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# Don't invite bears for a midnight snack.

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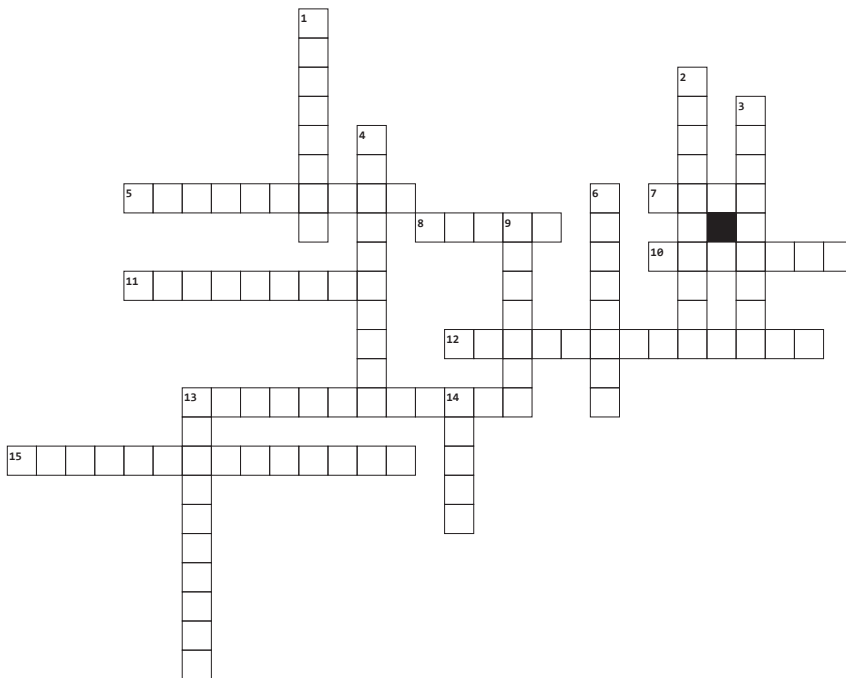
- Don't put carts out overnight.
- Set your carts out no earlier than 5 a.m. and no later than 7 a.m. on collection day.
- Put your carts away after collection, no later than 7 p.m.
- Store your carts inside a garage or other secure enclosure.

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

[calgary.ca/bearsmart](https://calgary.ca/bearsmart)



# May Crossword Puzzle



## Across

5. Originally from Nunavut, this artist has won both a Polaris Music Prize and a JUNO for her unique blend of throat singing with Western music genres.
7. In May of 1918, some women were given the ability to do this.
8. World \_\_\_\_\_ Day celebrates and raises awareness for this endangered water dwelling mammal.
10. On May 15, this band, hailing from Hamilton, Ontario won Group of the Year at the 2022 JUNO awards.
11. A *Star Wars* pun becomes very popular on this day.
12. This actor and ex-wrestler has both their American and Canadian citizenship, only getting the latter at the age of 37.
13. This classic children's toy was introduced on May 1, 1952, and was the first toy ever advertised on television.
15. On May 11, 2019, this novel by Eden Robinson won the Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize.

## Down

1. On May 17, 1642, this Canadian city was founded by Paul de Chomedey, Sieur de Maisonneuve.
2. At San Francisco's Grand Opera House, this was played for the first time on May 4, 1878.
3. This clothing item was patented 150 years ago.
4. Released 28 years ago, this film increased tourism in Scotland.
6. A solar eclipse on May 29, 1919, proved \_\_\_\_\_'s theory of general relativity.
9. Canada's first \_\_\_\_\_ was found in 1998 in Yukon Territory.
13. In the United States, the most phone calls are made on this holiday.
14. On May 30, 1966, the first full-disk image of \_\_\_\_\_ was taken.

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THE ANSWER KEY**



## Data Privacy

from the Better Business Bureau

The possibility of a cyberattack by a foreign country has gone from being the stuff of science fiction to a common threat that is often reported in the news.

While it may seem like there is nothing an individual can do to stop a cyberattack, there are some best practices that consumers and businesses can do to help guard against losing important personal information to cyber thieves. When online, safeguard your information to help avoid scam fraud, and identity theft. Periodically, it is a good idea to review who has your information. The Better Business Bureau and the National Security Alliance offer the following tips to help secure the privacy of critical information.

- **Share with care.** Posts on social media last a long time. Consider who will see the post, how readers might perceive it, and what information it might reveal about the individual posting it.
- **Manage privacy settings.** Check the privacy and security settings on web services and apps and set them to your comfort level for information sharing. Each device, application, or browser used will have different features to limit how and with whom you share information.
- **Personal info is like money. Value it. Protect it.** Personal information, such as purchase history, IP address, or location, has tremendous value to businesses – just like money. Make informed decisions about whether or not to share data with certain businesses by considering the amount of personal information they are asking for and weighing it against the benefits you may receive in return.
- **Make your passwords long and strong.** Use long passwords with a combination of upper- and lower-case letters, numbers, and symbols – eight characters for most accounts and twelve characters for email and financial accounts. Don't use the same password for multiple accounts, especially email and financial. Keep a paper list of your passwords in a safe place, not on or near your computer. Consider using a password vault application. See BBB's tips for creating a strong password.

For more information go to [BBB.org](http://BBB.org).

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- 2 Take 2 clear photos of an insect and 1-2 photos of the plant/flower that it is visiting. 
- 3 Upload your photos to iNaturalist and add your insect observations to the Calgary Pollinators Project. 



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<p>News, Events, &amp; More</p> 	<p>Crime Statistics</p> 	<p>Real Estate Statistics</p> 
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## DRCA Recreation Facility Update

Welcome to spring in Discovery Ridge! With a change in the seasons, we shift our focus from hockey and skating to tennis, pickleball, and other outdoor activities. A big thank-you once again to our fantastic ice rink volunteers who worked tirelessly this past winter to prepare and maintain our rinks. If you or your family enjoy the rinks, please consider volunteering to help as our rinks can only operate if we have enough community residents step up.

We would also like to ask all facility users to please be considerate when using the facilities and clean up after enjoying the amenities. We are entirely volunteer-based and unfortunately, a few volunteers are left to clean up garbage that is carelessly discarded around the rink and area.

We are pleased to advise that with use of casino funds we will be enhancing our tennis courts this year with the addition of state-of-the-art lighting. Work is expected to be completed later in the spring and will allow play to extend as weather permits into fall evenings. Lights will be on timers to ensure a reasonable cut-off time daily in consideration of adjacent residents.

Our two pickleball courts will be open for use on the hockey rink by the time you read; we encourage residents to try the fastest growing sport in North America!

The DRCA board continues to explore additional facility enhancements as funding becomes available.

Lastly, please ensure that each residence purchases an annual DRCA membership for only \$25. Please visit the DRCA at [discoveryridge.com](http://discoveryridge.com). These funds (distinct from the homeowners' association annual fees) are needed to maintain our facilities and are a very small price to pay for access to our first class amenities.

## YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

## Celebrate Neighbour Day 2023

*from the City of Calgary*



Join with your neighbours for the 10th annual Neighbour Day on June 17. Celebrate your community spirit and neighbourly kindness by having a block party or BBQ, organizing a cleanup, decorating your yard, gathering with neighbours for a fun sport activity, games, or kids' crafts, or make up your own way to meet your neighbours and build community togetherness.

Neighbour Day started in June 2014 to celebrate the incredible outpouring of support and generosity of neighbours following the 2013 Calgary floods. Each year on the third Saturday in June, we continue to celebrate one of the things that makes Calgary such a great city — our strong and caring communities.

To help you celebrate on June 17, The City of Calgary is providing resources and support for residents to organize activities with neighbours, including waiving the fees for block party and greenspace permits. The permit application deadline is May 28. You can also request a visit from Mayor Gondek, your area Councillor, a police officer, or a fire truck. Visit [calgary.ca/NeighbourDay](http://calgary.ca/NeighbourDay) to learn more.

## GAMES & PUZZLES

### Guess That Movie!

1. On Amity Island, beachgoers are harassed by a bloodthirsty sea beast.
2. An unlikely chef fulfills his dream of working in a famous Parisian restaurant.
3. A visit to a theme park full of genetically modified creatures goes very wrong.
4. The anti-social protagonist embarks on a journey to rescue a princess and save his home.
5. An overwhelmed princess escapes her duties and explores Rome with a stranger.

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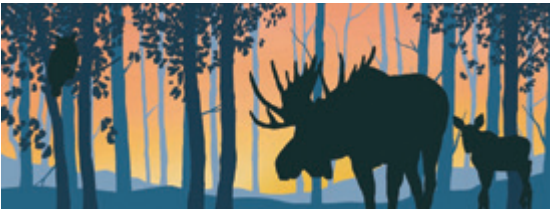


## Mural Proposed

A mural has been proposed for the side of the sea container Bottle Shack on Discovery Ridge Boulevard, across from Cornerstone Mall.

This sea container was installed in 2020 as a permanent secure location for receiving refundable bottles and cans, hence the name, Bottle Shack. The donations from the community produce a significant amount of revenue for the Discovery Ridge Community Association which helps support the recreational facilities and other community events which enhance Discovery Ridge as a desirable place to live.

The DRCA board decided last year that since the metal sea container Bottle Shack is a permanent feature in the community, the time had come to enhance it and make it a feature of our community space.



After reviewing several options, the above wildlife scene was selected as it is reflective of Discovery Ridge's unique position next to Griffith Woods. We will be supporting a local Alberta artist – Emily Beaudoin – who is hoping to start in mid-June as weather permits and the mural will be completed this summer.

We are excited about this enhancement in the community! Please let us know what you think about this art project by emailing [membership@discoveryridge.com](mailto:membership@discoveryridge.com).

*On behalf of the DRCA Board*



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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

### Facebook

DiscoveryRidgeCommunityAssociation

### Twitter

@DiscoveryRidge1

### Email Us

See listing or 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.



# 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:

- The City of Calgary Waste and Recycling outreach team will be conducting an educational door knocking campaign in Discovery Ridge. This is tentatively scheduled for early May.
- 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*

# Letter from the Board

*by Lillian VanGenderen, Volunteer Coordinator*

Hello!

Have you been down to our courts for a game of tennis or pickleball this spring? Our recreation centre is a great site for many sports and activities such as tennis, pickleball, hockey, and soccer. It is also a gathering place for events such as Stampede Roundup and Music in the Park. Operating such top-notch facilities costs money, however, we are fortunate to be partnered with Alberta Gaming, Liquor & Cannabis (AGLC). Alberta has a unique charitable gaming model. It is the only province in Canada where charitable organizations are licensed to conduct and manage casino events.

Approximately every 18 months, the DRCA is assigned a casino to manage and shares pooled proceeds from these events with similar groups. This is the most lucrative fundraising effort we manage. The DRCA continues to explore enhancements to our facilities with the use of accumulated casino funds. Current projects include additional lighting for our tennis courts and the rink facility.

With this said, we have a casino fundraiser this month! It will run Sunday, May 21, and Monday, May 22, at Cowboys Casino. While I hope to have shifts filled by the time you are reading this note, we may still need volunteer support and would appreciate hearing from you. If interested please contact me, our volunteer coordinator, at [volunteer@discoveryridge.com](mailto:volunteer@discoveryridge.com). Thank you!

One last note: the DRCA board would like to welcome the newest business to Cornerstone Square . . . Wonder Donuts! They graciously supported our Volunteer Appreciation Day in April.

A reminder to Save the Date for the DRCA Stampede Roundup on Saturday, June 24 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the park.

Enjoy the spring weather!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Change her world and your own.  
Volunteer with Girl Guides today!



For more information email:  
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## We are in need of Sparks & Embers Guiders for the Fall 2023 Guiding Season!

### Volunteering with Girl Guides is:

- Fun – you'll share lots of laughter and new experiences
- Rewarding – cheer girls on and watch their confidence grow
- Life-changing – develop skills such as communication, event planning and leadership
- Unforgettable – connect with women leaders in your community and around the world

## Window and Balcony Safety

from Alberta Health Services

With the return of warmer weather, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to remind parents and caregivers of an often-overlooked hazard in the home – access to open windows. Every year, paramedics respond to emergencies where a child has fallen from an open window, often from the second floor. These can be avoided by following safety measures. Take the time to assess potential hazards in your home before a preventable fall occurs.

### Windows and Screens

- Prevent access to windows by moving furniture such as cribs, beds, stools, and change tables out from under them.
- Keep drapery cords out of children's reach. Wrap excess cord around cleats, or tie-downs to avoid a choking hazard.
- Remember, screens are not safety devices. They are designed to keep bugs out, not children in.

### Balconies

- Do not underestimate a child's ability to climb. Furniture and other items stored on balconies and decks can be used to climb resulting in falls over the railing.
- Ensure that your balcony railings are not more than 10 cm (4 inch) apart. This will eliminate access between the vertical bars of a balcony, or deck.

### Further Prevention Tips

- Toddlers and preschoolers are at highest risk of falling from a window, or balcony, but it may happen at any age.
- Direct supervision of children is the single most effective way to prevent falls from windows and balconies.
- Install safety devices which limit the distance in which a window can be open to a maximum of 10cm (4 inches).
- Ensure the safety device can be released quickly, so the window can be used for escape in case of emergency.
- Consider purchasing a portable air conditioner, which will enable windows to stay closed and secure.
- EMS is proud to be a member of the Partners Promoting Window and Balcony Safety. Take time to assess your home for window and balcony hazards and eliminate the risks before a preventable fall occurs.



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# Homeowners' Association (NDHA) News

Happy May, everyone! Spring is in the air, and you may have noticed an increased presence of our contractor (ULS) on site doing their spring cleanup. Work on our green spaces, parks, and medians will proceed as conditions permit and with hope, the foliage in the community has wintered well and will be in great shape for the growing season. The NDHA works hard to maintain greenspaces in the community, but it is a big area and sometimes we might miss a spot. Do 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.

## NDHA Annual General Meeting 2023

The board of directors is finalizing arrangements to hold the in-person meeting the first week of June. NDHA members will be notified of the AGM details by email or post mail and will also see signage placed at the entrance to the community. In addition to the election of the new board of directors, updates on NDHA business and greenspace-related matters will be shared at the AGM, where we will also welcome your questions or concerns. We look forward to seeing you there! If you cannot attend the AGM, we ask that you send us your proxy vote so the required quorum is realized, and the meeting can occur.

## Can You Step Up to Help?

The work of the NDHA is currently managed by seven (7) volunteers, all of whom are your neighbours. This keeps over \$100,000/year of your fee money in the community, instead of being paid to a professional management company. The cash saved has allowed us to fund the work to place unique landscaping in our medians, install dog waste bag dispensers, pay for graphic wraps to beautify our trash bins, install our annual holiday tree light display, and pay for the seasonal planter foliage displays by the roundabout. It also allows us to maintain and operate the waterfall and fund many other landscape projects, including all mulching and shrub replacements.

However, it's been the same people on the board for several years and we are long overdue for some new faces in the group. The NDHA is looking for both new board members and non-board member volunteers who can help with the workload. All skill sets welcome! We especially have a need for volunteers with any of the following: accounting expertise/experience to help our treasurer and bookkeeper, IT/web-based skills, someone who has an interest in writing our monthly news articles, and somebody with a passion for landscaping and plants. Please consider volunteering this year. Contact us anytime!

## Thank You!

Thank you to the many community volunteers who have stepped up over the past 17 years as NDHA board members or committee helpers! Your time and effort have collectively saved the NDHA membership well over a million dollars. This allowed Discovery Ridge to incorporate and maintain some of the highest, and leading-edge, landscape standards in Calgary. The community would not look the way it does without the work you have contributed, and everyone appreciates what you have given the community over the years!

## Drainage Swales

Spring rains are on their way! For owners with a concrete drainage swale in your yard, you are responsible for ensuring the swale is kept clear of debris. Rain and runoff must easily drain into the storm sewer system via the swale, so please have a look to ensure yours is clean and unobstructed. This is a City of Calgary bylaw. You do not want to be made responsible for flood damage caused by a backup on your property.



## Street Sweeping

Discovery Ridge is scheduled for sweeping on Monday, May 8 (weather dependent). Please watch for signs that will be posted in the community to notify you in advance or visit the City of Calgary website for updates. Vehicles must be moved from the street during this operation, subject to fines or towing. Remove your

vehicle and trash bins so that the gravel and grime of winter can be swept away!

### Trailers on Driveways

With yard projects and camping season upon us, please be reminded that parking a utility trailer or RV of any kind on or around your property is subject to City of Calgary Bylaws and Parking Authority rules. Detached trailers cannot be parked on City streets at any time. RVs and attached trailers can be parked on the street immediately adjacent to your home for maximum of 36 hours. It is illegal to park your RV distant from your home. RVs, boats, and trailers can be parked in a private front driveway for maximum 36 hours. Parked RVs, boats, and trailers cannot protrude over a sidewalk or roadway, obstruct access to a neighbour's driveway or garage, or block the view of intersections, crosswalks, playgrounds, or signs. Complaints for infractions on private property can be made to 311. Complaints for infractions on public property (on the street) can be made to the Calgary Parking Authority.

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.

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## TAKE ON WELLNESS

### Programs and Services to Help You Quit Smoking

*from Alberta Health Services*

Every year, more than 4,000 Albertans die because of tobacco use, while tens of thousands more Albertans have serious tobacco-related illnesses that greatly affect their quality of life.

Commercial tobacco use (such as cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, and chewing tobacco) is the leading preventable cause of disease, disability, and premature death in Alberta, and increases the risk of heart disease, lung cancer, oral cancers, chronic lung disease, diabetes, and other illnesses. Quitting tobacco is one of the best ways to improve health and well-being. It may take several attempts to quit, so it's important to not give up.

#### AHS has programs and services to help Albertans quit:

- The AlbertaQuits Helpline, 1-866-710-QUIT (7848) provides one-to-one telephone counselling.
- Try a free text message service that gives tips and motivational messaging to help people quit. The text service includes support for quitting vaping and a live chat feature with quit counsellors. Enroll today by texting ABQUITS to 123456.
- The website [albertaquits.ca](http://albertaquits.ca) provides information and tools for people preparing to quit.
- QuitCore is a group support program that provides people with strategies and skills they need to quit tobacco, while connecting them with others who are also trying to quit. This program is offered in person, as well as virtually through Zoom.

\*Use of cessation medications increases your chances of success, and the cost of the medications may be covered. Check with your provider for coverage information.

Information and resources are available at health clinics, pharmacies, and dental offices in many communities and AHS locations, including cessation services created for patients who use tobacco or tobacco-like products.



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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.
- For non-emergencies, dial 403-266-1234.
- To report a crime anonymously, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (Talk, Type or Text), submit tips online at [crimestoppers.ab.ca](http://crimestoppers.ab.ca), or text ttTIPS to 274637.

### Concerns or issues about Discovery Ridge traffic or Griffiths Woods

- Dial 311 to contact City of Calgary

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In 1919, John and Stella King, descendants of black American settlers, moved to Calgary's Hillhurst-Sunnyside. In 1929, their daughter Violet was born. She would later attend the University of Alberta and become Canada's first black woman lawyer. An advocate for women and racialized individuals, Violet's many accomplishments live on today.



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Hello Ward 6,

The 'Delivering Results for Calgarians: 2022 Performance Report' is available online. You will learn how tax dollars and user fees were spent in 2022, how the community is doing, and more.

Performance measure results in 2022 improved compared to 2021. Some highlights include:

- Responding to important social issues with the development of strategic teams and initiatives such as the Indigenous Relations Office and the Anti-Racism and Equity Programs, and sector-wide capacity building with the Mental Health and Addictions Strategy and the Community Safety Investment Framework.
- Advancement of affordable housing goals, including providing approximately \$11 million in Housing Incentive Program grants, leveraging \$55 million from the Rapid Housing Initiative, and selling nine surplus parcels through the Non-Market Land Sale.
- Improving public tree health with a robust tree inspection and pruning program, increasing resilience, and minimizing damage from severe weather events, pests, and diseases.
- Ongoing delivery of specialized transit to enhance mobility for Calgarians with disabilities throughout the pandemic despite significant changes in customer demand.
- Reliably delivering safe drinking water.
- Delivering waste, recycling, and disposal services while minimizing health and safety risks for our customers and employees.
- Distribution of \$179 million of prevention investments to 194 organizations to support and build capacity for community organizations. These investments included Family and Community Support Services, Crime Prevention Investment Plan, Community Safety Investment Framework, Emergency Resiliency Fund, Mental Health and Addictions, and the Capacity-Building and Emerging Issues Fund.
- Providing tax relief for Calgarians, including the Phased Tax Program, re-opening grants, hailstorm deferrals, hotel/motel deferrals, and the Property Tax Assistance Program. Indirect tax relief was also provided from the removal of Tax Instalment Payment Plan (TIPP) fees.

Read more accomplishment results by downloading the report at [calgary.ca/performance](http://calgary.ca/performance).

Sincerely,  
 Councillor Richard Pootmans  
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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).

## 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).

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November	22	3	4	\$362,400	\$355,000
October	22	6	7	\$399,000	\$397,000
September	22	9	10	\$562,400	\$571,950
August	22	4	4	\$396,950	\$388,050
July	22	9	8	\$344,000	\$336,000
June	22	21	16	\$895,000	\$975,000
May	22	9	12	\$409,950	\$407,750
April	22	14	13	\$375,000	\$382,000

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