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THE OFFICIAL DISCOVERY RIDGE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER









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## DISCOVERY RIDGE COMMUNITY REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY

#### **Properties Median Price Listed Sold** Sold Listed May 24 17 10 \$849.900 \$860.500 April 24 11 10 \$915,000 \$939,500 24 March 6 10 \$639.950 \$635,000 **February** 24 12 \$886,900 \$907,059 **January** 24 5 \$539,900 \$539,900 December 23 7 \$580,000 \$574.999 November 23 \$952,500 \$920,000 October 23 7 \$779,900 \$791,111 September 23 \$525,000 \$520,000 **August** 23 \$712.500 \$720,000 July 23 \$1,050,000 \$1,070,000 23 June \$937,450 \$975.000

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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**

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

#### **Ridge Review Newsletter**

Twelve publications per year

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#### **Email Us**

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

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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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#### **Homeowners' Association News**

Thank you to our members and guests who attended the NDHA AGM on June 7; it was by far the largest turn out in years! Your attendance and input were appreciated. Thanks also to our members who were unable to attend but



still took the time to complete their proxy vote. By doing so you allowed the NDHA to proceed with the business of keeping our community one of the most beautiful in the city! Meeting minutes and the slide presentation can be viewed on our website under the "Annual General Meetings" banner.

The NDHA would also like to recognize our resigning board members who have volunteered their time and effort to Discovery Ridge. Millard Mathews (six years), who held positions of Vice-President and Director of Digital Implementation, and Janell McDonald (four years) who quarterbacked our team by serving as Secretary. Thank you to these former Directors who have selflessly served the community. You will be missed!

The NDHA is looking for new volunteers to help carry the load, so we aren't forced to hire a management company. Non-board positions are also available. If you are interested, please contact us!

Throughout the summer you will see ULS on site working to maintain our green spaces and medians. The NDHA requires ULS to adhere to all Occupational Health and Safety protocols, including appropriate safety barriers, pylons, and signage when crews are working in roadway areas. Please slow down. Working in the medians with cars whizzing by is stressful and dangerous; ULS is here to make our community beautiful. Please give them a "brake"!

If you have questions or concerns about ULS, contact the NDHA so we can be made aware of any issues. Please do not engage with ULS crews directly. Abuse of their staff is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

#### NDHA-Funded and Managed Projects for This Summer

- Mulch Program: Mulch was added to all remaining medians and shrub beds not done last year. This two-season project is now complete, meaning the entire community has received new mulch over 2023 and 2024. Mulch helps to conserve soil moisture and mitigate weed proliferation, which benefit our tree and shrub installations.
- Wood Bench Rejuvenation: The City has given us permission to sand and re-stain wood benches in Cityowned parks; we will also compete the ones on NDHAowned lands. A few benches are owned by the City Parks Foundation branch; these will not be touched.
- Foliage Replacements: Warranty replacement of dead trees in TUC median at our entrance, as well as any failed shrubs planted last year, will be carried out. New plant installations will also occur where mulch was applied this year. Quantity will be budget-dependant and locations will be identified in advance, in accordance with various landscape maintenance agreements. We will do our best to fill in the most obvious gaps first.

Additional small-project information can be found in our AGM slide deck, online. The community will see ULS crews carrying out remediation work in many other locations over the summer. Heat without rain is hard on new foliage but our truck-watering program will help along the medians. If you see a shrub bed or tree struggling in the greenspace or park near your home, however, please don't hesitate to occasionally water it. The ULS truck cannot enter these spaces. Thank you!

#### Fires In Our Parks

While we all love the proximity to nature and the wild spaces we have in Discovery Ridge, concerns about illegal fire activity always increase in the summer months. This worry extends to both Griffith Woods as well as in the natural (ungroomed) spaces within our community boundary. "Bush parties" in both locations occur regularly, usually involving teens and young adults. A wildfire in Griffith Woods or in any of our community natural grassland areas could be devastating to the adjacent homes. There are no legal fire locations in Discovery Ridge natural (wild) spaces or Griffith Woods, so do not hesitate to call 9-1-1 to report any fire activity you observe! Help the fire and police departments out by using your phone to pinpoint the location for response.

#### **NDHA FAOs!**

Do you have questions about fences? Trees? A City Right-of-Way? RV and Trailer Parking? What is the difference between NDHA and DRCA? The NDHA has a fabulous FAQ section on our website for you to reference for answers! Please visit our website: ndha. ca.

#### **Outstanding Fees**

The 2024 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 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.

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 as a flower 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 July! Safe travels to all!





## Be Water-Wise and Create a Yardsmart Yard

by the City of Calgary

As Calgary continues to experience drought conditions, we can all do our part in our yards by using water wisely. The City has a variety of YardSmart online resources and practical advice to help you establish and maintain a yard and garden that help you use less water.

#### **Yardsmart Water Conservation Tips**

- Mow less often to keep your grass five to seven centimetres high to shade the soil.
- Avoid watering when it has rained or if there is rain in the forecast and use a rain barrel to capture and reuse rainwater in your yard.
- Only give plants the water they need.
- Consider replacing portions of your lawn with garden features that use less water and help absorb rainwater such as rock gardens, low wateruse shrubs, or groundcover.
- Adding rich soil and mulch to reduce evaporation from your soil.

#### What Kind of Plants Should I Add to My Garden This Year?

#### **Native Wildflowers**

The YardSmart native wildflower plant list is a great resource for those who want to expand their yards this year. These beautiful, low-maintenance plants are well-suited to Calgary's current growing conditions and attract local pollinators.

Drought conditions are likely to persist in the coming years. Creating a yard that's fit for Calgary's climate will help it fare better during future droughts.

Visit calgary.ca/YardSmart for more information on how you can do your part to conserve water in your yard and garden. Together we can make every drop count.



#### **LETTER FROM THE BOARD**

#### **Summer at the Discovery Ridge Recreation Facilities!**

Summer is a great time to be in our beautiful community. In addition to Griffith Woods, our path network and the shops and services at Cornerstone Square, we also have fantastic recreation facilities for residents to enjoy.



Since 2010, the Discovery Ridge Community Association (DRCA) has raised funds and developed our facilities in phases having invested \$1.5 million to date. We now



enjoy high quality including amenities the hockey and leisure rinks in winter and in summer, the picnic tables/landscape area, tennis courts. and sport court on the rink accommodates that pickleball and hockey.

We also have our recreation building that supports the operation of these facilities along with our special events including the Stampede Roundup and Music in the Park.

Demand for tennis courts is growing and of course pickleball participation has exploded in recent years. We are fortunate to have first class tennis courts and separate pickleball courts so that residents can enjoy both at the same time. Whether you are already a player or interested in



learning, our courts are available!

Please note that the DRCA is not directly responsible for either the adjacent playground or soccer fields as both are operated by the City of Calgary.

While you enjoy our recreation facilities, please remember that they are all maintained by volunteers, so a friendly

reminder to take good care and keep the areas clean. Of course, if you use the facilities or your family does, we are always looking for volunteers to help.

We recently added lighting for the tennis courts to extend the season in the fall and will continue to look at capital enhancements to our recreation area in the coming years. However, as our facilities start to age, we are also planning for lifecycle repairs that are on the horizon. If you have any suggestions on amenities you would like to see at the park, please let the DRCA board know.

Summer in Calgary is beautiful but goes by very quickly so be sure to take advantage of the first-class facilities in our community.



#### Oh Kanata!

The name "Canada" comes from "Kanata", a Huron-Iroquois word for village. However, in 1535, explorer Jacques Cartier misunderstood the meaning of this word. The Iroquois used the word to tell Cartier the way to Stadacona (now known as Quebec City). But Cartier thought it referred to the entire region, and the name stuck!

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#### Benefits of DRCA Membership

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- 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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#### DRCA MEMBERSHIP FORM • New Membership • Renewal Membership DISCOVERY RIDGE Name(s): Address: Postal Code: I can volunteer for: General assistance Membership ○ Communications 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. 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 I 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:

Signature:



#### **Update from the DRCA**

#### Stampede Roundup

It was great to see our friends and neighbours at this year's Stampede Roundup and thank you to the organizing committee and the many wonderful volunteers who made the day a great success.

#### **Music in the Park**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 7, 2024, from 3:00 to 7:00 pm, at Discovery Ridge field. It's Music in The Park, presented to you by the Discovery Ridge Community Association and proudly sponsored by David Pellettier. Come along for an incredible afternoon of live music, showcasing the best of 60s and 70s Soul and Motown, alongside classic rock hits, with a mix of pop, blues, and country tunes. Gather with friends and neighbours and enjoy a drink from our curated beer and wine garden.

#### Multi-Use Pathways - Highway 8

Would you like to see a pedestrian crossing over the Elbow River on Highway 8? A Highway 8 multiuse pathway? Would you like pedestrian and bike access to Clearwater Park and beyond? Alberta Transportation is constructing a new bridge, and we'd like to see pedestrian and bike access included in that development. We are seeking a new volunteer to assist with this.

Work with Elbow Valley Residents Association and the DRCA on this initiative and our past volunteer will provide the full history and background on these initiatives to date.

## Development Permits - Do You Have a Planning Background?

With the recent passing of the housing rezoning, it is possible there could be more Development Permit applications than we typically see. The DRCA is copied on Development Permit applications from within the community to review and comment if applicable. We are seeking an individual that could spend approximately 15 to 20 minutes reviewing applications received and comment if required. The comment process is online.

Please contact us at drca\_pres@discoveryridge.com if you are able to assist.

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