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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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Email Us

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

Mark Your Calendar

DRCA Board Meeting

November 2, 2026 at 7:30 pm

Contact drca_pres@discoveryridge.com for more information.

Volunteer Happy Hour

Saturday, November 7 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

DRCA Board Meeting

December 7, 2026 at 7:30 pm

Contact drca_pres@discoveryridge.com for more information.

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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LETTER FROM THE BOARD



Discovery Ridge — Winter Recreation Facilities

Winter is coming! After another busy summer at our Rec Facilities with high usage of the tennis courts, pickleball courts, and rink, we are transitioning to our winter facilities. Once the cold weather sets in we will plan to prepare both

the hockey rink and the leisure ice area.

This year we plan to add lighting to the leisure rink to allow for extended use of this facility that is intended for skating only (no hockey please!). Fingers crossed we can get the new lighting in place before freeze-up.

We will once again use our hockey rink lights with planned daily rink closure at 8:30 pm. This is necessary both to minimize noise for adjacent residences and also to allow our rink crews the time they need to maintain the ice.

Speaking of our amazing rink crew, we greatly appreciate their efforts to work in often frigid temperatures to keep our rinks in great shape. But, as always, we need to recruit new volunteers to help with the rinks. We have traditionally used an all-hands-on-deck approach to initially establishing the rink due to the time involved and then once the rinks are ready to open, we transition to ideally four rink teams each taking one week on a rotational schedule. This helps lighten the commitment for each person but only works if we have enough dedicated volunteers. If you or your family enjoy using our rinks, please consider volunteering on one of our rink crews as the availability of our ice is entirely dependent on having enough volunteers. Contact volunteer@discoveryridge.com or visit <https://discoveryridge.com/volunteer/> to get more information or to sign up to help. Please also be sure to thank the rink crews when you see them out there!

Finally, since all of our facilities are maintained by volunteers, please be sure to help keep the rink areas clean by disposing of all trash and not leaving any belongings behind.

Thank you and see you at the rinks!

Got Refundables? We've Got a Solution!



Are your bottles and cans piling up? Been meaning to clear them out? Here's an easy way to tidy up and give back to your community!

Drop your Refundables at the Discovery Ridge Bottle Shack

Located in the gravel parking lot on Discovery Ridge Blvd, right beside the soccer fields and the Discovery Ridge Recreation Facility.

Why Donate?

Your bottles and cans help:

- Support community programs and events,
- Maintain recreation spaces,
- Power volunteerrun initiatives right here in Discovery Ridge.

How to Donate

Just drop your refundables into the Bottle Shack — bagged or boxed securely — and our volunteers will take care of the rest.

Every donation helps keep Discovery Ridge thriving!



A Bloom You Can Brew

Did you know? Chrysanthemums are November's birth flower—but some varieties are more than decorative! Certain chrysanthemum flowers and leaves are edible, and chrysanthemum tea, made by steeping the dried flowers, is a traditional beverage enjoyed across parts of East Asia.

Yielding to Emergency Vehicles

by Alberta Health Services



For everyone's safety, it is important motorists understand how to correctly yield right-of-way to emergency vehicles when their lights and sirens are activated. You can help all first responders navigate roads quickly and safely by following these basic rules.

When an Emergency Vehicle Approaches with Lights and Sirens Activated:

- If you're in the middle of an intersection, safely clear the intersection and then pull over to the right curb.
- On a one or two-lane road, motorists should move to the right side of the road, slow down, and then stop, remaining parallel with the road. Remember to signal.
- On one-way streets move to the nearest curb, either the right or left, and stop.
- On a road with three or more lanes, motorists should move to the nearest side of the road and stop. If driving in the centre lane, move to the right side of the road and stop. Remember to signal.
- Come to a complete stop and wait for the emergency vehicle to pass. Shoulder check for more emergency vehicles before re-entering traffic flow. Remember to signal.
- Emergency vehicles might use any available road space to maneuver. This could include shoulders or turning lanes, etc., in order to safely pass other traffic.

When Operating a Vehicle:

- Reduce speed to 60 km/h or the posted speed, whichever is lower, when passing any stopped roadside vehicle with flashing lights (emergency vehicles, tow trucks, maintenance trucks, etc.). This law applies to the lane immediately next to the stopped vehicles. If you're not in the lane next to the stopped vehicles, it's recommended to reduce speed and leave lots of space between yourself and emergency personnel.
- Do not break the rules of the road in order to give right of way to an emergency vehicle. This could include proceeding through a red light or making an illegal turn. Actions such as these jeopardize all motorists in the area.
- Drivers must place their full attention on the road and the safe operation of their vehicle at all times. The fine for distracted driving in Alberta is \$390.00 and three demerit points.
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With more than 1,630 households in our community, we're encouraging every neighbour to take part. A DRCA membership is just \$25 per household, and it directly supports the work that keeps our neighbourhood thriving.

Your Membership Helps Us:

- Advocate for Discovery Ridge with the City of Calgary, the Province of Alberta, and the Government of Canada.
- Maintain and improve local recreation spaces.
- Deliver programs, events, and community initiatives.
- Fundraise for amenities and longterm projects
- Keep residents informed through timely community emails.

Every membership strengthens our collective voice and ensures we can continue improving the place we call home.

Join or Renew Today

If you haven't purchased your 2026/2027 membership yet, now is the perfect time. Every membership truly makes a difference.

Purchase or Renew at:

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DRCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Want to See Your Photos, Drawings or Articles in The Ridge Review

Share your creativity with the community. Send your submissions to communications@discoveryridge.com.



Winter Green Cart Changes Are Coming!

Beginning November, your green cart will be collected every second week. With yard waste slowing down in winter, this schedule keeps service efficient and seasonal.

Weekly collection resumes April 2027 when yard cleanup ramps back up.

Want reminders? Get the free Calgary Garbage Day App at calgary.ca/reminders.





DRCA Updates—Big Things Happening in Discovery Ridge!

Membership

Last month, we reminded residents to purchase their \$25 DRCA membership. Your support strengthens community events, neighbourhood advocacy, planning, traffic and safety initiatives, and ensures Discovery Ridge has a unified voice.

Please remember: the \$25 DRCA membership is separate from the \$325 NDHA annual fee for landscaping and maintenance.

Purchase your membership at DiscoveryRidge.com/membership.

Events

Santa Event

Planning is underway for a Santa event for 2026. Watch your member only emails, the website discoveryridge.com, Instagram and our Facebook accounts for updates. If you would like to help with this event email events@discoveryridge.com.

Help Shape Future Events

Have an idea for an event? Email events@discoveryridge.com. The DRCA Board and Event Committee will support you — no idea is too small. Make your neighbourhood the place your family has many happy memories.

Recreation Facilities

Maintenance

Our Rec Facility is admired across Calgary thanks to the hard work of our dedicated volunteers. Please help keep the area clean by using the garbage and recycling bins provided.

Solar Panels

SkyFire Energy has installed an 8-kW grid tied solar array on the Maintenance Building. Sixteen 500 watt panels now produce enough power each year to run the tennis courts, hockey rink lighting, and the maintenance building itself.

Rink Mesh

Damage from regular hockey use has led to safety

concerns with the north rink screen. The Recreation Committee is reviewing a more durable design to prevent future issues, and repairs will begin once that redesign is complete.

Leisure Rink Light

The Board has requested quotes for the installation of a light to illuminate the leisure rink. Responses are being received, will be reviewed and updates will be provided when we have one. The intention is to have this light installed before the end of the calendar year.

Planning

Stella Conceptual Drawing Grant

The DRCA is applying for a Parks Foundation grant to revisit and redesign the 'missing link' area between our community and the new Taza community. This was a former interpretive park built with volunteer labour and donations — destroyed by the Ring Road and neglected since.

Highway 8 Bridge and Clearwater Park

DRCA is working with Elbow Valley Residents Club to lobby for a safe, separated pedestrian and cycle access across the new bridge connecting our communities, regional pathways and the City's long-promised Clearwater Enmax Legacy Park. Minister Dreeshen has suggested the Province would be open to cost sharing with the City and Rocky View County.

If you are interested in helping with these or other planning, parks, and pathway initiatives — please join us! Email planning@discoveryridge.com.

Volunteers Always Needed

The DRCA is powered entirely by volunteers, and we rely on neighbours who are willing to roll up their sleeves and help out. Whether you have an hour a week or a little more, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out and a member of our team will connect with you.

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From Canvas to Camouflage: Art in the First World War

by Kristina Quapp

Vorticism was a radical but short-lived avant-garde art movement of the early 20th century that embraced the dynamism of the machine age. Vorticism featured hard edges, geometric shapes, bold lines, and harsh colours that teetered towards abstraction. Inspired by Cubism and Futurism, Vorticism combined the static geometric structure of Cubism with the dynamism of the futurist movement.



Edward Wadsworth, *Vorticism Study*, 1914. Public domain. Courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

Emerging around 1914, Vorticism was quickly interrupted by the outbreak of the First World War. Many artists involved in the movement enlisted, and the horrors of mechanized warfare shattered the romanticized view of industrial machinery and the machine age. Canadian-born artist Wyndham Lewis, often considered to be the founder of Vorticism, enlisted in March 1916. While Vorticism was being interrupted by war, its bold geometric aesthetic would soon find an unexpected parallel in a very different setting: naval camouflage. In 1917, British artist and Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve officer Norman Wilkinson began developing a radically different approach to camouflaging

ships. While serving the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve in 1917, Wilkinson took note that German U-boat torpedo attacks were doing significant damage to British forces, sinking roughly eight ships per day. Wilkinson concluded that if painting ships to try and hide them wasn't working, the goal should be to make them harder to target through a German U-boat's periscope. To successfully hit a moving ship, a U-boat commander could not simply aim directly at it; they had to calculate the lead angle and fire where the ship eventually would be by the time the torpedo arrived. The calculations of a ship's speed, range, size, and course needed to be precise; Norman Wilkinson calculated that throwing a U-boat gunner's calculations off by just 10 degrees was often enough to cause a torpedo to completely miss the vessel. Dazzle camouflage, also known as "Razzle Dazzle" distorted the ship's silhouette, confusing the enemy as to whether the ship was moving fast or slow, and which direction it was sailing. The intention was to cause U-boat crews to miscalculate, causing a torpedo to miss, graze the vessel, or strike a less critical area.

Vorticist artist Edward Wadsworth served in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, supervising the application of dazzle camouflage to ships. After the war, he and other artists returned to the canvas, capturing the striking vessels and preserving their place in wartime history.



Edward Wadsworth, *Dazzle-ships in Drydock at Liverpool*, 1919. National Gallery of Canada. Public domain.

Vorticism celebrated the energy and machinery of the modern world, only to be interrupted by a war defined by those same forces. Through artists like Wadsworth and Lismar, art became a way to document what followed and preserve pieces of the First World War experience. This Remembrance Day works like these remind us that remembrance takes

many forms. Through stories, photographs, monuments, and art, the experiences of those who served and sacrificed continue to be shared and remembered. Let's we forget.

November Crossword



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

Across

6. Directed by Guillermo del Toro, this retelling of a famous novel was released November 7, 2025.
7. This warm yellow gemstone is said to prevent injury and bring strength. It is also November's birthstone.
8. Born November 10, 1989, this actor is most recently known for his role as Dr. Frank Langdon on *The Pitt*.
10. As a treat during the fall, this fruit is typically dipped in melted chocolate or caramel and then covered with various toppings.
11. In Greek mythology this man is cursed to push a boulder up a mountain for all eternity.
12. Born November 7, 1913, Albert ____ was the French philosopher who wrote *The Stranger* in 1942.

Down

1. Good for tea and relaxation, these spidery flowers are the birth flower of November.
2. Remembrance Day is celebrated in Canada on what day of November?
3. Watch your French fries! Despite their oceanic nickname, these white and gray birds are found in many parts of Alberta, including Calgary parking lots.
4. This Indian celebration known as the "Festival of Lights" happens between mid to late-October and mid-November.
5. Toni ____, born November 1, 1972, is an Australian actress who has been in an impressive collection of movies including, *The Sixth Sense*, *Little Miss Sunshine*, and *Knives Out*.
9. These small brown nuts come from oak trees and have a distinct cup shape.

Homeowners' Association (NDHA) News

Early sunsets and crisp mornings are sure signs that the winter season is close at hand. The snow at Thanksgiving was another reminder. As the season changes, NDHA's work turns from maintaining green spaces to pathway snow clearing, holiday lights, and a pop of colour from winter-themed planters. We also begin to plan for next year's priorities and projects that will make Discovery Ridge one of the most beautifully landscaped communities in our city. If you have ideas about what could make Discovery Ridge's public green spaces, please reach out. We love to hear from residents!

Fall Cleanup

ULS crews have been working to prepare our landscaped beds, medians, and turf areas for winter. The crews have tidied beds and linear parks by trimming back perennials, weeding, litter cleanup, and sweeping gravel from pathways around playgrounds. ULS snow removal crews and equipment are in place and ready to go as soon as the snow flies.

Snow Clearing

When we do get snowfall this winter, you may notice the community pathways have been cleared while sidewalks next to main roadways remain snow covered for several more days. The NDHA shares responsibility for snow clearing in the community with the City of Calgary. The NDHA and City have different policies governing snow clearing:

City policy is that sidewalks under its control will be cleared within 24 hours of the end of a snow event. **If it is snowing anywhere in the City, the snow event is not considered to have "ended."

The NDHA's policy is to have walkways and sidewalks under its control cleared within 24 hours of a snowfall in the community, and every 24 hours thereafter until the snow stops.

FAQ #22 on our website includes a map showing where the NDHA clears pathways. Note that unless adjacent to a private home or business, sidewalks on Discovery Ridge Boulevard, Discovery Ridge Lane, and Discovery Ridge Hill, in addition to several other small sections of sidewalk in our community, are the City's responsibility. Please call 3-1-1 if you have concerns about snow clearing in these areas.

If you have concerns with a NDHA-cleared pathway, please let us know. Early season snow often melts during the day and becomes ice in the evening. Please



take care when enjoying our pathways this winter.

Holiday Lights and Planters

Our holiday light displays at the entrance and near the leisure ice rink will be turned on in mid-November. We will also bring back the holiday foliage installed in the entrance planters for your enjoyment. The timing of this installation is weather dependent.

Fees

The 2026 NDHA fee of \$325 was due on June 29. We would like to thank our members who have paid their fee on time. We ask that those members who have not paid their 2026 fees yet to please do so immediately. Your homeowner's association fee is mandatory, as set out in an encumbrance on your property title. If you are unsure of your payment status, you can easily access the information through the portal on our website. If you have questions or concerns, you may contact the NDHA treasurer at accounts@ndha.ca. Please reference your property address.

NDHA Board is exceptionally proud that Discovery Ridge continues to be one of the most beautifully landscaped communities in our city. A neighbourhood to span a lifetime. If you happen to notice an area that might need attention such a bed being missed or damage incurred due to storms or other factors, please let us know. We are always happy to hear from our members; please access our website at www.ndha.ca, send an email at general@ndha.ca, or call us at 403-237-9595.



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Strong energy prices support Alberta jobs, our economy, and help fund the programs and services Albertans rely on every day. However, global conflicts, trade uncertainty, and increasing energy prices are putting more pressure on people's wallets. Starting on October 1, Alberta suspended the full provincial fuel tax, saving families 13 cents per litre on gasoline and diesel every time they fill up until the end of the year.

This will help relieve the pressure Albertans are feeling today, from workers commuting, and parents driving their children to school, to local businesses that rely on the transportation of goods and services.

Albertans already pay the lowest overall taxes in Canada. This cut adds to that tax advantage. Families here pay the lowest personal income taxes in the country, the second-lowest taxes on fuel, and benefit from no provincial sales tax. These measures have saved Albertans \$1.2 billion last year. Suspending the fuel tax builds on that record.

To ensure fuel tax savings are passed onto Albertans, the province will be monitoring pump prices for any wrongdoing and will act against businesses that price gouge at the pumps. Businesses found guilty of price gouging can be fined by the courts up to \$300,000 or receive up to two years of jail time.

Alberta's government will continue monitoring oil prices throughout the next quarterly review period. If average oil prices exceed the threshold, the government will determine the best options to ensure relief reaches Albertans.

Suspending the fuel tax is one of the many ways Alberta is using its strong financial position to keep costs down and more money in Albertans' pockets.

On November 11, we will remember thousands of brave soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the cause of preserving our freedom. I encourage you to join fellow constituents at the Battalion Park Remembrance Day Ceremony as this special day is commemorated.

Mike Ellis

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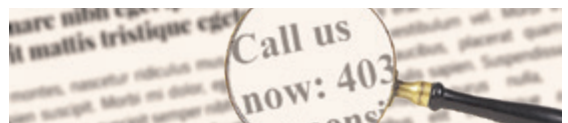
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August	26	4	6	\$937,450	\$919,625
July	26	11	12	\$852,350	\$834,300
June	26	12	7	\$959,000	\$927,000
May	26	12	5	\$989,900	\$950,000
April	26	6	8	\$492,400	\$482,750
March	26	12	13	\$1,078,000	\$1,078,000
February	26	6	7	\$459,900	\$445,000
January	26	13	8	\$1,242,450	\$1,257,500
December	25	7	4	\$1,338,000	\$1,338,750
November	25	4	5	\$1,198,888	\$1,189,000
October	25	4	9	\$889,870	\$889,300

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