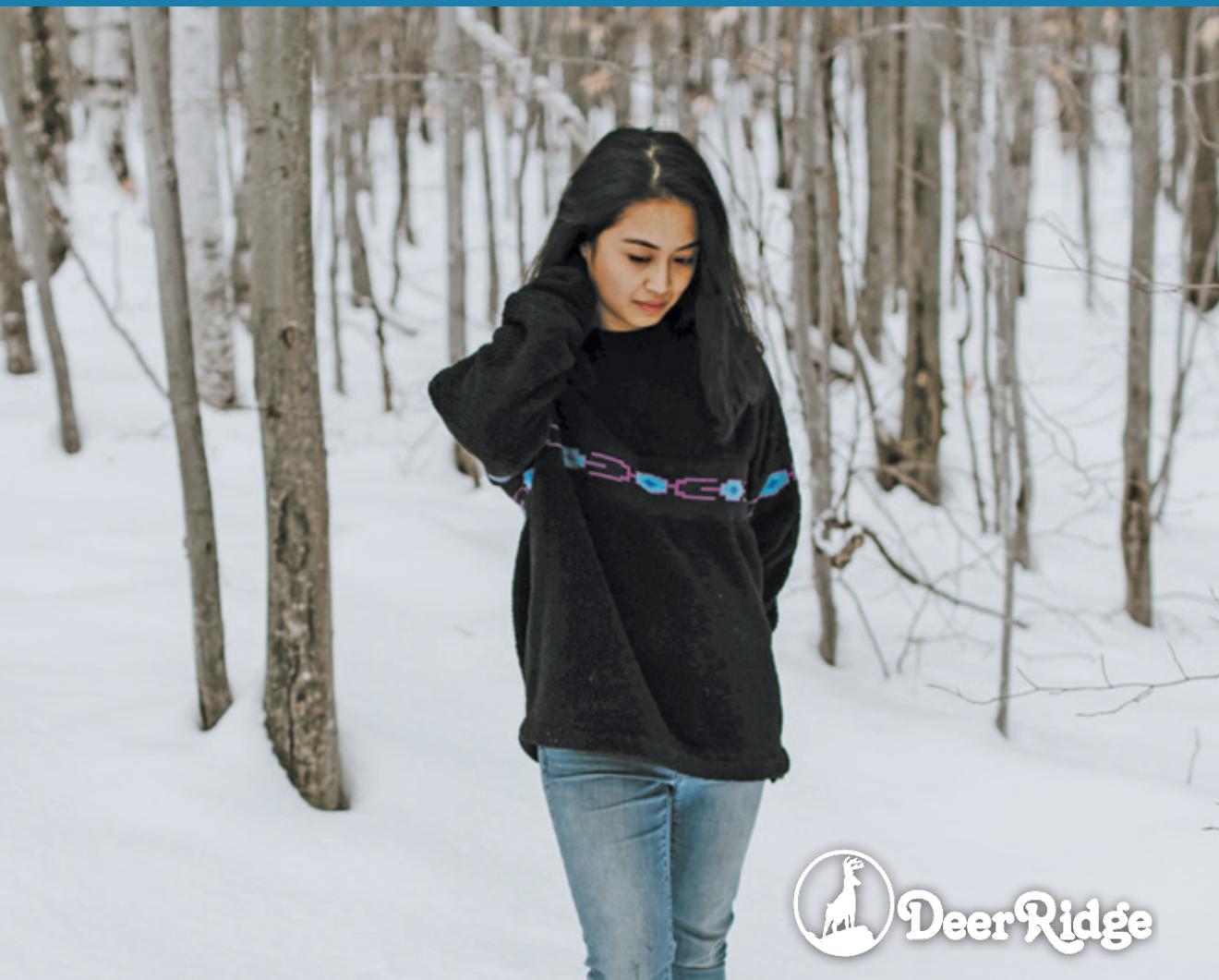


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Mobile unit assisting individuals who are sleeping in camps outside.



Good Food Box

Good Food Boxes, prepared by the Community Kitchen Program of Calgary, contain fresh fruits and vegetables bought direct from farmers and wholesalers. Good Food Box is a program to help anyone and everyone access fresh fruits and vegetables, regularly, and affordably. Learn more about the Good Food Box program at <https://www.ckpcalgary.ca/program-services/good-food-box>.

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Small Box: \$25, 20-25lbs* of fruits and vegetables

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

November is blowing in a change in seasons, a transition to winter, and winter fun. Changes have been happening on your Community Association Board as well, after the AGM that was held on September 15.

Changes to your Deer Ridge CA Board

The Deer Ridge Community Association would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to Ms. Angela Ziegler, who has joined the Board in the role of Director at Large.

The Board would like to offer a great big thank you to Ms. Barb Chapin, who has been our Board Secretary for over 10 years. Barb will be stepping down from this role, which she has so ably handled for all this time, to focus on some special projects and personal pursuits. Barb will stay on as Director at Large. She's still working on the Deer Ridge project to have a shelter installed at Yellow Slide Park, and we'll work hard to keep her involved in our community; Barb has been and continues to be a wonderful asset to our team.

The role of Secretary will be filled by Ms. Karen Stevenson for one year, or until a new Secretary fulfills the role.

Mr. Bob Hall has graciously agreed to fill the role of 1st Vice President, vacated by Karen Stevenson, as she moves into the Secretary position.

Board Member Positions Available

Would you like to add skills and experience to your résumé, help develop community vitality and amenities for yourself and your family, or contribute to the community in retirement?

Deer Ridge Community Association is looking for individuals interested in becoming Board Members. Vacant positions include 2nd Vice-President, Secretary, and Director at Large. This month we would like to highlight the important role of the Secretary.

The Secretary role is a commitment of approximately 5 hours a month, which includes attendance at regular Board meetings to participate in decision making for the community's future and taking and transcribing minutes. The Secretary is a member of the Board Executive and must have been on the Board for a year, prior to taking the position, so this is a role to grow into.

The Secretary is the holder of the Alberta Societies Stamp and the Community Association by-laws, responsible for signing off on the minutes, and the holder of

the Association Minute Book. The Secretary must be responsible, organized, demonstrate fine attention to detail, be able to take notes at meetings, and be interested in the future of the community. Training is provided. This would be a wonderful role to fill at any age or career stage. Please contact Board President, Dawn Wallace, at deerridgeca@gmail.com to indicate your interest.

Community Garden

The Community Garden was in full swing quite late into this year. After a late spring, a wet early summer, and then a dry August and September, gardeners were treated to warm temperatures and an extended growing season right into October.

A huge shout out to the many Community Garden volunteers who helped out so generously this year. You contributed seeds and knowledge, donated signs, helped with finishing the netting, and kept the gardens watered, trimmed, clean, and maintained. You even came out and stained benches, harvested fresh produce for the Food Bank, and delivered it several times. Special thanks go to Mr. Bob Hall, who kept us all on track, filled in when gardeners hadn't yet watered, mowed, maintained the shed and the bed covers, added locks and signs to the gardens this year, and kept everything sanitized and supplies refilled. Bob, you are a rockstar and we are so lucky to have you heading up our gardens – thank you!

Remembrance Day

While Remembrance Day ceremonies may look a bit different this year, it's important that we not forget to take a moment and give some thought to the memory of those who fought so valiantly and gave their lives to ensure we may keep the freedoms we enjoy. At 11:00 am on November 11, please stop and pause for a moment, wherever you are, whatever you're doing, and give some thought to the memory of those who didn't come home, those who came home wounded, those who didn't recover, and those who went on (or are going on) to help build our nation. It's been 75 years since the end of World War II and we still enjoy the benefits of their sacrifice. We also owe thanks to our men and women in uniform and appreciate the service they continue to perform all over the world and here at home in Canada. Let us sacrifice a minute of our time to honour them on November 11.

Flu Shots

Flu season is upon us, and this year, it's especially

important to get your flu shot. The flu vaccine is the best way to help reduce your risk of flu illnesses, hospitalization, or even flu-related death, especially in children and the elderly. During COVID-19, schools and places of work are not allowing anyone with symptoms to come onto the premises, so even mild symptoms could mean more time at home self-isolating or caring for those with symptoms, while you wait for tests to come back or symptoms to abate.

Flu vaccinations are by appointment and fortunately, there are many places in the Deer Ridge area that you can go to be vaccinated. The flu vaccine may be administered by a pharmacist, family doctor, or at a medical clinic. It takes approximately 2 weeks for antibodies to develop in the body and provide protection, so try to get your vaccination done as early in the flu season you can.

Skating Rinks

It's that time of year! The skating rinks are being prepared for flooding and we're looking forward to a good skating year, with La Nina expected to make an appearance to give us a colder, wetter winter than usual.

Deer Ridge has 2 skating rinks - a shinny hockey rink and a pleasure rink with benches and sometimes even a toasty warm fire. We hope you'll plan to come out and enjoy these with your family or your cohort this winter.

Winter Family Skate

The Winter Family Skate is expected to go on as usual in January. Some adjustments will be made to keep everyone safe during COVID, and we invite you to come out and have a good time, with confidence that the appropriate precautions are being taken. Watch for more information on our website, in the newsletter, or wherever you get your community news.

Off-Leash Areas

Do you have a furry, canine friend that you like to take out and exercise? Lots of great walks, a little catch or fetch, maybe a game of tag, or just a good run? Well, then, Deer Ridge is a great place to live; did you know that we have an off-leash area within easy walking distance of almost everywhere in our community? It stretches around the entire eastern end of Deer Ridge and up the south side of the community as well. Get out and have some fun with your furry, four-legged, always-full-of-energy, happy-to-see-you best bud at the off-leash area. Here's a map to help you find this Deer Ridge treasure:



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November in Deer Ridge

November has set in, and what can we expect here in Deer Ridge as fall changes to winter, and we slowly turn our thoughts to the season of celebration? It's certainly all different this year, but we are resilient folks, here in our corner of Calgary, and we find ways to keep warm and have fun.

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Dog Off-Leash Areas in Parks

Calgary is fortunate to have 150 public off-leash areas in our multi-use parks for Calgarians and their dogs to enjoy. Calgary may have the largest number of off-leash areas and combined amount of off-leash space (more than 1,250 hectares) in North America. These off-leash designations make up for approximately 17% of the total Calgary Parks inventory and equates to almost 1,600 Canadian Football League fields. Even so, the City of Calgary is continually working on improving and adding off-leash areas to Calgary.

Off-Leash Area Rules:

- Dogs must be on-leash in all public spaces in Calgary, unless otherwise indicated by a posted sign that the area is an off-leash area. If a listed off-leash area and posted sign differs, the posted sign is considered correct.
- Dogs must be under their owner's control at all times. In off-leash areas, this means dogs must be able to respond to their owner's voice, sound, or visual commands. This will help protect your dog from unforeseen hazards such as cars, unfriendly dogs, or coyotes.
- In on-leash and off-leash areas, dog owners must pick up and properly dispose of their pet's feces. Dog owners are also required to carry a "suitable means" (e.g. plastic bag) for picking up their pet's feces.
- All parking lots are on-leash, including parking lots for designated off-leash areas.
- Dogs are not permitted within five meters of "No Dog Areas" whether a sign is posted or not. No dog areas include play structures, school grounds, wading pool/swimming areas, sports fields, golf courses, or cemeteries.
- All areas within natural environment parks, including asphalt pathways, are on-leash unless designated as an off-leash area with a sign.
- No dogs are allowed in Inglewood Bird Sanctuary and Inglewood Wildlands, or off the pathways in the Weaselhead Natural Environment Park, in order to protect sensitive wildlife habitat.
- Learn more about the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw.

Taking Your Dog on Calgary's Pathways

- Dogs on pathways must be on a leash no greater than two meters in length. Please stay to the right of the pathway at all times.



- It is against the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw to ride a bike or in-line skate with your dog. This could be unsafe for your pet, yourself, and other pathway users.

- Dogs may not interfere with, or obstruct, other pathway users.

- Dogs considered to be extremely aggressive must be muzzled and harnessed or leashed. The leash should be no greater than one meter in length, and the dog handler should be over 18 years of age.

Wildlife and Your Dog

It is illegal for dogs to harass wildlife encountered in our parks and natural areas - this includes barking at and biting other animals.

Be cautious if a wild animal is sighted and leash your dog immediately. Exit the park if you feel a threat to yourself or your dog. To report the sighting of a wild animal or a problem with wildlife within the Calgary city limits, please contact Alberta Fish & Wildlife at 403-297-6423.

Although coyotes mainly feed on small mammals such as mice, they have on a few occasions attacked and killed pets. If you want to ensure the safety of your dog, keep it on a leash at all times (even in a designated off-leash area). Coyotes are generally no threat to people, but should be treated with respect and never approached or fed. For more information on coyotes, visit our Urban Coyotes page.

Porcupines do not shoot quills; they actually need to touch their targets. Keep your dog away from porcupines as it can be an expensive and painful process for you and your pet to have the quills removed.

Off-Leash Ambassador Program

Calgary Community Standards is currently recruiting volunteers to participate in the Off-Leash Ambassador Program, a pilot project that began in the Egerts and Bowmont Parks off-leash areas. We are now expanding to all quadrants of the city and need ambassadors city-wide. If you are interested in volunteering with this program, please register for the Off-Leash Ambassador Program online..



Salsa Ranch Chicken Strips

Okay, this is the best chicken finger hack that I have come up with to date! It is so easy, and everyone loves them. I'll never buy frozen chicken strips again.

Ingredients

- 3 boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 1/4 cup salsa ranch salad dressing
- 1 package extra crispy Shake 'n Bake

Directions

Cut chicken breasts into 1" thick strips. I like to remove the tender from the bottom of the breast and use that as a guide as to what size strips to cut the rest of the meat into. I usually get 3 to 4 strips per chicken breast, depending on the size.

Marinate the chicken in the salsa ranch dressing for 5 minutes, and coat with the Shake n' Bake mixture. Once the chicken is coated entirely, lay the strips on a baking sheet and place in oven preheated to 400 degrees. These take about 15 to 20 minutes to cook thoroughly, and I like to flip them halfway through.

Serve these with a fresh salad and the entire family is sure to be happy!

Krista is a Calgary chef and busy young mom, who believes that preparing, fast, tasty, and healthy, home-cooked meals is within reach for today's active families. Krista has a soft spot in her heart for Deer Ridge, where she lived and played, while obtaining her Red Seal Chef Certificate from SAIT Culinary School.

Meaning of the Month



November's name comes from the Latin "novem", meaning "nine". This is because in the Roman calendar, November was the ninth month of the year out of ten. With the addition of January and February at the hands of Julius Caesar, November became the eleventh month of the year, as we know it today.



CRIME STATISTICS

Deer Ridge Crime Activity was Up in September 2020

The Deer Ridge community experienced 6 crimes in September 2020, in comparison to 3 crimes the previous month, and 4 crimes in September one year ago. Deer Ridge experiences an average of 3.9 crimes per month. On an annual basis, Deer Ridge experienced a total of 47 crimes as of September 2020, which is down 44% in comparison to 84 crimes as of September 2019. To review the full Deer Ridge Crime report visit dri.mycalgary.com

How To Report Crime In Deer Ridge: Dial 911 for emergencies or crimes in progress. For non-emergencies dial (403) 266-1234. To report a crime anonymously, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (Talk, Type or Text), submit tips online at crimestoppers.ab.ca, or text tttTIPS to 274637.

YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

Save Food in the Spirit of Waste Reduction Week

Preventing or reducing food waste at home is one way you can help achieve Calgary's waste reduction goals. Saving food also saves you money; the average Canadian throws \$1,100 of food away each year.

Try these tips for saving good food from being tossed in the bin:

- Freeze holiday food scraps for soup stock, such as turkey bones, herbs, and celery/carrot tops.
- Apples ripen 6 to 10 times faster at room temperature. Store apples in the low humidity drawer of the fridge in a breathable bag to maintain freshness.
- Designate the top shelf of your fridge for leftovers and pre-cut vegetables and fruit, so nothing gets forgotten at the back of the fridge.

For food scraps you can't save, learn how to sort it right at calgary.ca/greencart.

Find more tips to prevent food waste at lovefoodhatewaste.ca.

Stop and Smell the Trees

by Elisabeth Fayt

Last March, I was on the chairlift at Panorama Ski Resort, and as I stared out at the majestic snow-peaked mountain, I reflected on my fast-paced life. Despite many attempts to "slow down", I realized it was going to take a change, so I made an internal cry for help.

The next day on the hill, I experienced a full-body collision with another skier, resulting in a fractured rib. It wasn't long before I remembered my divine plea. Even through the pain with every breath, I couldn't help but smile at the irony. A week later, Covid hit Calgary.

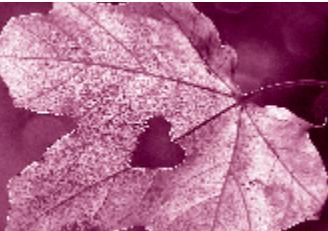
I think the Universe hit me twice, to make sure I wouldn't resort back to my old ways. This is what happens when we don't listen. We're forced with the opportunity to make a change. Although it may be uncomfortable, it's always a good thing in the end.

Perhaps the whole world has been given the same lesson; to stop and smell the coffee, to stop and listen to your child, to stop and tell your spouse you love him or her, to stop and tell your Creator "thank you".

I'm sure each one of us has a Covid story to tell, about how it changed our lives. I have a few. So here is one of mine: every day during Covid, I would see droves of people outside my window walking their dogs. I thought to myself, "what a wonderful way to slow down". A pet gets you out for a walk. A pet requests your undivided attention. A pet shows you unconditional love.

So my family agreed to my request for a puppy, which took 6 months to arrive. And as of two weeks ago, I now have a West Highland Terrier puppy at home. He is teaching me patience (through potty training), but best of all, he is teaching me to slow down. With slow walks around the block (versus my usual power walk), where together, we stop and smell the trees.

Thank you, Universe, for the greatest gift I could have ever asked for.



Yielding to Emergency Vehicles

Time is the enemy in an emergency. For everyone's safety, it is important for motorists to understand how to correctly yield right of way to emergency vehicles with lights and siren activated. You can help EMS, police, and fire get to the scene quickly and safely by following these rules of the road:

When an emergency vehicle approaches with lights and siren activated:

- If you're in the middle of an intersection when an emergency vehicle approaches with lights and siren activated, safely clear the intersection;
- On a one- or two-lane road, motorists should move to the right side of the road, slow down, and then stop. Remember to signal;
- On a road with three or more lanes, motorists should move to the nearest side of the road and stop. If driving in the centre lane, move to the right side of the road and stop. Remember to signal;
- Come to a complete stop and wait for the emergency vehicle to pass. Shoulder check for more emergency vehicles (there is often more than one) before re-entering traffic flow. Remember to signal;
- Emergency vehicles might use any available road space to maneuver. This could include the shoulders, turning lanes, in order to pass other traffic.

When operating a vehicle:

- Drive attentively and defensively at all times. Be cognizant to sirens and be prepared to yield the right of way;
- It is Alberta law for motorists to slow down to at least 60 km/hour (unless a lower speed is posted) when driving in the lane next to a stopped emergency vehicle, including tow trucks, with their lights activated. If you're not in the lane next to the stopped vehicles, reduce speed and leave lots of space between yourself and emergency personnel.
- Do not break the rules of the road in order to give right of way to an emergency vehicle. This could include proceeding through a red light, or making an illegal turn. Actions such as these jeopardize all motorists in the area;
- Drivers must place their full attention on the roadway and toward the safe operation of their vehicle at all times. The fine for distracted driving in Alberta is \$287.00;
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Hello Ward 14!

Early in this Council term, I took on a project in the hopes of moving closer to my goal of achieving greater transparency at City Hall. It was a relatively small project. Nevertheless, I believe it was a very important. It tends not to garner a lot of attention, but now is when it truly shows its usefulness.

I am referring to my property tax breakdown calculator, and I believe it will take on a special relevance as we move into budget discussions this month. You can find it by typing calgary.ca/ourfinances into your web browser, where you will actually find more useful information about City finances. The tax breakdown calculator itself will give you a detailed breakdown of how your tax dollars are allocated.

It should not be a secret that I lean towards less government and lower taxes. As someone who has owned or worked at small businesses all his life, those are the values that are important to me. But to be a responsible Councillor, you need to listen to your constituents, and to be a responsible conservative you need to reduce spending mindfully. That is where I see the true value of the property tax breakdown calculator.

Before Council goes into budget deliberations later this month, I hope that anyone reading this article will take the time to view their tax breakdown, decide how they feel about how their taxes are allocated, and let me know how they would prioritize city spending. It is my job to represent you, so I hope you will let me know how I can do that.

Feel free to contact me any time. The best way to contact me is by visiting calgary.ca/contactward14. You can also find information on how I voted during the 2019 budget talks in the Latest News section at calgary.ca/ward14.

Councillor Peter Demong

Veterans Affairs Canada has set aside November 5 to 11 to commemorate and celebrate the contribution and proud history of sacrifice of Canada's brave men and women in uniform. The year 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II, so this Remembrance Day has a special place in the hearts of many. Few World War II veterans are still with us, so if you have the privilege of knowing or meeting anyone who has served, please make a point of expressing your gratitude and thanks. As we continue to face our own global threat in the form of a pandemic, lessons from history can provide comfort, peace, and the fortitude to carry on in difficult times.

Over 100 million men and women were involved in combat and support roles during World War II, hailing from over 30 countries. Canada joined the Allied war effort on September 10, 1939, with declaration of war on Nazi Germany. Canada's contribution to the Allied forces was substantial. Over 10% of Canada's entire population served in combat roles including 1.1 million as active military personnel. The financial and human cost was heavy, but Canadians knew that sacrifice and service were required to protect democratic freedoms and to protect our world from hatred, tyranny, and oppression. It is estimated between 70 to 85 million individuals lost their lives during World War II due to genocide, premeditated starvation, disease, famine, and direct combat. Canadian losses were approximately 42,000 killed and over 55,000 wounded. What was remarkable about Canada's war effort was our contribution to dominance in the air. The British Commonwealth Air Training Plan was the largest flight training program in history, and much of the training was on Canadian soil. The BCATP at Canadian Airbases produced 131,553 aviators including 49,808 pilots, half of which were Canadian. Canada's and Alberta's contributions to the Royal Air Force (RAF) and Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) cannot be overstated. Canada needs to embrace its rich aviation history, while using that same determination and expertise to ensure a bright and confident future. Lessons must be learned from our patriotism and our contribution to Allied victory, of which we all must be grateful for and reflective of to this day. Canada and Alberta overcame huge challenges in World War II, and together we can overcome again. We are indeed #strongertogether as Albertans – Strong, Free, and Resilient. Over the next few months, I will be spotlighting Alberta Aviation History and why my Bill 201 (Strategic Aviation Advisory Council Act) is critical to Alberta's Economic Recovery Plan, our continued legacy of Aviation leadership, and the innovative spirit we are renowned for during difficult times.

As always, your feedback allows me to better represent you in Edmonton, so please reach out anytime to 403-278-4444 or calgary.fishcreek@assembly.ab.ca.



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