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1. Mojo Jojo is always trying to cause havoc in this female-led cartoon.
2. Joe Barbera first considered calling this classic cartoon *The Gladstones*.
3. This group of mystery solvers was brought to life in 1969 and led to multiple shows and movies.
4. One of the main characters of this cartoon is named Finn and though he is an adventurer, he is afraid of the ocean.
5. Stephen Hillenburg, creator of _____, was actually a marine biologist!
6. This cartoon follows a family who lives life in Orbit City with their dog Astro.

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Mark Your Calendar

- January 5, 2026, at 7:30 pm – DRCA Regular Board Meeting
- February 2, 2026, at 7:30 pm – DRCA Regular Board Meeting
- February 23, 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.

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

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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!

www.discoveryridge.com/membership/



DRCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

New Membership Renewal Membership

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

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- General assistance Membership
- Communications Environment
- Special Events Skating Rink maintenance
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LETTER FROM THE BOARD

Happy New Year! We wish all Discovery Ridge residents—and their loved ones—a happy and joyful 2026.

As highlighted in our Discovery Ridge's Year in Review in the December *Ridge Review*, there's a lot happening in our vibrant neighbourhood. In the year ahead, we'll continue the great work already underway while taking on new initiatives as opportunities arise—there's much to accomplish together.

Community Event Leads Needed

Interested in leading a community event? Maybe you and a friend would like to volunteer together. We love co-chairs, and many of Discovery's most successful events were created and led by two people. You won't be on your own—volunteers are always ready to help.

Our wonderful committee chair Lillian is stepping back slightly but is happy to coach and support anyone willing to take the lead. For returning events, we have ready-to-use roadmaps, and the DRCA Board will support you every step of the way.

Many past event leads started when their kids were young, creating fun, family-friendly events that built lasting memories and a strong sense of community.

Past and returning events include:

- New Year's Day Skate (music and hot chocolate)
- Stampede Breakfast
- Stampede Roundup (returning in 2026)
- Fun Run (5K and 10K through the boulevard and Griffith Woods)
- Music in the Park (lead needed for 2026)
- Pumpkin Hunt and Decorating
- Santa in Discovery Ridge (may return in 2026)
- Wine and Cheese Night
- Grilled Cheese fundraiser for a local charity

Have an idea of your own? We'd love to hear it! Email events@discoveryridge.com.

Other Ways to Get Involved

Interested in planning or helping in another way? There's so much happening in Discovery Ridge and many opportunities to make a positive impact. Email volunteer@discoveryridge.com to indicate your interest.

Not sure where you fit yet? Email president@discoveryridge.com, and a board member will connect with you to share their experience and give you an overview of opportunities.

Safety and Security

We're fortunate to live in a beautiful, tucked-away community. Let's help keep it that way—please watch your speed, clear sidewalks to prevent slips and falls, and consider how small actions can enhance everyone's enjoyment of Discovery Ridge.

We look forward to seeing you out and about in the community this year.

Your DRCA Board




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Discovery Ridge Bottle Shack

Did you know that Discovery Ridge has a community bottle shack where you can deposit your refundable beverage containers? It is conveniently located in the parking lot adjacent to the community recreation facilities (rink and tennis courts).

The Discovery Ridge Community Association (DRCA) uses the proceeds from the bottle shack to help maintain and operate our facilities. We collect about \$2,000 each time the bottle shack is unloaded! The proceeds are an important part of our funding in addition to community memberships that we remind and encourage all residents to purchase annually.

Every few months we look for volunteers to empty the bottle shack, and it usually takes 20 minutes or less. We can always use new recruits to come and help out so watch for upcoming unload dates.

When you use the bottle shack, please remember to tie the bags, and tape the boxes to help keep things safe and simple for our dedicated volunteers who stack and re-pack the facility regularly. Please consider using our neighbourhood bottle shack for your refundable items to help us fund our recreation facilities.



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Homeowners' Association (NDHA) News



Happy New Year! The NDHA Board wishes all of you a happy and healthy 2026. We hope you had a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends. Now is the perfect season to get outside to enjoy some winter activities to burn off all that turkey and holiday cheer.

Our dedicated NDHA board volunteers were very busy over the past year, managing the annual landscaping, maintenance, and other operational obligations for 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. We would really love to know if you have any thoughts on potential improvements to our landscaped green spaces so do not hesitate to reach out.

Ice Melt

Something that is on our minds at this time of year snow and ice cleaning on neighbourhood pathways. Our snow removal contractor ULS uses several strategies to help keep the pathways in the neighbourhood safe. This year, the City of Calgary is again allowing ULS to use of a product they refer to as "Pickle". This product is 2 to 3% salt mixed into 6 to 7 mm crushed rock and provides better traction along with melting ice. This product is one tool in the ULS snow and ice toolkit to help ensure

pedestrian safety - NDHA's number one priority when it comes to snow clearing. Any ice melting product could have a negative impact if it is ingested by your pet. If they do not wear booties, you should always rinse and wipe off your pet's feet after a walk on pathways or sidewalks. More detailed information about ice melting products can be found in the FAQ section of the website.

Discovery Dam Project

On November 20, an online public meeting took place where City representatives talked about the future of the pond just above Discovery Ridge Boulevard in the western part of our neighbourhood. Some weeks before, we had learned that the City is planning on removing the dam that was put in place in the 1950s due to safety concerns. These safety concerns were identified through two engineering studies the City commissioned. At this point, the City is not sharing these studies with Discovery Ridge residents, citing the technical nature of the information in them and the possibility of public misunderstandings. At the meeting, numerous Discovery Ridge residents asked questions and made comments about this project. These comments included criticism for the City in not engaging the community, for holding back of important information about the risks they perceive, and some passionate pleas to not remove this much-loved feature of our community. At the meeting the City did promise to communicate regularly with residents and has committed to working with the community on the path forward.

The NDHA does not have any responsibility for the pond itself. The pond and surrounding area are designated as a natural area. The NDHA cannot do any landscape management there. However, like you we are Discovery Ridge residents, and we do not want to see the pond go away unless there really is no other option. NDHA will help get as much information as possible into residents' hands and will try to get an active consultation process going on the next steps. With that, you can make your opinion known to the City. We will also work with the city on whatever design is ultimately approved to ensure we can maintain the landscaped area to the standard that you expect for all landscaped green spaces in Discovery Ridge. We will all learn more about this initiative and hopefully have more opportunities to inform City decisions going forward.

Annual Fees

At our November Board Meeting, Directors reviewed a draft budget for 2026 and confirmed that the annual NDHA fee will stay at \$325. Through careful scheduling of projects and closely managing our major contracts, we will continue to deliver the best landscaped neighbourhood green spaces in Calgary without increasing costs this year. Your annual NDHA fee is essential to provide the many landscaping services that the City will not. The carefully maintained public space, holiday light displays, and winter-long snow clearing on pathways are all paid for by your NDHA fees. These are what we think distinguishes Discovery Ridge as the most beautifully landscaped neighbourhood in our city. Our 2026 billing process begins in February. If you are unsure of your payment status, you can enquire via the website (www.ndha.ca).

We are always happy to hear input, feedback, and suggestions from our NDHA members. You can send us messages via our website at www.ndha.ca, email us at General@ndha.ca, or leave us a message at 403-237-9595. Let us know what you think and we will try to take action on it.

Stoney Trail Street Racing and Speeding Concerns

The DRCA continues to engage with the CPS regarding dangerous and noisy street racing and speeding along Stoney Trail. If you too have concerns, you can assist by:

- Reporting all incidents of street racing or excessive noise, including dates, times, etc., to the CPS non-emergency line at 403-266-1234.
- 3-1-1 is also available for these types of reports.

Remember - Reporting Matters!

The Province of Alberta has prohibited the use of photo radar on all provincial highways and connectors. If you disagree with this mandate, please contact our MLA, Mike Ellis, to advocate for the return of photo radar usage. The CPS has shared with us that this is the most effective tool to combat speeding on highways like Stoney Trail (Reminder – Stoney Trail is a Provincial Highway).

Between 1 p.m. & 5 p.m., on Friday, Nov. 7, in the area of Stoney Trail & Bow Trail S.W., officers pulled over 91 vehicles for speeding at or **above** 120 km/h in the posted 100 km/h zone.

The highest speed captured was 160 km/h.

As a result:

94 SUMMONS WERE ISSUED

! 85 were for speeding, including two in a construction zone

! 2 issued for failing to produce registration

! 1 issued for equipment not in good order

! 1 for an obscured plate

! 5 were issued to a dump truck that was removed from service after it failed an inspection

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Alberta's government is putting the province at the forefront of police oversight in Canada with the creation of the PRC. This new commission replaces the patchwork of police investigating police with one independent body responsible for managing the full complaints process from receiving and assessing, to investigating and resolving complaints related to police conduct, including serious incidents, statutory offences, and overseeing disciplinary hearings.

By centralizing these functions within a single, independent agency, Alberta is ensuring complaints are handled fairly and consistently.

The Police Review Commission represents a new era in how Alberta addresses policing complaints. These changes are part of a broader paradigm shift where police are no longer seen as an arm of the state, but rather an extension and reflection of the community they serve. As an independent agency, it is committed to fairness, accountability and public trust, ensuring every complaint is investigated impartially and resolved openly.

A timely and transparent complaint resolution process is essential for both the public and police. That is why the PRC must complete investigations within 180 days. If more time is needed, the chief executive officer must publicly report on delays and provide justification. This ensures clarity, predictability, and accountability throughout the process. The commission will be arm's length from government and police services, meaning people can have greater confidence that their complaints will be investigated and resolved impartially. The PRC can initiate systemic reviews related to police conduct or emerging trends without the need for a public complaint. These reviews must be made public. Together, these measures create a clear, accountable process that strengthens transparency, supports continuous improvement, and enhances trust in how police oversight is carried out across Alberta.

The commission's design was formed through engagement with Indigenous communities, law enforcement partners, municipal officials, and community organizations, ensuring its structure and training reflect Alberta's diversity and values.

Councillor, Ward 6**John Pantazopoulos**

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Happy New Year Ward 6,

Over the past two months, City Council has been hard at work building relationships with community and business leaders to understand the pulse of our city. To all who have taken time to contact my office, thank you. Community engagement is crucial to a successful and accountable City Hall.

Budget season has officially wrapped up, and I am proud to say that my amendments to the budget have resulted in an approximate 75% reduction in property tax compared to what the previous council proposed. Additionally, they have allowed for a substantial investment in a new YMCA in West District, and improvements to safety on Calgary Transit.

While my goal was to take the property tax increase to 0%, we have still taken meaningful steps to address the cost-of-living strains Calgarians face every day. My amendments used \$50M in reserve funds to take our property tax increase from 5.6% to approximately 1.6%. I am pleased to see Council's support to invest in a new recreation facility in Ward 6, as well as a transit safety pilot program.

In the month ahead, I look forward to continuing the conversation on ending blanket rezoning and prioritizing thoughtful development. It is imperative that the system we are left with is better than what we had previously. Your voice and your community deserve to be heard.

As always, I am committed to fostering an open and honest dialogue between myself, my office, and your community. Thank you for reading!





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If you need support or have questions, reach out anytime — my office is here to help.

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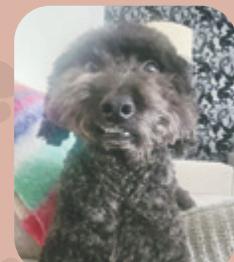
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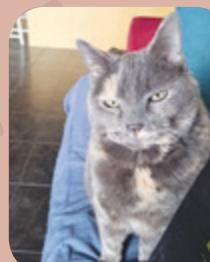
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Asian-Style Chicken Noodle Soup

by Jennifer Puri



A comfort food ideal for cold weather, variations of chicken soup can be found in cuisines around the world.

Chicken soup is typically made with chicken broth and can include pasta, noodles, rice, dumplings, barley, leeks, celery, onions, carrots, matzo balls, and potatoes.

In some cultures, chicken soup is believed to have healing properties and is served to the sick and the elderly. Chicken soup is filled with protein and vitamins which can help boost immunity.

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 25 minutes

Servings: 3 to 4

Ingredients:

- 1 lb boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cubed
- 2 green onions, finely sliced
- 3 heads of bok choy, quartered
- ½ red bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 2 carrots, thinly sliced
- 1 tsp. crushed garlic
- 2 tsp. crushed ginger
- 2 tsp. sodium reduced soya sauce
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 2 tbsp. rice vinegar

- 1 tsp. red chili flakes
- 6 cups sodium reduced chicken broth
- 1 cup water
- 4 oz. vermicelli noodles broken into thirds

Directions

1. Heat the olive oil in a large pot, add the green onion and sauté for a couple of minutes.
2. Next add ginger, garlic, and chicken cubes and stir until chicken is no longer pink, about 2 to 3 minutes.
3. Add carrots, bok choy, and red bell pepper, and sauté for a couple of minutes.
4. Lastly add soya sauce, fish sauce, red chili flakes, stock, and a cup of water, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for about 12 minutes or until chicken is tender. Add the broken noodles to the pan and simmer until the noodles soften, approximately two minutes.
5. Serve soup with green onion cake if desired.

Bon Appétit!



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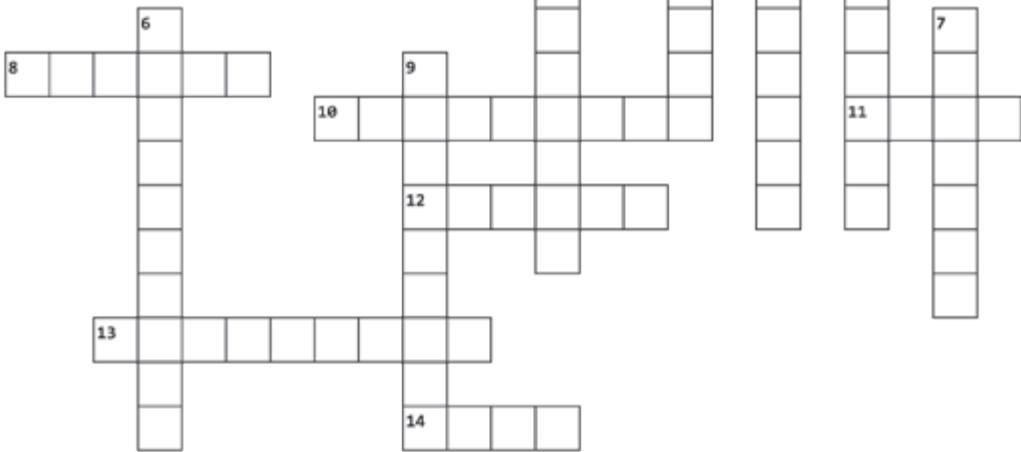
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Across

4. The world's largest office building, which houses the U.S. military, was completed on January 15, 1943.
8. Rare snowfall occurred on this North African desert on January 7, 2018.
10. January's birth flower is also the official flower of Mother's Day.
11. In 2015, New Zealander Lydia Ko became the youngest person to be ranked number one in the world in this club-and-ball sport at the age of 17.
12. In 45 BC this calendar took effect for the first time as decreed by Roman ruler Julius Caesar.
13. This free-content online encyclopedia launched on January 15, 2001.
14. On January 15, 2024, Elton John won an _____ award for his television special *Elton John: Farewell From Dodger Stadium*, completing his status as an EGOT winner.

Down

1. On January 3, 1892, writer J.R.R. Tolkien was born in this South African capital city.
2. World _____ Day is celebrated on January 2 to honour quiet, reserved, and sometimes shy individuals.
3. On January 23, 2018, _____ James became the youngest player to reach 30,000 NBA points.
5. The first Prime Minister of Canada, John A. Macdonald, was born on January 11, 1815, in _____, Scotland.
6. The crime drama series, *The Sopranos*, starring James _____ premiered on January 10, 1999.
7. Former professional footballer, Owen Lee Hargreaves was born on January 20, 1981, in _____, Alberta.
9. Jane Austen's romance novel *Pride and _____* was originally published on January 28, 1813.



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