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OUR MISSION

To enhance the quality of life in Deer Ridge for today and the future by establishing and fulfilling the common goals, needs and interests of our community.



Deer Ridge mybabysitterlist

Name	Age	Contact	Course
Amanda	15	587-899-8983	Yes
Ayden	16	403-880-4809	Yes
Calena	20	403-978-5477	No
Emma	13	403-200-5906	Yes
Janelle	25	403-617-5929	Yes
Mattea	15	403-245-1436	Yes
Molly	14	403-630-5365	Yes
Nicole	17	403-862-8692	Yes
Owen	15	403-819-2259	Yes
Rochelle	13	587-834-5225	Yes

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Insects and Technology

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEER RIDGE BOARD

Red Cross Babysitter's Course

Congratulations to all the students who received their Red Cross Babysitter Certification! Special thanks to the Deer Park United Church for the free use of the facilities. Thank-you to Lindsay from Alberta Health and Safety Training Institute for her instruction and fun methods to keep everyone engaged.

2016-2017 New Memberships and Membership Renewal

Current memberships expire on August 31, 2016. To apply for new memberships or renew, please use the form included in this newsletter or apply online at DeerRidgeCA.com/Membership/. Your membership not only supports the Deer Ridge Community but also gives you a 20% discount at the Trico Centre for Family Wellness. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Deer Ridge Community Garden

Things are getting busy at the the Community Garden (located by the ice rinks behind Don Bosco School). Be sure to check out the Facebook group Deer Ridge Community Garden to catch up on latest news and activities.

June Counciltalk

Please join Councillor Peter Demong on June 25th, 2016 noon to 2pm at the ATB in Walden (300-151 Walden Gate S.E.) You may read additional details in Councillor Demong's submission within this newsletter.

Community Festival

The 2nd Annual Community Festival is Sunday June 26th, 2016 at the Deer Point Plaza. This is a free event and great opportunity to sit back, relax and listen to some very talented musicians! There will be activities for the kids and an artisan market to find that unique item for yourself or someone special. Please see our Community Festival Poster in this newsletter for further details.

Movie in Yellow Slide Park 2016

Please join us on Saturday July 23rd, 2016 and Saturday August 20th, 2016 for two free movie events at Yellow Slide Park.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a free night of food and entertainment for the whole family.

Please bring a non-perishable food donation for the Calgary Food Bank and be eligible for a raffle prize!

Please see our Movie in Yellow Slide Park 2016 Poster in this newsletter for further details.

Park n' Play & Stay n' Play

The City of Calgary in partnership with Deer Ridge Community Association presents:

Park n' Play & Stay n' Play

These free, safe, supervised programs help children make new friends learn new games and activities that they can use on their path to a healthy and active lifestyles.

August 8-12, 2016

60 Deerpath Rd SE (greenspace on the NW corner)

Stay n' Play FREE

Ages 3Y – 5Y

10:00 am – noon

Participants must be accompanied by an adult/guardian (Max 2 kids per adult)

Park n' Play FREE

Ages 6Y – 12Y

10:00 am – 3:30pm

Play Faster This Summer!

Save time and line-ups on the first day by pre-registering for Park n' Play and Stay n' Play. Pre-registration does not guarantee entry. Entry to these programs is on a first-come, first-served basis, each day.

We encourage you to supply us your information by pre-registering prior to program starting to help you save time filling out forms at the program when you arrive.

For more information visit calgary.ca/communitysummerprograms.

Deer Ridge/Queensland Community Clean-up Day

When: Sunday September 18th, 2016 from 9:00 to 2:00

Where: Queensland Community Centre - 649 Queensland Dr.

What: Bring your general house hold garbage, winter clean up refuse, electronics recycle, wood, etc. and dispose/recycle your waste in City of Calgary Refuse Trucks & Recycle containers.

In previous years, this event has been held in the spring however this year the date allocated by city resources is

closer to Fall. Mark your calendars, save the date: Sunday September 18th, 2016, for Community Clean-Up Day.

Community Paint Program

The Deer Ridge Community Association is currently in the process of enaging artists from the City of Calgary's "Utility Box Public Art Program". This is an opportunity for you to step into the art by describing your community; identifying features, values and character.

Artist(s) will interpret your "elements into a public artwork for the utility box assigned". Input from all ages is welcomed. You may email us or visit DeerRidgeCA.com/StepIntoTheArt/

Volunteer Call-Out

The Deer Ridge Community Association is always looking for volunteers for assist with various events, facility maintenance, to be on the Board of Directors, and/or to contribute ideas to improve the community. It can be as little as a few hours a year or more – you set the commitment. Please contact us by mail, email, or call. All residents are welcome!

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Please join us for our Annual General Meeting

at the Trico Centre
Tuesday, June 21, 2016
at 7:00 pm
 (Seniors Room - 2nd level)

If you would like to be involved in the Community Association or meet the board, please RSVP at DeerRidgeCA@gmail.com
 Come out and share your thoughts.
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 **Guides Canada**

FAMOUS FIVE DISTRICT

Unit meetings are winding down and girls are advancing and attending the last sleepovers and camps for the year. Parents, please re-register girls for the fall, their spot is guaranteed if registered before June 1.

Classic cookie stock is disappearing. If we missed you, please contact Pat, isteads@telus.net with your address. Cookies are the major fundraising for Girl Guides and your purchase allows us to provide programming that teaches self-respect, community awareness, safety, leadership and so much more.

Beginning June 1, 2016, new members will be able to register for the fall program start. To register, visit www.girlguides.com, click on the Unit Finder button, enter your postal code and select the branch, unit and location that suit your family best. Sparks (ages 5 and 6), Brownies (ages 7 and 8), Guides (ages 9 to 11), Pathfinders (ages 12 to 14) and Rangers (ages 15 to 17) all accept new members.

A special thanks to all the volunteer leaders. It doesn't happen without you. Would you like to become a leader for the fall? We're always looking for women to help. No experience necessary. No daughter required. Why not start the registration process now, take advantage of trainings offered in June and be ready for fun in September. Contact Pat, isteads@telus.net, for more info.

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5th of each month for the next month's issue

Free Annual Family Event

Walk or bike down

2nd Annual

Community Festival

IN YOUR NECK OF THE WOODS

Sunday June 26, 2016

Enjoy local music!

Vendors, Performers and Volunteers
Please contact Sylvia at
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Artisan Market & Kid's Activities!
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MEDITATION FOR ADULTS OF ALL AGES: by Living Kindness Yoga. Calm your mind, relax your body, and experience inner peace. 7:30 - 9:00pm Wednesdays June, July, and August, plus Tuesday July 26. There will be a new set of five classes starting the first Wednesday of each month. To register, contact Denise-Marie at denisemarie@livingkindnesscompanions.ca, 403-862-5727. Please bring a cushion, yoga mat and blanket.

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June at Trico Centre

Trico Centre for Family Wellness is a non-profit, community-owned and operated recreation facility. Our memberships are affordable and our programs are family-friendly. With a membership, you can work out in the fitness centre, take more than 70-drop-in fitness classes a week (more than 55 in the summer months), use the gymnasium, skate, or play shinny, plus with a membership you get 20% off our fun, active registered programs. Residents of communities partnered with Trico Centre (yours!) pay 20% less for a Trico Centre membership with presentation of a community association membership or payment of the Community Support Fee (which is sent to your community association).

Membership Specials while the Pool is Closed

After 33 years in operation, Trico Centre's Aquatics Centre is undergoing a major refurbishment. This project will address lifecycle issues, improve health and safety components. **The target reopen date is August 15, 2016.** There is still lots to do at Trico while the pool is closed. We will be hosting a pool grand opening, so watch for details.

- Purchase a new membership up until August 14, 2016 and receive 14 months for the price of 12.
- Purchase an All-Inclusive 10-Visit Pass up until July 31, 2016 and receive 13 visits for the price of 10.
- If you were a member on February 19, 2016 when the pool closed for its makeover, make sure to drop by Guest Services and fill out your form to receive a three-month free extension on your membership and five free passes*

Spring Activities for Families, Children, Youth

- **Summer Day Camps:** Trico Centre is known for its summer camps. Want your child to have fun and learn over the summer? Good quality themed camps. 3-14 yrs, weekly or daily, full day, half, day, pre and post care.
- More registered summer programs than ever before including Parent & Tot classes, preschool, children and youth. See the Summer Program Guide or check www.tricocentre.ca for all the details.
- Summer drop-ins include Drop-In Playtime (walking and up, Thursdays, 5-6:30pm, Drop-In Craft (2 yrs and up) Drop-In Dodgeball (10-14 yrs.) Check the Summer 2016 Program Guide for details.
- Skating Lessons – what could be a better way to spend a hot summer than in a cool skating rink. Parent & Tot, Pre-school Learn to skate, Youth Learn to Skate, Teen Learn to Skate, and private lessons.

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Summer Programs for Adults

- Check out these registered summer programs: Core Fusion Barre, Obstacle Race Training, Stroller Fit, Fit 101: For the Absolute Beginner, and Sore Joints Training.
- Even though it is summer, there is still lots to do in the Fitness Centre. Choose from more than 55 dryland drop-in fitness classes every week. Free for members, drop-in fee for non-members.

Summer Programs for Older Adults

- Balance Builders: Fall Prevention for Older Adults, Bone Builders: Weight Training for Older Adults, Chair Yoga, and Sore Joints Training are registered fitness classes for older adults offered over the summer.
- Drop-in Pickleball is offered several times a week over the summer. Check out the Drop-In Gym schedule (available on the website or at Guest Services.) Free for members or drop-in fee for non-members.

Trico Centre is located at 11150 Bonaventure Drive SE. Residents of partnered communities' pay 20% less for memberships than those who reside outside partnered communities. Phone: 403-278-7542 or see www.tricocentre.ca to find out more.



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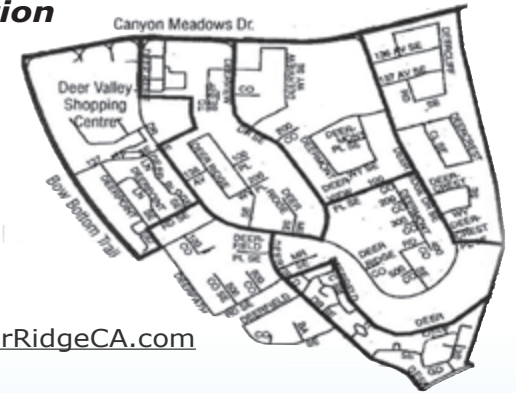
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Name:

Additional Family Members:

Mailing Address:

Phone Number(s):

Email Address(s)*:

* Please note your email address will be added to our electronic mailing list used for notifications of upcoming community events and information. We do not share your information.

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Online:	DeerRidgeCA.com/Membership

Two membership cards, printed with last name(s), will be mailed to your household.

You may contact the Deer Ridge Community Association by telephone: (403) 998-3144, email: DeerRidgeCA@gmail.com, or visiting the website: www.DeerRidgeCA.com. You may also like us on Facebook, and follow on twitter: @DeerRidgeCA.

The Deer Ridge Community Association presents:

“Movie in Yellow Slide Park”

SAVE THE DATE

July 23
2016

SAVE THE DATE

Aug 20
2016

Please join us on Saturday July 23, 2016 and Saturday August 20, 2016 for two free movie events at Yellow Slide Park.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a free night of food and entertainment for the whole family!

We need help planning and we need volunteers on the event days. Please contact Alana at 403.466.8100 to get involved.



COUNCILLOR, WARD 14
PETER DEMONG

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eaward14@calgary.ca or 403 268-1653

Happy June Ward 14!

Ward 14 Wordsmith Award

Every year I hold an essay contest for the Grade 6 students in Ward 14. Every year they write about what municipal government means to them, and every year I am blown away by the calibre of the essays.

For four years the winner of the *Ward 14 Wordsmith Award*, and their entire class, have joined me at a City Council meeting. I read the winning essay on TV during a Council meeting—so everyone can be just as impressed as I—and present the winner with the *Ward 14 Wordsmith Award*.

This year Ian Samuel Benham of Prince of Wales School became the winner of the fifth annual Ward 14 Wordsmith Award. He and Mrs. Armstrong-Shaver’s class joined me in Council on May 16 and he received a very special prize in addition to the traditional trophy: a signed Johnny Gaudreau jersey courtesy of the Calgary Flames!

Congratulations Ian! It is great to see young people who understand the importance of democracy. Thank you to all of the teachers who instil that importance, and to all the students who participated! I can’t wait to see what the students have in store for next year.

For those of you who would like to read Ian’s essay, you can find it at calgary.ca/ward14.

Counciltalk

I will be holding one more Counciltalk session before summer. It will be at the ATB in Walden (300-151 Walden Gate S.E.) on June 25 from noon to 2 p.m.

This has been the most popular year for Counciltalk yet, and that makes me happy. As good as it is to see young people who understand the importance of democracy it is equally as good to see adults participate in it.

Thank you to everyone who joined me at one of my Counciltalk sessions this year. Keep an eye out for the next one on calgary.ca/counciltalk.

Ward 14 Communities BBQ & Walden Community Association

I think people must be getting familiar with my community BBQ. I will speak about it in a little more detail in the

coming months, but for now you should mark it in your calendars. It will be a great time.

The BBQ is on September 24, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and I will be officially welcoming Walden’s brand new community association for the first time. It will be in the same location as always: the Southcentre Mall parking lot. You can find out more about the Walden Community Association at wald-enyycc.ca and more about the BBQ at calgary.ca/ward14bbq.

Deerfoot Trail Engagement

I want to briefly mention a couple of opportunities to give your input on the future of Deerfoot Trail.

You will have to keep an eye on calgary.ca/engage to get the fine details of the first opportunity, but in general it will be a chance to share your thoughts on what you want to see on Deerfoot. Watch for the Deerfoot Trail Corridor Study on the City’s website.

The second opportunity will be focused specifically on the south section of Deerfoot. I will be at the First Alliance Church (12345 40 Street S.E.) on June 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. with area MLA Richard Gotfried, other area councillors, and other stakeholders to listen to what the citizens of Calgary’s south have to say.

Thanks for reading. Please feel free to contact me any time.

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MILKY WAY NIGHTS**

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**JULY 30
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- **July 1 to September 4 - Legends of Rock N Roll:** Buddy Holly, Tom Jones, Neil Diamond and Elvis Presley perform classics like Delilah, Blue Suede Shoes and many more. www.stagewestcalgary.com
- **July 17 - Park Day and Creekfest:** This annual event is a celebration of Alberta's natural areas. The whole family is invited to come to the park to learn how to protect our watersheds and respect the provincial park. www.friendsoffishcreek.org
- **July 19 to 24 - Newsies:** This high-energy musical is based on the true events of the 1899 Newsboys Strike. The show centres around a group of struggling "newsies." www.calgary.broadway.com
- **July 21 to 24 - Calgary Folk Music Festival:** This year is the 37th annual Calgary Folk Music Festival. Expect more than 70 different artists from around the world to perform on the various stages at Prince's Island Park. www.calgaryfolkfest.com
- **July 22 to 24 - Fiestaval Latin Festival:** This free, family-friendly festival is a multicultural celebration of Latin American culture. www.fiestaval.ca
- **July 23 and 24 - Pet-A-Palooza:** A pawty for fido is just what your summer was missing. Join us to meet over 80 exhibitors, local rescues, listen to live music, check out Running of the Bulls - French and English Bulldog Races! www.petapaloozawest.com
- **July 25 to 31 - Calgary International Blues Festival:** This year marks the 12th annual Calgary Bluesfest. It's a full week of celebrating the best of blues music, with workshops, concerts and special events. www.calgarybluesfest.com
- **July 30 - Making a Murderer's Dean Strang and Jerry Buting:** The two defense lawyers are stopping in Calgary as part of their A Conversation on Justice tour. The two will do a Q&A session, discuss the Steven Avery case and talk about what it means in broader terms, too.
- **July 30 - Inglewood Sunfest:** This neighbourhood street festival includes activities that appeal to Calgarians of all ages. Expect live music, plenty of street performers, a Show and Shine and activities for the kids. www.inglewoodsunfest.ca



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Summer arrived early and I am excited about attending and hosting events, and meeting with constituents in Calgary-Fish Creek, in the months ahead. There are some great things happening that I suggest you mark in your calendar.

Deerfoot Trail is a critical piece of our city's infrastructure, and Alberta's busiest highway, with traffic volumes ranging from 27,000 to 158,000 vehicles per day depending on location. Its efficiency affects the lives of most Calgarians and I know that many Calgary-Fish Creek constituents depend on the Deerfoot for their daily commutes. Therefore, I want to invite you to our Deerfoot Engagement session on Thursday, June 23 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the First Alliance Church - 12345 40 Street SE. City Councillors, Calgary MLAs, City of Calgary Transportation and Government of Alberta Transportation & Infrastructure representatives will be available to provide information, answer questions and listen to suggestions or concerns from participants.

Spring Session at the Legislature is scheduled to conclude in early June. With that, I will host another MLA Café on Friday, June 24 from 10:00 am – 11:00 am. This engagement session will give constituents the opportunity to share their thoughts about Alberta one year after the provincial election while expressing their priorities and concerns related to our provincial government. I also want to thank all constituents who participated in the survey that was attached to my spring newsletter. The information provided was truly helpful. Please take the time to complete and send your survey to our office.

Park 96's Summerfest is one of my favorite summer events. The activities, music, food, and location make for a great family and community celebration. I welcome all constituents to Summerfest on Saturday, June 25 from 8:00 am – 10:00 pm. Tickets are still available and can be purchased by calling or visiting the Park 96 office. When you get to Summerfest, make sure your kids get one of my beach balls for some summer fun in the waterpark!

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Stampede is a fun and busy time with many events happening in our communities, around Calgary and of course at the Stampede grounds. One that you won't want to miss is my Stampede BBQ on Saturday, July 9 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm at the constituency office - 1215 Lake Sylvan Drive SE. There will be face painting and crafts for kids, door prizes, and delicious food for everyone. If you need more information about my Stampede event, please contact my office and we will be happy to assist. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

ATCO Gas Fish Creek Provincial Park System Improvements are now complete. This project included the addition of a new paved pathway to connect the Fish Creek Provincial Park to 146 Avenue along Bow Bottom Trail. This trail will be an asset to Fish Creek Park users and I want to commend the great work of ATCO Gas for completing this project and keeping the communities updated on progress.

As always, I welcome you to follow me on Facebook and Twitter, or to email or call and schedule a meeting. All opportunities to communicate with constituents greatly assist me in effectively representing you, while you can rest assured your privacy and confidentiality will always be respected.

Written by Katie Fisher
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Small Acrobatic Gliders

Gliding to the left and right, the American Kestrel, keeps a sharp eye on the earth below for flickering blades of grass or the rustling of bushes. A member of the raptor family, the American Kestrel is easy to identify because it is the smallest of the North American falcons and the most colourful. Male and female Kestrels are dressed in a rusty red but only the males are garnished with a brilliant slate blue on their head and wings. They are easily spotted in open grassland areas, such as meadows and farmer's fields. They also can be seen in city areas and suburbs. Unlike songbirds, they will not be seen foraging for items for their nests, instead, they rely on abandoned Woodpecker holes, tree hollows and other empty cavities that are found in the environment. Kestrels may even take up residence in your backyard.

Your backyard could become a suitable home for the Kestrel, provided that you don't just set up any old birdhouse. A nesting box, nailed to a tree, high above the yard and away from sources of noise, could provide a suitable home for a feathered family. They may repay you by keeping pesky rodents out of your yard.

Like many raptors, the American Kestrel hunts for insects such as grasshoppers, beetles and spiders. They also enjoy munching on small vertebrate prey such as mice, voles, shrews, songbirds and occasionally, frogs,

snakes and small lizards. Some brave Kestrels have been spotted preying on larger creatures, such as red squirrels. One characteristic that gives the American Kestrel the upper hand on small prey is their ability to see ultraviolet light. This feature gives them the power to see urine trails created by small rodents and other creatures, leading them to their next meal.

When the Kestrel finds itself with a surplus of food they store their food for later use. Like a storage box, they will hide their food in grass clumps, tree roots and other cavities along the ground. These food items will come in handy when food is difficult to find.

Hunting all day and sleeping all night isn't as easy as it may sound. The American Kestrel must always on the lookout for predators. As the smallest falcon, they become easy prey to other raptors, such as Barn Owls, Goshawks and Red-tailed Hawks. Large reptiles such as rat snakes and corn snakes will also take Kestrels as prey.

When you are out on your next walk, keep an eye to the sky, you may just see the Kestrel gliding through the air or perched on a light post or telephone post. If you come across an injured American Kestrel, or any other wildlife in distress, please contact Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society wildlife hotline at 403-239-2488.



Deer Ridge Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Deer Ridge
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
April 2016	\$330,000.00	\$320,000.00
March 2016	\$399,900.00	\$380,000.00
February 2016	\$414,900.00	\$401,000.00
January 2016	\$349,900.00	\$326,500.00
December 2015	\$314,900.00	\$300,000.00
November 2015	\$387,444.00	\$370,000.00
October 2015	\$344,950.00	\$335,000.00
September 2015	\$0.00	\$0.00
August 2015	\$0.00	\$0.00
July 2015	\$362,500.00	\$348,000.00
June 2015	\$369,900.00	\$365,500.00
May 2015	\$464,900.00	\$451,500.00

Last 12 Months Deer Ridge
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Stats

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
April 2016	5	3
March 2016	6	3
February 2016	1	3
January 2016	3	1
December 2015	2	3
November 2015	6	2
October 2015	3	2
September 2015	4	0
August 2015	1	0
July 2015	2	5
June 2015	1	3
May 2015	5	4

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