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August	25	7	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
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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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Instagram

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

Email Us

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

Mark Your Calendar

- February 2, 2026, at 7:30 pm – DRCA Regular Board Meeting
- February 23, 2026, at 7:00 pm – DRCA AGM (online)
- March 2, 2026, 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.

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DRCA Annual General Meeting

February 23, 2026 | 7:00 pm | via Zoom

 Get involved in your community!

The Discovery Ridge Community Association's Annual General Meeting will be held via Zoom on February 23 at 7:00 pm.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is open to all Discovery Ridge residents, and we encourage everyone to attend. During the meeting, the DRCA Board will review projects completed in 2025 and share a high-level overview of initiatives planned for the year ahead. We will also provide a summary of community activities and present the financials for the past fiscal year. The AGM will conclude with the election of the DRCA Executive for the upcoming year.

Voting privileges are reserved for DRCA members. If you are not yet a member, we invite you to purchase a \$25 membership in advance at www.discoveryridge.com/membership/.

DRCA members will receive the Zoom link by email prior to the meeting. Non-members who wish to attend are

welcome to email us as noted below. If you have not received the Zoom link by February 20, please email drca_pres@discoveryridge.com with the subject line "DRCA AGM", and we will be happy to send it to you.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming DRCA AGM.

Bottle Shack Donations

Help support the DRCA by dropping your refundables in the C-Can located in the gravel parking lot along Discovery Ridge Blvd, next to the recreation facility and soccer fields.

Your donations help cover:

- Power for the rink lights
- Water bills
- Recreation facility improvements
- General DRCA operating costs
- And more...



DRCA Community Updates

Community Cleanup

The DRCA is in the process of applying to the City of Calgary to once again host a Community Cleanup. This annual program allows residents to dispose of unwanted items and is always well used and appreciated.

Special Events

- Santa at Wonder Donuts: Approximately 75 young Discovery Ridge residents enjoyed a festive visit with Santa on December 14, filled with smiles, laughter, and holiday cheer.
- Stampede Round-Up: Planning is underway for this much-loved June event, which brings our community together for an afternoon of fun and connection.
- Music in the Park: Planning must begin soon to ensure this September event can go ahead. At this time, a volunteer chair has not been secured, and without leadership the event may be cancelled for 2026. If you or a group of friends are interested in helping, please contact events@discoveryridge.com.

Bottle Shack

The community bottle shack continues to be a great fundraising source to support the ongoing activities in Discovery Ridge. Your donated bottles are much appreciated.

Recreation Facilities Maintenance

Dedicated Discovery Ridge volunteers maintain the community's tennis, pickleball, roller hockey, skating, and hockey facilities year-round.

Rink Update

Despite water restrictions and fluctuating temperatures, ice crews continue to monitor conditions, make repairs where possible, and prioritize safe, high-quality ice.

- Rink Closures: To protect the ice, we have had to close the facilities for short periods, but our volunteers continue to work hard to get it opened again for the enjoyment of Discovery Ridge residents.

- Hockey Rink: The north-end mesh has been upgraded with stronger, reinforced material to improve durability. During the last two summers, maintenance of the dasher boards was completed including replacing broken bolts to ensure safety and longevity.

- Leisure Ice: Lighting options are being explored to support evening use, with directional lighting from the maintenance facility currently under consideration.

Tennis Courts

Improvements are being made to the tennis courts to ensure Discovery Ridge residents continue to enjoy them. Watch for updates in future communications.

Solar Panels for the Recreation Facility

The DRCA recently applied for a grant to cover the cost of installing solar panels on the roof of the recreation maintenance building. While we didn't receive funding on this application the DRCA will continue to seek funding support.

Clearwater Park and Pathways

With the planned demolition of the old Hwy 8 bridge and no pedestrian pathway included on the new structure, the DRCA in conjunction with our Elbow Park Neighbours continues to advocate for pathway access with relevant stakeholders.

Elbow Valley Constructed Wetlands

Following the removal of the wetlands during ring road construction, the area has been left in an undesirable state. The DRCA has met with the Taza developer, along with City of Calgary representatives, to discuss potential redesign of and improvements to the conservation area.

Pathway Connections to Taza

Future trail connections between 69 Street SW and the Taza communities are being contemplated in development plans. While timelines and specifics are not yet confirmed, these links would enhance walking and cycling access heading east.

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.

In October 2025, our amazing volunteers hand-delivered membership invitations to homes across the community, and we've already seen a terrific response.

As of this newsletter, 389 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.

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/membership/ to purchase our \$25 membership or see the membership form on this page.

Thank you for your support!



DRCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Customer Review Period (January 14 to March 23) Is Your Opportunity to Review and Ensure the Accuracy of Your 2026 Property Assessment

by *The City of Calgary*

Your 2026 property assessment is mailed out January 14. The 2026 Customer Review Period (CRP) runs from January 14 to March 23. CRP is your opportunity to review and ensure the accuracy of your 2026 property assessment and learn more about how your assessment was determined.

What to look for when reviewing your assessment:

- Is your market value assessment a reasonable estimate as of July 1, 2025?
- Are the property details we have on record, correct?
- Is your assessment fair when compared with others in your neighbourhood?

Each year, The City and the Province separately set a budget and decide how much money they need from property tax. Your share of property tax is based on your assessment class and the assessed value of your property. Your 2026 property tax bill will be mailed in May, but you can get an estimation of it now by visiting calgary.ca/taxcalculator.

To help you review your property assessment we offer general resources on calgary.ca/assessment and property specific tools through the secure log in feature of calgary.ca/mytax. By logging onto myTax you can:

- Check your property details and ensure they're correct. *Incorrect property details can result in your assessment not accurately reflecting the value of your property.
- Compare your property's assessed value to similar properties in your area.
- Review real estate market trends and learn how your property was assessed.

Questions? Visit calgary.ca/assessment or call 3-1-1. Customer Review Period ends March 23.

Who's Making Life Better for Calgarians with Disabilities? The Advisory Committee on Accessibility Wants You to Nominate Them for an Award

by *The City of Calgary*



Now is the time to nominate an individual or group that's helping people with disabilities live a good life in Calgary. Nominations run from February 9 to 23, 2026.

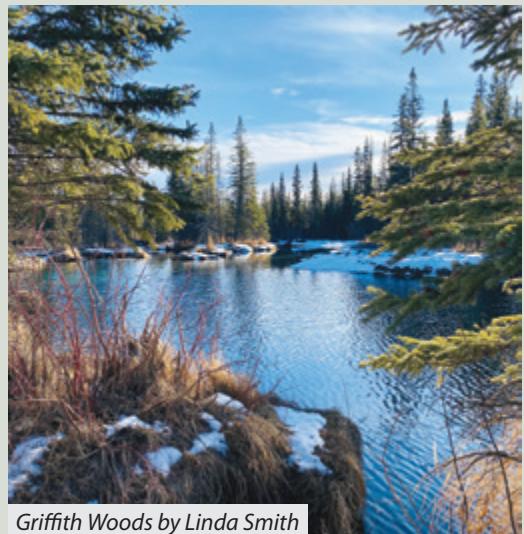
The Advisory Committee on Accessibility's annual awards program started in 2006. The committee is a City Council committee consisting of citizens with disabilities and a keen interest in access issues. Working closely with the community and The City of Calgary, the committee makes recommendations to City Council on policy and systems issues, and barriers impacting people with disabilities in Calgary.

The last Accessibility Awards were presented to Lionel Migrino (Advocacy Award for an Individual), Lacrossing Barriers (Advocacy Award for an Organization), Skye Luk (Transportation and Mobility Award), and Pamela Butvin (Universal Design Award).

To submit a nomination or learn more about the awards (including award categories, criteria, winners and their work), visit Calgary.ca/accessibilityawards.

Snapshots of Discovery

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



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Homeowners' Association (NDHA) News



Welcome to February everyone! We hope that you will get the chance to take part in the fun local activities and spend quality time together with your loved ones on Family Day. Alberta was the first province to set up a statutory holiday celebrating family in 1990. Now at least six other provinces have holidays on the third Monday in February. A holiday in the midst of winter is a great opportunity to enjoy time in our beautiful community with your family!

To keep our beautiful community looking its best, we would like to remind everyone to please pick up after your pet and use the public trash bins located throughout the neighbourhood. The NDHA has installed dog waste bag dispensers at various locations in the community if you don't have one. Also, please don't leave full bags on the path system for someone else to pick up. Our landscaping contractor ULS does not clean up dog poop. In addition to being unsightly, this waste can attract coyotes and bobcats. Everyone appreciates full bags being placed in a bin rather than finding them on the ground when the snow melts. Your neighbours will appreciate your diligence.

Spring Projects – Did You Know...?

With spring not that far off, some of you will be planning home and yard improvements for the warmer months. Please do your due diligence and research how to proceed under City bylaws, city development processes, and especially, what is allowed under any restrictive covenants, easements, or other instruments registered against your property title. Work done without required permits or that go against instruments on your title could cause difficulties with the City, with your homeowner's insurance, or with your neighbours. It is you, not your contractor, who will ultimately be held responsible for any infractions.

Most properties in Discovery Ridge have a Restrictive Covenant regarding fencing and other aspects of development registered on title to the property and this instrument remains in force. Homeowners who also belong to condominium associations will have specific condo bylaws to follow that may have additional requirements over non-condo owners. These requirements can be extremely specific and are supplementary to City bylaws. Restrictive Covenant provisions are usually enforceable through the courts. Every owner should be familiar with what is allowed (or not allowed) on their property. Following all the rules that apply to your property is a great way to avoid potentially expensive mistakes. Property title and associated registered instrument details listed on your title and the details of any registration can be obtained for a fee at a local Registries office or on Alberta's "Spin2" website (alta.registries.gov.ab.ca/spinii/logon.aspx).

NDHA Fees and Invoices

The NDHA Board works on its budget for the upcoming year in the fall and early winter. We look to our main contracts (landscaping, snow clearing, holiday lighting, other maintenance services), anticipated one-off projects that are necessary, and our expected revenue from the annual fees. The Board completed this budgeting process late in 2025 and confirmed the annual fee will remain unchanged at \$325 for the year.

2026 NDHA invoicing will take place in February. You will receive notification of your invoice via the email address associated with your account, or by post mail if no email is on file. Please be on the lookout for it. Several households have yet to pay their 2025 fee, which was due June 29, 2025. An interest charge of

18% per annum has been applied to these outstanding accounts effective December 31, 2025, per the terms of the encumbrance registered on their land title document. Thank you to everyone who pays the fee on time. Prompt payment allows us to continue this important work in Discovery Ridge, something that we all benefit from.

The best way to ensure you get your NDHA invoice on time is by registering your email with the NDHA. Use your member portal on our website to confirm or add your contact details. If you are new to the community and need to set up your member portal, contact our Director of Memberships at membership2@ndha.ca.

We are always interested to hear input, feedback, and suggestions from our NDHA members. You can access our website at www.ndha.ca, email us at General@ndha.ca, or call us at 403-237-9595. We would love to hear from you and are happy to respond to your questions.



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Be Water Wise Indoors This Winter

by *The City of Calgary*

When it's cold outside, most of the water we use is indoors—and small changes at home can help protect one of our most precious resources.



This winter, The City of Calgary is encouraging Calgarians to be water wise inside their homes.

Simple everyday habits can easily reduce your water use.

- **Fix leaks quickly.** A dripping tap or running toilet can quietly waste thousands of litres of water each year. If you hear or see a leak, don't ignore it.
- **Run full loads.** Wait until your dishwasher and washing machine are full before you press start—you'll save water, energy, and money on your utility bill.
- **Use water-saving settings.** Choose water-saving or eco cycles when available on dishwashers and washing machines.
- **Track your use.** Check your water bill or meter regularly so you can spot sudden increases that may point to a hidden leak.

By using water wisely today, we help keep our rivers healthy and ensure there's enough to go around as Calgary continues to grow. Together, we are water wise.

To learn more about indoor water-saving tips and find tools to help track your water use, visit calgary.ca/IndoorWaterWise.



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April is Come Try Ringette month, and there will be many sessions in Calgary.



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Winter Tips to Keep Our Rivers Healthy

by The City of Calgary

When snow melts, water runs off our streets, driveways, and yards, and ultimately ends up in our rivers, creeks, and wetlands. This runoff is called stormwater. Stormwater picks up garbage, chemicals, pet waste, salt, gravel, dirt, and other debris, washing it into our storm drains and our rivers.

The City of Calgary and Calgarians need to work together to manage our stormwater. In newer communities, The City uses storm ponds to help naturally treat stormwater by slowing the flow, allowing sediment and pollution to settle before entering our rivers. While these are found in newer communities, stormwater is not cleaned by a treatment plant, which is why keeping it pollution free is so important. Clean stormwater ensures our rivers, creeks, and wetlands, as well as local wildlife and fish, remain healthy for future generations.

Together we can keep our rivers and creeks healthy by:

- Shovelling shortly after it snows to prevent ice and reduce salt, sand, or gravel use.
- Following the manufacturer's instructions if using salt on your driveway or sidewalks, so you're not using more than needed.
- Sweeping up excess salt, sand, and gravel from your driveway and sidewalks.
- Continuing to pick up pet waste and litter off the ground and dispose of them in the right disposal bin.

What ends up on our streets, ends up in our rivers. For more tips and information, visit calgary.ca/stormwater.



Imagine The Future of Recreation in Southwest Calgary

by The City of Calgary

We're planning the future Belmont Recreation Centre and Community Hub to give residents more places to swim, play, stay active, and connect. This project is part of GamePLAN, The City's vision and strategy for the future of public recreation that supports healthy, active communities.

The facility will be located within the Belmont Civic Site at Creekside Blvd SW and 210 Ave SW, alongside the Belmont Fieldhouse and Library which began construction in 2025.

What's Happening and Why

Southwest Calgary communities like Belmont are growing quickly, creating a need for more recreation opportunities.

The Belmont Recreation Centre and Community Hub will include an aquatics and fitness centre, gymnasium(s), multipurpose rooms, and two athletic turf fields, designed to bring people together through sport, fitness, and community.

What Feedback

We want to hear about the recreational activities you value most to help refine the draft concept for the facility.

Next Steps

Share your thoughts at an event or online at calgary.ca/Belmont between February 9 and February 27, 2026.

Once we've gathered your input, we'll review it and share the results. In spring 2026, look for our "What We Heard" and "What We Did" reports to see how your feedback helped shape the plan.



February Is Heart Month

by Alberta Health Services



Do you know the signs and symptoms of a heart attack and what to do if someone experiences these? Knowing may make the difference between life and death. Recognizing and responding immediately to the warning signs of a potential heart attack may significantly improve survival and recovery. February is Heart Month: take the time to be heart safe and learn how you can reduce your risk.

Common Signs of a Heart Attack

(Any, or all, of these signs and symptoms may occur)

- Chest discomfort described as simply a mild pressure up to a 'crushing' pain; may also be 'squeezing' or a 'heavy' sensation.
- Discomfort may move to the shoulders, arm, neck, or jaw.

- May include shortness of breath, sweating, or nausea/vomiting.
- Signs may vary person to person and can differ between men, women, and the elderly.

Heart Attack Risk Factors

- Obesity*
- Sedentary lifestyle*
- Smoking*
- High cholesterol*
- Age/Gender
- Family history

Speak with your doctor about how to treat your modifiable (*) risk factors and learn to be heart safe.

What To Do When Seconds Count

- Call 9-1-1, immediately. Early treatment can greatly reduce heart damage and be the difference between life and death.
- Treatment starts the moment EMS arrives. Paramedics can provide oxygen, start an intravenous, and perform an electrocardiogram (ECG).
- Paramedics can also administer important medication(s) in the early minutes of a heart attack to lessen heart damage.
- During transport, EMS will share information with the hospital so that definitive treatment can begin immediately upon arrival.
- Take a CPR/AED course. Training is widely available from many reputable organizations. It's easy and could make a significant difference in the outcome of someone experiencing a heart attack.

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Hello Ward 6,

February is a busy and important month across Calgary, and I want to share a few timely updates and opportunities for residents to stay informed and engaged.

First, I encourage homeowners to review their 2026 Property Assessment, which was mailed in mid-January. The City's Customer Review Period runs until March 23, giving residents the chance to confirm property details, compare assessments with similar homes, and ensure values reflect the market as of July 1, 2025. Your assessment plays a key role in how property taxes are calculated. Tools and support are available online, and questions can be directed to 3-1-1.

February also brings opportunities to celebrate community and accessibility. From January 30 to February 16, Chinook Blast returns with winter activities, art, and events across the city. In addition, nominations for the Accessibility Awards open February 9, recognizing individuals and organizations making Calgary more accessible. These awards highlight the impact residents have when we build a city that works for everyone.

Youth ages 15 to 24 can connect with employers at the City's Youth Hiring Fair on March 26 at Stampede Park. Visit Calgary.ca/yechiring for ongoing announcements and advice on how to get prepared!

Next month, I look forward to continuing the conversation surrounding the repeal of blanket rezoning during Public Hearings. Many residents have shared thoughtful feedback about how growth and development affect established communities. I believe Calgarians deserve a planning process that is transparent, contextual, and responsive to local voices. I will continue advocating for meaningful engagement and practical solutions that respect neighbourhood character while planning responsibly for Calgary's future. Public Hearings are set to occur in March. For more information, visit our website at Calgary.ca/ward6.

As always, thank you for staying engaged and taking part in shaping our city.

Regards,

Councillor John Pantazopoulos



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Entering the workforce is a vital first step toward building a strong, lifelong career. Alberta especially feels the impact as the result of rapid population growth through international immigration and the highest interprovincial migration of any other province. Young Albertans deserve access to jobs that help them learn, grow, and contribute.

Recently, the Alberta government initiated efforts to soften the reliance on temporary foreign workers by investing \$8 million into the Alberta Youth Employment Incentive in order to spur 1,000 businesses to hire 2,500 young people.

Alberta's government is providing \$8 million for the new Alberta Youth Employment Incentive, which provides grants to employers to offset costs associated with hiring, training, and employing youth from ages 15 to 24.

Beginning in October 2025, employers have been eligible for one of two incentive amounts. Those who hire one to two young workers for a combined total of at least 400 hours, will be eligible to receive \$4,000. Employers who hire three to five young workers with a combined total of at least 750 hours, will be eligible to receive \$7,500. Through this initiative, Alberta's government is helping pay \$10 of the hourly wage for young workers.

The Alberta Youth Employment Incentive will be managed by CAREERS—a long-standing not-for-profit organization that helps young people connect with employment. CAREERS will be responsible for delivering grants, determining eligibility, and ensuring employers have the information they need. Applications by employers can be made through the CAREERS website.

Additionally, the provincial government is developing a digital badge for youth who have worked a minimum of 200 hours and pass a skills-verified employer assessment. This badge can be highlighted on resumes, helping businesses know they are hiring a young person who has demonstrated and developed meaningful skills in a workplace.

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