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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

#### Website

www.discoveryridge.com

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#### **Email Us**

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

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membership online by September at www.discoveryridge.com

Music in the Park, September 7

DRCA Regular Board Meeting, October 7 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 for more information on the DRCA and if you wish to attend upcoming meetings.





## DISCOVERY RIDGE COMMUNITY REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY

		Properties		Median Price		
		Listed Sold		Listed	Sold	
July	24	15	8	\$522,500	\$525,500	
June	24	14	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	
August	23	7	10	\$712,500	\$720,000	

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

#### Winter Is Coming ... But Will There Be Any Ice?

With apologies for talking about winter so early, we are planning for the upcoming season and operation of our ice rinks in the community. While we have had a dedicated group of volunteers for many years, last year we were a bit thin as many volunteers take a step back. Some of our volunteers no longer have kids using the rinks as in the past as is the natural progression of things. So, we need to bring in the next generation of volunteers to work with the experienced rink crews and then take the lead going forward.

Do your kids or your family enjoy using our hockey and leisure rinks? Do you have an interest in community volunteering or have some time to spare in winter? If so, please consider volunteering on our rink crew. It takes a tremendous amount of work to prepare the ice initially and then maintain it through the season. Fortunately, though, with enough volunteers we are able to share the effort and have a rotational schedule that has worked well in years past so that the individual time commitment is limited.

Without enough volunteers, we do run the risk of not having ice or not being able to open the rink after heavy snowfalls or mid-season warm spells that melt the ice. All of the Discovery Ridge Community Association's recreation facilities are entirely managed by volunteers and community residents. We are fortunate to have first class facilities but without enough people stepping up to volunteer, these amenities may not always be available.

Please consider whether you are willing and able to help and watch for further communication as the winter season approaches. In the meantime, if you are interested in signing up to help, please send a note to volunteer@discoveryridge.com.

Thank you.



#### **SAFE AND SOUND**

#### **Back-to-School Safety**

from Alberta Health Services

Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents and students of some safety tips as the school year begins again this fall. Pedestrians and motorists both have an important role to play – road safety is a shared responsibility.

#### **Motorists**

- Distracted driving carries a \$300 fine and three demerit points in Alberta. Avoid the use of mobile devices or engaging in any other behavior that diverts your attention away from driving.
- Give right-of-way to pedestrians who have activated overhead crossing lights, or who are waiting to cross from a street corner.
- Other than parked cars, it is illegal to pass another vehicle in a school or playground zone during posted hours.

#### **Around School Buses**

- Flashing amber lights mean that a bus is slowing down to stop motorists should do so likewise.
- No matter which direction you are coming from, stop when approaching a school bus with activated flashing red lights unless the bus is on the opposite side of a divided highway from you.
- Driver courtesy goes a long way. By simply being alert and cautious when approaching a school bus, you are contributing to school bus safety.

#### **Pedestrians**

- Cross only at marked crosswalks or street corners that have clear visibility from all directions.
- Make eye contact with all drivers before crossing the street and keep distractions to a minimum.
- When activating overhead crossing lights, pause before stepping off the curb to ensure motorists in both directions have come to a complete stop.
- Stay within the crosswalk lines.
- Obey pedestrian lights at intersections. Cross the street only when you see the 'walk' sign and only when all cars have come to a complete stop.
- If you are with young children or pets, hold your child's hand firmly and keep a solid grip on leashes when crossing.
- Remember: children learn by observing. By demonstrating safe crossing habits, you can reduce the chances of your child being involved in a preventable auto/pedestrian collision.

### 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.
- · 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.

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## Homeowners' Association (NDHA) News

Happy September everyone! The NDHA Board hopes that you all had a wonderful summer and a chance to enjoy our extensive pathways and green spaces. It has been a challenging season for landscaping, starting with excessive rains, then water restrictions, and all the hot



weather we have seen. Hopefully, September ushers us into an extended autumn so we can continue to enjoy our community as plants mature and leaves start to turn their gorgeous fall colours.

**Summer Landscaping Update:** It has been a busy summer for projects around Discovery Ridge. After the mulch was added to medians and shrub beds in July, 150 new plants and shrubs were installed where required. We continue to work with the city to get repairs completed to the fence around the entrance waterfall. This very visible piece has been held up because the damage was the result of a vehicle accident. The insurance claim has taken quite some time to sort out. Other minor chain link repairs have also taken place, and we still hope to get the wooden benches refreshed before winter.

We have received a lot of input this summer about weeds growing in medians and other NDHA-managed areas. Late last summer, the City of Calgary implemented a new policy on the use of herbicides, the result being that our landscape contractor (ULS) is no longer allowed to use them on the city-owned lands we look after. City

crews can, however, be requested to do this work, at a cost. In early July, it became apparent that ULS weeding crews could not keep up with the proliferation of weeds, so the NDHA requested that the City send a crew out to apply herbicide to the stone portions (only) of the Xeriscaped medians around the community. This has been very effective. This treatment, along with ULS' ongoing weeding work, keeps these areas free from weeds and looking great.

ULS waters many of the landscaping features in Discovery Ridge using a water truck, which you may have seen around the neighbourhood. ULS has been getting its water from a sustainable source in Rocky View County, not from the City of Calgary's potable water system. This practice helps us lower Discovery Ridge's city water usage along with the measures taken by residents during the water shortage.

Annual Fees Update: We are pleased to note that over 90% of households have paid their 2024 NDHA Fee of \$325 that was due on June 29. Any outstanding fees for 2024, or for previous years, require immediate payment. Any past due payments are charged interest at a rate of 18% per annum. These fees are required to keep our community landscaping looking beautiful and our pathways clear in winter. The NDHA has a strict policy for the collection of unpaid fees. If you are unsure of your fee status, please contact us immediately. Accounts continuing to be in arrears will be turned over NDHA's lawyer for collection. When this happens, significant legal fees are also charged to the landowner.

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.



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Can You Help? The NDHA works year-round to manage the enhanced landscape that makes Discovery Ridge so special. The Association is currently managed by six community volunteers. The work that these volunteers put in saves more than \$100,000 per year in professional management fees. That is the equivalent of the fees paid by over 300 residents each year. These savings allow us to invest in the landscape upgrades and maintenance that make Discovery Ridge one of the most striking neighbourhoods 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, 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.



#### **GAMES & PUZZLES**

#### **Guess the Musician!**

- 1. This individual holds the Guiness World Record for best-selling solo artist.
- 2. Before going solo, this world dominating musician was in a supergroup called 'Destiny's Child'.
- 3. On his debut album, this musician is said to have played 27 different instruments.
- 4. At 1,560 words, this artist has the most words spoken in a single song.
- 5. This famous musician's stage name came from a popular song by the band 'Queen'.
- 6. This incredible artist was the first woman to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.





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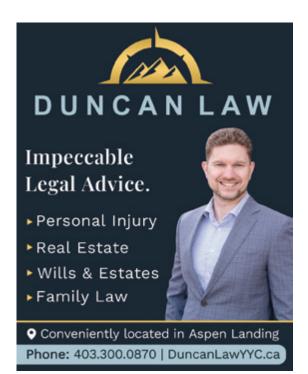
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\* Detached Homes - SOLD, January - June 2024. West Springs, Aspen Woods, Springbank Hill, Discovery Ridge, Signal Hill, Christie Park, Strathcona, Coach Hill, Patterson & Cougar Ridge.

Photos represent David's detached homes SOLD, January - June 2024, on the Westside.

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