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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.

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The Christmas season is a time of celebration as we reflect on the gift of a very special child, the birth of Christ. God sent his only son to live among us and to bring the light of love into our world. As we pray and reflect on how we can open our lives more fully to Christ's light, we are reminded that all children are gifts.

Children are the heart of our school communities. At Calgary Catholic, we are blessed to serve, nurture, guide and educate more than 56,000 students. Our schools are filled with a spirit of trust, an understanding of respect and a willingness to collaborate and care for others.

Catholic education inspires communities with an integrated curriculum that enriches the body, mind and spirit. Our learning spaces provide families with the right to choose a faith-filled environment that values and celebrates the development of the whole child. Using faith as the guiding principle, we encourage students to be compassionate, share their gifts and be a light to those around them through acts of service.

Our schools participated in nearly 800 service-learning projects during the 2017-2018 academic year. Through these acts of altruism and kindness, we witnessed students bring their faith beyond the classroom and into their communities. Like our Board of Trustees, our Calgary Catholic family is stewards of faith and committed to caring for and serving others.

This time of the year reminds us of the gift of Christ and why we as a Catholic school district exist. Sharing his blessings in our faith-filled schools is a constitutional right that we embrace. As elected representatives for our district, we dedicate our efforts to our students and their families to preserve the precious gift of publicly-funded Catholic education.

On behalf of our board, we wish our Calgary Catholic family a blessed Christmas season. May the love and light of Christ always fill your hearts, homes and communities.



Santa is Coming
Children's Christmas Party
Saturday, December 15th,
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Queensland Community Hall

For children under the age of 12, members of Deer Ridge and Queensland are free, and non-members admitted. Be sure to get your tickets A.S.A.P., as attendance is limited to 100 children.

**We ask that each family attending bring a plate of cookies, squares, or cakes. Also, we will accept donations for the Calgary Food Bank. If you are able to volunteer to help out in the pre-planning, or on the day of the event, please call Linda at 403-278-3366.*



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

The Deer Ridge Community Association wishes you a Happy and Safe Holiday Season and all the best in the New Year!

Children's Christmas Party

Santa is Coming Saturday, December 15th, 2018! 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Queensland Community Hall. For children under the age of 12. Members of Deer Ridge and Queensland are free, and non-members are \$2.00 per child. Only those with tickets will be admitted. Be sure to get your tickets A.S.A.P., as attendance is limited to 100 children. *We ask that each family attending bring a plate of cookies, squares, or cakes. Also, we will accept donations for the Calgary Food Bank. If you are able to volunteer to help out in the pre-planning, or on the day of the event, please call Linda at 403-278-3366.

Deer Ridge Family Winter Skate

Saturday, January 12th, 2019 from noon to 4:00 pm Mark your calendars, get your touque, mittens and skates ready. Come over to enjoy free hot dogs, hot chocolate and spend some time with other families in the community. The rinks are located in the south-west corner of Don Bosco School field with plenty of parking alongside Deermont Way.

Get Involved!

The next board meeting is:

Date & Time: Tuesday, January 15th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: The Trico Centre - Meeting Room # 9

We are actively seeking members to volunteer on the Board of Directors. If you can spare as little as a few hours a month, please contact us.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone!

VOLUNTEERING
is good for the soul

Girl Guides
FAMOUS FIVE DISTRICT

Did you get your Chocolate Mint cookies yet? Thanks for supporting the girls as they learn money management, sales skills, and more. If you were missed in the sales campaign, contact isteads@telus.net with your address and we'll arrange to get you some. Remember these make a great gift or treat too!

Girls joining Girl Guides at all ages (5 to 17) look forward to a fun and active time. Enrollment practice, outings, learning the promise and motto, sleepover planning are all happening. There's still time for your daughter to join the fun. Go to www.girlguides.ca for all the information.

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Famous Five District is still looking for women to be leaders. If you are interested in making new friends, being a role model to girls and having lots of fun, please contact Pat, isteads@telus.net. No experience is necessary, training is provided, and no daughter is required.

BRAIN GAMES
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Husqvarna

235-16" Chainsaw

- 36cc X-TORQ engine
- 16" bar & chain
- Metal spring anti-vibration system

SAVE \$60

\$249.⁹⁵

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- 50cc semi-professional engine
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- Metal spring anti-vibration

MSRP: \$544.⁹⁹

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Husqvarna

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- Only 9.6 lbs.

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MSRP: \$259.⁹⁹

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MSRP: \$509.⁹⁹

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VOLUNTEER FORM

The continued success of various 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!

Please select from the list below and return by mail, or visit www.DeerRidgeCA.com and fill out the on-line feedback form.

Deer Ridge Community Association, PO Box 43052, Calgary, AB T2J 7A7 | Tel: 403-606-7331

Email: DeerRidgeCA@gmail.com | Website: DeerRidgeCA.com

Facebook: Deer Ridge Community Association | Twitter: @DeerRidgeCA

Community Clean-Up (set-up/take down, assist City staff directing people and receiving items, community signage and posters)

Fundraising Casino

Family Winter Skate (set-up/take down, food and beverage service, event preparation)

Ice Rinks (Nov – March: maintaining surface ice)

Tennis Courts (May – Oct: maintaining court surface)

Children's Christmas Party (December: event preparation)

Volunteer Recognition (Spring: event planning)

Membership Drives (Aug – Oct: preparation and delivery of membership forms)

Movie at Yellow Slide (Summer: event preparation, set-up/take down, food & beverage service, contact businesses for raffle prizes, community signage and posters, bouncy castle monitor)

Community Festival (set-up/take down event tables, community signage and posters)

Community Gardens (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: _____

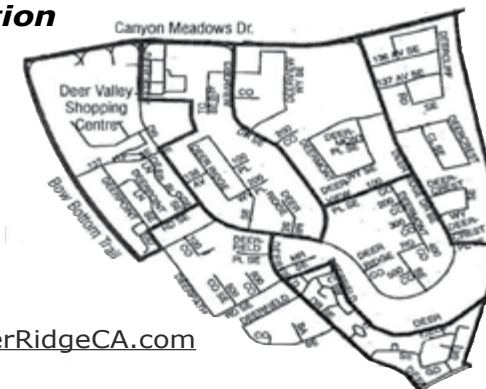
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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Ideas or Comments: _____



Deer Ridge Community Association Membership Request / Renewal Form



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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To whom it may concern,

The Federation of Calgary Communities (the Federation) is the support organization to over 230 small non-profit organizations, including Calgary's 151 community associations. These 151 volunteer-run organizations positively impact the life of Calgarians every day by offering endless opportunities close to home, fostering a sense of belonging by bringing neighbours together, and being a voice for community life educating and informing residents on important issues and activities taking place in their neighbourhood.

One of the main tools community associations use to keep their residents informed on what's going on in the community is their community newsletter. Calgarians have grown to rely on these monthly publications to find news and updates from their community association, City Councillor, provincial MLA, as well as other stakeholders like the City of Calgary, Calgary Police Service, Calgary Fire Department, and much more.

Community newsletters not only keep residents informed on important happenings, but they also help foster Calgary's uniquely small town feel in our large, urban city. These monthly newsletters have grown to include resident and volunteer profiles, showcasing neighbourhood assets, local business features, and more. In doing so, community newsletters truly help community associations work towards being hubs for neighbourhood life by showcasing the many people and places who make the community a great place to live, work, and play.

For over a decade, community associations have been fortunate enough to have their monthly community newsletter published and delivered for free by the publishing company. In recent years, with the economic decline in Calgary, this luxury is now at risk, with community newsletter publishers struggling to find advertisers to offset their costs, and Canada Post's delivery fees continually rising.

The Federation of Calgary Communities believes that community newsletters are essential to community life here in Calgary, and we support the value they bring to all Calgarians, organizations, businesses, and the city of Calgary as a whole. Without funding support or reduced delivery fees for community newsletter publishers to continue providing these monthly publications for our city's community associations at low or no cost, we are at risk of losing these essential resources that connect Calgarians to both their neighbourhood and their city.

Sincerely,
Leslie Evans
Executive Director

SAFE & SOUND



When it comes to choosing a practical pair of winter boots, it's important to think about more than style. Look for a winter temperature rating to ensure the pair you pick is warm, and shop for a comfortable pair with anti-slip soles, too.

Cathy Harbidge, Calgary Fall Prevention Clinic coordinator with Alberta Health Services, says it's important to look for boots with:

- Adequate support through the sole and around the ankles
- High-traction anti-slip soles
- The correct size. If they're too big, you may twist an ankle or even have your boots fall off when you're walking
- Adjustable laces or laces with a zipper. Sometimes people's feet swell, Harbidge says, so laces allow you to adjust the boots for comfort.

Harbidge also recommends shopping for footwear later in the day, when your feet are likely at their biggest. Have de-icer on hand for sidewalks and steps to reduce the risk of falling and try attaching anti-slip shoe grips to the exterior of your boots to increase traction if you're walking on a lot of ice.

For independent third-party ratings on specific winter boot brands, go to www.ratemytreads.com.

HISTORIC CALGARY



St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Church 404 Meredith Rd. NE, Crescent Heights

Article and photos provided courtesy of Discover Historic Calgary resources via calgary.ca.

St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Church has city-wide landmark value as a highly visible building with distinctive copper domes and a large rose window. It stands on the slope of a promontory overlooking downtown Calgary from across the Bow River.

The building and its site have symbolic value to Calgarians of Ukrainian descent, a group that comprises approximately 7.1 per cent of the city's population. The Bridgeland-Riverside district, to which it is adjacent, was an important centre of Ukrainian settlement and community life in early twentieth-century Calgary. The congregation's original building stood on the site of the present church from 1938-85. (That church was damaged by fire in 1976.) The building's domed cruciform plan, iconostasis (altar screen), hand-painted icons, and other features have symbolic value through their expression of Ukrainian tradition and the Orthodox faith. The principal dome represents Jesus Christ, while the four smaller domes represent the four evangelists.

The building has institutional value to Calgary's Ukrainian Orthodox faith community as the home of St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Church congregation. Established in 1929, it is the City's first and, to date, only parish of that denomination. As an institution, the

church is linked to an adjacent cultural centre that includes social, cultural, and educational functions. The centre's Ukrainian library is one of the largest outside Ukraine.

St. Vladimir's is associated with significant activities for the city's Orthodox faith communities. As Calgary's only Ukrainian Orthodox church, it is the sole place of worship for that faith. The adjacent cultural centre, part of the same institution as the church, is the venue for social, cultural, and educational activities. As the city's largest Orthodox church, it is a popular wedding venue for members of other Orthodox denominations.

The building has value evident in its style, design and construction. Byzantine Revival (Eastern European) is the traditional architectural style associated with Ukrainian Orthodox churches. The dominant exterior design features are its five-copper clad banyas (domes) that create the striking skyline silhouette. The interior walls act as a canvas for very extensive and traditional iconography. Executed by artisans, these hand painted features are rare examples of craftsmanship and construction techniques that also form part of the tradition of church construction.



Deer Ridge Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Deer Ridge MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
October 2018	\$434,900	\$425,000
September 2018	\$549,900	\$520,000
August 2018	\$414,900	\$395,000
July 2018	\$343,000	\$332,000
June 2018	\$350,000	\$339,000
May 2018	\$370,000	\$360,000
April 2018	\$408,000	\$397,000
March 2018	\$409,900	\$401,250
February 2018	\$349,900	\$344,250
January 2018	\$599,900	\$584,500
December 2017	\$0	\$0
November 2017	\$460,000	\$426,000

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

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
October 2018	3	2
September 2018	4	1
August 2018	1	6
July 2018	6	4
June 2018	3	1
May 2018	0	1
April 2018	3	2
March 2018	3	3
February 2018	3	1
January 2018	2	1
December 2017	1	0
November 2017	2	6

To view more detailed information that comprise the above
MLS averages please visit [deer-ridge.great-news.ca](#)

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HOME GARDENING WITH BARBARA

Prince
Edward
Island

By Barbara Shorrock

It is the smallest province in Canada. It is an island. You can access it by plane, auto or boat. If you haven't yet found time to visit this charming place, I advise you to put it on your list today.

I had the good fortune to spend a week on Prince Edward Island in August and am pleased to tell you about it. I am not a travel writer, so will tell you only about what I saw and experienced as a curious woman who appreciates gardens and the people who create them. An internet search will reveal how many lighthouses (some functional, some not) still reside on PEI and where you can find them. The island is also famous for its sandy beaches, much loved by residents and tourists; you might spend your entire vacation exploring their many pleasures. For seafood lovers, there is no better place to indulge this appetite, as every restaurant, café, diner and church hall offers an abundance of fish and shellfish, not to mention the famous lobster supper, complete with Ceilidh ("kay-lee") music and dancing entertainment. If lobster is not your thing, clam chowder has an uncountable number of variations, all sumptuous and filling.

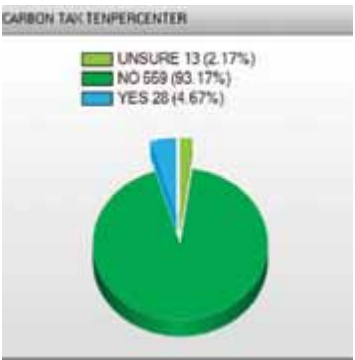
My sister and I stayed at New Glasgow, a small hamlet near the north shore of the island, and a short drive from Cavendish, the site of Anne of Green Gables fame. The Gardens of Hope was our home for that week, and we enjoyed six days of brilliant sunshine and one of the types of rain that makes it abundantly clear why the landscape is so green and lush. The Gardens of Hope sits on a 12-acre parcel of land, bookended by the Preserve Company and Restaurant at one end, adjacent the river, and the Butterfly House and Respite Cottage up the hill at

the other. The Preserve Company makes jams and jellies and other delicious preserves from mostly local produce, sold in gift shops around the province, as well as online. You can watch the process through a window in the gift shop. The restaurant offered such excellent selections that we chose to return there almost every night of our stay, working our way through the menu and never being disappointed. The gardens were the main attraction, though, so beautifully and thoughtfully planned with chairs at every possible viewpoint and masses of perennials and annuals in beds along the pathways. Open to the public, they were being enjoyed by tourists and local families who return often to watch the seasons progress. There is a paddock for miniature horses and a burro, and another just big enough for two sheep. Weddings are popular in the small pavilion with the river bordering the gardens a perfect photo opportunity. The Butterfly House is stocked with butterflies from a Costa Rica supplier during the summer. Plates of fruit attract the butterflies as they emerge from the chrysalis, and children and adults alike are charmed to be able to watch the creature drink from an orange slice carefully held by little fingers. The week we were there the room was full of Blue Morphos. Our stay in the cottage could not have been more restful; we were blessed to be given the opportunity to visit such a beautiful and tranquil place. The extraordinary couple who created this garden were warm and welcoming, sharing their stories and time so generously, it is understandable how popular the garden and restaurant are during the spring, summer and autumn months. The Gardens of Hope is only one attraction of many in this most picturesque province, and we plan to return again one day to explore it more thoroughly.



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The fall session of Parliament is well underway, and Stephanie is quickly learning her new role as Shadow Minister for Democratic Institutions. Immediately after the House of Commons resumed in September, *Bill C-76 (Election Modernization Act)*, was before Committee and Stephanie was heavily involved in the clause-by-clause study. Subsequently, the legislation went to Report Stage and as Shadow Minister, Stephanie lead the Conservative team as they continued to try to have C-76 amended to protect Canada against foreign interference in our elections. You can monitor the progress of this, or any other legislation, at www.parl.gc.ca.



Although it was a snowy evening, many constituents attended Stephanie's Oct 9th town hall meeting. Their input was very much appreciated, and Stephanie looks forward to hosting another in the coming months. Up-to-date information can be found at

stephaniekusiemp.ca, or at <https://www.facebook.com/stephaniekusiepolitician/>.

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"Xmas" is an old abbreviation dating back to the 17th Century. X is the Greek letter Chi, which is the first letter in the Greek word for Christ. Despite 300-year-old origins, Xmas is now commonly misunderstood as an effort to secularize the Christmas season by removing references to Christ.
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Results of Carbon Tax Survey

This past summer, Stephanie asked constituents of Calgary Midnapore whether they support the Liberal Carbon Tax. The results (see image) are clear: the vast majority of respondents indicated they do not believe another tax will do anything to reduce emissions.

We can look to BC as an example. Despite having the highest carbon tax in Canada—contributing to the fact that British Columbians now pay more for gas than anyone else in North America—emissions have continued to rise in that province.

However, comments on the returned surveys leave no question that the environment and emissions are a priority for residents of Calgary Midnapore. As Andrew MacDougall wrote in a recent edition of *Maclean's*, "There are many 'regular folks' opposed to a carbon tax who aren't opposed to action on the environment. There are many who want to improve the environment who also question the government's rather convoluted (and opaque) mechanism for returning money to them after it's been lifted from their pockets."



Elephant Facts
to Never Forget
Did you know? The average elephant only sleeps 3-4 hours a day. For the first few days after birth, baby elephants don't have full control of their trunks, which can result in them tripping on them. African elephants in particular are afraid of bees.

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Drinking Like a Fish
Adam's Ale is a term that was once a cheeky reference to water. The idea being that Adam, the biblical figure, had nothing but water available to him for consumption because he was the first man created.



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Hello, Ward 14!

Merry Christmas and season's greetings from my family to yours. In this column, I am hoping you will find some information that will arm you for 2019.

Streets Bylaw: Snow and Ice Removal

Calgary has approximately 5,700 km of sidewalks. The City clears snow for about 10% of those (that's 570 km for the mathematically challenged). Visit calgary.ca/ward14newsletter where I will discuss how they all get cleared of snow and ice.

Landfills Operating on Winter Hours

Much like the change in green bin service, City of Calgary landfills have moved to winter operating schedules starting in November and ending in April 2019. The seasonal changes are meant to balance convenience for Calgarians with changing residential needs and the sustainable management of City facilities. I will go into more detail at calgary.ca/ward14newsletter.

Keep an Eye Out for Your Assessment Notice

I try to remind people at the turn of each year: a big part of your tax bill is how your property is assessed, and you only have one opportunity to contest that value annually. I don't have the exact dates as I write this, but if you visit calgary.ca/ward14newsletter you will find it. Or you could keep an eye on calgary.ca/assessment.

Keep an Eye Out for Counciltalk

Keep an eye out for it in the new year, because I really hope you can come! As I write this, we have just received the 2019 Council schedule, and are starting to book Counciltalk sessions. Visit calgary.ca/counciltalk or read more at calgary.ca/ward14newsletter for the dates, times, and locations.

Don't forget to visit calgary.ca/ward14newsletter for the full version of this column, and feel free to contact me any time. The best way to do so is by visiting calgary.ca/contactward14.

-Councillor Peter Demong

December is upon us as we come to the end of yet another eventful year. The fall session of the Alberta Legislature will come to a close and much of the outspoken advocacy my colleagues and I have been working on focuses on pipelines, the economy, and jobs. It has been a tough year for Alberta, and many Albertans, on these fronts. Going into the New Year we can anticipate a spring general provincial election and I am pleased to announce that I have earned the privilege of seeking re-election as your United Conservative Party candidate. Elections bring a time of renewal for all and an opportunity for heightened awareness of the issues. It also reminds me of the honour and privilege of serving you, and the broad responsibilities you have entrusted me with. I take these seriously as a legislator, your elected representative, and as a resident, volunteer, friend and neighbour of 26 years.

On December 10, 1948 the United Nations adopted the resolution of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In honour of this document the UN proclaimed December 10 Human Rights Day. In keeping with the International theme, I thought I would highlight some December holiday celebrations which bring joy, hope, and renewal.

December is filled with opportunities for festivals of many different faiths. For those of the Jewish Faith, Hanukkah is the "Festival of Lights" and commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple of Jerusalem. Kwanzaa, for those in Africa or African descent is Swahili for "first fruits" which is a time of gift giving. For the Buddhist faith, Bodhi Day or "day of enlightenment" is a day of meditation and performing acts of kindness to others. December 21, Winter Solstice, is the shortest day of the year and is the celebration of goodness and light over darkness and evil for Paganism. Pancha Ganapati is the Hindu equivalent for December holidays and finally Christmas is a holiday celebrated by the Christian faith to celebrate the birth of Christ. Personally, my family celebrates Christmas and we give gifts to loved ones, seek opportunities to serve or give in our community, and spend time with family. Gifts and service to others seems to be a common theme across all faiths. May the "light" in each of us seek to do good this festive season. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all! Please join me at my Christmas Holiday Open House at my Bonavista Downs office for some cheer and treats on Thursday, December 20th from 5-7pm. Ho Ho Ho!



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