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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

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.



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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Griffith Woods Pathway Changes

The City of Calgary has advised us of the following:

Starting sometime after September 19, undesignated trails in Griffith Woods Park close to the boundary with Tsuut'ina Nation will be permanently closed and repaired. This is intended to encourage park users to stick to designated trails as well as restoring natural areas that have been damaged by frequent use.

In recent months, Parks and Open Spaces have been working closely with our neighbours at the Nation who have observed an increase in trespassing onto Nation land. We continue to work closely with the Nation on their plans to install additional boundary fencing and signage in 2024.

A longer-term effort is also underway in Griffith Woods Park to audit, replace, and add additional signage for all parks users.

The locations of the trail closures can be found through the following link: <https://www.calgary.ca/parks/griffith-woods-park.html?redirect=/griffithwoods>.

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New Discovery Psychological Services
Discovery Massage & Wellness

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Aura Custom Blinds & Shades
Soular Child Montessori Development Centre
Griffith Store & Dry Cleaning
New Discovery Fine Wine & Spirits
Wonder Donuts

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.



DRCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

New Membership Renewal Membership

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

I can volunteer for:

- General assistance
- Communications
- Special Events
- Sponsorship
- Membership
- Environment
- Skating Rink maintenance

Payment: \$25

- Cheque Cash CC Pay online at www.discoveryridge.com/membership

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

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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.
- 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.

Visit www.discoveryridge.com

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, 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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LETTER FROM THE BOARD

Hello fellow residents,

We hope you enjoyed the incredible summer weather and had a chance to relax with family and friends. There are a few key updates this month:

First, Music in the Park - What a fantastic day! The sun was shining, and the music was playing. The DRCA (Discovery Ridge Community Association) would like to thank everyone who came out and celebrated Music in the Park. The park was filled with friends, neighbours, sponsors, musicians, food trucks, face painters, kids' activities, a beer/wine garden, and a wonderful support group of volunteers.

Once again, we would like to thank our amazing sponsors: Headline Sponsor - David Pellettier (resident and ReMax realtor), Mike Ellis (Deputy Premier and MLA Calgary West), Ron Liepert (MP Calgary Signal Hill), City of Calgary Ward 6 - Community Event Grant, Chek Health, Cheryl Sanguinetti Mortgages, Cutting Edge Barber Shop, Discovery Dental Centre, Discovery Fine Wine & Spirits, Grizzly Paw Pub & Brewing Company, Home Spritz, No Payne Roofing, Renovation Room, ULS Landscaping, and Westhills United Soccer Association.

A huge thank-you to our musicians from the following bands: Ben Rose and Café Rosé, Corazones, Jack Lumber Band, and The Ramblin' Ambassadors.

Also, a big thank-you to YYC Food Trucks, NDHA (New Discovery Homeowners' Association), The Fairy Hut, and The City of Calgary Special Events Crew.

Second, please renew your annual DRCA membership fee of \$25 on our website, <https://discoveryridge.com/membership/>. At only seven cents per day, your membership helps support your community association to be the voice for your community and support community events.

Third, please take a few moments to read the Bears and Bins, Pathway, and NDHA articles.

Lastly, if you are interested in joining our monthly DRCA meetings or joining the board, please email us at drca_pres@discoveryridge.com.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather!

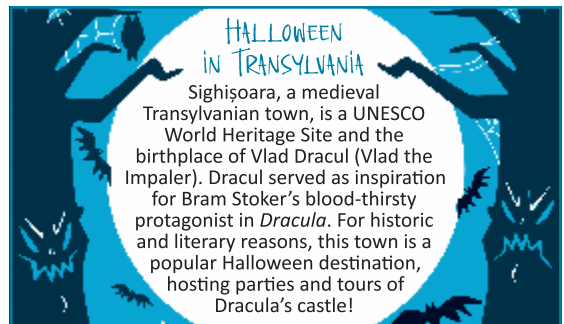
On behalf of your DRCA Board

Bears and Bins in Discovery Ridge

Further to our previous communications, the proposed amendment to the City of Calgary's Waste Bylaw, to incorporate Wildlife Affected Areas, was before City Council on September 12. This was unanimously voted in favour of. This means the mechanism to designate a community within the City of Calgary as a Wildlife Affected Area, on a temporary basis, now formally exists. However, even though the bylaw amendment was passed, this designation has not been assigned to any community, including Discovery Ridge, at the time that this was written.

That being said, recently Discovery Ridge resident security cameras captured bears around the community. Unfortunately, this included them getting into bins that were being stored outside. This is the season! It's crucial for the well-being of both bears and the community, especially during the active season, that residents voluntarily follow the City's recommendations. This includes securely storing bins and refraining from placing them out for pick-up before 5:00 am or leaving them out past 7:00 pm, whether or not a Wildlife Affected Area designation is in effect for the community.

When the City conducted check-ups in August on bin put-out times, 72% of households had not put their bins out before 5:00 am! We are making great strides as a community; let's all keep doing our part with bear smart practices to protect wildlife and our residents and safely coexist together in our special community.



Homeowners' Association News



The NDHA hopes you had a chance to enjoy the warm temperatures that extended into September this year! As the leaves change colour and fall to the ground, you will see ULS on site dealing with leaf pick-up and preparing our community parks and pathways for the winter.

Also, during the fall, your NDHA board will work with ULS to assess the community and prioritize summer projects for next year. This will include targeting locations for shrub replacements and other remediation projects. Unfortunately, as of this writing, we have little information from the City of Calgary regarding rejuvenation of the pathway area beside and below Griffith Pond. As previously reported, the City has identified these switchback pathway shrub beds as being within their “natural space” boundary, which means that only City crews can work on them. All concerns about the condition of the landscaping or asphalt pathway in this space should be directed to 311.

Tree and Shrub Watering – Help Them Survive!

Summer and fall 2023 brought drought, heat, and forest fire smoke. It also brought watering restrictions. These weather conditions have persisted for several consecutive years and caused extreme stress to all plants, including trees and shrubs. Many have died after years of strong growth. Our dry winters haven't helped. 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. Obviously, park trees cannot be watered using the 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!

Drainage Swales – For owners with a concrete drainage swale in your yard, you are responsible for ensuring the swale is kept clear of debris. This is especially important when the leaves are falling and filling the swales. Runoff and snowmelt 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.

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, please let the NDHA know. We are always happy to hear from our members; please access our website at ndha.ca to send an email or call us at 403-237-9595.



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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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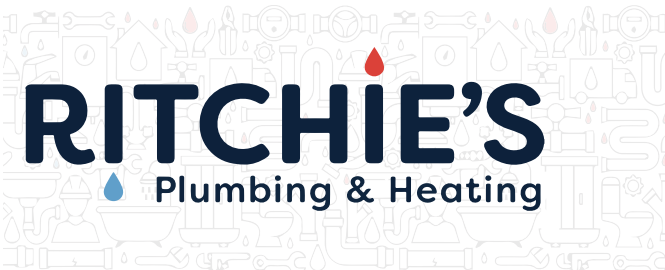


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