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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

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

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News, Events, & More



Crime Statistics



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Mark Your Calendar

- DRCA Stampede Roundup, Saturday, June 22
- Music in the Park, September 7

Joke of the Month

What do you get from a pampered cow?

Spoiled milk.



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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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
July	23	8	9	\$1,050,000	\$1,070,000
June	23	16	14	\$937,450	\$975,000
May	23	13	7	\$829,999	\$829,999

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Homeowners' Association News

It's hard to believe that we are almost halfway through 2024! May was a busy transition month for the NDHA. The weather was not very cooperative, so spring cleanup got a late start; it should be finished by the time you are reading this. Discovery Ridge has many manicured green spaces and in addition to the medians, the NDHA is responsible for ensuring all these areas are looked after. In June, the grass and shrubs always wake up at once and this sudden burst of spring growth usually results in a few weeks of "shagginess" in the community. We ask for your patience while ULS crews get the initial growth trimmed up and identify where extra attention is needed.

If you happen to notice a space that needs extra attention, let us know so that it can be tended to quickly. *Please note that the NDHA is not responsible for landscape maintenance in the new "The Pointe at Discovery Ridge" development.

2024 NDHA AGM

The in-person AGM is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Thursday, June 6 at Westside King's Church. NDHA members were provided with formal notice of the AGM in May. If you cannot attend, the AGM minutes (once formally approved) will be uploaded to our website in the weeks following the AGM. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you to all who attend in person or provide us their proxy vote; this allows the NDHA to continue service to the community without interruption.

2024 Project Work

At the AGM, the NDHA board will provide information on new NDHA projects for this season and update members on other landscape-impacting projects currently underway. Further information will be provided in our July news article, for your convenience.

Landscape Construction Zones - Please Drive with Care

The second phase of the NDHA's Community Re-Mulching and Shrub Planting project will take place early this season. Drivers are asked to please be extra cautious of the heavy equipment and workers in the areas where median work is being undertaken. Let's all slow down and keep everyone safe!



Planter Pots

Flowers and greenery were scheduled to be planted into the seasonal pots near the roundabout in late May, weather permitting. The plants will start small, but with summer sun, a little heat, and regular TLC from the staff, they will grow to fill the large pots beautifully. Special thanks to Pixie Gardens for their wonderful work!



Waterfall

The NDHA does not expect the waterfall in the roundabout to operate much, if at all this year. We share in the disappointment of our residents; we have all come to love the waterfall greeting us as we enter the community. Although the system is a closed loop, water loss occurs due to splash and evaporation. This means we must occasionally refill the large water reservoir during the months it operates. Due to current water conservation expectations from the City, it would be inappropriate to operate the waterfall at this time. We have opted to only operate the entrance irrigation system to water the nearby grass, shrubs, and trees, and to have the ULS truck water the remaining median

shrubs and trees, so that these plants don't fall victim to the dry conditions. This is an unfortunate circumstance; we hope conditions change soon.

2024 Fees

The annual NDHA fee of \$325 is due on June 29. As you know, this is a legally required fee secured by an encumbrance on your property title. Please access our website to log in and pay the fee if you have not already done so. You can also check to confirm if your payment has already been made and update your contact information as necessary. If you are new to the community and need to set up your membership portal, please contact our Membership Director at ndhamembership@ndha.ca. Questions about the fee or your account balance can be emailed to the NDHA Treasurer at accounts@ndha.ca.

Squeaky Wheels Get the Grease - Call 3-1-1!

The NDHA encourages Discovery Ridge residents to use the City of Calgary's 3-1-1 service more often. Funding and prioritizing of needs across the City include analyzing 3-1-1 inquiries from residents. City councillors actually ask, "How many 3-1-1 calls were taken on this issue?" The more calls to 3-1-1, the higher the issue moves up the priority scale. All 3-1-1 calls must be logged and investigated. Whether it is potholes, dead trees in parks, graffiti needing removal, excessive speed of motorists, or any other concern, use 3-1-1 so the matter can be registered. Please note that there is a 3-1-1 app, so reporting can be done even faster than a phone call if that is your preference!

Old News – Did You Know?

The NDHA uploads every *Ridge Review* article to the 'Home Page' of our website. It's a great historical source of information for all residents, no matter how long you've lived here. Just visit and scroll through the archives of the monthly NDHA Updates!

Thank you, DRCA!

NDHA vs DRCA

The NDHA (your HOA) and the DRCA (your Community Association) are not the same organization. We each have very different, yet equally important roles in Discovery Ridge. And both are run by volunteers! The NDHA's mandated role is landscape maintenance, snow clearing, and management of landscape-associated amenities (flowers, holiday lights, etc.). The DRCA manages not only all the "fun stuff" (Stampede event,

Music in the Park, etc.), but also owns and operates the recreational facilities, the bottle shack, publishes the *Ridge Review*, and is the community point of contact for issues of community interest including matters for the police, City programs, Griffith Woods Park, the ring road, and several other concerns. It's a big job! If it wasn't for the awesome DRCA volunteers, we would have no community association to take care of all they do. Think of the added value it brings to the community, and by extension, your property. Please visit their website (discoveryridge.com) and purchase an inexpensive \$25 annual membership. Both associations would welcome new volunteers; please consider giving a bit of your time to either group, so the community can continue to be all that it has become. "Many hands make light work". Thanks, DRCA volunteers!

We are always happy to hear from our NDHA members; please access our website at www.ndha.ca for NDHA news updates or to send an email. You can also call us at 403-237-9595.





DRCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

New Membership Renewal Membership

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

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- General assistance
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Membership runs from September 1 to August 31 each fiscal year.

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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.

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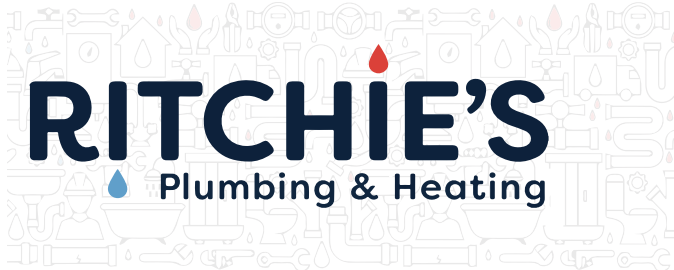
What does the DRCA do for me?

- 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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Stampede Roundup

It's almost here! The Stampede Roundup! What is that you are wondering? A Stampede themed event enjoyed by families in Discovery Ridge. Stampede Roundup began many years ago as a Stampede Breakfast. Over the years it has evolved into a fun afternoon celebrating the impending arrival of the Calgary Stampede.

Join us Saturday, June 22, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the DRCA green space by the recreation facilities (rink and tennis courts).

Come on down and enjoy food trucks, line dancing, games for children, face painting, a petting zoo, and more! Get you and your family Stampede ready!

Discovery Ridge Community Bottle Shack Open House

Did you know that Discovery Ridge has a community bottle shack where you can deposit your refundable bottles and containers? It is conveniently located in the parking lot adjacent to the community recreation facilities (rink and tennis courts).

We want everyone to know about the Bottle Shack, so we are having an open house! Bring your recyclables, or simply drop by during the Stampede Roundup, and learn more about the bottle shack from our volunteer extraordinaire, Matt, who manages the shack.

The Discovery Ridge Community Association (DRCA) uses the proceeds from the bottle shack to help maintain and operate our facilities. We collect about \$2,000 each time the bottle shack is unloaded! The proceeds are an important part of our funding in addition to community memberships that we remind and encourage all residents to purchase annually.

Every few months we look for volunteers to empty the bottle shack; it usually only takes 20 minutes or less. We can always use new recruits to come and help, so watch for upcoming unload dates.

When you use the bottle shack, please remember to tie the bags, and tape the boxes to help keep things safe and simple for our dedicated volunteer who stacks and re-packs the facility regularly.

Please consider using the bottle shack for your refundable items to help us fund our facilities.

GAMES & PUZZLES

Guess That Artist!

1. Born on May 11, 1904, in Spain, this artist is probably best known for their work titled "The Persistence of Memory".
2. This Italian artist is often called the founder of the High Renaissance, and identified as one of the greatest painters of Western art.
3. Born in 1853, this artist famously cut off his left ear.
4. This artist is one of the most famous American visual artists for his pop art pieces.
5. Based in England, this street artist and political activist is well known across North America, with one of their popular artworks titled "Balloon Girl".
6. This Spanish painter and sculptor is best known for his cubism and surrealism.



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Word of the Month

Bibelot: *noun* (bi-be-lot)

A petite decorative ornament of particular beauty or rarity.

Lucy's grandmother liked to adorn her cabinets with bibelots, each one a miniature marvel that piqued her curiosity.



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