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April	26	5	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
September	25	7	4	\$536,900	\$529,250
August	25	7	7	\$1,148,000	\$1,110,000

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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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[DiscoveryRidgeCommunityAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/DiscoveryRidgeCommunityAssociation)

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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

Farm Stand by Shirley's Greenhouse

Sundays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Rec. Facility parking lot.

To continue through to Thanksgiving (weather permitting).

All 2025/2026 DRCA Annual Memberships Expire

Time to renew for 2027!

August 31, 2026

DRCA Board Meeting

September 8, 2026 at 7:30 pm

Contact drca_pres@discoveryridge.com for more information.

City of Calgary Curbside Treasure Hunt

September 12 and 13

DRCA Board Meeting

October 6, 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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News, Events, & More



Crime Statistics



Real Estate Statistics



LETTER FROM THE BOARD

Your \$25 DRCA Membership Makes a Difference!

The 2026 to 2027 DRCA Membership Campaign is underway, and we're grateful to have already reached 200 members! Now we need more Discovery Ridge residents to get involved and support the community we all call home.

A DRCA membership is just \$25 per year. That small contribution helps fund the volunteer-run work, amenities, events, and advocacy that benefit Discovery Ridge throughout the year.

Buy your 2026/2027 DRCA membership today and help keep Discovery Ridge strong. Visit <https://discoveryridge.com/membership/>.

What Does Your \$25 Support?

Tennis Court Access

As of August 4, 2026, the tennis courts are available to DRCA members only. Members can log into their account at any time to access the current court code.

Recreation Facilities

The DRCA manages and supports community recreation facilities, including pickleball, ball hockey, ice hockey, leisure ice, the covered area, and picnic space. These amenities require funding, organization, and countless volunteer hours.

Community Events

The DRCA organizes events that bring residents together, including the Stampede Round-Up, Parade of Garage Sales, Community Cleanup, Santa's Visit, and Movie in the Park.

A Strong Voice for Discovery Ridge

The DRCA advocates on issues that matter to our community, including ring road concerns, traffic, fire

preparedness, safety and security, and neighbourhood development. A strong membership base gives Discovery Ridge a stronger voice with all levels of government.

Keeping Residents Informed

Throughout the year, the DRCA helps keep residents informed about issues, initiatives, events, and developments affecting our neighbourhood.

Whether you use the facilities, attend events, or benefit from advocacy on the community's behalf, your membership matters.

We're asking every household to consider contributing just \$25 a year to support the work being done for Discovery Ridge.

If you haven't purchased your 2026/2027 DRCA membership yet, please do so today.

The more residents who become members, the stronger our Association — and our community voice — becomes.

Thank you for supporting your community.

The Discovery Ridge Community Association Board

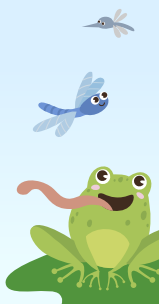


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A Word with Two Worlds

The word **amphibious** comes from the Greek words **amphi** ("both") and **bios** ("life"). Together, they mean "double life"—a fitting name for animals like frogs and salamanders that spend part of their lives in the water and part on land.





DRCA Updates—Big Things Happening in Discovery Ridge!

Membership

The 2026 to 2027 DRCA Membership Campaign is now underway. Your \$25 annual membership supports community advocacy, recreation facilities, and events. Please note: DRCA membership is separate from the \$325 NDHA fee for landscaping and maintenance. Purchase your membership at discoveryridge.com/membership.

Safety

Fire Safety: The DRCA continues work with the City and Calgary Fire Department on Wildfire Preparedness. See the article on page 8.

Special Events

New Event: Movie in the Park. We were thrilled to introduce Movie in the Park, featuring a family friendly screening of "Sing" on August 27, complete with three food trucks offering movie snacks. Watch for event highlights in member emails, on Facebook and Instagram, and in October's Ridge Review. Have an idea for a future event? You'll be supported by past event leads and the DRCA Board. Share your ideas at events@discoveryridge.com.

Fundraising

Thank you to all the volunteers who contributed to the success of the 2026 DRCA Casino. We couldn't have done it without you! We'll share fundraising totals as soon as they're available. Our next Casino is scheduled for Q2 2028.

Tennis Courts

Our tennis courts continue to be a popular spot for both residents and visitors. To ensure reliable access for DRCA members, a numerical code lock was installed on August 4. Members can view the current access code by logging into their membership account. The code will rotate throughout the year, with reminders sent when updates occur. Not a member yet? Join for just \$25/year at discoveryridge.com/membership.

Watch your October Ridge Review for more DRCA updates as committees gear up again after the summer.

Snapshots of Discovery

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

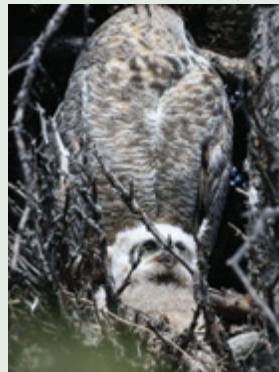
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Breathe - Submitted by Veronica



Valley - Submitted by Yuliya Franklin



Owl Parent and Chick - Submitted by Marc Dupuis

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To the **40 incredible volunteers**
who supported our July 30 &
31 **casino fundraiser...**

Each shift is estimated to
have earned **\$2,300**
for our community!

We look forward to the
next casino, coming
Q2 2028!

Your support means everything!



Discovery Ridge Community Association | Community Update

DRCA Continues Work with The City and Calgary Fire Department on Wildfire Preparedness (Green)

The Discovery Ridge Community Association (DRCA) continues to work closely and constructively with the City of Calgary and the Calgary Fire Department (CFD) regarding concerns about the potential risk of wildfire in and around Griffith Woods and the possible impact such an event could have on our community.

Most recently, representatives of the DRCA met with CFD to further discuss these concerns and to learn more about the City's new wildfire prevention and preparedness program. The development of this program has been influenced, in part, by the DRCA's ongoing efforts to raise awareness of the unique risks faced by communities such as Discovery Ridge, where homes are located immediately adjacent to significant natural areas.

"If nature is next door, wildfire is a risk"

CFD is encouraging residents and communities to take practical steps that can reduce the likelihood of injury, property damage, and fire spread.

What Residents Can Do

CFD is encouraging residents who live near natural areas to take practical steps around their properties. These include managing combustible materials around the home, storing propane tanks, firewood and yard waste a safe distance from structures, and considering ignition-resistant materials when undertaking renovations or exterior improvements.

Responsible behaviour within Griffith Woods and other natural areas is equally important. Residents and visitors should ensure smoking materials are fully extinguished and disposed of safely, confirm whether a fire ban is in effect before starting any permitted outdoor fire, and remember that fireworks may not be used without the appropriate permit. In the event of a fire or other emergency, residents should call 9-1-1. Non-emergency

concerns involving outdoor fires can be reported through 3-1-1.

Calgary Is Building Wildfire Resilience

CFD also emphasized that the City continues to strengthen its preparedness for wildfires and fires occurring where natural areas meet residential neighbourhoods.

CFD maintains specialized wildland and interface firefighting capabilities and conducts training in areas where this type of risk exists, including Discovery Ridge and Nose Hill. CFD also works with the Calgary Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), Parks and Open Spaces and other City departments on emergency planning, preparedness and measures intended to reduce wildfire risk.

For Discovery Ridge residents, this ongoing work is encouraging. The DRCA will continue its dialogue with the City and CFD, advocate for the safety of our community and ensure that the particular risks associated with Griffith Woods remain part of the broader conversation about wildfire preparedness in Calgary.

Wildfire preparedness is a shared responsibility. By combining City planning and emergency response capabilities with sensible precautions at the household and community level, we can help reduce the likelihood of a wildfire occurring and lessen its potential impact should one occur.

Key Messages from CFD

Everyone plays a role. Wildfire, grass fires and outdoor fires are shared risks. Residents and communities have a role alongside City planning, preparedness and emergency response.

Reduce risk around your home. Manage flammable materials, store propane, firewood and yard waste away from structures, and consider ignition-resistant materials when renovating.

Use natural areas responsibly. Safely dispose of smoking materials, check fire bans, do not use fireworks without a permit, and report emergencies to 9-1-1 or non-emergency outdoor fire concerns to 311.

The City continues to build resilience. CFD maintains specialized wildland and interface response capabilities, trains in interface zones such as Discovery Ridge, and works with CEMA, Parks & Open Spaces and other City partners.

More information: www.calgary.ca/wildfire

The DRCA will continue to keep residents informed as further information becomes available.



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or New Year's Day Skates —

🌐 or create something brand new with [your idea here](#).

📅 You'll have support and resources from the DRCA every step of the way.

Time commitment: Based on the event you create.

*It's up to you to help shape the friendly, connected,
extra-special community your family
gets to grow up in.*

Let's keep the fun and connection alive in Discovery Ridge!

✉ events@discoveryridge.com

MOON FESTIVAL

The Moon Festival, or Mid-Autumn Festival, takes place on September 25 this year. This is the second most celebrated Chinese holiday bringing good fortune and prosperity. Often celebrated by eating moon cakes, lighting lanterns and gathering for large family meals, the celebration dates back over 3,000 years and has variations that are celebrated all over East and Southeast Asia.



Homeowners' Association (NDHA) News

Though summer is winding down, our Discovery Ridge landscaping remains beautiful – something that really sets our neighbourhood apart. Hopefully the good weather will continue well into autumn and we can all enjoy our views, walkways, and parks as the days shorten. ULS and Pixie Gardens will still be caring for our summer landscape so watch out for them as you drive by.

Outstanding Fees

The 2026 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.

Landscaping Update

This year has been a successful one from a landscaping point of view. The City completed a large-scale tree replacement on our medians and green spaces. In some places these new trees filled in gaps that had existed for several years. We have managed to avoid both watering restrictions from too little rain and mowing problems caused by soft ground that has seen too much rain. ULS has done a great job keeping the medians and planters free of weeds and looking great. It is very nice to not have to deal with any serious issues during this growing season.

During July we heard from several homeowners about the waterfall feature at the roundabout not working properly. We checked and the pump system was indeed being blocked by leaves blown into the water. This was a great example of residents reaching out to NDHA about a landscape issue. If you tell us about a landscaping issue within Discovery Ridge, we will work with our contractors to sort it out. If you ever see anything in our public green spaces that you think needs attention, reach out to Landscape@ndha.ca or call us at 403-237-9595.

Can You Help?

The NDHA is a volunteer-run organization and by operating this way the Board estimates that we save about \$100,000 per year, versus hiring a management company. To keep this operation running, we will need



to identify one or two new volunteers each year, to help fill gaps resulting from Directors retiring. If you want to support the NDHA's operations and think you have a few hours each month to spare us, we would like to talk to you. Reach out to General@NDHA.ca and we can discuss where your skills can be put to use.

The NDHA Directors are quite proud of how our community looks and we hope you are as well. If you happen to notice an area that might need attention such as a bed being missed or damage incurred due to storms, please let the NDHA know. We are always happy to hear from our members; please access our website at www.ndha.ca to send an email or call us at 403-237-9595.

Your DRCA Membership

For just \$25 per household, your 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

☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal Membership

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

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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.

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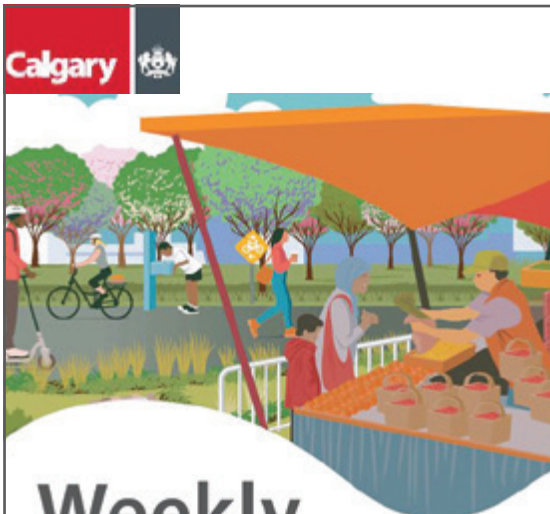
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Joke of the Month

Why are writers always so cold?

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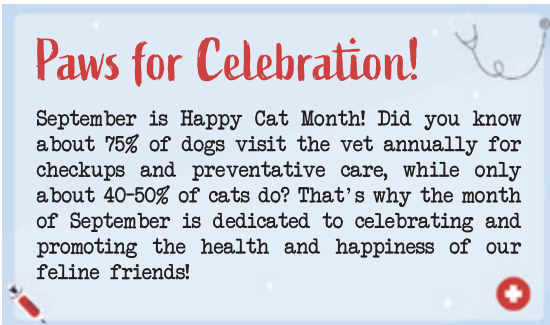
Sundays 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Discovery Ridge: Community Association
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In partnership with The City of Calgary and DRCA, **Shirley's Greenhouses** is running a farm stand in our community. Get some fresh local fruit, veggies, eggs, and baked goods!

Paws for Celebration!

September is Happy Cat Month! Did you know about 75% of dogs visit the vet annually for checkups and preventative care, while only about 40-50% of cats do? That's why the month of September is dedicated to celebrating and promoting the health and happiness of our feline friends!



SAFE AND SOUND

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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 Crosswalks Don't stop or park within five metres of a crosswalk. It reduces visibility of approaching their vehicles.	 Restricted Zones Do not park or stop in an area marked with "No Stopping" signs. They have restricted zones.	 Bus Zones Do not stop or park in a designated bus zone, even if it appears clear.
 U-Turns Do not make u-turns in school intersections or crosswalks, for around the block is necessary.	 Double Parking Do not stop next to parked cars and leave your vehicle along the "quickly" lane made.	 Jaywalking Never walk your kids to school past parked vehicles. Always use the marked crosswalks.



Too crowded?
Nowhere to park?

For the safety of your child and others, ensure you follow the rules of the road and adhere to all street signs and road markings. Be considerate of other drivers, pedestrians and residents of the community and take time to find a suitable parking spot. You may have to park further away from the school and walk with your child to ensure they arrive safely.

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September brings many exciting opportunities. With the anticipation of beginning the 2026-2027 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 and expand their knowledge, skills, and independence. I extend my best wishes to all for a happy, successful school year!

Recently, townhalls were hosted regarding the building of noise mitigation infrastructure for residents near Stoney Trail. These sessions invited leaders from affected communities to engage with planners on timelines and strategy. I remain committed to working with community members in constructing noise mitigation strategies. I will work with Minister Dreeshen to ensure that these projects move forward.

Public safety remains a top priority for Albertans and the provincial government. It is encouraging to see that our proactive stance on tackling gangs and organized crime is setting a standard for the rest of the country. Alberta has been a leading voice in the fight against firearms, drug trafficking, and money laundering.

Recently, within my ministerial role I experienced a highly productive visit to Quebec. From attending a major organized crime announcement and touring the provincial emergency centre, to having conversations about security, this trip has been essential to strengthening our intergovernmental collaboration.

The Alberta government's recent \$8 million investment into local police services, the RCMP, and ALERT, specifically designed to target gangs and extortion, has demonstrated that decisive actions help to keep our communities safe.

Seeing other provinces, including Quebec, follow Alberta's lead in prioritizing these critical investments is a testament to the effectiveness of our approach. By sharing intelligence and strengthening enforcement, we are building a more unified, resilient response to organized crime across Canada.

Please contact my constituency office should you have comments and concerns in regard to constituency related matters.

Mike Ellis

MLA, Calgary-West



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Alberta Separation Referendum

As Albertans prepare to vote in the upcoming referendum on Alberta's future within Canada, I believe it is important to clearly state my position: I support Alberta remaining in Canada.

Like many Albertans, I recognize the legitimate frustrations that have fuelled support for separation. Concerns about equalization, unfair representation in Parliament, excessive federal regulation, and a perceived lack of respect for Alberta are real and deserve attention. Alberta has contributed significantly to Canada's prosperity and Albertans rightly expect acknowledgement and fair treatment in return.

However, I do not believe separation is the solution.

As a landlocked province, Alberta relies on access through other jurisdictions to reach global markets. Independence would not automatically solve challenges around pipelines and tidewater access. Instead, Alberta would need to negotiate with Canada as a separate country, likely weakening our position and creating new barriers for trade and energy exports.

Claims that separation would dramatically reduce taxes are also uncertain. While federal taxes would no longer be paid to Ottawa, Alberta would assume major new responsibilities, including national defence, border security, tax collection and foreign relations. These costs, combined with the loss of economies of scale, could offset many anticipated savings.

There is also significant uncertainty regarding Alberta's future relationship with the United States and the broader international community. Such risks should not be dismissed lightly.

Importantly, Alberta already enjoys substantial autonomy within Confederation. Successive provincial governments have demonstrated the ability to challenge federal policies and defend Alberta's interests while remaining part of Canada.

Canada is not perfect, but it remains one of the most stable, prosperous, and respected countries in the world. Rather than abandoning Confederation, we should continue working to address Alberta's legitimate concerns and build a stronger future together. I firmly believe Alberta's best days remain ahead, as part of Canada.

For my full statement visit davidmckenziemp.ca/alberta-separation-referendum/.

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