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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 on the website 'contact us' page for contacts

## 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.



# Mark Your Calendar

**Discovery Parade of Garage Sales** – Saturday, June 10

**DRCA Stampede Roundup** – Saturday, June 24  
from 4:00 to 7:00 pm

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.



# Please Donate to the DRCA Bottle Shack

## Where Does the Money Go from the Bottles Collected at the Bottle Shack?

The money made from these resident donations helps:

- Supports the recreational facilities
- DRCA operating costs

## How Should the Bottles be Packaged When Donated?

- Please have bottles in bags or boxes. Make sure the are bags are safely tied and the boxes taped shut to keep our volunteers safe.

## Is There Any Other Way I Can Help Support the Bottle Shack?

- Yes, we are always looking for volunteers to help empty the shack.
- If you can volunteer 15 minutes every month or so, please email [volunteer@discoveryridge.com](mailto:volunteer@discoveryridge.com).



## Letter from the Board

Hello Neighbours!

A reminder that Discovery Parade of Garage Sales is on Saturday, June 10 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Free advertising has been posted on a number of community websites to help promote the event.

Please join us for the DRCA Stampede Roundup on Saturday, June 24 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the park. There will be a very informative wildlife information session at the event. In addition, there will be kids' activities, country music, dancers, and of course, food trucks!

Thank you to our headline sponsor Kristin Mould from CIR Realty and many other sponsors: Ron Liepert – MP, Staging Calgary, Discovery Fine Wines and Spirits, Wonder Donuts, and Maharajah Restaurant.

Enjoy the beautiful summer weather!

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Griffith Store & Dry Cleaning  
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Are you interested to help to make our community even more beautiful?

## Join DRCA Environment Committee!

The Environment Committee has two key events in its portfolio—Earth Day Litter Pick-Up (late April) and Community Cleanup (late May). We appreciate all the volunteer help we are getting for these two important projects. But we can do more if we have more people in the Committee!

These are some of the ideas we could do if we can extend our team:

- Fighting littering
- Tree planting and grants
- Preventing graffiti
- Addressing doggy doo-doo on sidewalks
- Exploring energy efficiency programs for community
- Conducting fire-related informational programs as we live close to the woods
- Informing the community on environment projects via DRCA Ridge Review
- Keeping in touch with the City of Calgary with regards to flood response and other environment-related issues

If you are interested but have limited time—that's not a problem. We do not need large time commitments. Let's have a talk and see what works.

Please contact Andrei Romaniuk, Chair for Environment Committee, at [environment@discoveryridge.com](mailto:environment@discoveryridge.com).

## Wildlife and Human Cohabitation in Discovery Ridge

#keepbinsin

The City of Calgary has partnered with the DRCA to work on improving wildlife and human cohabitation in Discovery Ridge, in particular with regard to waste and recycling services and strategies in our community.

Sign up for the City of Calgary 'garbage day' app to directly receive updates and notifications.

### Upcoming Initiatives:

- Watch for the community information session hosted by AB Fish & Wildlife and City of Calgary Waste & Recycling at our Stampede Roundup.

Please secure your bins and do not place them out until the morning of pick up. This is a widely proven method to minimize negative wildlife/human issues. Let's work together to prevent any similar outcomes to last fall when bears had to be euthanized after becoming habituated to human garbage and compost.

### Did You Know?

Drink cans (pop, beer, juice, etc.) are huge attractants for bears to blue bins. Please consider collecting these separately and dropping them off at the community Bottle Shack instead of putting them in blue bins. If you paid a deposit on the purchase of the item, then it is eligible for refund and these funds are necessary for our facility and event operations. Thank you!

*On behalf of the DRCA board*

## Don't Invite Bears Over for a Midnight Snack: Store Your Carts Indoors

*from the City of Calgary*

Attracting wildlife like bears to our neighbourhoods can pose risks to both humans and animals. Here are some easy tips to follow to manage your food waste and prevent attracting these animals to your carts.

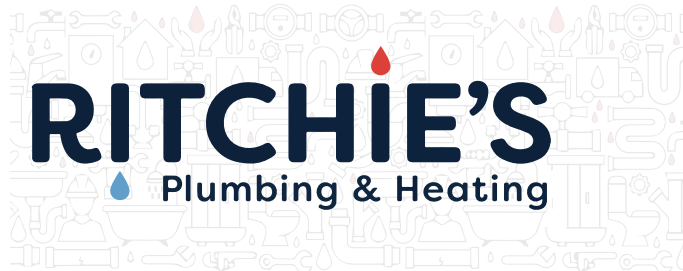
1. Firstly, don't put your carts out overnight.
2. Set your carts out no earlier than 5:00 am and no later than 7:00 am on collection day.
3. Put away your carts right after collection, no later than 7:00 pm and store them inside a garage or other secure enclosure.
4. Freezing food waste before putting it out in the green cart on your collection day and cleaning the carts periodically can also help reduce odours.

Overnight cart set out has been identified as a significant attractant of bears and other wildlife. Therefore, it is recommended to only put out your carts the morning of collection, which is a standard practice in many municipalities that have a history of bear-human conflicts.

It is important to work with your neighbours if your schedule doesn't allow you to put out your carts between 5:00 am and 7:00 am on your collection day.

To learn more about living with wildlife and preventing conflicts, visit <https://www.alberta.ca/living-with-wildlife.aspx> or [calgary.ca/bearsmart](http://calgary.ca/bearsmart).

Let's keep your neighbours and any visiting bears safe.



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# Homeowners' Association (NDHA) News

Wow! Where did the first half of the year go?! It's hard to believe that we are almost halfway through 2022. May was a busy transition month that brought spring clean up and preparation for the summer season. As is typical, the greenspace grass and shrubs wake up all 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. The NDHA works hard to maintain greenspaces in the community, but it is a big area and sometimes we might miss a spot. Let us know if you see something in need of attention. Please note that the NDHA is not responsible for landscape maintenance in the new "The Pointe at Discovery Ridge" development.

**2023 NDHA AGM:** The in-person AGM is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Thursday, June 8 at Westside King's Church. NDHA members were provided with formal notice of the AGM in May. If you cannot attend, the AGM presentation and minutes of the meeting (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.

**2023 Fees:** The annual NDHA fee of \$325 is due on June 29. Please access our website to login and pay the fee if you have not already done so. You can also check to confirm if your payment has 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](mailto:ndhamembership@ndha.ca). Questions about the fee or your account balance can be emailed to the NDHA treasurer at [accounts@ndha.ca](mailto:accounts@ndha.ca).

**Voiles and Mice:** Thousands of voles and mice have been disturbed due to the west ring road construction and have "moved" into our community. Warmer temperatures will get them active again. Voiles dig, mice do not. If you see loonie-sized holes along your sidewalks, driveway, patios, or shed, you probably have voiles living underneath. If you have what looks like small gopher holes in your lawn, you definitely have voiles. To

avoid a mouse infestation, eliminate debris piles from around your property. This includes spare landscaping material, planter pots, and any other items that are piled up long-term. Consult a pest control specialist for the best advice on how to manage these rodents before they invade your garage or house.

**2023 Project Work:** The NDHA board will provide information on many approved projects for this season and will update outstanding project work from 2022 at the AGM. Further information will be provided in our July news article once start dates are scheduled.

**Planter Pots:** Flowers and greenery are scheduled to be planted into the seasonal pots near the roundabout in early June, weather permitting. The plants will start small, but with summer sun, a little heat, and regular "TLC" from the crews, they will grow to fill the large pots beautifully. Special thanks to Pixie Gardens for their wonderful work!



**Old News – Did You Know?** The NDHA uploads all our *Ridge Review* articles to the "Home Page" of our website. If you ever want to re-read or reference something that you read from a previous NDHA article, just visit our webpage, and scroll through the monthly news archives!

We are always happy to hear from our NDHA members; please access our website at [www.ndha.ca](http://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): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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.

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

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

# 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](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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### How To Report Crime In Discovery Ridge

- Dial 911 for emergencies or crimes in progress.
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### Concerns or issues about Discovery Ridge traffic or Griffiths Woods

- Dial 311 to contact City of Calgary

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