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DRCA Channels of Communication

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

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Ridge Review Newsletter

Twelve publications per year

Website

www.discoveryridge.com

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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.



DRCA Music in the Park – Saturday, September 9

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 for more information on the DRCA and if you wish to attend upcoming meetings.

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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.



DRCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

New Membership Renewal Membership

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

I can volunteer for:

- General assistance
- Communications
- Special Events
- Sponsorship
- Membership
- Environment
- Skating Rink maintenance

Payment: \$25

- Cheque Cash CC Pay online at 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

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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.
- 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 to purchase your \$25 membership or see the membership.

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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, 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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LETTER FROM THE BOARD

Hello fellow residents,

We hope you enjoyed the incredible summer weather and had a chance to relax with family and friends.

We just have a few key updates this month:

Firstly, a very big thank-you to our sponsors for the DRCA Music in the Park event. A special shoutout to our long-time headline sponsor David Pelletier for his continued support of the community. We would also like to thank Deputy Premier and Calgary West MLA, Mike Ellis, Ron Liepert, MP, Calgary Ward 6 community event grant, ULS Landscaping, Cutting Edge Barber Shop, Discovery Fine Wines & Spirits, Discovery Dental Centre, No Payne Roofing, Home Spritz, Westhills United Soccer Association, Chek Health, Grizzly Paw Pub, and Cheryl Sanguinetti Mortgages. It is only with the financial support of our sponsors and our volunteers that the DRCA is able to host great events. So thank you all.

Secondly, please renew your annual DRCA membership fee of \$25 on our website: <https://discoveryridge.com/membership/>.

At only seven cents per day, you help support your community association to be the voice of your community and support community events.

Thirdly, please take a few moments to read the DRCA Planning Committee's article.

Fourthly, please review the NDHA article, especially regarding any outstanding annual fees.

Lastly, if you are interested in joining our monthly DRCA meetings or joining the board, please email us at drca_pres@discoveryridge.com.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather!

On behalf of your DRCA Board

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.

DRCA Planning Committee Update

Thanks to those who responded to our last update on improving our community's pathways and parks. We plan to reconnect with the City of Calgary and Alberta Transportation in September and your support is greatly appreciated.

Our main 'ask' to the City is to connect Discovery Ridge to Westhills Way with a multi-use trail or paved pathway. We are also asking that they redesign and restore the Elbow Valley constructed wetland at the east end of our community. Long-time residents will recall that this was built with donations and help from our community and other organizations. It was partly sold with remaining improvements (seating, picnic shelter, displays) demolished in 2019/20 in 2020 by the City of Calgary to accommodate the ring road.

Our ask to Alberta Transportation is equally simple – please show a conceptual alignment (line on the map) for a multi-use trail (MUT) from Westhills Way to the City boundary on the south side on the ring road (Hwy 8). Alberta Transportation has already done this for the west ring road, which can be seen on their website.

We believe that both of these asks are reasonable and fair. What do you think?

Our massive three-person committee can be contacted at dsrleighton1@gmail.com and we're always looking for help!





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Homeowners' Association (NDHA) News

Happy September! We hope that you had a wonderful summer and a chance to use our beautiful parks and pathways at some point during the season. If not, September brings a different kind of beauty with fall colours and the change of season. We have stunning vistas right on our doorstep to enjoy!

Summer Landscaping Update: Despite the seemingly constant heat, we did manage to accomplish some landscaping upgrades within the community. A large mulch project was completed, with new mulch added to all shrub beds in Phase 1 and 2 (to the left and right of the roundabout), as well as all of the medians on Discovery Ridge Boulevard from our entrance area up to the intersection at Cornerstone Square. Mulch replacement in the remaining phases of the community will happen over the next few years, based on what the budget allows and which areas have gone the longest since the last mulch application.

Three new thunderchild flowering crab trees were planted in our entrance median to replace those that died over the winter. Approximately 150 new shrubs were also added in various locations, including the noticeable foliage gaps in the newly mulched Xeriscape medians on Discovery Ridge Boulevard. Plant replacements will continue in conjunction with new mulch application, as prioritized by the NDHA over the coming years. A section of asphalt pathway on NDHA-owned lands near Discovery Ridge Gate was re-paved this spring as well.

The entrance planters are colourful and welcoming, and the roundabout waterfall continued to operate smoothly this season. At the start of August, however, the NDHA voluntarily shut down the waterfall feature as a water conservation initiative. Although the waterfall is a closed loop system, evaporation and splash make it necessary to occasionally “top up” the reservoir so that it can function properly. Due to the drought conditions at mid-summer, the City of Calgary asked all water consumers to reduce consumption by 10%. Shutting down the waterfall easily achieved this goal. Also, at the request of the City, we continue to truck water the medians and operate our irrigation system. This will give the trees a better chance of survival during the drought conditions.

Obviously, park trees cannot be watered using the heavy tanker truck. If you notice a park tree near you that seems to be struggling, especially if it is young, please do not hesitate to water it right up until freeze-up. This will give it the best chance of winter survival and give you a beautiful tree (rather than a dead one) to enjoy. Thank you in advance should you choose to do this! We do have a very special oasis here in Discovery Ridge.

ULS crews have worked hard in our community this year, under very difficult, and sometimes dangerously hot, conditions. Weeds flourish in the heat and it has been a struggle to manage them this year, despite crews working on it every day. The NDHA would like to thank the ULS staff for their efforts. It is very much appreciated!

Delinquent Fees Update: Many residents have not yet paid the \$325 fee for 2023 that was due on June 29. Immediate payment is required. Past due payments are charged interest at a rate of 18% per annum. The NDHA has a strict policy for the collection of unpaid fees. Accounts in arrears will be turned over the NDHA lawyer for collection, at which time significant legal fees will also be incurred by the homeowner.

Please keep in mind that this is an encumbrance on your land title, and you are legally required to pay these fees annually. Our community relies on everyone to pay their fee on time so that we can pay our contractors on time. Volunteer efforts required to follow up and request past due payments are frustrating and could be put to much better use. Payment options can be found on our website at ndha.ca. You can log onto your account via our website to check if you have paid and are up to date or contact us at NDHAMembership@ndha.ca for help with your account. Please reference your address when you email us. Thank you to all who have paid for 2021; we appreciate it!

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