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QUEENSLAND DIAMOND COVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello,

Wishing all moms a Happy Mother's Day!

I would like to thank all our community citizens for coming out to our AGM/Volunteer appreciation night on April 26. I wish to thank all who filled our vacant board of director positions; your presence and new ideas will grow our community.

Join us Saturday, May 10 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm for our Mother's Day themed craft fair. Come check out our talented vendors. Some vendors are set up to take debit and credit cards, others are cash only.

Have you checked out our new seniors friendship club? It is taking place in the Jensen room on Tuesdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The nominal fee of \$2 will give you good conversation with fellow community members, card and board games will be played. If you are interested in learning how to cross stitch, crochet, or other crafts there is someone who can teach you here. Please stop by and check them out.

Parade of Garage Sales will take place on Saturday, June 7, more information is coming this month, please call Linda Brown at the community centre to register your garage sale.

We will be having a community cleanup this year on Saturday, July 5. This event is where you can get your unwanted items from your home compacted by the City of Calgary waste management trucks. We will have metal and electronic bins also available. This is a shared community event with Queensland and Deer Ridge community associations. We are looking for volunteers to help with truck and car removal of items, if you are interested, please let Linda Brown know at info@queenslanddiamondcove.com or by calling 403-279-3366. Please consider volunteering for this event, morning coffee and donuts and lunch will be provided.

Kind Regards,

Martine



GAMES & PUZZLES

Guess the Video Game!

1. This video game was developed and published by Atari in 1972, making it one of the earliest and most well-known video games.
2. With over 300 million copies sold, this is the best-selling video game of all time.
3. Physicist William Higinbotham created the very first game called _____; and no, it's not what you think!
4. A video game classic, the character of Mario was originally called _____.
5. Beginning as a joke, this 1999 Nintendo 64 game included an unlikely rap about its main characters.
6. The Stalfos are the only enemy creatures to appear in every edition of this video game since its creation.



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Queensland Diamond Cove/Deer Ridge Community Association Annual Cleanup Day

July 5 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm

Community Cleanup events save residents a trip to the landfill for items that do not fit in their waste and recycling carts or for residents who do not have access to cart service. This service is free of charge to all Calgarians. Residents simply bring any of the accepted items to the Queensland Diamond Cove Community Hall on July 5 between 9:00 am and 1:30 pm where a group of volunteers will direct and assist them in recycling/discarding those materials. Continue reading to see what items we can and cannot accept.

What Can I Bring to Community Cleanup Day?

We Will Accept:

- General garbage
- Metals
- Electronics

We Will Not Accept:

- Organic waste (cardboard)
- Glass
- Batteries, paint, household chemicals
- Liquids (motor oil, etc.)
- Smoke detectors
- Refrigerators, freezers, microwaves
- Pressure containers (i.e., propane tanks, etc.)
- Railroad ties
- Tires
- Large amounts of sod or concrete
- Medical waste and expired prescription drugs

The Food Box is a program where you can purchase fresh fruit and vegetables for a very low cost. This program is available to everyone to promote a healthy and nutritional living.

Apples | Bananas | Broccoli | Carrots | Cauliflower | Celery | Cucumber | Lettuce | Mushroom | Onions | Oranges | Potatoes | Tomatoes | Green Pepper

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May 5	May 15

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Order and Delivery Dates for 2025

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COOK'S CORNER

Chocolate Chip Cookies

Makes 6 dozen

Cook 10 to 12 minutes in 350°F oven.

Ingredients

- 4 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 2 cups butter, softened
- 1 ½ cups brown sugar
- ½ cup white sugar
- 2 pks. vanilla instant pudding
- 4 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 4 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Sift together flour and baking soda, set aside.
3. In a large bowl, cream together the butter, brown sugar, and white sugar.
4. Beat in the instant pudding mix until blended. Stir in the eggs and vanilla.
5. Blend in the flour mixture. Finally stir in the chocolate chips and drop by rounded spoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes in preheated oven.



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	Rate	Period
Gym Use	\$65	Per hour
Gym Weddings	\$550	Event
Damage Deposit	\$250	
Daytime Function (maximum 5 hours prior to 5:00 pm)	\$190	Event
Boardroom, multi-purpose small meeting rooms	\$33	Per hour
Cleaning Fee for Functions (when required)	\$110	

Seniors Friendship Club

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

Conversation, coffee, goodies, cards, games, and guest speakers.

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Word of the Month

Filipendulous: adjective
(fil-i-pen-du-lous)

Suspended by a thread.

The artist crafted a gallery full of filipendulous drawings and artworks.

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:

queensland.yycgarage.sale

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.

On the morning of the sale, directional signs will be placed on the main streets directing buyers into the community.

Registration deadline is June 2, 2025

For questions, please contact:

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Diamond Cove Homeowners,

Spring is here, and with it comes a time of renewal and reflection. As we enter May, it's incredible to think that a full year has passed since I volunteered for the role of President of the Diamond Cove Homeowners Association. It has been a busy, challenging, and rewarding year, and I want to take this opportunity to reflect on all that we've accomplished together.

This past year was particularly significant as we had a dedicated and engaged board focused on making positive changes in our community. I want to extend my deepest gratitude to fellow board members for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to improving Diamond Cove. A heartfelt thank you goes out to:

- Mike Goodwin
- Susan Joshi
- Kayla Coady
- Bev Jarvis
- Cheri Howe
- Judie Parker

Your gift of time and energy has truly made a difference. Serving on a volunteer board is no small task, and each of these individuals stepped up to take on responsibilities.

Progress and Achievements

Coming into this year, we knew there was a lot to do. Looking back, we may have set our sights on more than we could realistically accomplish in a single year, but we made incredible progress in many areas. Here are some of the key initiatives we worked on:

Community Enhancements and Events

- **Playground Project:** One of the most exciting projects was seeing the playground improvement from concept to reality, ensuring that our neighbourhood has a safe and fun space for children to play.
- **Playground Grand Opening:** To celebrate this milestone, we hosted a grand opening event, made possible with the generous support of sponsors. It was wonderful to see the community come together to enjoy the new space.
- **Christmas Light Contest:** We successfully brought back the annual Christmas Light Contest, encouraging residents to decorate their homes and spread holiday cheer throughout Diamond Cove. Thanks to generous sponsorship we were able to offer prizes and recognize

the most festive displays, making the season even brighter for everyone.

Governance and Community Advocacy

- **Drafting New Bylaws:** Our board worked diligently to draft a new set of Bylaws, ensuring that they reflect the current and future needs of our community. While these remain in draft form, we hope to finalize them for membership approval in the coming year.
- **Engagement with the City of Calgary:** We attended multiple meetings and information sessions with the City to discuss the Enhanced Landscape Management Program, gaining insight into how we can maintain and improve public spaces in our community.
- **Liability and Directors and Officers Insurance:** A significant administrative achievement was obtaining liability insurance for the Diamond Cove Homeowners Association and Directors and Officers Insurance, which protects the board and ensures we can continue our work responsibly.

Strengthening Community Communication and Engagement

- **Regular Board Meetings:** Over the past twelve months, we held at least six board meetings, ensuring that we stayed on top of key issues and maintained a transparent decision-making process.
- **Keeping Residents Informed:** We made it a priority to communicate more frequently about the board's activities and the decisions that impact our community. We recognize that good communication is essential, and we hope to continue improving in this area.

Looking Ahead to the Next Year

While we are proud of what we've achieved, we also recognize that we were probably busier than we should have been. Going forward, we want to focus on two to three key goals per year, ensuring we can accomplish them effectively. Some of the areas we hope to prioritize include:

- Finalizing and approving the new Bylaws.
- Continuing to work with the City on neighbourhood improvements.
- Expanding community events and engagement opportunities.

Spring and Summer Reminders

With the warmer weather upon us, there are a few seasonal reminders for all residents:

Water Restrictions: As Calgary has experienced a dry year, it's likely that water restrictions will be in place. To help conserve water, consider:

- Watering your lawn and garden in the early morning or late evening to reduce evaporation.
- Installing rain barrels to collect water for irrigation.
- Checking for leaks and fixing them promptly.
- Using drought-resistant plants in your garden.

Home Maintenance: Spring is the perfect time to inspect and repair fences, as well as refresh outdoor spaces. Fences are the responsibility of individual homeowners and maintaining them enhances the overall appearance of our neighbourhood.

Community Safety: With more children playing outside, we remind everyone to drive cautiously and respect crosswalks. Speeding continues to be an issue in Diamond Cove, and we ask all residents to slow down and keep an eye out for pedestrians and cyclists.

Garage Sale – September 6: Looking ahead to the fall, we are excited to announce that the annual Parade of Garage Sales will take place on Saturday, September 6. This is a great opportunity to declutter, earn some extra cash, and meet your neighbours. The event will once again be sponsored by Royal LePage Benchmark, and we encourage everyone to participate!

Neighbour Day – June 21, 2025

Mark your calendars! We're excited to host another Neighbour Day on June 21, 2025. While the details are still being finalized, we're planning a fun and welcoming event where residents can gather, enjoy some snacks, and get to know one another.

Neighbour Day is a celebration of community spirit, held annually on the third Saturday in June. It's an opportunity to create a more welcoming and inclusive community where neighbours can connect and build lasting relationships. Good things happen when you get to know your neighbours, they add a friendly visit to your day, and you can lend a helping hand when needed. Social connections reduce loneliness and isolation, fostering a strong sense of belonging in our community.

We hope you'll join us in celebrating what makes Diamond Cove such a great place to live. Stay tuned for more details on our social media channels as the event approaches!

Thank You for Your Support!

As we enter a new year of service to the community, I want to thank each and every one of you for your support. Being part of a homeowners association is about more than just attending meetings—it's about coming together to build a strong, vibrant, and connected neighbourhood.

We look forward to continuing this journey and making Diamond Cove an even better place to call home. If you have any questions, ideas, or would like to get involved, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Wishing you all a wonderful spring and summer!

Warm regards,

Sonia Dantu

President, Diamond Cove Homeowners Association
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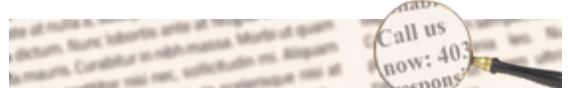
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Happy Mother's Day to all the incredible moms, grandmas, and caregivers! Your love, strength, and wisdom inspire us every day. Thank you for being the heart of our families and communities! As spring arrives and the legislature heads into its final session of the year, I've had the chance to hear from many of you about your top concerns—affordability and economic uncertainty, especially with the U.S. becoming an increasingly unreliable trade partner.

At the time of my writing this article, the U.S. has upheld most of CUSMA, ensuring zero tariffs on key Canadian exports like energy, minerals, agriculture, and more. Diplomacy has proven to be the best tool for protecting our interests, and we must continue advocating for reduced tariffs while supporting affected workers.

Now is the time for Canada to break free from harmful policies that have left us overly dependent on the U.S. We must fast-track national resource corridors, empower provinces to develop their resources, and position our country as a global economic and energy leader.

Budget 2025 strengthens the Alberta Advantage by keeping taxes low. If Alberta had the same tax system as B.C., Albertans and businesses would pay \$20.1 billion more in taxes. Instead, thanks to this year's tax cuts, the average family will save \$750 more in income taxes while continuing to pay no provincial sales tax.

Alberta's legacy of low taxes and free enterprise remains strong—let's keep building a competitive, prosperous future.

I want to congratulate all the successful candidates in our recent federal election. Democracy is the foundation of our nation, and I look forward to the future we will build together.

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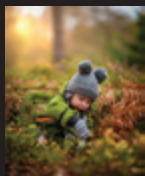
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