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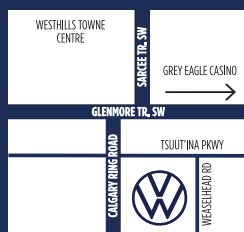


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DRCA Channels of Communication

Our community association has several channels to communicate to you, and for you to communicate with us!

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www.discoveryridge.com

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

Email Us

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



Mark Your Calendar

- Every Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm – Farm Stand from Shirley's Greenhouse
- September 2 at 7:30 pm – DRCA Regular Board Meeting
- September 6 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm – Music in the Park – discoveryridge.com/music-in-the-park/
- October 6 at 7:30 pm – DRCA Regular Board Meeting

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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Music in the Park Is Here!

This is a final reminder to join us for Music in the Park, a wonderful way to celebrate the end of summer! The event will be held on Saturday, September 6, from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. Please bring a chair or blanket and meet us at the park for a fantastic lineup of live music, a beer/wine garden, and delicious food from Calgary's finest food trucks. We can't wait to see you there! We'd like to extend a huge thank you to our amazing sponsors who make this event possible:

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- West Hills United Soccer

Full event details and the live music schedule available at: discoveryridge.com/music-in-the-park/.

Memberships

A friendly reminder that the annual DRCA memberships expired on August 31. If you haven't already, please renew your membership online at: www.discoveryridge.com/membership. The membership year runs from September 1 to August 31.

We are incredibly fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteers on our DRCA board and various committees. In addition to many other initiatives, the DRCA:

- Maintains the ice rinks, tennis and pickleball courts, and the Rec Facility Green Space.
- Represents DR community concerns and initiatives and collaborates with the City of Calgary, Province of Alberta, and all levels of elected representatives when required.
- Organizes special events for residents to come together and enjoy - such as Stampede Roundup and Music in the Park.
- Provides communication channels for our community (the *Ridge Review* newsletter, website, Facebook, Instagram, X (Twitter), members-only email notices, and mail-outs).

Did You Know?

A major portion of the DRCA operating funds goes towards insurance policies and mandatory not-for-profit annual financial audits. The fixed costs for community associations are a huge commitment. Your membership matters!

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The City of Calgary considers the percentage of residents who are members of their community association when the association advocates for community-related concerns, such as traffic, environmental concerns, zoning, and residential developments surrounding our area. Without a critical mass of active members, it becomes increasingly challenging to effectively represent community concerns with City Council. Your membership matters!

Our current membership is less than 50%. Our goal is to have 70% of the 1,650 Discovery Ridge households with a current membership so the DRCA can represent our community with a stronger voice. Please support your DRCA!



Mail-In Ballots for Calgary's 2025 General Election Available by Request

by The City of Calgary

Calgary's General Election will take place on October 20, 2025, and eligible voters can now request a special (mail-in) ballot if they are unable to go to a voting station during the Advance Vote or on Election Day. Voters must meet eligibility requirements to receive a mail-in ballot.

Visit Elections Calgary or call 403-476-4100 to request a mail-in package. The last day to request a mail-in ballot to be mailed to you is October 3, 2025. Requests after this date will need to be picked up in person at the Elections Calgary office.

Information about Calgary's upcoming General Election, including mail-in ballots and voter eligibility can be found at www.electionscalgary.ca.

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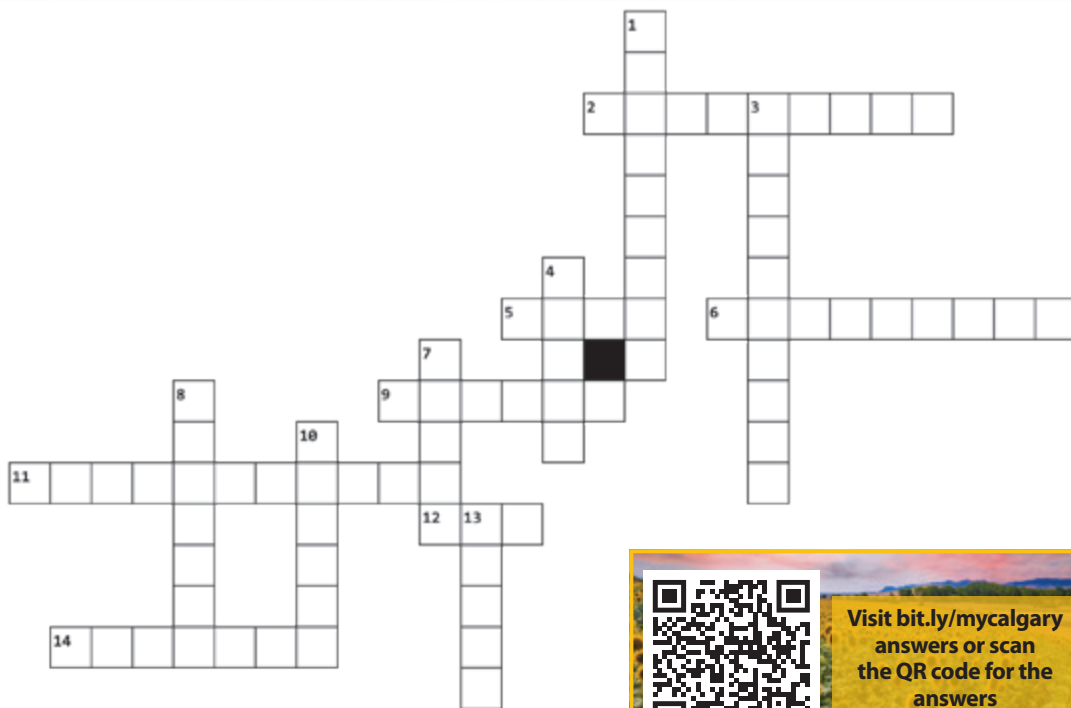
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March	25	8	8	\$665,750	\$655,000
February	25	10	11	\$1,069,000	\$1,025,000
January	25	12	8	\$513,500	\$510,000
December	24	6	4	\$369,900	\$380,000
November	24	7	7	\$469,000	\$464,000
October	24	13	10	\$682,400	\$672,500
September	24	7	8	\$889,750	\$870,500
August	24	7	7	\$1,150,000	\$1,120,000

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September Crossword



Across

2. Ernest _____'s *The Old Man and the Sea* was first published on September 1, 1952.
5. September's full moon is named after a plant also known as maize.
6. In September 1835, Charles Darwin, aboard the *HMS Beagle* arrived at the _____ Islands.
9. *The _____ Girls*, a sitcom about four older women living together in Miami, premiered on September 14, 1985.
11. Ice hockey forward, John Tavares, was born on September 20, 1990, in _____, Ontario.
12. This "Finger Lickin' Good" fast food restaurant opened its first franchise on September 24, 1952.
14. Starring Canadian actor, William _____, *Star Trek* premiered on September 8, 1966.

Down

1. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame opened to the public on September 2, 1995, in _____, Ohio.
3. On September 19, 1893, this country became the first to grant all women the right to vote.
4. Canadian singer-songwriter Leonard _____ was born on September 21, 1934.
7. On September 4, 1888, George Eastman patented a roll-film camera and introduced this now-iconic brand name.
8. Canada beat the USA by 23 runs on September 25, 1844, in the first international _____ match.
10. On the first Monday of September, _____ Day is observed in Alberta.
13. Stars of *Bridget Jones's Diary*, Colin _____ and Hugh Grant, were both born in September 1960, just one day apart.

Benefits of DRCA Membership

What does the DRCA do for me?

- Organizes social events such as Music in the Park, annual Stampede Round Up, 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 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 form.

Visit www.discoveryridge.com.



DRCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal Membership

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Address: _____

Phone: _____

Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

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| <input type="radio"/> Communications | <input type="radio"/> Environment |
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| <input type="radio"/> Sponsorship | |

Payment: \$25

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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: _____



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Back to School Safety

by Alberta Health Services

Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents and students of some basic safety tips as the school year begins again this fall. Pedestrians and motorists both have an important role to play – road safety is a shared responsibility.

Motorists

- Distracted driving carries a \$300 fine and three demerit points in Alberta. Avoid the use of mobile devices or engaging in any other behavior that diverts your attention away from driving.
- Give right-of-way to pedestrians who have activated overhead crossing lights, or who are waiting to cross from a street corner.
- Other than parked cars, it is illegal to pass another vehicle in a school or playground zone during posted hours.

Around School Buses

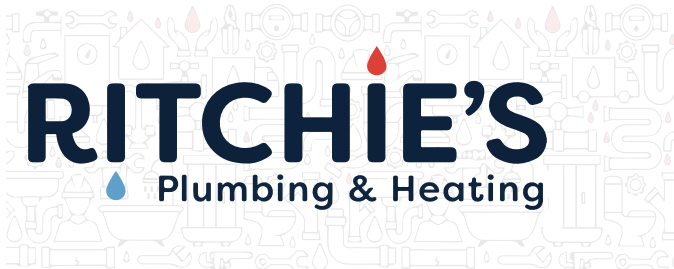
- Flashing amber lights mean a bus is slowing down to stop – motorists should do likewise.
- No matter which direction you are coming from, stop when approaching a school bus with activated flashing red lights – unless the bus is on the opposite side of a divided highway from you.
- Driver courtesy goes a long way. By simply being alert and cautious when approaching a school bus, you are contributing to school bus safety.

Pedestrians

- Cross only at marked crosswalks, or street corners that have clear visibility from all directions.



- Make eye contact with all drivers before crossing the street and keep distractions to a minimum.
- When activating overhead crossing lights, pause before stepping off the curb to ensure motorists in both directions have come to a complete stop.
- Stay within the crosswalk lines.
- Obey pedestrian lights at intersections. Cross the street only when you see the 'walk' sign and only when all cars have come to a complete stop.
- If you are with young children or pets, hold your child's hand firmly and keep a solid grip on leashes when crossing.
- Remember: Children learn by observing. By demonstrating safe crossing habits, you can reduce the chances of your child being involved in a preventable auto/pedestrian collision.



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Homeowners' Association (NDHA) News

As summer winds down, Discovery Ridge continues to shine with lush greenery and vibrant blooms. Thanks to a season of generous rainfall, our community's lawns and flowerbeds are thriving—perhaps the most beautiful they've looked in years! We're grateful to ULS and Pixie Gardens for their continued care of our medians, walkways, and green spaces. Even our signature waterfall feature at the entrance remains in full flow, adding a touch of serenity to every arrival.

Crews are still active throughout the community, maintaining our landscaping, and monitoring recent herbicide applications. Please slow down when passing them and consider giving a friendly wave to show your appreciation.

Outstanding Fees

The 2025 NDHA fee of \$325 was due on June 29. Thank you to all members who have paid! If you haven't yet, please remit your payment as soon as possible. Unsure of your status? Visit your membership portal on our website. For questions, contact:

- NDHA Treasurer: accounts@ndha.ca
- Membership Director: NDHAMembership@ndha.ca

Please include your property address in all correspondence.

Pathway Closures and Detours

Please be aware that certain pathways in Discovery Ridge and Griffith Woods remain closed or have detours due to ongoing work by the City of Calgary. These closures are essential for safety and the integrity of the project. We ask all residents to respect signage and avoid restricted areas.

Recently NDHA received an update from the City of Calgary about what they are now calling the Discovery Ridge Dam Safety project around Griffiths Pond in the west section of the neighbourhood. The update noted that the City is still in the design stage now expected to finish by the first quarter of 2026. The design will address both dam safety and support the evolution of the naturalized space around the pond. Following the completion of the design, they will begin looking for community feedback. More information should be available in September as they have committed to

putting up a project web page. This project falls outside NDHA's normal mandate as the area adjacent to the pond is all considered naturalized space by the City.

Have a wonderful September and enjoy the beauty of our community as summer transitions into fall.

www.ndha.ca | general@ndha.ca | 403-237-9595





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Creamy Beef Enchiladas

by Jennifer Puri

The idea of rolling tortillas around food originated in Aztec times but it was the Spanish Conquistadors who adopted the dish and added new ingredients like cheese, pork, and chicken.

Enchiladas, meaning “to season with chilies”, refers to stuffed corn tortillas that have been dipped in a chili sauce. A traditional Mexican dish, Enchiladas have a unique flavour and are a perfect combination of tortilla, meat, cheese, and sauce.

Smothered in sauce and baked, creamy beef enchiladas are filling and rich, so they are best paired with a simple bean salad or Mexican rice.

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 30 minutes

Bake Time: 30 minutes

Servings: 5 to 6

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ lbs lean ground beef
- 1 tbsp. canola oil
- ½ cup yellow onion, sliced
- 1 cup cooked and rinsed black beans
- 2 packets (24 gm each) hot and spicy taco seasoning
- 6 large flour tortillas
- 1 ½ tsp. powdered cumin
- ¼ cup all purpose flour
- 1 can diced green chili peppers
- 1 cup milk
- 2 cups light sour cream
- ½ cup low fat Greek yoghurt
- 2 cups Mexican shredded cheese

Directions:

1. Heat oil in a medium size pan, add onion and sauté until it turns a light brown. Then add the ground beef and brown about 3 to 4 minutes. Next add the taco seasoning and the black beans and continue to stir for 2 to 3 minutes.
2. Add the water and simmer the beef and bean mixture for about 20 minutes or until the liquid has dried up. Remove from heat and allow to cool.



3. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
4. Grease a large, rectangular oven-proof dish with butter. Place the tortillas on a flat surface and divide the cooled meat mixture between the tortillas. Fold tortillas and place them in the baking dish seams side down.
5. Prepare the cream sauce by combining the flour, cumin, sour cream, milk, yoghurt, and chilies in a bowl. Then spoon the sauce over the tortillas and sprinkle the cheese over it. Cover with non-stick foil and bake in the oven for 30 to 40 minutes.
6. Garnish with chopped tomato, avocado, and coriander leaves, and serve with a salad, salsa, and sour cream if desired.

Bon Appétit!

Griffith Woods Park: Fall into the Park

One of the biggest draws to Griffith Woods is its natural setting. Located on the western edge of Calgary, this park feels ‘a little wilder, a bit less manicured’ than some inner-city parks. To borrow from a favourite book of mine, Griffith Woods retains a “dishevelled dryad loveliness” where things are allowed to grow as they will. For all of us who love spending time in nature, there are some ways we can act to make sure our parks stay natural.

Fire is always a threat to our parks, especially one with many trees and a vibrant understory like Griffith Woods. As Alberta Parks reminds us, over 60% of last year's wildfires were human caused, either through improperly manged firepits, or seemingly harmless actions like disposing of cigarette butts. Preventing wildfires is always in season | Alberta.ca. It's critical that the community shares the responsibility to reduce the threat of man-made fire. As a reminder, there are no fires allowed within Griffith Woods, and please make sure your cigarette butts are fully extinguished before properly disposing of them.



Pathways are an intentional way for us to interact with nature. While you wouldn't typically find an asphalt or groomed pathway in the wild, they are a compromise that we make to protect the park and let people connect with nature. Choosing to go off-path increases the damage done to the natural health of the park. Griffith Woods has many rare or localized plant species whose growth is stunted when they are stepped on. Many birds in our parks are also ground nesters, and their nests can be accidently stomped on. By keeping to already marked, existing pathways, we help minimize that damage and preserve the nature of the park. Check out the newly installed signage to be sure you're on the right trail!

Speaking of pathways, we also want to make sure that we are keeping our existing pathways in good condition. Recently it has been noted that an unauthorized bike course was built under the powerlines west of the main parking lot. This included digging holes, building jumps, and adding obstacles in the pathway. There are

designated places in the city for this type of bike usage, but Griffith Woods is not one of them. The damage that can be caused to the environment by this type of use can be extensive and hard to repair. If you do see this kind of damage being done in the park, please notify 3-1-1 so that repairs can be made. Also consider checking The City website at calgary.ca/bike-walk-roll/pump-tracks.html for more information on where to find a nearby bike track!



As we head into one of the most beautiful seasons in Griffith Woods, I wish you all a great time, enjoy the park and if you would like more information, please go to calgary.ca/parks/griffith-woods-park.html.



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3-1-1 Calgary App Gets an Update

by *The City of Calgary*

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How to Use the App

Report issues you see like potholes, graffiti, or missed waste collection. Simply describe the concern, upload photos, tag the location, and submit your request.

New Changes

New features include real-time status updates on submitted requests, allowing users to track progress and receive notifications. The app also includes a built-in City news feed sharing key programs, services, and updates. With only 30 percent of 3-1-1 requests coming through the app, there's opportunity to grow this efficient digital option. Download the Calgary 3-1-1 app today and help spread the word.



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I hope you have enjoyed a happy, relaxing summer with your family and friends.

Throughout the summer months, I enjoyed seeing constituents and Albertans at the many celebrations and social events held within Calgary and beyond. Ranging from large public gatherings including the Calgary Stampede, to smaller private receptions and meetings, I appreciate the informative conversations and fellowship.

September brings many exciting new opportunities. With the anticipation associated with the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year, students, parents, and school staff are focusing on renewed learning opportunities and a return to more regular routines. Together, we can use our best efforts to support our youth as they develop their knowledge, skills, and independence. I extend my best wishes to all for a happy, successful, school year!

According to CPSA's second-quarter update, Alberta has reached a record-breaking 12,327 physicians registered to practice across the province. This represents an increase of 204 physicians from the previous quarter and 571 more than at the same time last year.

Premier Danielle Smith and I have announced the next step toward a new policing option with the appointment of Sat Parhar as the first chief of the Independent Agency Police Service. The new agency, soon to be called the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service, will take over duties currently handled by Alberta Sheriffs and give communities more options for how they keep people safe. With civilian oversight and a dedicated leadership team, it will improve rural response times and support more effective, locally driven policing across Alberta.

This appointment signifies a significant step forward in the Alberta government's efforts to establish a more robust, community-focused policing model that is better equipped to meet the unique needs of residents. We are confident that we will develop a modern, efficient police service that not only enhances public safety but also aligns closely with the priorities and values of Albertans.

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