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QUEENSLAND DIAMOND COVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello,

As spring progresses please keep a watchful eye out for what is happening within the community. Do not forget to visit the City of Calgary Development Permit site for our community (<https://developmentmap.calgary.ca>). Development permits are popping up and if you have any comments or concerns, please know that there is a process to follow. If you require help, please let us know at info@queenslanddiamondcove.com.

Our annual Children's Spring Fling Craft and Social Afternoon is taking place on Saturday, April 12 from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. Come out for an afternoon of crafts, bouncy castles, and fun. Our target crowd is usually ages 2 to 12 but if you are young at heart, please stop by. There will be an appearance from the Easter Bunny and goody bags for all children who attend. We would like to invite our friends from Deer Ridge and Deer Run to come have fun with us.

Attention all community association members, our AGM is this month. We will have several board positions vacant. If you have some spare time and desire to have a meaningful volunteer position, please consider this invitation. Our AGM is Saturday, April 26 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, followed by our Volunteer Appreciation Party. We will be playing darts, cash bar and snacks will be provided, there will also be a DJ.

Community Garden Update – We have had a few people come and request more information about our possible community garden. I have reached out to the city to see where we could have some within our community. More to follow on Facebook, Instagram, and our front sign and our monthly community letter, we will keep you posted.

Do you need assistance with the rising cost of produce, consider purchasing a Good Food Box. Good Food Boxes are for purchase monthly from Linda Brown in the community centre. They come in three sizes; Small Box is \$30 for 15 to 20 lbs of food, Medium Box is \$35 for 25 to 30 lbs, and Large Box is \$40 for 35 to 40 lbs. Visit their website to see what this service is about at <https://www.ckpcalgary.ca/goodfoodbox>. Payment and pick-up times are available on the website or by calling Linda Brown at 403-278-3366.

Upcoming events for May are Mother's Day Craft Fair on Saturday, May 3 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please

stop by and see the incredible items that will be for sale. Methods of payment for this event is different for each vendor with a mix of cash, credit or debit card, e-transfers are usually available.

I would like to thank the community for letting me be your President for the past year and look forward to another year of growing and helping the community thrive together.

Kind regards,

Martine



Community Garden

Are you interested in a community garden coming to the Queensland community? We are looking at the possibility of creating either a vegetable or flower garden. Please contact the Queensland Community Centre at info@queenslanddiamondcove.com or 403-278-3366 if interested.



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December 1	December 11

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Welcome all seniors to our Queensland Diamond Cove Friendship Club at the Queensland Diamond Cove Community Centre.

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QUEENSLAND DIAMOND COVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



April 26/2025

7:00 p.m.

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Meeting starts at 7:00 pm

Volunteer Appreciation to follow!
Come and join us for Food, beverages,
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**Everyone is invited, but you must have a
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SPRING CRAFT FAIR



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10:00 am to 3:00 pm

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QUEENSLAND 2025 PARADE OF GARAGE SALES

It's that time of year again – Spring Cleaning Time!

Clean out your closets, drawers, garages, basements and sheds and turn those unwanted items into \$\$ on **SATURDAY, June 7, 2025 - 9 AM to 3 PM**. If you do not have enough stuff, join up with a neighbour or make it a street event! Last year's participants were very pleased with the turnout and we know this year should be another big success for all of us out there "selling our stuff".

To register and have your garage or yard sale advertised **free of charge**, please go to our website to register:

www.queenslandgaragesale.com

Lawn signs, directional maps, and a list of all participating homes will be available for pick-up at the Community Centre the evening before the sale.

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Ingredients

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- 20 oz sliced pineapple with juice
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ tsp ground cloves

Instructions

1. Prep: With the ham still in the packaging, place it in the crock pot to see how it fits. You may need to cut it into portions to fit. Unwrap it and either place it whole back in the crockpot or cut it into pieces.
2. Open the can of sliced pineapple and drain the juice into a separate bowl. You will use all the juice so set it aside, do not discard!
3. Add the brown sugar to the bowl of juice and whisk until dissolved. Add the ground cloves and whisk again to combine. Set the juice mixture aside.
4. Arrange the slices of pineapple all over the surface of the ham and in between slices if you pre-sliced it. If you choose to include cherries, place them inside the centre of the pineapples. Then pour the pineapple juice over the entire top of the ham and pineapple slices.
5. Heat the Ham: Place the lid on the crock pot and cook on low for 3 to 4 hours. A 7 to 10 lb. ham in the crock pot takes about 4 hours. A bone-in ham will take 5 to 6 hours to fully heat up. If you have a smaller, 2 to 4 lb ham, aim for around 2 hours of cooking time. Serve and enjoy!



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DIAMOND COVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Diamond Cove Homeowners,

Spring is officially here! After what felt like a long winter, we can finally enjoy the longer days, fresh air, and the return of outdoor activities. With that in mind, I'd like to take this opportunity to share some important updates about our community and encourage you to get involved in making Diamond Cove an even better place to live.

Annual General Meeting – Your Voice Matters!

First and foremost, all homeowners are invited to our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday, April 23 at 6:30 pm at the Queensland Community Hall. This is one of the most important meetings of the year, as it allows us to discuss the current and future direction of our community, make key decisions, and elect our board members.

Every homeowner has a vote at the AGM, and your participation is critical in shaping the future of our neighbourhood. This year, one of the items on the agenda will be voting on the community tax levy for the following year. The levy directly impacts what improvements we can provide as a community. This is your opportunity to have a say in how we allocate resources and ensure we continue to support initiatives that benefit all residents.

Looking for New Board Members – Get Involved!

We are also looking for new board members to join the Diamond Cove Homeowners Association. If you care about your community and want to make a difference, we would love to have you on board. The commitment is relatively light — attending meetings and helping to coordinate community activities — but the impact is significant. A strong, engaged board helps ensure our neighbourhood remains safe, welcoming, and well-maintained.

If you're interested in joining the board or would like more information about what's involved, please reach out. Even if you're unable to commit as a full-time board member, there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer in smaller ways throughout the year. Your skills, ideas, and passion can help shape the future of Diamond Cove!

Fundraising and Volunteer Opportunities

In addition to new board members, we are also looking for volunteers and suggestions for fundraising efforts. Our ability to host community events, maintain public

spaces, and fund neighbourhood projects depends on the support of our residents. If you have fundraising ideas or are willing to lend a hand, we would love to hear from you.

Fundraising doesn't have to be a big commitment — it could be as simple as helping coordinate a bottle drive, setting up an event, or assisting with sponsorship outreach. Every little bit helps!

Spring Cleanup – Let's Keep Diamond Cove Beautiful

As the snow melts, we've all noticed the unfortunate accumulation of garbage throughout the community. It's no one's favourite chore, but a little effort from each of us will go a long way in keeping Diamond Cove clean and beautiful. Whether it's in front of your home, in our green spaces, or along pathways, please take a few moments to pick up any litter you see.

A special request to dog owners: The off-leash area between Diamond Cove and Deer Run is becoming increasingly problematic due to pet waste. Please remember to pick up after your pets. Not only is it unpleasant for other residents, but it also attracts wildlife and creates health hazards. This is a shared space, and we all need to do our part to keep it clean and safe for everyone.

Time for Fence Repairs and Painting

Spring is also the perfect time to inspect your fences and plan for necessary repairs or painting. Maintaining fences helps keep our neighbourhood looking great and ensures they last for years to come.

A reminder that for properties requiring wood fencing, the exterior side of all fences must be painted "Diamond Cove White" to maintain a consistent and clean aesthetic throughout the community. For properties with chain-link fencing, this should remain as-is to align with community standards.

Fencing is the responsibility of each homeowner, so please take some time this season to assess your fence and make any necessary repairs or updates. You can easily obtain Diamond Cove White paint from Benjamin Moore Midnapore on Bannister Road — just ask for it by name! A fresh coat of paint or minor repairs can make a big difference in keeping our neighbourhood looking well-maintained.

Understanding Property Taxes – A Message from Councillor Peter Demong

There has been some confusion regarding property tax increases, and I'd like to take a moment to clarify how taxes are calculated, thanks to information shared by our Ward 14 Councillor, Peter Demong.

Many people assume that if their property value increases, the City automatically collects more taxes. However, that is not the case. Property taxes are determined by two main factors:

1. The City's budget, which is set by City Council based on financial needs.
2. Your assessed property value, particularly how it changes relative to other properties in Calgary.

Think of it like a pie: The City sets the total "size" of the tax revenue needed, and your individual property assessment determines how much of that pie you pay. If your property value has increased significantly compared to others, your share of taxes may increase, even if the overall budget remains the same.

If you'd like to learn more about how property taxes are determined and where your money goes, I encourage you to visit calgary.ca/ourfinances for more details.

Save the Date – Community Garage Sale Returns!

We are thrilled to announce that Royal LePage Benchmark has once again committed to sponsoring our Diamond Cove Community Garage Sale, happening on September 6, 2025!

This annual event is a fantastic opportunity to declutter, meet your neighbours, and find some great bargains. Whether you're looking to sell items, hunt for treasures, or simply enjoy the community atmosphere, this is an event you won't want to miss. Start setting aside your items now!

Other Spring Tips and Reminders

With the change in season, here are a few other reminders to help keep our community running smoothly:

- Yard Maintenance: Warmer weather means it's time for spring yard cleanup. Keeping your property tidy not only enhances curb appeal but also helps prevent pests and weeds from spreading.
- Tree Pruning and Sidewalks: If you have trees near sidewalks, please ensure branches are trimmed back to avoid obstructing walkways.

- Biking and Walking Safety: More people will be out enjoying the warmer weather, so please be mindful of pedestrians and cyclists when driving through the neighbourhood. Likewise, if you're biking, remember to wear a helmet and follow traffic rules.

Final Thoughts

Spring is a season of renewal, and it's a great time to reconnect as a community. Whether it's attending the AGM, joining the board, helping with fundraising, picking up litter, repairing fences, or simply being a considerate neighbour, your involvement makes a difference.

I hope to see many of you at the AGM on April 23 and encourage you to reach out if you have any questions or ideas. Thank you for being a part of Diamond Cove — we are stronger together!

Warm regards,

Sonia Dantu

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Thank you to everyone who attended my town hall last month with Ministers Schulz, Fir, Jones, and McIver for a discussion on Budget 2025. It was fantastic to see so many constituents actively engaged in these important conversations. If your question wasn't addressed, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office to schedule a call.

Budget

On Thursday, February 27, Alberta's government introduced Budget 2025, along with a series of common-sense legislative proposals designed to enhance clarity, efficiency, and accountability. These measures aim to better address the challenges Albertans face.

Alberta's government remains focused on keeping our province as the best place in Canada to live, work, and raise a family. This includes lowering taxes by 20% on the first \$60,000 of income, saving individuals \$750 and families \$1,500 per year.

Budget 2025 includes a \$5.2 billion deficit that reflects key challenges facing Alberta such as the U.S. tariff dispute, population growth, and public sector bargaining. Budgeted 2025-26 revenues are projected to decline by 8.1% or \$6.6 billion year-over-year, primarily driven by a \$4.4 billion drop in expected non-renewable resource revenues and a \$2.3 billion decrease in investment income.

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For all those in the community celebrating, I would like to wish you and your family a happy Easter. If you have any questions or input, please feel free to reach out to my office at Calgary.FishCreek@assembly.ab.ca.

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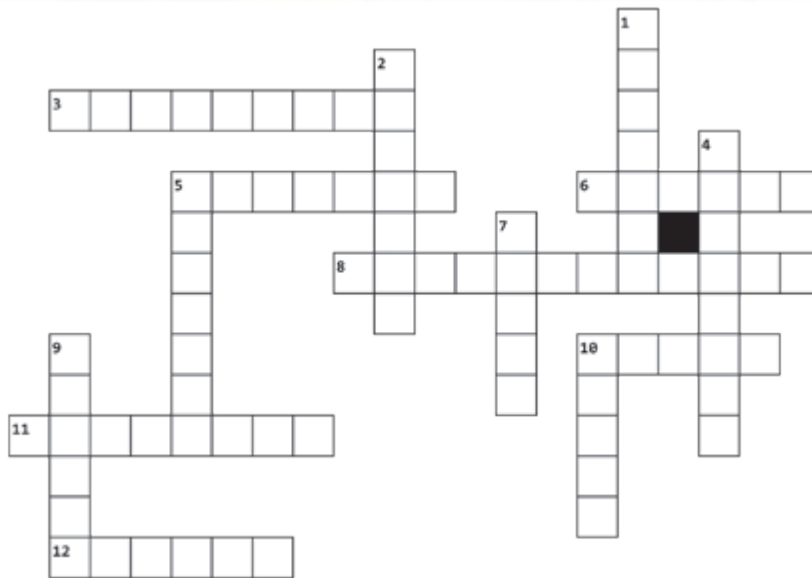
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April Crossword



Across

3. Simon & Schuster released the first-ever _____ puzzle book on April 18, 1924, delighting word game enthusiasts around the world.
5. On April 1, 1919, the Stanley Cup Final between the Montreal Canadiens and the Seattle Metropolitans was cancelled due to the _____ flu pandemic.
6. On April 30, 1952, Mr. _____ Head became the first toy ever to be advertised on television.
8. Terry Fox started his Marathon of Hope on April 12, 1980, in St. John's, _____.
10. This meteor shower takes place in April every year.
11. ABBA won the 1974 Eurovision Song Contest with their song _____ on April 6.
12. This space telescope was first deployed into orbit by the space shuttle Discovery on April 25, 1990.

Down

1. April's birthstone is the _____, a popular choice for engagement rings.
2. Stanley Kubrick's sci-fi adventure film, *2001: A Space _____*, premiered in April 1968.
4. The Royal _____ Air Force was officially established on April 1, 1924.
5. _____ *Island* by Dennis Lehane was first published on April 15, 2003, and later became a film starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Mark Ruffalo.
7. Comedian and actor Seth _____ was born on April 15, 1982, in Vancouver, BC.
9. The World _____ Organization was established by the United Nations on April 7, 1948.
10. On April 16, 2018, Kendrick _____ won the Pulitzer Prize for Music, becoming the first rapper to do so.



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