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May	23	13	7	\$829,999	\$829,999
April	23	6	7	\$379,900	\$379,900
March	23	8	11	\$515,000	\$500,000
February	23	13	6	\$942,500	\$927,500
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Healing Matters Psychological Services  
Hygieia Medical Clinic  
Moroz Child Psychology Group  
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Discovery Massage & Wellness

### GENERAL SERVICES

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Soular Child Montessori Development Centre  
Griffith Store & Dry Cleaning  
New Discovery Fine Wine & Spirits  
Wonder Donuts

Are you interested to help to make our community even more beautiful?

## Join DRCA Environment Committee!

The Environment Committee has two key events in its portfolio—Earth Day Litter Pick-Up (late April) and Community Cleanup (late May). We appreciate all the volunteer help we are getting for these two important projects. But we can do more if we have more people in the Committee!

These are some of the ideas we could do if we can extend our team:

- Fighting littering
- Tree planting and grants
- Preventing graffiti
- Addressing doggy doo-doo on sidewalks
- Exploring energy efficiency programs for community
- Conducting fire-related informational programs as we live close to the woods
- Informing the community on environment projects via DRCA Ridge Review
- Keeping in touch with the City of Calgary with regards to flood response and other environment-related issues

If you are interested but have limited time—that's not a problem. We do not need large time commitments. Let's have a talk and see what works.

Please contact Andrei Romaniuk, Chair for Environment Committee, at [environment@discoveryridge.com](mailto:environment@discoveryridge.com).



# DISCOVERY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (DRCA) EXECUTIVE (2022/23)

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## CURRENT COMMITTEES

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Wildlife and Cohabitation		
Recreation Facility	Paul and Darrell	

## DRCA Channels of Communication

Our community association has several channels to communicate to you, and for you to communicate with us!

### Member Emails

Get a membership and provide your email for 'what's new' updates

### Ridge Review Newsletter

Twelve publications per year

### Website

[www.discoveryridge.com](http://www.discoveryridge.com)

### Facebook

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### Email Us

See listing or the website 'contact us' page for contacts

## Please Donate to the DRCA Bottle Shack

### Where Does the Money Go from the Bottles Collected at the Bottle Shack?

The money made from these resident donations helps:

- Supports the recreational facilities
- DRCA operating costs

### How Should the Bottles be Packaged When Donated?

- Please have bottles in bags or boxes. Make sure the are bags are safely tied and the boxes taped shut to keep our volunteers safe.

### Is There Any Other Way I Can Help Support the Bottle Shack?

- Yes, we are always looking for volunteers to help empty the shack.
- If you can volunteer 15 minutes every month or so, please email [volunteer@discoveryridge.com](mailto:volunteer@discoveryridge.com).

## Mark Your Calendar

Did you know that board meetings happen monthly and all DRCA members are welcome to attend?

Please stop by to learn more about what the DRCA does for the community and our future plans. Email [drca\\_pres@discoveryridge.com](mailto:drca_pres@discoveryridge.com) for more information on the DRCA and if you wish to attend upcoming meetings.



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### I can volunteer for:

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| <input type="radio"/> General assistance | <input type="radio"/> Membership               |
| <input type="radio"/> Communications     | <input type="radio"/> Environment              |
| <input type="radio"/> Special Events     | <input type="radio"/> Skating Rink maintenance |
| <input type="radio"/> Sponsorship        |  |

### Payment: \$25

- ☐ Cheque ☐ Cash ☐ CC ☐ Pay online at [www.discoveryridge.com/membership](http://www.discoveryridge.com/membership)

Membership runs from September 1 to August 31 each fiscal year.

Make cheques payable to Discovery Ridge Community Association.

Mail to: Discovery Ridge Community Association - 160 Discovery Ridge Blvd - T3H 4Y3

Undersigned hereby consents to: (1) the collection of the personal information on this form; (2) the use of the information for the following purposes: to solicit volunteers for DRCA's programs and activities; to recruit members and solicit renewal of membership in DRCA; to solicit participation or membership in programs or activities provided by DRCA; to provide information to you on the DRCA programs and activities; (3) disclosure of the information in the DRCA register of members which is available for review by various members of the public as required by law. The purpose of collection of the information is to provide contact and registration information for DRCA and to use in and disclose it as described above. The DRCA does not sell membership lists. Designated members of the board of the DRCA are able to answer questions about the collection of the information.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Benefits of DRCA Membership

### What does the DRCA do for me?

- Organizes social events such as Music in the Park, annual Stampede breakfast, Santa event.
- Coordinates the Ridge Review community newsletter.
- Provides up-to-date information about issues affecting you and the community through member only email provides updates on important items for all at [www.discoveryridge.com](http://www.discoveryridge.com).
- Communicates regularly with the Ward 6 Office and Councillor Pootmans on community and city related issues.
- Provides effective representation and advocacy to external third parties about issues of concern to the community, including public safety, development and the natural environment.
- Attains and works casinos to fundraise for the community.
- Creates a sense of community pride through participation in community activities.

### Membership Perks!

Did you know that only up-to-date DRCA Members receive regular community emails informing them of events and ongoing activities in your community? Visit [discoveryridge.com](http://discoveryridge.com) to purchase your \$25 membership or see the membership.

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## Do You Want to See Your Photo in Print?

The Ridge Review and Discovery Ridge social media channels are always looking for photos to use as a cover or in the photo gallery. We invite both amateur and professional photographers of all ages to submit photos for all seasons and events in Discovery Ridge. Please send your name and photos as high-quality JPEGs (300 DPI and 1MB in file size) to [newsletter@discoveryridge.com](mailto:newsletter@discoveryridge.com).



# Bears and Bins in Discovery Ridge

## Retrofitting bins with latches

We are aware of many excellent efforts' residents are making to protect our special community and its wildlife. One of the ideas that has been floated is adding latches of some kind to our existing bins. We reviewed this with the City to see if it could be a viable option and unfortunately, with the bins we currently have, it is not. Specifically, from the City: "In short, it's because the current bins are not strong enough to deter a bear".

Bear resistant carts are retrofitted/reinforced with metal or double-walled plastic to maintain the integrity of the cart in case pressure is applied while it is knocked over and to reduce the success of animals from chewing through key points. We've learned that the frequent chew point for bears is through the plastic that connects the lid to the body of the cart.

Potential locking mechanisms like bar locks across the lid require a reinforced lid – without that, any pressure applied to the lid causes the bar to pop off (as learned in Port Coquitlam).

Other retrofitted locking mechanisms include wires and carabiners and while those may deter smaller wildlife, like racoons, feedback from bear experts has found that black bears quickly learn to insert their claws between the wire or anywhere they can get leverage and pull. Or just chew through the plastic.

Grizzly bears and black bears typically use different techniques for accessing garbage in carts, and bear resistant carts need to be designed to thwart both. Grizzly bears will often use brute force – cart testers call it the CPR method as the bears will bounce up and down the sides of the carts, waiting for the cart or lock to fail. Black bears don't seem to rely on their strength as much and they'll usually use their problem-solving skills to open carts, using their claws and teeth to pry open anywhere they can get into."

We will continue to advocate for alternative wildlife resistant green bins for Discovery Ridge.

## Bin pick up times in Discovery Ridge

With the recent passing of the Waste Bylaw amendment, the DRCA had requested that bins in Discovery Ridge not be picked up prior to 9:00 am versus the current 7:00 am, to give residents more time to get them out in the mornings.

The City has now advised that on a pilot basis, for the time period the Wildlife Affected Area designation on DR is in effect, bins will not be collected prior to 9:00 am. This is effective immediately.

The City has shared: "We heard the DRCA's and other resident's concerns about the impact of not being able to put out carts the night before and want to support Discovery Ridge residents to reduce the potential for human/bear conflicts by following the Bear Smart residential waste best practices".

The DRCA will review this with the City near the end of the pilot to discuss permanent implementation pros and cons.

## How To Report Crime In Discovery Ridge

- Dial 911 for emergencies or crimes in progress.
- For non-emergencies, dial 403-266-1234.
- To report a crime anonymously, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (Talk, Type or Text), submit tips online at [crimestoppers.ab.ca](http://crimestoppers.ab.ca), or text ttTIPS to 274637.

### Concerns or issues about Discovery Ridge traffic or Griffiths Woods

- Dial 311 to contact City of Calgary

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## Homeowners' Association News



Happy November, everyone! Winter is looming of course, and with it comes our transition from greenspace maintenance to pathway snow clearing. The first snowfalls of the season often melt during the day and become ice by evening, so please use caution, especially on hills, and let us know if an area needs extra attention.

**Fall clean-up:** ULS crews have been preparing median beds, linear greenspaces, and our parks for winter. If an early snowfall interrupts this work, any remaining areas will be completed in the spring. ULS snow removal crews and equipment are in place and ready to go.

**Snow clearing:** On occasion this winter, you may notice the community pathways are cleared while sidewalks next to main roadways remain snow covered for several more days. Discovery Ridge residents are understandably confused regarding why, because ULS clears snow in both areas. This is because the NDHA shares responsibility for snow clearing in the community with the City of Calgary. The contracts are independent of each other, however, with NDHA and City of Calgary have different policies governing snow clearing:

- City policy is that sidewalks under its control will be cleared within 24 hours of the end of a snow event. If it is snowing anywhere in the City, the snow event is not considered ended.

- The NDHA's policy is to have walkways and sidewalks under its control cleared within 24 hours of a snowfall in the community, and every 24 hours thereafter until the snow stops.

Please refer to FAQ #22 on our website for a map showing where the NDHA provides service. Note that unless adjacent to a private home or business, sidewalks on Discovery Ridge Boulevard, Discovery Ridge Lane, and Discovery Ridge Hill, in addition to several small sections of sidewalk in our community, are City responsibility. Please call 311 if you have concerns about snow clearing in these areas, or if a homeowner is not clearing the sidewalk adjacent to their property.

**Holiday lights and foliage:** Lights have been installed in the trees at our entrance and near the leisure ice rink near the recreation centre; both will be turned on in the second half of November. You will notice a new design format this year; we hope you will find it pleasing! The winter holiday foliage display in the entrance planters will be installed for your enjoyment before the next newsletter.

**Fees:** The 2023 NDHA fee of \$325 was due on June 29. We would like to thank our members who have paid their fee on time, and ask that those who have not, please pay immediately as this is a legally required payment. If you are unsure of your payment status, please access your membership portal on our website. If you have questions or concerns, you may contact the NDHA treasurer at [accounts@ndha.ca](mailto:accounts@ndha.ca) or our Membership Director at [NDHAMembership@ndha.ca](mailto:NDHAMembership@ndha.ca). Please reference your property address.

We are always happy to hear from our NDHA members; please access our website at [www.ndha.ca](http://www.ndha.ca) to send an email - you can also call us at 403-237-9595, or mail us at Box 2478, 246 Stewart Green SW, Calgary, AB T3H 3C8.



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Thank you to everyone who has renewed their 2024 memberships! DRCA could not operate without your support. If you have not yet done that, please head to the [discoveryridge.com](https://discoveryridge.com) website and join your community.

You may not be aware of what the Community Association does for the community so here are a few things that we have done in 2023:

- Maintain the tennis courts and rink - this year we have improved the lighting in this area.
- Organized a successful Stampede Round-up event in late June where many people came to enjoy the Butterfield Acres petting zoo, the children's games, facepainting and the line dancing. As well, we were very fortunate to have Harry the Horse the Stampede mascot attend. There was a variety of food trucks to keep our tummies full and our bodies hydrated.
- Collaborated with the City of Calgary to find a resolution to the wildlife in our community.
- Completed the painting of our bottle shack to make it into an art piece which reflects our proximity to

the wildlife in our park. You may have noticed it as you drive by across from the Cornerstone retail area.

- There is an ongoing initiative to have our community connected to the extensive bike path system that is in Calgary and hoping to have a pathway all the way to the Glenmore reservoir - wouldn't that be wonderful?
- Worked with two other community associations to have a recycle clean-up event in April.
- Organized a Music in the Park event in September which was a great success with four bands, a beer garden, games and activities for the kids, and food trucks!

All these things would not be accomplished without the Community Association board and volunteers who put many hours into organizing and planning these events. And these events wouldn't happen without collection of membership fees and resident involvement. Your community association is only as good as the membership it serves.

If you have any suggestions for what you would like to see happen – whether it be events or groups – please come forward with your ideas and contribute to making this community a great place to live.



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