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December	23	2	7	\$574,999	\$580,000
November	23	8	4	\$952,500	\$920,000
October	23	9	7	\$779,900	\$791,111
September	23	6	5	\$525,000	\$520,000
August	23	7	10	\$712,500	\$720,000
July	23	8	9	\$1,050,000	\$1,070,000
June	23	16	14	\$937,450	\$975,000
May	23	13	7	\$829,999	\$829,999
April	23	5	7	\$379,900	\$379,900
March	23	8	11	\$515,000	\$500,000

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# DISCOVERY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (DRCA) EXECUTIVE (2024)

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## CURRENT COMMITTEES

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Recreation Facility	Paul Decloux and Darrell Martindale	

## 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

### Facebook

DiscoveryRidgeCommunityAssociation

### X (Twitter)

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### Email Us

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

## Please Donate to the DRCA Bottle Shack

### Where Does the Money Go from the Bottles Collected at the Bottle Shack?

The money made from these resident donations helps:

- Supports the recreational facilities
- DRCA operating costs

### How Should the Bottles be Packaged When Donated?

- Please have bottles in bags or boxes. Make sure the bags are safely tied and the boxes taped shut to keep our volunteers safe.

### Is There Any Other Way I Can Help Support the Bottle Shack?

- Yes, we are always looking for volunteers to help empty the shack.
- If you can volunteer 15 minutes every month or so, please email volunteer@discoveryridge.com.



- Earth Day Litter Pick Up April 27
- Community Cleanup May 18
- DRCA Stampede Roundup Saturday, June 22

Did you know that board meetings happen monthly and all DRCA members are welcome to attend?

Please stop by to learn more about what the DRCA does 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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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Special Events
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- Membership
- Environment
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Mail to: Discovery Ridge Community Association - 160 Discovery Ridge Blvd - T3H 4Y3

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Benefits of DRCA Membership

### What does the DRCA do for me?

- Organizes social events such as Music in the Park, annual Stamped breakfast, Santa event.
- Coordinates the Ridge Review community newsletter.
- Provides up-to-date information about issues affecting you and the community through member only email provides updates on important items for all at [www.discoveryridge.com](http://www.discoveryridge.com).
- Communicates regularly with the Ward 6 Office and Councillor Pootmans on community and city related issues.
- Provides effective representation and advocacy to external third parties about issues of concern to the community, including public safety, development and the natural environment.
- Attains and works casinos to fundraise for the community.
- Creates a sense of community pride through participation in community activities.

### Membership Perks!

Did you know that only up-to-date DRCA Members receive regular community emails informing them of events and ongoing activities in your community? Visit [discoveryridge.com](http://discoveryridge.com) to purchase your \$25 membership or see the membership.

Visit [www.discoveryridge.com](http://www.discoveryridge.com)

## Do You Want to See Your Photo in Print?

The Ridge Review and Discovery Ridge social media channels are always looking for photos to use as a cover or in the photo gallery. We invite both amateur and professional photographers of all ages to submit photos for all seasons and events in Discovery Ridge. Please send your name and photos as high-quality JPEGs (300 DPI and 1MB in file size) to [newsletter@discoveryridge.com](mailto:newsletter@discoveryridge.com).



# LETTER FROM THE BOARD

## Volunteer Appreciation Week

April 14 to 20, 2024

Hello!

April is a special month as it is the time in which volunteers in our communities are celebrated locally and nationwide. During the week of April 14 to 20, recognition and appreciation is given to every volunteer for the contributions they make sharing their time, skills, and creativity for the betterment of their communities. Here in Discovery Ridge, we have an amazing group of volunteers dedicated to supporting our community and I would like to say at this time thank you for all that you do! Here are the many activities they participate in:

- **Bottle Shack:** Bottles and cans are dropped off, sorted, and organized in the Shack. Once the Shack is full, volunteers come in and help with the unload. This involves transferring bags and boxes of bottles onto a depot truck that takes them for recycling. Revenue from donated bottles helps to pay for the operation and maintenance of our recreation facility.
- **Rink Crew:** This hard-working group comes out to maintain our ice rink for both hockey and recreational skating.
- **Wildlife and Human Cohabitation Committee:** This newly formed committee is addressing the issues with wildlife, particularly bears in our community, and our need for safe cohabitation.
- **Stampede Roundup:** A fun, family-oriented event with games and activities with a Stampede feel. Volunteers help to keep the afternoon running smoothly.
- **Music In the Park:** A major event filling our park with neighbours enjoying an afternoon of music! Many hands are needed for this to be a success. Volunteers help with event set-up and take down, ticket sales, in/out flow of guests, and more.
- **Casino:** Approximately every 18 months Discovery Ridge CA is offered a casino. Funds from the Casino support our operations. Volunteers take on roles such as Banker, Cashier, Chip Runner, and Count Room Staff.
- **DRCA Board Members:** Our Board members are volunteers! They give generously their talents and time.

- **Communications Team:** This group keeps DR residents connected and informed of timely and important matters. They support us via DRCA Member emails (MailChimp), the DRCA website ([www.discoveryridge.com](http://www.discoveryridge.com)), the Ridge Review Newsletter (this is the official newsletter for Discovery Ridge and is mailed to every household in the community), and social media (Facebook and Twitter).

If you are not yet a volunteer, please consider joining this awesome group! There is something for everyone! Choose your area of interest and your time commitment. Our community is stronger when we work together. Send a note to [volunteer@discoveryridge.com](mailto:volunteer@discoveryridge.com) and I will be happy to fill you in on our events and answer any questions you may have.

Kind regards,

*Lillian VanGenderen*

DRCA Volunteer Coordinator

## GAMES & PUZZLES

### Guess the Invention!

1. This delicious, chocolatey treat was created by mistake by Ruth Graves Wakefield in 1930.
2. This Canadian-born technological invention gave the public a more immersive film experience in theatres.
3. James Naismith, a Canadian-born P.E. instructor invented this indoor team sport in 1891.
4. Hollywood actress Hedy Lamarr famously created a frequency-hopping technology, which would eventually lead to this modern wireless network technology.
5. Canadian artist Joe Shuster co-created this iconic comic book character in 1938.
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# Homeowners' Association (NDHA) News

At long last spring is upon us! While we wait for the ground to thaw and trees to bud, the NDHA will be working behind the scenes with our ULS team, preparing for the start of another busy growing season. As weather dictates, our priority will shift away from pathway snow clearing and toward spring cleanup of the greenspaces, medians, and boulevards.

**Bristles:** An unfortunate and unavoidable consequence of our pedestrian safety requirement to clean pathways to bare pavement is that bristles are shed from the brush attachment during snow clearing operations. The NDHA requires ULS to clean up visible bristles on a regular basis throughout the winter. As the snow melts, there is no doubt that more and more of the lost bristles will be revealed. Please know that we are "on it", and that ULS will do a thorough deep clean of the bristles during their spring cleanup measures.

**Street Sweeping:** The City of Calgary is planning to launch street sweeping in mid-April. At the time of this writing, the community schedule was not yet available. Please access the City of Calgary website for updates or to sign up for their "Street Sweeping Service Alert", which will notify you via email or text. Please note the following:

- City crews will sweep in neighbourhoods Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- There will be no sweeping on Statutory Holidays.
- Watch for signs in the community indicating when your street is scheduled for cleanup.
- Parking bans are in place when signs are present. Vehicles are subject to be ticketed and towed. Remove vehicles and bins from the road on the posted dates and times.

The NDHA will work with ULS to ensure they have completed the median and boulevard cleanup prior to the City of Calgary carrying out street sweeping operations in our neighbourhood.

**Black Knot Tree Fungus:** Please prune it out! If you look at your trees right now and you see a dark, lumpy mass clinging to any of the branches, you probably have a tree infested with Black Knot Fungus. This fungus affects Mayday, Chokecherry, and other stone fruit trees, and is endemic to Calgary. For the long-term survival of your infected tree, it is best to have it pruned out. Black Knot

Fungus is spread by spores from within the lumpy mass; specific procedures when pruning must be followed to reduce further contamination. Do not place affected limbs in your compost bin.

Pruning while the tree is dormant (no leaves), is best for success. The City of Calgary prunes Black Knot Fungus from trees on public property within our community; please help to control this blight and potentially save your own tree(s) by doing the same. Consider your safety; hiring a professional certified arborist may be the best plan but they book up quickly. You should make contact soon to reserve your appointment. More information on Black Knot can be found on the City's website under "City of Calgary – Black Knot Fungus".



**Yard Cleanup and Garbage Bins:** Once the snow is gone and we truly break into spring, many of our residents begin cleaning up their own yards in preparation for the growing season. It is always surprising how much garbage and other debris can be collected after a long winter! The NDHA requests that residents use their own green/blue/black bins to dispose of waste from your household and property. We have had instances in the past where community garbage bins were inappropriately used for the disposal of large cardboard, Styrofoam, plastics, etc. This is called "illegal dumping", and you can be fined. The city empties public trash bins only a few times a month, so please use them as intended so that all of us can benefit from their convenience. If you find a full or overflowing bin, call 3-1-1 to have it emptied.

We are always happy to hear from our NDHA members; please access our website at [www.ndha.ca](http://www.ndha.ca) for NDHA News updates or to send an email - you can also call us at 403-237-9595.

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