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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.



## MESSAGE FROM THE DEER RIDGE BOARD

Hi everybody, happy spring!

### Around The Neighbourhood

Now that the nicer weather is upon us, we are seeing a change in the activities around the community. 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!

### Upcoming Events

#### Community Gardens

If you enjoy gardening and would like to be involved in the Deer Ridge Community Garden in 2015, please contact us at [deerridgeca@gmail.com](mailto:deerridgeca@gmail.com) or visit the website at [www.deerridgeca.com](http://www.deerridgeca.com) and complete the form online. This year is our third year and we look forward to a very successful season!

### Community Clean-up

With household and yard spring clean-ups in full gear, the Deer Ridge Community Association is excited to partner with Queensland Community Association again this year for a community clean-up. The date is TBD, but please check the website and signs around the community for further details. Drop off your household garbage, electronic recycling and paper shredding to the Queensland Community Centre. We look forward to seeing you!

### Movies in Yellowslide Park

We will again be holding two movie presentations in Yellowslide 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.

### Membership Renewal

Membership application forms are available in this Deer Ridge Journal and on our Blog and website. If you would like to become a registered/paid member of the Deer Ridge Community please mail the completed forms in

with a cheque for \$ 15.00 to the **Deer Ridge Community Association Box 43052, Calgary, Alberta T2J 7A7**. Your membership not only supports the Deer Ridge Community but also gives you a 20% discount at the Trico Centre for Family Wellness. Please look for a representative of the Community Association at our next event too!

### Join Us

If you are interested in joining the Deer Ridge Community Association, we would love to have you! Our meetings are open, so please come and see what we are all about. Our next board meeting information is as follows:

**Date and Time: Tuesday, April 21, 2015**

**Location: The Trico Centre - Meeting Room 9**

**If you have any questions or need more information, please email [deerridgeca@gmail.com](mailto:deerridgeca@gmail.com) or call Bob Hall at 403-998-3144.**

We look forward to seeing you around! Have a wonderful month!

## BRAIN GAMES SUDOKU

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# **DEER RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** **MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Deer Ridge Community Association memberships expire August 31st, 2014. If you have not already renewed or purchased a 2014-2015 membership and would like to support your community, please fill out the form below and send it along with a cheque payable to the **Deer Ridge Community Association**. Are you wondering if you live in Deer Ridge? If you have received this letter, or the Deer Ridge Review community newsletter, in your mail-box then you live in Deer Ridge (see map). Thank-you in advance for your support because without the support of the community at large we cannot operate successfully.

**What does your membership pay for? What are your benefits?**

- Community Gardens
- Movies at Yellow Slide Park
- Community Newsletter
- Community Planning & Development
- Reconstruction of Children’s Playgrounds
- Hockey & Pleasure Skating Rinks Community Safety/Clean Up
- Support for Community Soccer Fields
- Social Events
- Community Tennis Courts
- Deer Ridge Community has representation on the Trico Centre for Family Wellness Board and is a Community Partner with the Trico Centre. As a resident of Deer Ridge, you are eligible for saving on the many Trico membership options and programs.
- Your Community Association is your voice of the community to the City of Calgaryon important issues.



Stay current with ongoing updates at website: [www.deerridgeca.com/](http://www.deerridgeca.com/)

Membership Application Form - Just fill in the form below and mail, with a \$15 cheque payable to Deer Ridge Community Association, to: DVPO Box 43052, Calgary, AB T2J 7A7  
 Or give to any current Member of the Deer Ridge Community Association Board. Your new membership card will be mailed to you.

*If you would like to be notified by e-mail of upcoming community events or would like to be advised of community volunteer opportunities, please include your e-mail address below. (Will be used for community notifications only.)*

## **2014-2015 DEER RIDGE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

Family Surname(s)/First Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Deer Ridge** **mybabysitterlist**

Name	Age	Contact	Course
Aliyah	12	403-801-9420	Yes
Amanda	14	587-899-8983	Yes
Amilia	12	403-615-3180	Yes
Ayden	15	403-880-4809	Yes
Calla	15	403-278-8736	Yes
Catherine	26	514-293-1395	Yes
Chantele	24	403-652-0083	No
Chery	42	403-875-8997	Yes
Chloe	17	587-998-0876	Yes
Claire	15	403-259-8680	Yes
Dakota	14	403-993-7525	Yes
Dawn	36	403-285-9513	Yes
Eden	15	403-225-2595	Yes
Evelyn	11	403-475-0919	Yes
Gabby	15	403-225-0157	Yes
Garrett	16	403-708-7312	Yes
Georgia	22	403-660-3831	Yes
Heather	28	403-719-5371	No
Irfana	50	403-398-5219	Yes
Jane	49	403-467-3607	Yes
Jessica	19	587-580-5696	No
Jonahley	50	403-837-6348	Yes
Karena	15	403-808-8226	Yes
Marina	13	403-708-3657	Yes
Mary	13	403-225-3366	Yes
Mattea	14	403-245-1436	Yes
Melinda	15	403-669-9770	Yes

Michelle	30	403-923-5111	Yes
Michelle	21	403-926-5166	No
Miranda	16	403-829-3995	Yes
Molly	13	403-630-5365	Yes
Nicole	16	403-862-8692	Yes
Owen	14	403-819-2259	Yes
Rhys	14	403-399-7509	Yes
Sabrina	15	403-512-3171	Yes
Samantha	16	403-826-8398	Yes
Sarah	19	587-893-8109	Yes
Sarah	19	403-808-9306	Yes
Sonya	19	403-389-5921	Yes
Tierza	17	403-568-7298	Yes

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**Easter Party** | Sunday, April 5th | 11:00am  
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**Bone Density Testing** | Thursday, April 23rd | 11:00am

**Live Music** | Wednesday, April 15th | 11:00am

Boyd Niccolls, Oldies Music

**Adventure Travel Club: Holland** | Thursday, April 16th | 11:00am

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**Live Music** | Wednesday, April 29th | 11:00am  
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• Saturdays, April 11 to May 16, 10:15 - 11 a.m.

• Wednesdays, April 15 to May 20, 6:45 - 7:30 p.m.

• Fridays, April 17 to May 22, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

**Waloping Weather.** Join Mad Science to learn about how and why seasons change, weather measurement, the good and bad of UV rays, thunder and lightning and the water cycle. Supported by TD Friends of the Environment. Ages 7 to 12.

Saturday, April 18, 2 - 3 p.m.

**Computer Technology Coaching.** Drop in for one-on-one, volunteer help on using the Internet and Microsoft Office products. Tuesdays, January 6 to April 28, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**New Friends and Neighbourhood Group for Women.** Join other women as you improve English skills, share experiences and learn about community resources. Free childcare. Presented by the Calgary Immigrant Women's Association.

Tuesdays, January 13 to April 28, 1 - 3 p.m.

**LEGO Club.** Join us to build, create and explore! LEGO provided.

Thursdays, January 8 to April 30, 4 - 5 p.m.


**Baby Play Date.** Bring your baby to the library for a relaxing hour of mixing and mingling with other babies and caregivers. Ages up to 23 months with a parent/caregiver. Wednesdays, January 7 to April 29, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

A valid library card is required to register for any program. Library cards are now free. For more information you can visit your local library, call 403-260-2620, or go online at www.calgarylibrary.ca.

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Last 12 Months Deer Ridge

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	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
February 2015	\$462,400	\$447,250
January 2015	\$349,800	\$340,000
December 2014	\$0	\$0
November 2014	\$449,266	\$444,583
October 2014	\$399,363	\$389,875
September 2014	\$378,900	\$373,950
August 2014	\$433,320	\$424,380
July 2014	\$398,650	\$400,375
June 2014	\$417,960	\$413,560
May 2014	\$413,422	\$406,666
April 2014	\$466,600	\$468,866
March 2014	\$359,680	\$371,000

Last 12 Months Deer Ridge

MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Stats

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
February 2015	2	2
January 2015	3	1
December 2014	1	0
November 2014	2	6
October 2014	5	4
September 2014	2	2
August 2014	7	5
July 2014	5	4
June 2014	4	5
May 2014	7	9
April 2014	7	3
March 2014	6	5
Total	51	46

To view the specific SOLD Listings that comprise the above MLS averages please visit [deer-ridge.great-news.ca](http://deer-ridge.great-news.ca)



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Hello Ward 14!

April is a transition month here in Calgary. Technically it is spring, but anyone who has been here for more than a year knows that it is spring in name only. We will likely be living with snow on the ground for a little while longer, and although temperatures will gradually be climbing, there is still the definite possibility of some cold weather.

I'm going to blaze the trail into spring this month regardless of the conditions outside, but first let me mention Aldertalk. This month's edition of Aldertalk is on April 11 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Queensland Community Hall (649 Queensland Drive SE). If you can't make it this month, you can find upcoming dates at [www.calgary.ca/aldertalk](http://www.calgary.ca/aldertalk).

City landfills will be taking yard waste free of charge from residential customers again this year. Your chance is from April 17 to May 31, but before you leave for the landfill there are a couple of things you should remember. First, you should only bring things like leaves, branches, and plants (no sod, please). Second, it needs to either be left loose or be in a paper yard waste bag.

It's a great program that really helps the City cut down on waste, and this year yard waste from the September snow-storm will also be accepted. I suggest you take advantage of it, and visit [www.calgary.ca/waste](http://www.calgary.ca/waste).

Another sign of spring is street cleaning. You should keep an eye out for signs on the streets in your neighbourhood starting April 13, because that is when Calgary's Roads department begins its 2015 Spring cleanup program.

By now some Ward 14 communities have been notified of Canada Post's intention to convert their mail service from door-to-door to community mailboxes. While service to those who have been contacted will be converted within the year, all service across the ward, the city, and the country will be converted within the next five years.

Several have contacted my office about the changes, and rightly so. My door is always open, so to speak, and I am always here to listen, but I want to make it clear that Canada Post is leading the engagement process with residents, not the City of Calgary.

Canada Post, under the Federal Canada Post Act, may install, erect or relocate in any public place, including a public roadway, any receptacle or device to be used for the collection, delivery or storage of mail. However, if residents have issues with the sites selected, they should call Canada Post.

I will write again for May. Until then, take care and feel free to contact me anytime.

# Non-toxic Cleaning with Green Calgary!

Spring is just around the corner and for many of us that means popping open the windows and cleaning away winter's dust and dirt. But before you start using the cleaners under your sink, take a moment to look at the products you have and examine the ingredients on each of their labels. You might be surprised at what you find (or don't find!).

Labelling on cleaning products is voluntary for cleaning product manufacturers in Canada; so you may not be able to find what you are spraying around the house just by looking at the bottle. Imagine eating a bowl of cereal from a box with no ingredients or an incomplete list of ingredients. What's not being listed that we're exposing ourselves to?

Because there are so few regulations limiting what companies can put into their products, most conventional cleaning supplies (even the ones that say they are "green") contain hazardous ingredients that are known to be harmful to people and the environment.

The one place we can control our exposure is in our homes, by limiting the toxic cleaners and personal care products we bring in.

When shopping for cleaners follow these simple rules:

1. Only choose products with a full listing of ingredients
2. Get to know the ingredients of concern and try to avoid them
3. Look for companies with a dedication to human health and the environment
4. Look for companies with third party certification (such as the Canadian Environmental Choice or EcoLogo)

Another option – and in our opinion, the easiest and most affordable option – is to make products yourself with just a few simple ingredients: white vinegar, baking soda, salt, lemon juice, castile soap and maybe some essential oils.

Happy spring cleaning!

Green Calgary



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I'm writing this in late February for a newsletter you will receive in early April. It has always been difficult because, as you're aware, things can change dramatically in a day never mind a month.

Many of you are aware the Premier has been musing about calling an early election. Under provincial legislation, passed only a few years ago, the next general election is to be called sometime between March and May 2016. Despite this, the Premier has openly contemplated ignoring this legislation and calling an election this spring, a full year early.

I think it's important that the constituents of Calgary-Fish Creek realize that this election would be entirely unnecessary, and contrary to Alberta's election laws. The Premier will try to make the argument that because oil prices are low, creating economic uncertainty, he needs a mandate from Albertans. His intention is to introduce a budget and then call an election before Alberta MLAs have a chance to debate and vote on that budget.

After an election, the Premier would have to reintroduce another budget, one I fear will be full of tax increases, and possible attacks on front line workers. He has repeatedly mused about raising taxes, bringing back health care premiums, and other drastic measures. If a budget is not passed before an election, he will have every opportunity to do those things. I think it's important for Calgary-Fish Creek constituents to keep that in mind over the coming weeks.

As many of you already know, I will not be running as your MLA when this election is called. Thank you from the bottom of my heart -- what an honour and privilege it has been to be your elected representative for the last 22 years. Being the MLA for the people of Calgary-Fish Creek has taught me many valuable lessons. I've learned that people are tired of being told what we are going to do for them. Instead, people would rather be asked what we should be doing for them. It's been my privilege to hear from each and every one of you. As they say, in life one door closes and another opens. I look forward to what the future holds for me. To the great staff I've had for many years, Terri, Bev and Jennifer, I could not have done this job without you. I love you all.

Thanks for being a part of my life and as they say, "Happy trails to you, until we meet again."



## Spring fun at Trico Centre

There are all sorts of new programs and events in April and May. Check out our Spring/Summer Program Guide at [www.tricocentre.ca](http://www.tricocentre.ca).

New registered adult fitness programs that start in April include:

**Obstacle Race Training** Get ready for the next Tough Mudder, Spartan, or Rugged Maniac. Train for 12 weeks on Thursday from 6:30-7:30pm in our Fitness Centre and outdoor bootcamp and build the strength, agility, and flexibility you need for your race.

**Strength & Conditioning Club – After Hours** Sunday nights from 8:30 to 10:00pm, the Fitness Centre will be empty – except for those who want to know more about functional movement for strength training. This special after-hours lifter club is supervised by a personal trainer. Topics include the Big Three (squat, bench press, and deadlift), speed and agility, throwing and jumping, spotting, equipment use, safety, and programming for strength. Ages 16 and up – all levels of experience are welcome. April 12-May 24 (M \$72; NM \$90) May 31 – June 28 (M \$60; NM \$75)

Also, for families, don't miss the **Easter Eggstravaganza Party** at Trico Centre on Thursday April 2, from 2:00 to 4:00pm. Bring the whole family for an afternoon of face painting, crafts, games, and more. The cost is \$15 per family for members and \$20 per family for non-members.

On the Easter long weekend, drop off your children, aged 3 to 5, at Trico Centre for **Long Weekend Drop n' Play** on Saturday, April 4, from 10:00 am to 12:30pm. Children will enjoy a morning of games, songs, and crafts, followed by gym time. Register by Friday April 3 at noon. Members: \$16 per child; non-members: \$20 per child.

A couple of regular events: **Crafts and a Movie** will be held on Saturday, April 18. Bring your children and enjoy crafts and a kids' movie, 10:00am to 12:00pm. This event is free for everyone. **Tween Night Swim** is every Friday night from 7:00 to 9:00pm with a special theme night once a month. This month's Tween Swim Night with a theme is on April 18. This event is a fun night out for 10 to 17 year olds. Enjoy the pool, music, the waterslide. Free for members and only \$5 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](http://www.tricocentre.ca) to find out more.

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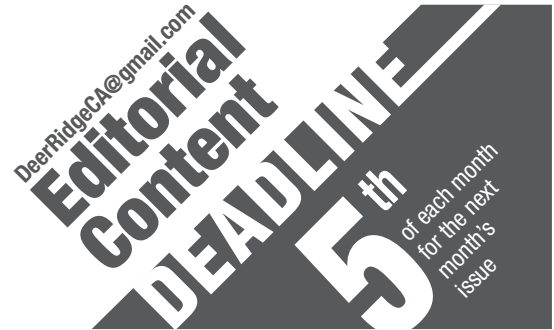
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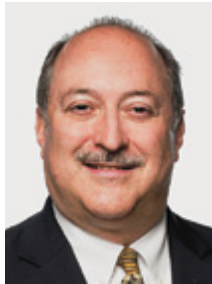
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#### Meet Richard Gotfried

As a passionate resident of Calgary-Fish Creek for 23 years, I am proud to have lived, worked and raised my family here while serving the community in Scouting, community and school athletics and through support of my wife Cathy's dedicated volunteer roles within the CBE. As a fiscal conservative, I have been an active leader and change agent within the movement through Executive roles in provincial and federal constituency associations.

In business, I have been a proud member of the Trico Homes family and am honoured to have had the opportunity to create the **PEAK Home Ownership Program** with **Habitat for Humanity**, to have spearheaded an innovative community partnership with the **Trico Centre for Family Wellness** and to have dedicated time and energy to a variety of community causes including the **Kids Cancer Care Foundation**, **GlobalFest**, **Dragon Boat Festival** and many others. During my stint at Calgary Economic Development and 2 decade-long career with Hong Kong-based Cathay Pacific Airways, I have worked hard to establish a strong reputation for integrity, honesty, innovation and selfless devotion to building insightful and effective partnerships...and for getting things done!

I bring a wealth of business accountability and community experience to my passion for public service, including valuable international insights, having spent five years in Lagos, Nigeria followed by 3 decades of extensive cross-cultural business initiatives at home and abroad, with a clear focus on the burgeoning and all-important Asia-Pacific region.

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#### Passionate about representing the people of Calgary-Fish Creek

I am passionate about people, listening to them, bringing them together and combining creativity and innovation in a highly collaborative way. Common sense, compassion and a consultative approach are the way I get things done, while I am known for being a persistent advocate for community priorities, initiatives and causes.

As a proud born and raised Calgarian and Albertan, and after a varied and successful business career, this is the right time for me to give back to the community that my family and I have been blessed to call home. I plan to represent the community and its people, institutions and businesses with the same energy and rigour I bring to everything that I do. And as part of Jim Prentice's "new management" team, I am committed to building a better, more fiscally responsible and sustainable Alberta for generations to come!

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