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August	25	8	7	\$1,148,000	\$1,110,000
July	25	8	8	\$712,400	\$702,500
June	25	11	8	\$1,118,400	\$1,120,500
May	25	8	7	\$1,050,000	\$1,027,000
April	25	8	9	\$479,900	\$475,000
March	25	8	8	\$665,750	\$655,000
February	25	10	11	\$1,069,000	\$1,025,000
January	25	12	8	\$513,500	\$510,000
December	24	6	4	\$369,900	\$380,000
November	24	7	7	\$469,000	\$464,000

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DISCOVERY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (DRCA) EXECUTIVE (2025)

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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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[@lifeatdiscoveryridge](https://www.instagram.com/lifeatdiscoveryridge)

Email Us

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

Mark Your Calendar

- December 1 at 7:30 pm – DRCA Regular Board Meeting
- January 5, 2026, at 7:30 pm – DRCA Regular Board Meeting
- DRCA AGM to be hosted in February. See future communications for details.

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.

Snapshots of Discovery



Send us your photos of our beautiful neighbourhood. Adult and children's submissions are welcome.

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Your DRCA Membership

Your \$25 Discovery Ridge Community Association membership makes a big impact.

For just \$25 per household, your Discovery Ridge Community Association membership directly supports the programs, services, and advocacy that keep our neighbourhood vibrant, safe, and connected. Membership revenue helps fund popular community events, maintain our recreation facilities, support our ability to advocate on key municipal and provincial issues, participate in critical casino fundraising, and so much more.

Simply put—your membership is one of the most powerful ways to show your support for Discovery Ridge and ensure our voice remains strong.

This October, our amazing volunteers hand-delivered membership invitations to homes across the community, and we've already seen a terrific response.

As of this newsletter, 381 households have purchased their 2025/2026 DRCA membership—thank you!

But with 1,630 households in Discovery Ridge, we know we can do even better. If you haven't renewed yet, please consider joining today. Every membership strengthens our community, amplifies our advocacy efforts, and helps keep Discovery Ridge an exceptional place to live.

Thank you for supporting your community!

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DRCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal Membership

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☐ General assistance

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☐ Environment

☐ Special Events

☐ Skating Rink maintenance

☐ Sponsorship

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Membership runs from September 1 to August 31 each fiscal year.

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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.

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LETTER FROM THE BOARD

Discovery Ridge's Year in Review

Special Events in Discovery Ridge Stampede Roundup - June 28, 2025

The Stampede Roundup is always a highlight for families in Discovery Ridge—and this year was no exception! We celebrated western-style with fun games, lively line dancing, an adorable petting zoo, and talented face painters. To top it all off, everyone enjoyed some delicious eats from our food trucks.

Music in the Park Brought to You by the DRCA and David Pelletier - September 6, 2025

Music in the Park once again brought the community together with live performances highlighting the amazing talent within our local music scene. Neighbours relaxed on blankets and lawn chairs, enjoying a lively mix of classic rock, pop, and blues. The beer and wine garden, along with a selection of savoury food trucks, satisfied every craving and added to the festive event. We are grateful to our outstanding sponsors, without whom this event would not be possible.

Shirley's Greenhouse Farm Stand

Every Saturday this summer, Shirley's Greenhouse Farm Stand was set up by the DRCA recreation facilities, giving residents easy access to fresh, local produce.

Volunteers

We are incredibly grateful to all of the individuals who helped us throughout the year. Your time, energy, and enthusiasm made all of our events and fundraisers possible!

It was a busy year for our team. We completed 30 volunteer shifts for an AGLC casino, maintained the ODR with a dedicated ice crew, hosted the Stampede Roundup and the always-popular Music in the Park, and received tremendous volunteer support for this year's membership campaign.

The impact of our volunteers is tremendous. Their participation in the casino netted your community close to \$83,000 to be used for capital costs per the AGLC guidelines. The many events they helped bring to our neighbourhood made this one to envy.

We always welcome new volunteers with fresh ideas and vision of what activities would enrich their families. Please reach out if you are interested in joining our team.

Membership – Please See Additional Information Within This Issue

Your \$25 DRCA membership makes a big impact. It funds our events, maintains facilities, and strengthens our ability to advocate for Discovery Ridge at the City and Province level.

Thanks to our volunteer-led October campaign, 381 households have already renewed for 2025/2026—thank you!

With 1,630 households in Discovery Ridge, we're aiming even higher. If you haven't renewed yet, please join us today and help keep our community strong.

Recreation Facilities

The Discovery Ridge recreation facilities continued to see very high usage in 2025. The outdoor rinks had a shorter than normal season due to weather challenges and an early melt but were in great shape through most of the winter season. The tennis and pickleball courts were busier than ever with a long season due to warmer fall weather. We were able to use the rink and court lights right through October given mild evening temperatures.

We completed maintenance on the facilities including full replacement of the rink board mesh on the north and south ends and replacement of hundreds of missing screws on the rink boards. It was a quiet year in terms of capital investment with the only notable project being the installation of new gates on the tennis courts with punch-code locks. The new locks will be activated in the spring, and the code will be sent to DRCA members when the courts open. This is part of our efforts to ensure the courts are available to members and one more reason to purchase your annual \$25 membership for your household.

We continue to explore further facility enhancements given our casino funds available and expected in the coming years. Various options are being considered.

Environment

The DRCA was part of coordinating the annual community cleanup, which successfully removed 21,390 kg of waste from Signal Hill, Discovery Ridge, and Springbank Hill on May 31, 2025, demonstrating our collective commitment to a cleaner and safer environment.

Wildfire Committee

For well over a year, the DRCA and community volunteers have been advocating for wildfire safety support for Griffith Woods and our community. After many meetings with various relevant departments and organizations, we have built some positive relationships and have gained some traction and support.

Safety and Security

We hosted a valuable online information session with a representative of the Calgary Police Service for Discovery Ridge residents.

We continue to advocate for CPS support with the Ring Road street racing. We encourage residents to report specific concerns to the CPS non-emergency line as these reports do impact results.

Planning

It has been a busy year on the planning front!

Our committee highlighted three priorities at last year's AGM: 1) pathway and park connections, 2) Clearwater Enmax Legacy Park, and 3) Ring Road/ Highway 8 issues.

Others have continued to pursue Ring Road noise and enforcement issues; however, the wider community needs to vigorously lobby the Province and our new City Council to make progress. Calls to the 3-1-1 line also help in the meantime.

We've pursued better connections to regional trail networks, restoring the Elbow Valley Wetlands to our east and delivering Clearwater Enmax Legacy Park to the west. We've partnered with the Elbow Park Residents Association (EPRA), Alberta Trailnet and others to encourage the City, Province, and Rocky View County to make things happen.

Our supportive Calgary West MLA Mike Ellis recently helped us arrange meetings with Parks Minister Todd Loewen and Alberta Transportation staff (Minister Devon Dreeshan).

Our request to Minister Loewen was to help the City of Calgary deliver Clearwater Park—alternatively take this over as a Provincial Park. A new group (Friends of Clearwater Park) is being formed to deliver this park, announced by Mayor Bronconnier in 2003.

Our request to Alberta Transportation was to protect and provide pedestrian/cycling access west along Highway 8. The current plan is to demolish the existing

bridge and build a new (Eastbound) bridge with no allowance for safe walking and cycling. One option is to save the existing bridge for cyclist, pedestrian, emergency, fire, and service access.

Finally, the Taza development is taking shape east of Discovery Ridge. There will be pathways from Westhills Way to Glenmore Park, but the Elbow Valley Constructed Wetlands remain unresolved. We hope to work with Taza, the City, Calgary Parks Foundation and others to redesign and restore this area in 2026.

Finance

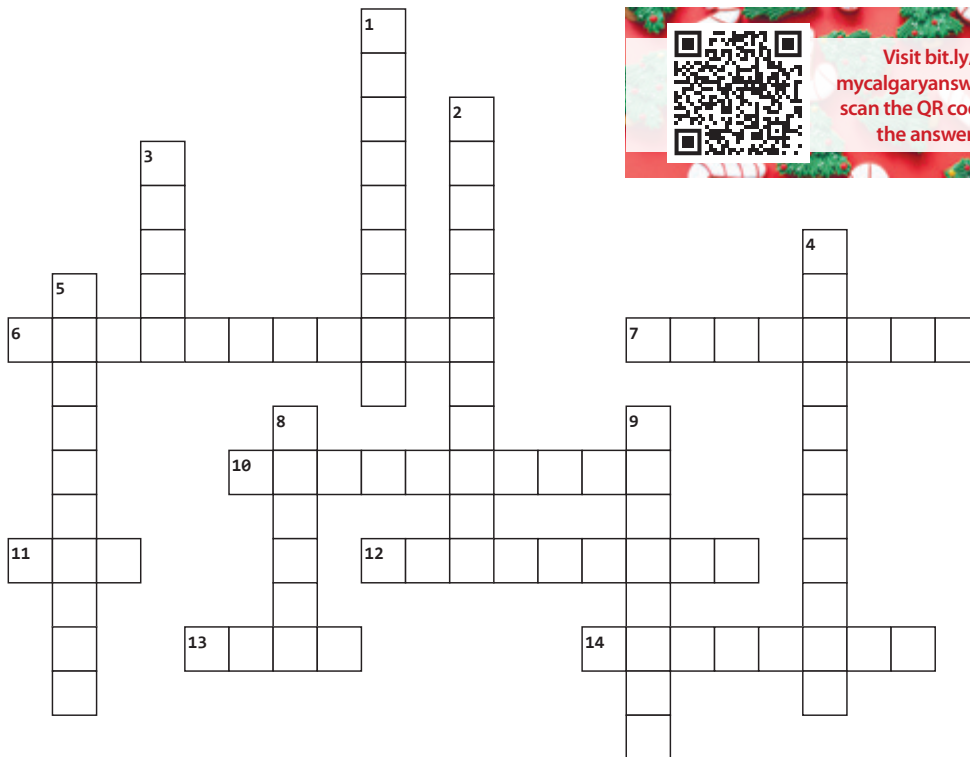
In 2025 fiscal year, DRCA received close to \$83,000 in AGLC Casino funds, which will be used for capital projects and other costs in accordance with AGLC guidance. DRCA continues to be in a very solid financial position with sufficient cash on hand to continue to maintain our excellent facilities and offer exciting events.

We're making great progress, but we still need your help. Consider joining the DRCA Board or volunteering as needed—your time and commitment help make Discovery Ridge even better.

Wishing you and your loved ones Happy Holidays and joy in 2026.



December Crossword



Visit bit.ly/mycalgaryanswers or scan the QR code for the answers

Across

6. The Statute of _____ passed on December 11, 1931, granting Canada full legislative independence from the British Empire.
7. Known for his role in *Stranger Things*, Canadian actor Finn _____ celebrates his birthday on December 23.
10. The _____ is also known as the Christmas flower.
11. "Gangnam Style" by _____ became the first YouTube video to reach one billion views on December 21, 2012.
12. In December 1612, astronomer Simon Marius made the first known telescopic observation of this galaxy.
13. *Star _____: The Motion Picture* premiered on December 7, 1979.
14. December 14 marks the start of this Jewish holiday.

Down

1. The bust of this Egyptian queen was found on December 6, 1912.
2. Annually on December 12, _____ House Day is celebrated.
3. The first human-to-human _____ transplant was performed on December 3, 1967, by Dr. Christiaan Barnard in Cape Town, South Africa.
4. _____'s ballet, *The Nutcracker*, premiered in Saint Petersburg on December 18, 1892.
5. Jane Austen's last novel, _____, was published on December 20, 1817.
8. Two years after being stolen, the "Mona Lisa" was returned to this museum on December 12, 1913.
9. Ferguson Jenkins born on December 13, 1942, in Chatham-Kent, was the first Canadian inducted into the _____ Hall of Fame.

Create More Memories and Less Waste This Holiday Season

by The City of Calgary - Waste and Recycling Services



The holidays bring joy—and extra waste. We generate about 25% more this time of year from wrapping paper, packaging, and leftover food. Small changes can make a big impact:

- Give experiences instead of things. Time together creates lasting memories.
- Make or repurpose gifts. Handmade or passed-down items tell a story.
- Wrap creatively. Reuse bags, bows, or wrap with fabric.
- Shop with purpose. Plan ahead and choose thoughtful gifts.
- Reduce food waste. Stick to a grocery list, use leftovers, or send extras home with guests.

Christmas Tree Composting

When the holidays are over, give your real Christmas tree a green goodbye by choosing one of the following options:

- Green Cart Pickup: Remove decorations, cut into small pieces, and place in your green cart.
- Drop-Off (until January 31): Take your undecorated, unbagged tree to a designated site.

Find locations at calgary.ca/christmastree.

Holiday Collection Changes

Please note blue, black, and green cart pickup date changes in your community!

- Thursday, December 25 moves to Monday, December 22.
- Thursday, January 1 moves to Monday, December 29.

Regular Thursday collection resumes January 8. Check your schedule at calgary.ca/cartschedule.

Thank you for helping keep Calgary clean and green. Happy holidays!

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Fireworks Reminder



Do your part to keep Discovery Ridge and Griffith Woods safe.

Calgary has seen an incredible increase in fireworks related incidents.

Here are the recent stats between Monday, October 20 to Wednesday, October 22 as an example of the growing concern:

- Calgary Polic Services (CPS) - 167 calls related to fireworks complaints.
- Emergency Management and Community Safety (EMCS) - 29 responses to 3-1-1 calls, 60 lbs of fireworks surrendered or abandoned, one ticket for discharging a firework, and 32 verbal warnings.
- Calgary Fire Department (CFD) - Responded to two residential fires related to firework usage.

The City of Calgary's safety partners remind everyone that fireworks and pyrotechnics cannot be ignited or fired in Calgary except by a trained and certified professional with a fireworks permit. This includes consumer fireworks that have been purchased or ordered outside Calgary.

Use of fireworks, pyrotechnics, or blasting without a permit is in violation of the National Fire Code (Alberta Edition) and City of Calgary bylaws and may result in fines or prosecution.

If you violate the fireworks bylaw, you may face penalties. These include fines based on the nature of the infraction:

- Possession of fireworks without a permit: Minimum fine of \$500.
- Use of fireworks without a permit: Minimum fine of \$250.
- Sale of fireworks without a permit: Minimum fine of \$250.

These fines are designed to protect our city from fire hazards and ensure that fireworks displays are conducted responsibly by trained professionals.

The City encourages anyone who observes fireworks going off to report their concerns to 3-1-1 and include details on neighbourhood/location.

As you gather attending cultural events, lighting diyas or LED candles, creating rangoli and sharing food and gifts with loved ones, we ask that you do so in a meaningful way that is safe for everyone.

For more information, visit [Calgary.ca/fireworks](https://calgary.ca/fireworks).

WORD OF THE MONTH

FINAGLE: VERB (FUH-NAY-GL)

To get something by indirect, involved, or devious means.

She tried to finagle her way into the VIP party.



Homeowners' Association (NDHA) News



Welcome to December neighbours—the annual holiday season is upon us! Looking toward 2026, we hope everyone will have a chance to celebrate and share good cheer with family and friends during this most festive time of the year. The NDHA Board of Directors wishes you and those closest to you a safe and happy holiday season, with sincere “Best Wishes for 2026” from all of us!

It was a busy year for the NDHA maintaining Discovery Ridge’s green spaces. In addition to the normal mowing and shrub bed maintenance, we completed a big project refreshing our xeriscaped medians. Now it is possible to enjoy all of the plants big and small and clearly see across them to avoid pedestrians or animals as they cross major streets. We collaborated with the City in planning a major tree replanting effort in the medians that should be completed in 2026. We were able to operate our waterfall entrance feature all season long this year with no declared water shortages (remember the July rain?). We saw the City finally replace the wall along the pathway behind Discovery Ridge Mount, allowing that pathway to re-open early in the fall. We are happy with the results that were achieved this year.

Our annual holiday light display has been up for a while now at the entrance to the community and in the arena area. Thanks again to True North Christmas Lights, who

handle maintenance and installation for these lights. The seven planters at the roundabout are also decked out in a holiday display, dressing up our entryway that much more. Thank you to Pixie Gardens’ talented staff for working with us on these planters. We hear many comments about how residents look forward to seeing these festive displays every year and that feedback is very motivating for the NDHA Board. We hope you agree that these preparations add to a most festive atmosphere to our Discovery Ridge entrance!

These holiday touches are a highlight in NDHA’s work throughout the year to provide the best landscaped community spaces in Calgary. They are part of what sets Discovery Ridge apart from other neighbourhoods. All of it is made possible by the fees that Discovery Ridge households pay to support NDHA’s work. Thank you to everyone who has already remitted their fees for 2025—these funds enable landscaping work, waterfall maintenance and operations, seasonal displays, and snow removal throughout the community. For anyone new to Discovery Ridge, this annual fee is a legal requirement and is due every year on June 29. If you are unsure of your payment status, please enquire via our website.

As we get into the snowy season, the NDHA would like to remind everyone to be vigilant while walking through the neighbourhood. Our ULS snow clearing team will be out in full force after each snow event, but Mother Nature is unpredictable. Ice can form unexpectedly, and slippery sections can get covered by blown snow. Use caution on the pathways, the hills in particular, and contact us if you see an area that needs attention.

As you look forward to setting new goals and resolutions for 2026, please consider a gift of time to your homeowners’ association. The NDHA Board is always looking for new members and volunteers. Volunteering can give you an opportunity to collaborate with the NDHA’s dedicated Board, learn and exercise useful skills, and influence the decisions that NDHA takes, all with the goal of making Discovery Ridge the best landscaped community in Calgary. If you think this sounds interesting, please reach out to us through the website (www.ndha.ca) or by emailing general@ndha.ca.

From everyone here at the NDHA, we hope you have a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year!

Quick and Easy Bruschetta Appetizers

by Jennifer Puri



Affordable and versatile, bruschetta is a deliciously simple tomato and basil combo.

A classic Italian appetizer, bruschetta originated in 15th century Italy. Olive growers would grill bread over an open fire to taste their freshly pressed oil. The simple slice of toasted bread later evolved to include cheeses, meats, and olives.

Soft cheeses like goat cheese, ricotta, or brie can create a unique flavour. This recipe uses bleu cheese and slices of French bread, but you can also use ciabatta bread instead. Bruschetta can be served warm or cold as part of an appetizer platter.

Bruschetta pairs well with pastas and salads, grilled chicken, or fish. Leftovers can be refrigerated for two to three days in an airtight container.

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 10 minutes

Servings: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

- 4 cups of chopped tomatoes
- 2 tbsps. chopped basil
- ¼ cup chopped red onion
- 6 tbsps. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 loaf of French bread

- ½ cup mayonnaise
- ½ cup crumbled bleu cheese
- ¾ tsp. dry mustard
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. coarsely ground black pepper
- 1 tbsps. white wine vinegar

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Slice French bread into ½-inch-thick slices and then cut into half. Lightly brush slices with olive oil on both sides, place on a baking sheet and bake in oven for 10 minutes or until lightly brown.
3. Prepare tomato mixture by mixing together tomatoes, red onion, basil, salt, pepper, 2 tbsps. of olive oil, and the white wine vinegar.
4. In a separate bowl gently mix together mayonnaise, mustard, and crumbled bleu cheese.
5. Spread the cheese mixture on the toasts then top with the tomato mixture. Garnish with fresh basil leaves and serve.

Bon Appétit!



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Dear Ward 6 Residents,

I am deeply honoured and grateful for the trust you have placed in me to represent you on Calgary City Council for the next four years. Thank you for your support, your conversations at the door, and your belief in a shared vision for our community. This victory belongs to all of us. Together we will make Ward 6 an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

As your Councillor, my top priority is to ensure that Ward 6 remains a vibrant, safe, and connected community. I will work tirelessly to have smarter spending, thoughtful development, and safer streets. I am also committed to strengthening city services, promoting small business growth, and protecting our parks and green spaces for generations to come.

Equally important is keeping an open line of communication with you. Transparent, accessible, and responsive representation will guide every decision I make at City Hall. Together, we can make sure Ward 6 continues to thrive and that your voices are heard on every major issue that affects our community. Please stay connected through email, my social media channels, and website to receive upcoming newsletters, community updates, details on future town halls, and much more. The Ward 6 team and I are always here to listen, answer your questions, and address your concerns. I am excited for what we can accomplish together over the next four years.

Wishing you and your family a safe and joyous holiday season. Merry Christmas!

With gratitude,

John Pantazopoulos



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Recently, I had a productive meeting with Chief Keith Blake, Chief of Police for the Tsuut'ina Nation Police Service. Chief Blake is dedicated to community-first policing and advocating for Indigenous-led approaches. We discussed strengthening community safety initiatives with Federal Minister of Public Safety Gary Anandasangaree. I am looking forward to collaborating on initiatives that prioritize community well-being and respectful policing.

Teachers are vital to the success of Alberta's education system. Over the next three years, school boards will be provided with funding to hire 3,000 teachers and 1,500 new education assistants. These funds can be allocated to additional student support through assessments for complex needs and other classroom supports.

Across Alberta, teachers are seeing more students with diverse learning needs and behavioural challenges, while incidents of classroom aggression are rising. To address these challenges and in response to concerns raised by teachers, Alberta's government will be appointing a Class Size and Complexity Task Force.

Beginning in November, Alberta's government will work with school boards to gather information and data about class sizes and composition to ensure students are receiving the support they need. Information will be released as soon as it is available and annually thereafter.

The Alberta government recently formed the Aggression and Complexity in Schools Action Team to identify practical classroom focused solutions. Alberta's government has received the action team's draft final report. Its recommendations will help to create a roadmap for safer classrooms. The final report will be released. The task force will implement solutions, work with school boards to gather more data on classroom complexity and begin work to replace the 2004 Standards for Special Education.

May the spirit of Christmas fill your lives with love, hope, positivity, and joy! I wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy 2026!



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