

JANUARY 2024

DELIVERED MONTHLY TO 1,775 HOUSEHOLDS

RIDGE review

THE OFFICIAL DISCOVERY RIDGE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



David knows the Westside.

403-869-7971 | david@davidpellettier.ca | davidpellettier.ca



Friend
Neighbour
Realtor®
David Pellettier



EVER GROUP

Ever Group is proud to be the trusted real estate advisors of Webber Academy and proud sponsor of the Webber Academy Athletic Park.



With 25 years experience, Ever Group is committed to delivering outstanding results and values the journey as much as the final outcome.

Whether buying or selling, contact Ever Group today to Elevate Your Experience.

**Top Realtor in Canada
Top 10 Realtors in Calgary
Top 10 Realtors Globally**

Mark D. Evernden
403.829.3776
evernden.mark@gmail.com



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)
 Healing Matters Psychological Services
 Hygieia Medical Clinic
 Moroz Child Psychology Group
 New Discovery Psychological Services
 Discovery Massage & Wellness

GENERAL SERVICES

Cutting Edge Barber Shop
 Laque Nail Bar
 Maharajah East India Cuisine
 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.




8:1 student-teacher ratio • self-directed learning

Call to book in-person info sessions at 403.270.7787

admissions@banburycrossroads.com

www.BanburyCrossroads.com



OFFICIAL

PLUMBING & HEATING

Plumbing Services
 Furnace Install & Repair
 Drain Cleaning
 Boiler Install & Repair
 Electrical

\$50

Service Call Fee



403-837-4023

info@officialplumbingheating.ca
official-plumbing-heating.ca



DISCOVERY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (DRCA) EXECUTIVE (2023/24)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	drca_pres@discoveryridge.com		
Past President	Anil Tahiliani		
Vice President	drca_vp@discoveryridge.com		
	Dana Fleury		
	Jacquie Hansen-Sydenham		
Treasurer	drca_treasurer@discoveryridge.com		
Secretary	drca_secretary@discoveryridge.com		
Directors	Andrei Romaniuk	Collen Delany	Kristin Mould
	Ameeta Cordell	Darrell Martindale	Lillian VanGenderen
	Ben Lee	Doug Leighton	Shay Heron
	Paul Decloux	Braden Teitge	

CURRENT COMMITTEES

Communications	Anil Tahiliani	communications@discoveryridge.com newsletter@discoveryridge.com website@discoveryridge.com
Environment	Andrei Romaniuk	environment@discoveryridge.com
Casino		fundraising@discoveryridge.com
Membership	Ameeta Cordell	membership@discoveryridge.com
Special Events		events@discoveryridge.com
Traffic		traffic@discoveryridge.com
Volunteer	Lillian VanGenderen	volunteer@discoveryridge.com
Planning Committee	Doug Leighton	planning@discoveryridge.com
Wildlife and Cohabitation		
Recreation Facility	Paul and Darrell	

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

X (Twitter)

@DiscoveryRidge1

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 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.

LETTER FROM THE BOARD

Happy New Year!

Just a couple updates as we start off the new year.

First, the Discovery Ridge Community Annual General Meeting will be held on Zoom on February 26 at 7:00 pm. DRCA members will receive a Zoom link by email closer to the date. The AGM is open to all residents to attend and find out more about the DRCA. At the AGM we will summarize the activities and financials over the last fiscal year and vote on the executive for the following year. If you are interested in joining the board in an executive or non-executive role, please reach out to the DRCA. See contact information in a later section in this newsletter.

Second, the DRCA Special Events Committee has decided to go ahead with the DRCA Stampede Roundup this June and DRCA Music in the Park in September as our signature events again. We are open to new ideas for events in addition to these.

If you are interested in joining our monthly DRCA Zoom meeting to find out more about how the DRCA works or if you have any questions or would like to join the board, please email us at drca_pres@discoveryridge.com. Our meetings are usually held the first Monday of every month from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. A Zoom link will be sent to you.

On behalf of your DRCA board wishing you and your family a Happy New Year!



Hate Your Renewal Rate? Call Me!

Expert advice
Excellent rates
Many options
Better mortgages



ANITA 403-771-8771
anita@anitamortgage.ca
Licensed by Avenue Financial

BARKER'S

• FINE DRY CLEANING •




PICK UP & DELIVERY SERVICES

403-282-2226

CHECKLIST

9 PM ROUTINE



CALGARY POLICE SERVICE

- Remove valuables & garage door openers from vehicles
- Lock vehicles
- Close overhead garage door
- Lock door between garage & house
- Close & lock all external doors
- Ensure windows are shut
- Turn on exterior light



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.

Make cheques payable to Discovery Ridge Community Association.

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: _____

Benefits of DRCA Membership

What does the DRCA do for me?

- Organizes social events such as Music in the Park, annual Stamped 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

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.



Parallel Lines

by Kelly Hajash

Did you know that trees and human beings have similarities beyond their sheer existence on planet earth? This might seem far-fetched to some; stay with me while I explain. First, we shall enter the wonderful world of trees. Trees can and do live alone however they thrive in forests. Forests have complex networks connecting the trees through their roots sometimes termed 'wood wide web'. Mycelium, tiny threads of fungal organisms entangle themselves amongst tree roots forming a mycorrhizal network connecting the trees in the forest. You are wondering what in the world mycorrhizal means. There is a symbiotic relationship between trees and fungus, a mycorrhizal network. The mycorrhizal network is a communication system and a means to share nutrients. Although this subject is widely researched now, it was a few short decades ago that Suzanne Simard originally discovered this interdependent network that trees share. Who says trees can't talk? Trees communicate with each other on the "Wood Wide Web" - BrightVibes.

What does this have to do with humans? There are many parallels here. Humans sometimes live alone, but they flourish in communities. People blossom with a complex network of individuals to communicate with and encourage one another. A multifaceted web of support and an endless list of ways we enrich each other's lives is what creates a rich community. Strong communities are built on a foundation of symbiotic relationships. Robust relationships are fostered by effective communication. We have drastically changed the way we communicate over the years. What remains constant is the need to connect with each other, to communicate and understand each other.

In the wise words of Carl Rogers, "We think we listen, but very rarely do we listen with real understanding, true empathy. Yet listening, of this very special kind, is one of the most potent forces for change that I know." When we listen without judgement, we allow ourselves to gain a true understanding. Understanding leads to empathy and breaks down barriers. Through listening we may find common ground, compromise, or simply agree to disagree. Maya Angelou said it best, "A friend may be waiting behind a stranger's face."

Speaking of communication, we are enhancing the way we communicate, by posting short videos on our Facebook page. Please note there are two Facebook Pages, one of which is the DRCA official page, 'Discovery Ridge Community Association - DRCA'. The other Facebook Page by which we communicate is 'Discovery Ridge Community Discussion'. Just as a reminder, we additionally communicate email to members (we collect emails via membership), our website <https://discoveryridge.com/> and of course this newsletter.

Warm wishes to you and yours this holiday season.

Disclaimer: The opinions expressed within any published article, report, or submission reflect those of the author and should not be considered to reflect those of Great News Media or the Community and/or Residents' Association. The information contained in this newsletter is believed to be accurate but is not warranted to be so.

Great News Media and the Community and/or Residents' Association do not endorse any person or persons advertising in this newsletter. Publication of any advertisements should not be considered an endorsement of any goods or services.

Get Noticed

ACQUIRE AND RETAIN NEW CUSTOMERS.
Your Ad Geofenced Precisely in Your Target Market
on our Carefully Selected Network of Premium Sites.
Call 403-720-0762 | sales@greatnewsmedia.ca



SCAN ME

GREAT NEWS MEDIA
LEADERS IN COMMUNITY FOCUSED MARKETING

Two Separate Organizations Support Discovery Ridge

The Discovery Ridge Community Association (DRCA) exists because of you - the residents of our great community!

With the purchase of an annual \$25 membership, the DRCA can serve its residents better while meeting the needs of the community and can be a stronger voice when lobbying on community concerns with the City of Calgary and the Province of Alberta.

We're all in this together – Please ensure your household membership is in good standing!

NDHA (Homeowners' Association)

- Relies on your \$325 fee per year.
- Annual fee legally required.
- Green space maintenance, boulevard/median plantings, and winter pathway snow clearing.
- Winter Lights at the entrance to Discovery Ridge.
- Pay by cheque or with credit card.

DRCA (Community Association)

- Relies on your \$25 annual membership.
- Fee is essential for continued, effective “voice” with the City of Calgary and Province on traffic (including Ring Road), safety and security and other issues.
- Recreation Facility: Design and construction of the ice rink and tennis courts as well as the seasonal maintenance of each. Further development plans under review.
- Ring Road / Traffic: Working with the City and the Province to improve the performance, design, interface treatment and safety of roads within, abutting and beyond our community.
- Communications: Facebook, website, Ridge Review newsletter, and member only e-communications.
- Events: Stampede Breakfast, Santa at Javino's, Family Skates, Galas, Fun Runs.
- Safety and Security: Collaborating with residents, police, and the fire department to combat crime, vandalism and fire threats within the community and Griffith Woods
- Mail cheque to address below or pay online at www.discoveryridge.com.

Not a member? Join online at www.discoveryridge.com.
Not sure if you're a member?

Click the “Purchase/Renew Membership” icon on the website. Already a member? Thanks for your support.

We greatly appreciate it. The DRCA membership year runs from September 1 to August 31.

CALGARY MAT & LINEN SERVICES

403.279.5554
calgarymatandlinen.com

We care about the safety, cleanliness, and appearance of your business.

Mat Rentals & Purchases

- Outdoor and indoor entryway mat rentals
- Customized mat rental programs to suit your needs
- Mats are regularly changed, cleaned, and sanitized
- No upfront mat inventory investment required
- Available mat types: Outdoor Scrapers, Entry Mats, Logo'd Mats, and Waterhogs
- Multiple different mat sizes available to suit your unique work environment



Wedding and Party Linen Cleaning

- Tablecloths & napkins
- Flexible pick up / drop off scheduling
- Quick turnaround times

Linen Cleaning Services

- Towels, Sheets, Pillow Cases, & Face Cradles
- Ideal services for Hotels, Massage, Physiotherapy, and Chiropractic



Workwear Cleaning Services & Supplies:

- Uniforms, Coveralls, Gowns, Rags
- Tork Dispensers and Supplies



VISIT OUR WEBSITE



CONTACT US



BUSINESS CLASSIFIEDS

For business classified ad rates contact Great News Media at 403-720-0762 or sales@greatnewsmedia.ca

OFFICIAL PLUMBING & HEATING: Small company, low overhead, excellent warranties, and great rates. Specializing in residential service and installs. Services include furnace service and replacement, hot water tank service and replacement, leaks, clogs, gas fitting, and more. Licensed and insured. Why wait? Call today and get it fixed today! Available 24/7, we accept debit/VISA/MasterCard. Call 403-837-4023 or email info@officialplumbingheating.ca; www.official-plumbing-heating.ca.

DISCOVERY RIDGE MORTGAGE BROKER: Save a bunch of cash! As a Calgary mortgage broker, I have helped your neighbors navigate their purchase, refinance, and renewal options. If you are looking for expert mortgage advice, excellent rates, many options, and better financing, Call Anita at 403-771-8771 | anita@anitamortgage.ca | Licensed by Avenue Financial.

CALGARY FRESH JOCK: We expertly clean sports equipment including hockey, lacrosse, football, baseball, wrestling and more. Cleaned, disinfected & refreshed for better health and performance. Conveniently located at 109, 10836 24th Street SE, Calgary. Call 403-726-9301 to keep your sports gear in top shape. Equipment pick-up / drop-off service available.

CALGARY MAT & LINEN: Get high-quality mat and linen services with pick-up and drop-off from Calgary Mat & Linen! We offer expert rental and cleaning for hospitality and healthcare industries. Contact us at 403-279-5554 or visit <https://calgarymatandlinen.com/> to learn more and get a quote. We are located in SE Calgary.

K2 BOOKKEEPING: Are you too busy to keep up with your bookkeeping? Experienced bookkeeper now accepting new clients. Specializing in small to medium-sized businesses. Competitive Rates | Twenty years Experience with QuickBooks, GST, Payroll, WCB, Filing, and T4 Filings. Phone Katie 403-870-0737.

NEIGHBOURHOOD CONFLICT? Community Mediation Calgary Society (CMCS) is a no-cost mediation and conflict coaching service that can help you resolve problems and restore peace! We help neighbours be neighbours again! www.communitymediation.ca, 403-269-2707.

DISCOVERY RIDGE PAINTER: Experienced Calgary Painter - Transform your space with precision and style! Our professional painting services bring life to your home. Skilled in interior and exterior projects. Affordable rates with top-quality results. Contact Gavin for a free estimate at 403-390-0036. Your trusted choice for a fresh, vibrant look. www.fivestarpainting.com.

BARKER'S FINE DRY CLEANING: We specialize in pressed shirts, wedding dresses, and exquisite linens, including sheets, duvets, and pillow cases. Your premier destination for impeccable garment care, situated in the heart of Douglas Glen at 109, 10836 24th St SE. For unmatched service, contact us at 403-282-2226. Pick-Up / Drop-Off Service Available.

JEFFREY ELECTRIC: Friendly, professional electrical service for your next residential project, large or small. 10 years serving Calgary, City Qualified Trade, Master Electrician, licensed, insured. Very competitive rates for quality electrical work. Service panel upgrades from 60 amp to 200 amp. Car chargers, aluminum rewiring, custom kitchens and basements. Free estimates. www.cejelectric.com or call Clayton at 403-970-5441.



SCAN HERE TO VIEW ADDITIONAL DISCOVERY RIDGE CONTENT

News, Events, & More



Crime Statistics



Real Estate Statistics



Homeowners' Association News



The NDHA would like to extend our best wishes to all of you for a Healthy and Happy New Year 2024! We hope that you were able to enjoy the

holiday season with your family and friends, and to get outside to enjoy some winter activities as well!

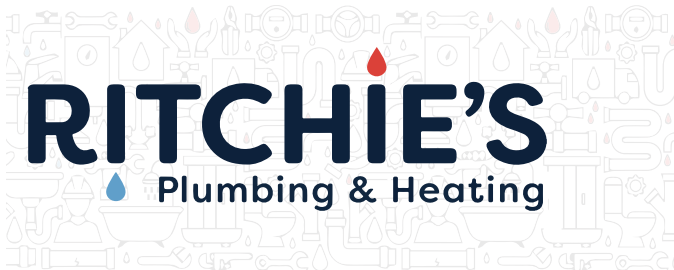
Our dedicated NDHA board volunteers were very busy over the past year, managing the annual landscaping, maintenance, and other operational obligations to the community. We are using the "off-season" to work on the annual budget and lay the groundwork for projects to be completed this coming spring and summer. Please let us know if you have any thoughts on potential improvements!

Ice Melt Information for Pet Owners - The NDHA would like to remind residents that ULS uses Tillson Brands "Go-Melt" commercial Ice Melter on the pathways under contract with the NDHA. ULS applies salt only when needed; pedestrian safety is the highest priority for the NDHA where snow clearing is concerned. Although "Go-Melt" is considered as pet-friendly, there is no such thing as a truly pet "safe" de-icer on the market for commercial application. After a walk, do not allow pets to lick their paws clean of salt. If they don't use booties, owners should always rinse and wipe off pet's feet, including between toes and around the central pad. We have posted more detailed information about the use of ice-melt on our website if this is of interest to you.

On a final "ice-related" note, the NDHA would like to remind residents that although the ULS snow clearing team will be out in full force after each snow event, please be vigilant while walking in the neighbourhood. We make our community paths as safe as possible during the winter months, but Mother Nature gives us all manner of weather and temperatures throughout the winter and ice can form unexpectedly. Ice can also get drifted over by snow, becoming hidden, especially on hills! Use caution when travelling on the pathways and don't hesitate to contact us if you see an area needing attention. Please see FAQ 22 on our website for a map showing the specific community pathways the NDHA maintains.

Your annual NDHA fee is essential to provide many services that the City will not, and allows Discovery Ridge to set itself apart from all other communities. Thank you for remitting your fee this year. It has allowed us to continue the essential work of landscape and waterfall operations, maintenance, our seasonal displays, and snow removal in the community. For those who are new to Discovery Ridge, please note that this annual payment is a legal requirement and was due June 29. An interest charge of 18% per annum will be applied effective December 31, 2023, on any remaining unsettled accounts, per the terms of the encumbrance on your title. Invoicing for 2024 will begin in February. If you are unsure of your payment status, please enquire via our website.

We are always happy to hear from our NDHA members; please access our website at www.ndha.ca for NDHA News updates or to send an email - you can also call us at 403-237-9595.



Services

Plumbing & Drain Cleaning
Heating & Gasfitting
Inspections
Tank Replacement
Sewer Camera Inspections

24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE tel. 587 392 6486



LEN T WONG + ASSOCIATES



GREATER PROPERTY GROUP



DISCOVERY RIDGE COMMUNITY REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY

YOUR HOME SOLD GUARANTEED!*

Call to find out more about our
Innovative Consumer Programs

Virtual Tours

Guaranteed Sale Program*

Trade Up Program*

Blanket Home Warranty Program*

Accepting Crypto Currency

Call us to help you navigate through
the changing real estate world

Call or Text 403-606-8888

Email len@lentwong.com

*Guarantee is being offered by Greater Property Group.
Terms and Conditions Apply.

	Properties		Median Price	
	Listed	Sold	Listed	Sold
November 23	7	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
July 23	8	9	\$1,050,000	\$1,070,000
June 23	16	14	\$937,450	\$975,000
May 23	13	7	\$829,999	\$829,999
April 23	5	7	\$379,900	\$379,900
March 23	8	11	\$515,000	\$500,000
February 23	13	6	\$942,500	\$927,500
January 23	2	3	\$359,900	\$368,500
December 22	3	6	\$891,850	\$865,250

To view more detailed information that comprise the above
MLS averages please visit dis.mycalgary.com



David.

KNOWS THE WESTSIDE

Why your neighbours choose **David** when it's time to sell their home

101.1% more

David's listings have sold at 101.1% of list price on average vs the rest of the market at 100.4%.*

36% faster

When it's time to sell your home, David sells it 36% faster. David's listings averaged 14 days on market vs the rest of the market at 22 days.*

460 sold since 2012

With 460 sales since 2012, David continues to establish himself as the top producing Realtor here on the Westside.*

* Detached Homes - sold in Calendar 2023, 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 in calendar '23 on the Westside.

Friend
Neighbour
Realtor®
David Pellettier

403-869-7971 | david@davidpellettier.ca | davidpellettier.ca



RE/MAX First