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DEER RIDGE NEWS AND EVENTS

Onward with Spring

The rinks are closed and we thank all the volunteers who put in countless hours to keep the rink operational for as much as a winter season as possible! Spring outdoor activities are starting later this month and there are several organized sports teams playing in our fields and the parks will be full. Please watch carefully for kids running around and respect the playground and school zones. We encourage you and your families to come out and enjoy the fun!

Report Graffiti

To report graffiti, please call 311. If you see graffiti in progress, please call 911.

Graffiti Free Calgary is a website with information for youth, adults and community groups regarding graffiti vandalism; including what to do if you have graffiti vandalism in your community, and what to do if you think your youth might be involved.

Deer Ridge Community Association Monthly Meeting

Nominations for new board members will occur at the next AGM in June. Now is a great time to attend the Deer Ridge Community Association meetings! You'll meet the current volunteer Board Executive and Directors at Large, as well as your city/community representatives. These meetings are a great opportunity to add your voice to the discussion and present new ideas.

Are you interested in attending but getting a babysitter is an issue? No worries, there is plenty of space in the meeting room for your children. Remember to bring child's favourite books, tablets, toys.

The next board meeting is:

Date & Time: Tuesday, April 18th, 2017 at 7pm

Location: The Trico Centre - Meeting Room #7/8

We hope to see you there!

Movie at Yellow Slide Park

We will again be holding two movie presentations in

Yellow Slide Park this summer in July and August. The dates are TBD, but please check the website, future Deer Ridge Journals, and signs around the community for further details.

We want your feedback! Use the link below (OR, Use the link on our website www.DeerRidgeCA.com) to access a short survey to help us plan Movie in the Park.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/25RBHBB>

We need more volunteers! Did you know your community association events are organized and facilities maintained by only a handful of hardworking volunteers? We need more residents and new people involved for continued success.

Deer Ridge Community Garden

The Community Garden is located by the ice rinks behind Don Bosco School. To join the gardening group and reserve a Garden Plot, please contact Bob Hall at hallbc@shaw.ca. You may also contact the group online by visiting DeerRidgeCA.com and selecting "Deer Ridge Community Gardens" from the menu.

All the structures at the community garden are the result of volunteer efforts. If you would like to volunteer, please contact us.

Community Clean-up Day

Mark your calendars for June 25th, 2017!

Deer Ridge will once again be partnering with the communities of Queensland & Diamond Cove for Community Clean-up Day. The City of Calgary will be providing three packer trucks (waste and organics). There will also be opportunities for disposal and recycle of electronics and metals. Further details will be provided as the date approaches.

Date & Time: Sunday June 25th, 2017 from 9:00 to 2:00

Location: Queensland Community Centre - 649 Queensland Dr. S.E.

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WE NEED YOU! CONTACT US TO VOLUNTEER AND GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

OUR VISION

We will be a safe community with established programs and facilities, committed volunteers, and we'll be financially stable.

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 NEWS AND EVENTS CONT'D

Ward 14 Counciltalk

Here are the next two dates for Councillor Peter Demong's Counciltalk sessions.

Date & Time: April 15th, 2017, 1pm - 3pm

Location: Deer Run Community Centre (Main Gym) (2223 146 Ave S.E.)

Date & Time: May 27th, 2017, noon - 2pm

Location: Queensland Community Hall (649 Queensland Dr. S.E.)

Membership

Membership application forms are available in this Deer Ridge Journal and online at DeerRidgeCA.com.

Your membership not only supports the Deer Ridge Community but also makes available to residents the following special offers from your Community Partners:

Play It Again Sports - skate sharpening (get coupon at DeerRidgeCA.com)

Deer Point Alterations & Repairs - receive 10% off repairs and alterations \$100.00 or more.

Cornerstone Music Café - receive 10% off

Around The Bend - receive 10% off

Fortified Fitness - receive 20% regular price membership (get coupon at DeerRidgeCA.com)

Note: Prior to April 1st, 2017, the purchase of a Trico Centre Membership also included membership to your community association through payment of Community Support Fee. As a result of changes at the Trico Centre, your membership in the community association is no longer automatic.

Thank-you for your support and participation in the community!

Message to Community Partners/ Business Owners:

The Deer Ridge Community Association exists to make life better in our neighbourhood. Run by a dedicated team of volunteers, we operate and maintain the community ice rinks, tennis courts, gardens, host social events, and fund-raise to support facilities and programs. We also work to help promote and support local businesses, such as yours, in the area.

There are a variety of ways we can work together to support the community, including:

- Movie in Yellow Slide Park – donations of promotional giveaways to promote your business;
- Movie in Yellow Slide Park – cash donations in support of food, entertainment (face painting, bouncy castles) or equipment (screen, movie) at the event;
- Movie in Yellow Slide Park – individual business booth set up at the event;
- Offering discounts on regular priced items in your store for community residents presenting their community association membership card;
- A one time "Business of the Month" full page feature (free of charge) in Deer Ridge Journal community newsletter delivered to over 1500 Deer Ridge residents;
- Sponsor a Deer Ridge Community Garden plot;
- Volunteer your time at events or casino fundraising; and
- Acknowledgement of your community support at events, in the newsletter and on our website (www.DeerRidgeCA.com).

If you feel any of these opportunities would benefit your company or organization or you have promotional items or giveaways you would like to contribute, please contact us to discuss your level of involvement.

The Deer Ridge Community Association would like to thank local businesses for their past support and commitment in the Deer Ridge Community. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact us at your convenience.

VOLUNTEER FORM



The continued success of events as well as maintenance and improvements of facilities is dependent upon involvement of Deer Ridge residents. We invite you to join us in the fun!

We are updating our 2016-2017 list of volunteers. If you are interested, please fill out the form below and return by mail, or visit www.DeerRidgeCA.com and fill it out online.

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Deer Ridge Community Association, Volunteer Activities 2016 – 2017

- **Community Clean-Up** (June 25, 2017: set-up/take down, assist City staff directing people and receiving items, community signage and posters)
- **Fundraising Casino** (January 11th & 12th, 2017: money, money, money!)
- **Family Winter Skate** (January: set-up/take down, food and beverage service, event preparation, community signage and posters)
- **Ice Rinks** (Nov-March: maintaining ice surface)
- **Tennis Courts** (May-Oct: maintaining court surface)
- **Children's Christmas Party** (December: event preparation)
- **Volunteer Recognition** (Spring: event preparation)
- **Membership Drives** (Aug-Oct: door-to-door delivery of membership forms)
- **Movie at Yellow Slide Park** (July & Aug: event preparation, set-up/take down, food & beverage service, contact businesses for raffle prizes, community signage and posters)
- **Community Festival** (June: set-up/take down event tables, community signage and posters)
- **Community Gardens** (May-Oct: building new garden structures, painting, prepping beds at start of season, post-harvest activities)
- **Special Projects: playground rebuilds, pathway to rinks and gardens, etc.** (ongoing: planning, cost estimates, coordination with The City, organizing volunteers, construction)
- **Association Board Member or Committee Member** (various roles to suit individual's time available to volunteer)
- **Doesn't matter to me. I'll help with whatever is needed.**

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Ideas or Comments:



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.

April at Trico Centre

Trico Centre for Family Wellness is a non-profit, community-owned and operated recreation facility. Our passes are affordable and our programs are family-friendly. With a pass, you can work out in the fitness centre, take more than 70-drop-in fitness classes a week, use the gymnasium, swim, skate, or play shinny, plus you get 20% off our fun, active registered programs. Trico Centre supports community: a small portion of your pass fee is sent to your community association.

Spring/Summer Program Guide

It is not too late to register for Spring programs. Check out our Spring/Summer Program Guide for lots of new registered offerings for children, adults, and older adults. Swimming and skating lessons for all ages. Adult fitness options. Children's programs for 12 months to 14 years.

Register now for summer day camps and a great selection of other registered summer programs for children and adults.

Affordable Monthly Continuous Pass

Since January 2017, Trico Centre has been offering a convenient monthly continuous pass. Check out our pass prices at www.tricocentre.ca or in the Spring Summer Program Guide. Included in your affordable Trico Centre pass are:

- FREE access to more than 70 Drop-In Group Fitness classes a week
- All-Day FREE access to the well-equipped Fitness Centre
- FREE entry to children's drop-in activities like Drop-In Playtime
- PRIORITY program registration (passholders only registration)
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- FREE access to wave pool, waterslide, hot tub, steam rooms
- FREE entry to Drop-In Gym activities
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Adults/Older Adults

- Adult registered fitness includes Cardio Kickboxing, Cardio Dance, Strong by Zumba, Beginner's Yoga, Focus on Powerlifting
- Registered programs for older adults that start in April: Balance Builders Level 1 (Fall Prevention), Balance Builders Level 2 (Bones and Balance), Chair Yoga, Straighten Up Posture Series, Golf Conditioning.
- Included in your affordable Trico Centre pass, are more than 70 drop-in fitness programs. Choose from endurance classes with a cardiovascular focus, group resistance training, high intensity interval training, aqua fitness, and mind/body classes. Options for all fitness levels and ages

Children & Youth

- Lots of new children's programs (and old favourites) start in April – check our online registration system for availability.
- After 33 years of children's programs, basketball games, preschool gymnastics, and badminton, Trico Centre's gymnasium floor is being replaced. Gymnasium will be closed from April 12 to June 7. Check www.tricocentre.ca for a special schedule of classes during this period.

Fee Assistance

- The Trico Cares program offers **fee assistance** for passes and admissions. See www.tricocentre.ca for details. Plus, we have partnered with organizations that offer fee assistance for programs (Canadian Tire Jumpstart, KidzFirst, KidsSport.)

Trico Centre is located at 11150 Bonaventure Drive SE. Phone: 403-278-7542 or see www.tricocentre.ca to find out more.



**Deer Ridge Community Association
Membership Request / Renewal
Form**



Membership Year:
AGM June 16th, 2016 – August 31st, 2017

Thank-you in advance for your support!
Membership fee \$15.00

Online membership payment available at DeerRidgeCA.com

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.

Membership Request & Payment options:

Mail completed form & cheque payable to:	Deer Ridge Community Association PO Box 43052, Calgary, AB, T2J 7A7
Online:	DeerRidgeCA.com/Membership

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

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**IN & AROUND
SCHOOLS**

St. Bonaventure School

Athletically, the badminton season is in full swing with city finals scheduled for the beginning of May. St. Bonaventure is looking to defend their title as tier champions. In addition, a group of 12 dancers performed at Bishop Carroll on April 4th. Danceworks is a celebration of all that is dance. Our performers wowed the crowd with their Bollywood presentation choreographed by their teacher.

In the fine arts department, both the junior and senior bands will be performing at various competitions in April. We are anticipating some superior marks as that was an assessment of an earlier performance the bands attended in February. In other academic areas, the grade 7's will be participating in an Invention Convention which is held at the school. The top 6 students will continue on to represent St. Bonaventure at a city competition in April. A group of grade 8's are honored to attend a Career Expo followed by a group of grade 9 girls who will attend the Explore IT conference hosted at MRU. Another group of grade 8's and 9's are looking forward to competing in a robotics competition to be held in spring. As you can see, this time of the year results in many culminating competitions so that students can put the skills they have acquired throughout the year to use.

For those of you interested in attending St. Bonaventure next year, our **Open House** is scheduled for **April 25** with the Hockey Skills Academy presentation at **6:30** followed by a general presentation about the school for our incoming grade 6's at **7:00** and concluding with a presentation highlighting the Spanish Program at **7:45**. You are invited to the presentation(s) that apply to your situation.

With our Lenten journey coming to a close at Easter, the staff and students at St. Bonaventure School would like to extend greetings for a most blessed Easter.



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Watch for information about girl registration for the fall of 2017.

Ladies, would you like to become a leader for the fall? We're always looking for women to help. Why not start the registration process now, take advantage of some training offered in June and be ready for a fun time in September. Contact Pat, isteads@telus.net, for more info.

BRAIN GAMES **SUDOKU**

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**IN & AROUND
CALGARY**



EMS: Bicycle Helmet Safety

Head injuries are a leading cause of serious injury and death to children riding bicycles*. Most injuries occur when a cyclist suffers a fall, strikes a stationary object, or collides with another cyclist/pedestrian. Remember – it's the law in Alberta that cyclists under the age of 18 must wear a helmet (and highly recommended for all ages). Helmets should be CSA approved and worn during recreational activities such as skateboarding, in-line skating, and cycling.

Getting informed

- Wearing a helmet while cycling can prevent a serious injury, or even save a life;
- Brain injuries can cause permanent disability or death;
- Reduce your risk by always wearing your helmet;
- Replace any helmet that has been involved in a crash, even if it appears undamaged.

Getting started

- Allow children to assist when buying their helmet. Cyclists who choose their own helmet are more likely to wear them;
- Start the habit early. Young children learning to ride tricycles need to wear helmets;
- Parents must lead by example – always wear a helmet when cycling.

Getting the right fit

- Take the time to properly fit and adjust your helmet to ensure maximum protection in case of a crash;
- When worn properly, helmets should fit level, not tilted up, or down over the forehead;
- Helmets should feel snug, but not too tight. To test the fit, the helmet should not fall off when you shake your head from side-to-side while the straps are unfastened;
- Adjust the chin straps to form a "Y" below and slightly forward from the ears;
- Only one finger should be able to fit under the chin strap when it is fastened;
- Do not forget to use the sizing pads included with the helmet. They will help improve the overall fit, comfort and safety.

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- ◆ Forty word limit

RUMMAGE SALE: Sat., April 29 at 10 am - 2pm Wilma Hansen School will be having a Rummage Sale to raise money for new instruments and music supplies for the school. We are accepting any gently used items that you are willing to donate! Please bring your items to the school before this date or Call 403-700-7066 and we will be happy to pick up your donations. There will also be tables for rent if any small home business would like to sell their goods.

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Last 12 Months Deer Ridge MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
February 2017	\$475,000	\$473,000
January 2017	\$387,900	\$375,000
December 2016	\$409,900	\$400,000
November 2016	\$423,450	\$418,500
October 2016	\$457,950	\$448,500
September 2016	\$367,400	\$350,500
August 2016	\$409,900	\$398,000
July 2016	\$362,400	\$361,700
June 2016	\$352,400	\$344,625
May 2016	\$347,250	\$340,000
April 2016	\$330,000	\$320,000
March 2016	\$399,900	\$380,000

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

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
February 2017	1	1
January 2017	2	5
December 2016	4	3
November 2016	3	4
October 2016	2	2
September 2016	4	2
August 2016	4	5
July 2016	5	4
June 2016	4	4
May 2016	2	6
April 2016	5	3
March 2016	6	3

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Between April 7 and May 28, bring your yard waste to any City of Calgary landfill for **free** composting.

Before you leave for the landfill:

- ✓ Your yard waste should be in a paper yard waste bag or left loose. Please cover and secure loads of loose material before transporting.
- ✓ Make sure your load only contains yard waste like **leaves, branches and plants**. No sod – it is not accepted in this program.
- ✓ This program is for residential customers only. Fees will apply if your load contains other items.

For more information visit calgary.ca/yardwaste

Landfill hours have changed

Landfills are open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the following days:

	Spyhill Landfill 69 th St. and 112 th Ave. N.W.	East Calgary Landfill 17 th Ave. and 68 th St. S.E.	Shepard Landfill 114 th Ave. and 68 th St. S.E.
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Visit during the week or before 9 a.m. to avoid line-ups.

Why is it important to compost your yard waste?

By diverting your yard waste, this material is kept out of the landfill, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and given a second life as compost.

FREE MULCH FOR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

Pick up free mulch at all three City landfills while supplies last.

Bring your own shovel to load mulch.

For more information visit calgary.ca/yardwaste



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Legislature Update/Budget:

By the time this newsletter comes out we will be in full swing for the Spring Session. I am hopeful that the temperature outside and inside the halls of the Legislature will be not too hot and not too cold, just right for respectful debate and discussion. The budget was released on March 16th, and that means a lot of work for me and my team in quite literally, holding government to account. Budget discussions and constituent input are very important to me; consequently, my MLA Café for April will specifically focus on budget issues. As our province slides deeper into debt, tough questions on what to fund vs how to fund must be continually evaluated. We know that our present course of action is unsustainable, meaning that our daily operational costs significantly outstrip revenue generated from personal and corporate taxes, royalties and other revenue. With this in mind, please join me **Monday April 27th from 5-7pm** at the office to discuss how to “better the budget” for Albertans.

Did you know? Did you know that I offer notary and commissioner for oaths services free of charge? Did you know that MLA’s visit schools and give students an understanding of the political process and that democratic studies are included in the Grade 6 curriculum? Did you know that commemorative Birthday and Anniversary Scrolls from various levels of government can be coordinated through my office? Did you know that I love attending and supporting events in the community? Did you know that we can assist in filling out and submitting government forms? Many individuals are not aware of the services that our office is able to assist with. Please use me and my staff as a community resource and information hub. We are here to help, so if you are not sure, ask!

Communication:

All of you should have received our newsletter through Canada Post by now. If not, please contact me and I will get a copy for you. I would encourage you to fill out the comment card on the newsletter to give us an indication of what matters most to you. There is not a lot of space for feedback, so I would encourage you to send an email, make a call, write a letter or come into the office to give

greater detail on issues of importance to you. We all need to have a voice in our communities and in our province.

Education:

Much has been discussed recently regarding education curriculum and funding of public vs. independent schools. My children have gone through the public system here in Calgary. I am a strong advocate for a great public system. With this said, I also feel that the public system cannot meet the needs of all students and other options need to be available. Choice in our education system is paramount for a strong public and independent system. All who pay property taxes, pay an education portion to the Alberta Government regardless of whether you have children in the system or not. All of us benefit from an educated population. As everyone contributes, I feel that continuing to fund independent schools is important in meeting the needs of a diverse student population, Strengthening resources in the public system is also in some ways achieved by savings in capital and per student funding of independent schools. I will continue to strongly support choice, and both public and independent schools options going forward.

As always, I welcome your feedback and would encourage you to become involved in your community, and engaged in issues of importance to Albertans.

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Hello people of Ward 14!

Last month I did a bit of a primer for the new season. Since we are now entering the first full month of spring, I want everyone to remember a couple of seasonal tidbits that I wrote about in March.

Street sweeping, civic census, & voter registration are all online

You can still find all of the information that you need—including the latest information on when to move your vehicle—at calgary.ca/sweep. You should also have received your access code for the online civic census and voter registration by mail in March. All of these things are very important, and all of them are now available online (which saves taxpayers money).

Ward 14 Traffic Safety Meeting (another reminder from last month)

Traffic Safety is constantly one of the most popular topics in Ward 14. Anyone who is concerned with traffic safety (especially those who are Star Wars fans) will be happy to hear that they can join the Calgary Police Service, and the City's transportation department on *May the 4th* to discuss the topic. I will also *be with you*. Join us from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Mid-Sun Community Centre.

Roadway Activity Map

I really like maps. Those close to me know this very well. I like them because they teach me all sorts of new things, and because they are incredibly useful. That is why I am happy to share the newest addition to the City of Calgary's collection of online maps: the Roadway Activity Map.

The map combines a number of data sources to provide real-time information on both planned and active road construction work projects. It includes both short term, and long term projects like construction paving, sidewalk closures, and microsurfacing, as well as special event closures like parades and festivals.

You can find the map at maps.calgary.ca/roadwayactivities, or find the entire City of Calgary Map collection by clicking 'maps' on calgary.ca.

Should Calgary Bid on the 2026 Winter Olympics

The topic of bidding on the 2026 Winter Olympics is going to be one that is discussed for months to come, if not years. The decision making process will begin with a thorough investigation of how the Olympic bid will impact Calgary.

There are many factors to consider in the decision to bid, and the website shouldcalgarybid.com contains lots of information. Our investigation will also include learning what Calgarians think about the bid. The website that I mentioned also contains a survey. If you want to take the survey do it soon. I am not sure how long it will be available.

April Counciltalk

This month Counciltalk will be in the main gym at the Deer Run Community Centre (2223 146 Avenue S.W.) from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (please note the later than usual start time). There are only three more opportunities (including April) to hold Counciltalk before the summer, so please make sure you get out to one. The other dates and times for Counciltalk are posted on calgary.ca/counciltalk, or you can get reminders by signing up at calgary.ca/ward14connect. Tell your friends to join too. The more, the merrier!

Thanks for reading, and don't hesitate to contact me anytime!

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