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June	24	12	12	\$634,900	\$629,200
May	24	14	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

To view more detailed information that comprise the above  
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# DISCOVERY RIDGE BUSINESS DIRECTORY

## MEDICAL SERVICES

- Cornerstone Veterinary Hospital
- Discovery Ridge Pharmacy & Travel Clinic
- Discovery Dental Centre
- Good Life Matters, Jack Dobbs, Registered Psychologist (Lic. #1857)
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# DISCOVERY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (DRCA) EXECUTIVE (2024)

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Recreation Facility	Paul Decloux and Darrell Martindale	

## 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

### Website

www.discoveryridge.com

### Facebook

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### X (Twitter)

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### Email Us

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

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### News, Events, & More



### Crime Statistics



### Real Estate Statistics



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# Mark Your Calendar

**DRCA Regular Board Meeting, October 7 at 7:30 pm**

**DRCA Regular Board Meeting, November 4 at 7:30 pm**

**DRCA Regular Board Meeting, December 2 at 7:30 pm**

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](mailto:drca_pres@discoveryridge.com) for more information on the DRCA and if you wish to attend upcoming meetings.



# LETTER FROM THE BOARD

## Music In the Park – Thank You!



On a beautiful late summer day, September 7, we gathered to celebrate Music in The Park! Thank you to all who came and enjoyed an afternoon of lively entertainment from several local, talented musicians. Your support and enthusiasm were greatly appreciated. We hope you had a wonderful time, and we'll see you next year!

The DRCA would like to extend some well-deserved Thank Yous:

Thank you to David Pellettier, RE/MAX First, who has been our Lead Sponsor since our inaugural event in 2016.

As well, a huge thank you to our current friends of Music in the Park:

- Mike Ellis, MLA-Calgary West
- Ron Liepert, MP Calgary Signal Hill
- Juan Forero, Forero Electric
- West Hills United Soccer Club
- No Payne Roofing
- Maharajah Restaurant

We also had a wonderful lineup of bands and musicians entertaining us all afternoon:

- The Syndicate of Soul
- Robert Seer
- The Corazones
- Paul Saks
- Dangerous Goods

Also, the DRCA would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Plaid Cap Imports, and New Discovery Fine Wine and Spirits, for their continued support of our beer and wine garden.

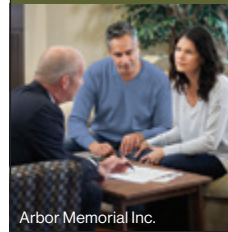
Thank you all!



## Volunteer Support – Board Members

The Discovery Ridge Community Association (DRCA) is seeking Board members to support the valuable work they do in our community. If you care about special events such as Stampede Round Up and Music in the Park, supporting our recreational facilities including the rink and tennis courts, or addressing community concerns, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Lillian, our Volunteer Coordinator, to find the role that's right for you. Our board meets on the first Monday of each month. They are an amazing team doing fantastic work! Email: [volunteer@discoveryridge.com](mailto:volunteer@discoveryridge.com).

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# Mmm, Coffee!

October 1 signifies not only the start of a new month, but an occasion that has sparked events all around the world in celebration of one of our favourite hot (or cold depending on how you like it!) beverages. It is International Coffee Day! So, especially on this day, make sure to enjoy your coffee, however you take it!



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by the City of Calgary Waste and Recycling Services

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- Always fill your green cart first, then fill paper yard waste bags. Roll tops of bags closed to prevent spills and allow your collector to pick up the bags.
- Place extra yard waste bags at least two feet to the side of your green cart for collection. Make sure you can lift the bag with one hand.
- Do not use plastic bags in your green cart.

Starting in November, the City will pick up your green cart once every other week. Weekly green cart collection will resume in the spring.

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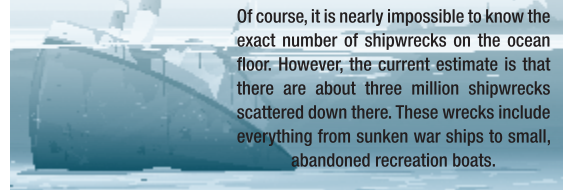


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Of course, it is nearly impossible to know the exact number of shipwrecks on the ocean floor. However, the current estimate is that there are about three million shipwrecks scattered down there. These wrecks include everything from sunken war ships to small, abandoned recreation boats.

# Benefits of DRCA Membership

## What does the DRCA do for me?

- Organizes social events such as Music in the Park, annual Stampede Round Up, 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](http://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](http://discoveryridge.com) to purchase your \$25 membership or see the membership.

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## DRCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

- New Membership     Renewal Membership

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### I can volunteer for:

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

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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.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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](mailto:newsletter@discoveryridge.com).

# Homeowners' Association (NDHA) News



Cooler nights and earlier sunsets tell us all that we are into fall in Discovery Ridge. With leaves turning colour and falling, you will see ULS on site picking up leaves and preparing our community parks and pathways for the winter.

In the fall, the NDHA board reflects on the growing season just passed to determine what the priorities might be for next years. This summer was a busy one on the landscaping front but many of the current projects are wrapping up this fall. We will be looking at our ongoing “to-do” list and projecting our focus for next year. Let us know if you have any suggestions!

**Water Restrictions:** When thinking back on this year so far, a standout fact has been the City-mandated water restrictions we have all been under since the June watermain break. This has been hard on your yards and the landscapes NDHA maintains on your behalf. NDHA has supported the City’s efforts by minimizing the use of our irrigation when allowed, by not running the waterfall feature at the entrance to our community, and by having ULS water medians and other areas using non-potable water sourced from outside the City. However long Calgaryans remain under restrictions, NDHA encourages all Discovery Ridge residents to do what they can to help conserve drinking water. Tips can be found on the City’s website.

**Tree and Shrub Watering – Help Them Survive!** This summer brought a lot of hot weather and watering restrictions for all of us. This is the latest in a string of hot dry growing seasons and this has caused extreme stress to all plants, including trees and shrubs. Many have died after years of strong growth. Our dry winters

haven’t helped. As long as watering restrictions allow, we encourage all owners with yards to deep water your foliage, especially the trees and shrubs, right up to freeze-up. This will give your plants the best chance of surviving our long, dry winter. Many park trees cannot be watered using ULS’s heavy tanker truck. If you notice a park tree near you that is young or seems to be struggling, please do not hesitate to water it. 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 for helping out!

**Projects and Landscaping Update:** It was a busy year from NDHA’s perspective with completion of the two-season re-mulching program, replacing 150 shrubs in medians, repair of the chain link fence at exit, along with the usual mowing and landscaping operations. As of writing, we have seen the start of the repair of the wrought iron fence at the roundabout and are working to have benches in green spaces re-stained before the weather turns too cold. It has been a highly successful year on these files, and we hope you agree that our community green spaces looked great.

This has also been a year of surprises with the City’s draining and work on the Discovery Heights Pond and the season-long water restrictions we have all faced. We have also noted progress on the work to construct an accessible crosswalk into Griffith Woods on Discovery Ridge Boulevard below the pond and hope to see the retaining wall on the walkway behind Discovery Ridge Mount to begin before winter sets in. We monitor progress on these files and communicate with relevant City departments regularly. As a reminder, the City is very responsive to input provided to 3-1-1 (telephone, on the web, or through the app) for all manner of concerns including things like graffiti on garbage cans and utility boxes, damaged equipment, and other issues in our parks and pathways.

**Outstanding Fees:** The 2024 NDHA fee of \$325 was due on June 29. As of this writing, over 90% of members have paid their 2024 fees – thank you! We ask that those who have not, please pay your fees 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](mailto:accounts@ndha.ca) or our Membership Director at [NDHAMembership@ndha.ca](mailto:NDHAMembership@ndha.ca). Please reference your property address.



**Can You Help?** The NDHA is currently managed by six 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. We can always use help in many ways so if you are interested in helping keep Discovery Ridge beautiful, please reach out.

We hope you all are having a wonderful autumn and that you get a chance to enjoy our parks and pathways as the seasons change.



**BRAIN GAMES**

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## Scary. Spooky. Skeletons

Of the total body weight of an average human, about 14% is made up of bone mass. Typically, our bones reach their maximum mass between 25 and 30 years old. When we are born, we have around 270 bones, but as we grow into adulthood these fuse together, leaving us with about 206.

### GAMES & PUZZLES

## Guess the Colour!

1. This is the first primary colour a newborn can see.
2. Based on a worldwide study, this colour is the most popular favourite.
3. This colour and royalty have been linked since ancient times because of how expensive and exclusive the dye was.
4. This colour and red are thought to increase appetite.
5. The colour of night vision goggles.
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