.
- Leave enough space around your carts to easily walk between and around them.
- Store carts in a sheltered spot and move them out on collection day so they don't freeze to the ground. Move carts back by 7:00 pm on collection day.
- Clear snow off your carts and keep lids closed. Snow in your blue cart ruins quality recyclables and makes them difficult to sort at the facility, meaning they can't be turned into new products.
- Prevent food and yard waste from freezing inside your green cart. Use compostable bags or place crumpled newspaper or a pizza box at the bottom of the cart.

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Windy  
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Polar  
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Cold  
Bitter Cold

## Sledding Safety

by Alberta Health Services, EMS

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to remind parents and children about a few toboggan/sledding safety tips as the winter season continues. Injuries may result from collisions with stationary objects on the hill, such as trees, poles, rocks, or even collisions with other people. Unprotected falls can also result in more serious injury if you lose control at high speeds. However, everyone can be safe and have fun on the toboggan hill by following these reminders.

### Equipment

- Always ensure your toboggan, or sledding device, is in good repair. Inspect it for any damaged or missing parts before each use.
- Be certain the operator is fully capable of staying in control of the sled at all times.
- Wear a ski helmet, designed for use in cold weather and high speeds.

### Hazards

- Avoid hills that are too steep or too icy.
- Choose hills free of all obstacles such as trees, rocks, utility poles, benches, or fences.
- Beware of loose scarves, or clothing containing drawstrings, which could present a strangulation hazard if they become caught or snagged.
- Look out for others. Move quickly to the side after finishing a run and stay to the side of the sliding path when walking up the hill.
- Children should be supervised by an adult; never toboggan alone.
- Tobogganing at night is not advised.

### Plan Ahead

- Dress warmly in layers and anticipate weather changes.
- Consider bringing extra sets of gloves and toques to exchange wet garments for dry ones.
- Take breaks out of the cold to warm up.
- Attempt to cover any exposed skin.
- Even when properly protected from the elements, the fingertips, toes, ears, the tip of the nose, and other high points on the face, such as the forehead and cheek bones can be affected by frostbite.
- If frost bite has occurred, treat it by first removing the individual out of the cold environment. Gently warm the affected skin by placing a warm hand over it, or by placing the affected part in warm - not hot - water, until re-warmed.

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It's that time of year, yet again, to reflect on the old and ring in the new. Time to make plans and set goals with a renewed sense of optimism. I remind myself each year that health, family, and friends must take precedence in framing New Year's resolutions. There have been many challenges this past year yet still much to be grateful for. As we bid farewell to 2022 and usher in the new year, affordability remains one of the primary challenges facing Canadians from coast-to-coast as we grapple with inflation. With many families struggling with the rising cost of living, our government felt it necessary to announce a package of supports that will keep more money in the pockets of Albertans in the coming months.

The measures announced so far include, but are not limited to, extending the fuel tax cut; taking action on utilities, including expanding the electricity rebate to a total of up to \$500; reindexing benefits like AISH, PDD, and Income Support, as well as the Alberta Seniors Benefit, Alberta Child and Family Benefit and even income tax thresholds; providing targeted payments for kids under 18, seniors 65 and over, and vulnerable Albertans with household incomes below \$180,000; and providing additional support across various low-income programs and the not-for-profit sector.

The last few months have also been exceedingly challenging for the health care system with flu season, RSV, and the lingering impact of COVID. Preventative measures such as washing hands, covering your face when coughing, avoiding tight quarters, staying healthy (and home when sick), immunizations, and boosters all help keep us well and protected.

Our frontline health care workers are veritable angels, and I am grateful for their continued service and compassion throughout this winter. I thank our dedicated educators for keeping children in the classroom. As always, your comments and feedback help me to advocate for you in Edmonton, as I commit to serving with principles, integrity, and an outspoken voice through until the next election. So, please keep the emails and calls coming, stay strong and healthy, and Happy New Year to you all!

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- Remove valuables & garage door openers from vehicles
- Lock vehicles
- Close overhead garage door
- Lock door between garage & house
- Close & lock all external doors
- Ensure windows are shut
- Turn on exterior light

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