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May	24	16	10	\$849,900	\$860,500	
April	24	11	10	\$915,000	\$939,500	
March	24	6	10	\$639,950	\$635,000	
February	24	12	6	\$886,900	\$907,059	
January	24	4	5	\$539,900	\$539,900	
December	23	2	7	\$574,999	\$580,000	
November	23	8	4	\$952,500	\$920,000	
October	23	9	7	\$779,900	\$791,111	
September	23	6	5	\$525,000	\$520,000	
August	23	7	10	\$712,500	\$720,000	
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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!

Member Emails

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DRCA Memberships - Renew your 2024-2025 membership online by September 1 at www.discoveryridge.com

DRCA Regular Board Meeting, September 3 at 7:30 pm

Music in the Park, September 7

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

Please contact the DRCA to learn more about what we do 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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LETTER FROM THE BOARD

Music in the Park...Coming Soon!

Please join us on Saturday, September 7, 2024, from 3:00 to 7:00 pm at Discovery Ridge field for this year's Music in the Park. This amazing event is brought to you by David Pellettier and the Discovery Ridge Community Association. Come along for an incredible afternoon filled with live music, featuring the best of the 60s and 70s Soul and Motown, classic rock hits, as well as pop, blues, and country tunes. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets, gather with friends and neighbours, and savour drinks from our curated beer and wine garden, along with delicious bites from YYC Food Trucks. We can't wait to see you there!

As Previously Shared in the DRCA Members' Email... Noise Matters

We have noticed the increase in resident concerns regarding noise from, and because of, the Ring Road. For those newer to the community, the DRCA engaged with the Provincial government, and Alberta Transportation (AT) in particular, on an ongoing basis from as far back as 2013 before the Ring Road construction near DR even began. For 10+ years a dedicated and vigilant group of volunteers on the DRCA Ring Road Committee advocated for the best interests of our special community, including sound attenuation measures. This included several trips to Edmonton to meet with various Ministers and AT Senior staff.

There were some major successes the DRCA Committee achieved including:

- Having the eastbound lanes paved further away from the northern edge of our community than they were planned to be.
- Getting the earthen berm installed that runs most, but not all, of the length of the community, from 69 Street heading west.
- Having AT leave at least some of the trees east of 69 Street, when they initially intended to remove them all.

There was no movement from AT to:

- Change their refusal to implement sound attenuation measures at Jackson Coulee (nicknamed Funnel Ravine by the nearby residents).
- Change their refusal to implement sound attenuation measures east of 69 Street.

- Change their refusal to implement sound attenuation measures at the west end of the community.
- Use City of Calgary noise measurement standards not Provincial standards.

That final point is likely the most notable at this time as we hear of residents working hard to have testing done with the hope of changes being made. Why has this been such an important request for the DRCA to strongly advocate and fight for all along? Because the City of Calgary standards use peak period noise whereas the Provincial standards are far harder to "fail" as they use 24-hour weighted averages. This is the narrowest corridor of the entire Ring Road project thereby placing the road and exit ramps closer to homes. Also, Discovery Ridge is within the City limits so we deemed using the City standards more than reasonable in the circumstances. This was always refused and is still refused.

Specifically, from the Ring Road website: Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors' noise guidelines outline the conditions for noise attenuation in cities and urban areas. Noise attenuation will be considered if noise levels exceed a 24-hour weighted average of 65 decibels. These noise levels are determined by noise studies that consider roadway design, topography, and anticipated traffic volumes to model, or predict, future levels. The future noise levels are used to determine if noise attenuation is warranted based on the provincial noise guidelines. Noise attenuation will not be installed for aesthetic/visual screening purposes.

In simple terms, this means that what the noise level measured at for the loudest one hour period is what would be used by City standards, versus the quiet times of a 24-hour average watering down the loudest times to a point whereby it would be incredibly difficult for the noise levels to fail by the Provincial standards being used.

We hope this background and information is helpful and useful to residents as they work to advocate for support and change.



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.
- 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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DRCA MEMBERSHIP FORM • New Membership • Renewal Membership DISCOVERY RIDGE Name(s): I can volunteer for: • General assistance Membership **○** Communications C Environment Special Events • Skating Rink maintenance Sponsorship Payment: \$25 O Cheque O Cash O CC O 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. • Attains and works casinos to fundraise i 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.

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.

Date:



Homeowners' Association (NDHA) News

Happy summer to all! The weather and water restrictions this season have created a variety of challenges for community landscaping. Special thanks to Pixie Gardens for keeping our flower planters looking great, and to ULS for their ongoing work to keep our community



looking its best! During hot stretches, our truck watering program certainly helps the condition of foliage at the entrance and along the medians; please use caution when passing this large, slow-moving vehicle.

Landscaping and Mowing: The NDHA's landscaping projects described in our July article (see our website for details) should be finished or nearing completion by the time you read this. We particularly appreciate the patience of those who had to contend with extra activity in the areas of new mulch application, but we hope you will agree it was worth it!

In the event of excessive rain, you may find that some of our green spaces are skipped by the mowing crews. This is intentional; if the ground becomes saturated or has drainage issues, ULS staff may opt to wait until the following week so that the area can dry up. ULS crews will not mow turf on slopes if it is determined that slippery conditions could pose a danger to the operator. We thank you for your patience.

In the case of dry/drought conditions, turf will become quite yellow and the soil powdery dry. ULS will skip mowing these areas some weeks or only trim/mow on an as needed basis. You will notice much less grass maintenance activity in this scenario, and when grass "slows down" its growth in August. Longer grass protects the roots from the sun and makes for healthier turf.

Weed Control Efforts: The NDHA (via ULS) can no longer use herbicide to control weeds on city-owned lands. This includes all boulevards and medians. The City of Calgary is now the sole provider of this service, which is provided only upon request and must be

paid for from your fees. This is a city-wide directive and unfortunately, has significantly impacted ULS's ability to keep weeds under control. Hand weeding the stone portion of the Xeriscaped medians is ineffective, labour intensive and slow. It is impossible to keep up in such a large area as Discovery Ridge.

The NDHA has opted to have the rocks in the medians sprayed; City staff will use a non-selective herbicide. All mulched shrubs beds in medians and parks will continue to be hand managed without herbicide. There will be a delay of up to three weeks between our spraying request (weeds must be noticeable first) and when city crews arrive to do the work; this is not ideal, but we have no choice. Your patience is appreciated; please reach out if you have any questions.

Chinch Bugs: Chinch bugs have become problematic in some West Calgary communities. If your grass looks dead or patchy despite being well-watered, you may have Chinch bugs. See our website (https://ndha. ca/2023/06/27/chinch-bugs/) for pest control advice from the City of Calgary. They won't go away on their own.

Outstanding Fees: The 2024 NDHA fee of \$325 was due on June 29th. We would like to thank our members who have paid their fee on time, and ask that those who have not, please remit immediately. 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 or our Membership Director at NDHAmembership@ndha.ca. Please reference your property address.

Can you Help? The NDHA is currently managed by eight community volunteers. The work of these volunteers, your neighbours, saves the association more than \$100,000 per year in professional management fees. That's the equivalent of fees for over 300 homes! These savings are why we have the funds to invest in the landscape upgrades and maintenance that have made Discovery Ridge one of the most striking in the city.

Many new, young families have moved to Discovery in recent years. This is fantastic; it means that our community is alive and 24 years after being established, continues to be desired by those looking for a home in Calgary! Extraordinary! But it's time to bring new faces into the NDHA Board. Make this community what you want it to be for the next 24 years! Please consider volunteering with us, so the torch can be passed. All

skill sets welcome; current board members will help to transition the position of Secretary, Landscape Contractor Management, News Coordinator, and other roles! Contact us anytime by sending an email to general@ ndha.ca if you have questions or can join the team!

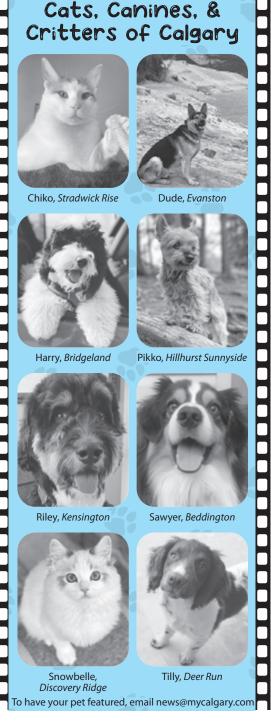
We are quite proud of how our community looks and hope you are as well. If you happen to notice an area that might need attention such a bed being missed or damage incurred due to storms or other factors, please let the NDHA know. We are always happy to hear from our members; please access our website at www.ndha. ca to send an email or call us at 403-237-9595.

Have a wonderful August! Safe travels to all!



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- 2. In 1969, Walter Chell invented this drink in Calgary which is typically made from Clamato juice, Worcestershire sauce, spices, and vodka.
- 3. This non-alcoholic drink is named after an iconic 1930s Hollywood child actress.
- 4. This drink has been around for thousands of years. Legend has it that in 2737 BC, Chinese emperor Shen Nung discovered it while sitting underneath a tree with boiling water.
- 5. This sparkling wine is named after the region from which it is produced.
- 6. This caffeinated energy drink from Austria "gives you wings".











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