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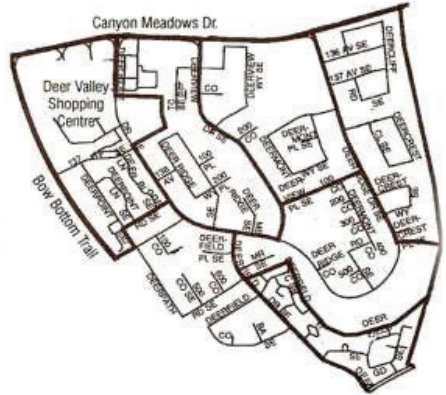


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The Deer Ridge Community Association membership fee is \$15.00 per household and two membership cards will be mailed to you upon receipt of payment. Your membership also grants you Deer Ridge CA voting privileges at the AGM. We invite all Deer Ridge residents to actively participate in the decisions that shape our community. For volunteer opportunities, please visit [www.DeerRidgeCA.com/volunteer/](http://www.DeerRidgeCA.com/volunteer/)



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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Can you believe it's already May? Almost halfway through the year? Maybe not that, but I sure can believe that pretty much everyone is ready for some warm weather fun, good times with friends, maybe a little camping already, for sure a little cleanup here and there, and some good food on the barbecue – right?

### Spring Fling

A great big shout out goes out to the Queensland/Diamond Cove Community Association for organizing and hosting the April Spring Fling. Putting these events on is quite an undertaking and we are so grateful to Queensland/Diamond Cove for the opportunity to partner with them and enjoy fun activities in their community hall. Thank you to every volunteer who helped out with the work and thank you to each and every person who attended – you are the ones who ultimately make it fun.



### Deer Ridge/Queensland/Diamond Cove Community Cleanup

How's that home and yard spring cleanup going? Have you got a lot to dump? Lucky for you, and for any neighbours who may also be tidying and tossing, the Deer Ridge Community Association is partnering with Queensland/Diamond Cove Community Association on a community cleanup day. Bring your discarded household items that would normally go to the landfill to dumpsters right in the community and pay no dumping fee. Our community cleanup date is June 29 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, at the Queensland/Diamond Cove Community Centre (649 Queensland Drive SE).

What can I bring to the community cleanup, you ask.

Do bring your old furniture, toilets, broken large fitness equipment, old fence and deck lumber, broken household and garden items.

Don't bring hazardous waste, chemicals, car batteries, glass, fridges/freezers, or sod/dirt.

For a full list go to: <https://www.calgary.ca/communities/community-cleanup-items.html>.

And if you have time to help us out with directing traffic on cleanup day, we'd love to have you volunteer with us. Email [deerRidgeCA@gmail.com](mailto:deerRidgeCA@gmail.com) and let us know if you would like to help.

### Seasonal Yard Waste

Have you been raking up grass and leaves, possibly a lot more than you can fit in your green cart or in the paper yard waste bags, and now you're wondering what you should do with all of this? You don't have to keep that yard waste hanging around for another pick up day, because the City's got you covered. Check out <https://www.calgary.ca/waste/drop-off/yard-waste.html>.

### City of Calgary Green Cart Compost Giveaway

The City of Calgary Green Cart Compost Giveaway continues until June 1, 2024, by online appointment only. To book, go to <https://www.calgary.ca/waste/residential/green-cart-compost-giveaway.html?redirect=/compost>.

Should you find the compost pickup appointments are full, the webpage lists dates on which to check back to find newly released appointments and times slots available through cancellations. And the site has some helpful tips on how to use compost (remember to mix it with soil).

### Preparing for a Dry Summer

Expecting a dry summer, maybe some water restrictions, and wondering what you're going to do about maintaining your yard? Maybe you're thinking you'd like to put down a layer of mulch in your beds or garden. The City can help you out with as much free mulch as you'd like. Go to <https://www.calgary.ca/waste/residential/free-mulch.html>.

### Pathway and Greenspace Cleanup

Wondering who cleans up the green spaces in our community? Yep, we do. Last year we had a very sizable group of enthusiastic volunteers who brought their families and enjoyed a lovely walk on a late spring day.

So, if you were able to enjoy a lovely, clean, green space last summer, thank a volunteer.

Our Deer Ridge Community Association Spring Pathway and Greenspace Cleanup is scheduled for June 9 at 9:00 am. Meet at the tent by the playscape in Yellowside Park. Bring a friend and enjoy getting your steps in while you help beautify your neighbourhood.

Bring your sunscreen and bug spray. Water, gloves, and bags will be provided.

Please come out and join us on our Pathway and Greenspace Cleanup this year. We look forward to seeing you, and together we can keep our neighbourhood a beautiful place to live.

### **Community Gardens**

Have you got a community garden plot this year? And are you ready to plant it? You may have noticed some work has been started on the garden beds and surroundings already, and you may be getting excited at the prospect of getting your hands in the dirt and the seeds in the ground.

We are expecting the City to deliver compost to us again this year. If you've committed to a garden plot, your email inbox will soon contain an invitation to come out and prep your garden bed with the compost.

If you have been on the waiting list for a garden plot, we thank you for your patience – we will give the returning gardeners a few short weeks to confirm their participation this season, and should a garden plot become available, you will be notified. Please note, community association membership is required and there is a nominal cost for the bed rental.

Considerable renewal work will be done on the garden plots throughout the spring and summer this year, as the plots are aging and in need of attention. If you would like to help with the garden bed renewals, please connect with us via email to [deerRidgeCA@gmail.com](mailto:deerRidgeCA@gmail.com) and let us know of your interest – we welcome volunteers!

### **Lacrosse at the Rink**

There's a lot of lacrosse activity going on in the now iceless rink, and it's because the Axemen are back, practicing up for their games. And when the Axemen aren't there, the neighbourhood junior lacrosse players are practicing. Want to know what all that practicing is for? Look the team up, see game dates and age groups, and share the excitement at <http://axemenlacrosse.com/>.

### **Answers to Last Month's Quiz Questions**

We have learned that not all newsletter readers are able to read the QR codes and get the answers to the newsletter quiz questions. The "Guess the Invention" quiz in the April newsletter was added by Great News Media. We checked, and unfortunately, at the time of writing the May newsletter, the April answers had not yet been published. However, they will be available by the time you receive this newsletter. Go to <https://mycalgary.com/category/lifestyle/games-and-puzzles/>.

### **Membership**

Your membership contributes directly to the fun activities, playgrounds, tennis courts, pickleball courts, rinks, and other amenities in your community! Your Deer Ridge community also has representation on the Trico Centre for Family Wellness Board and is a Community Partner with the Trico Centre.

Deer Ridge Community Association memberships are still only \$15 per household. They are easily available for purchase online at <https://deerridgeca.com/membership> or by filling out the form in this newsletter and returning it by Canada Post with payment.

Make sure you provide your email address and subscribe to the Deer Ridge email bulletin, so you can get current and timely updates on what's happening in the community, right into your inbox.

We invite all Deer Ridge residents to actively participate in the decisions shaping your community. Voting privileges are reserved for Deer Ridge Community Association members.

Thank you for your support!

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Do you have skills that you'd like to share with your community? Would you like to get to know people, or do you enjoy the camaraderie of working together with others toward a common goal? Let us know what you do best – do you like to plan or help with events? Are you a face painter? Balloon artist, mime, or magician? Do you enjoy woodworking or garden maintenance? If there is a special skill that you think you'd like to share, whether it's entertaining, planning, execution, maintenance, a trade, skill, or talent, we have opportunities for everyone who'd like to make a difference.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Tell us what you'd like to do and maybe together, we can get creative. Get in touch at [deerRidgeCA@gmail.com](mailto:deerRidgeCA@gmail.com).

### Upcoming Meetings

Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 pm, with locations announced on our website. Please email to let us know if you would like to attend – we'll provide details and we'd be very happy to have you join us.

Our last regular meeting of the 2023/2024 membership year will be on May 21.

### Annual General Meeting

The Deer Ridge Community Association Annual General Meeting and Board member elections will be held on June 18, at 7:00 pm. Location and additional details to come.

Keep in touch with what's happening in your community at:

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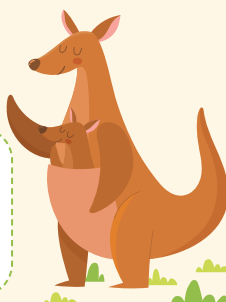
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For the first time since 2001, the Alberta Government has authorized the Drought Command Team, which will begin negotiating water agreements with water-license holders. The negotiations have been overseen by the Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, the Honourable Rebecca Schultz, to secure significant and prompt reduction in water use.

As many Albertans know, due to El Niño Alberta is currently experiencing one of its warmest and driest winters on record, resulting in the province being at a significant risk of experiencing drought. The government is swiftly responding and will begin meeting with major water users, with the goal of developing voluntary agreements to share water if there is a severe drought. This will include meetings with municipalities, irrigation districts, industry, and other major users to develop voluntary water-sharing agreements. At least one water-sharing agreement will be developed for each of the Red Deer River, Bow River, and Oldman River Basin.

The government is currently monitoring the snowbanks, rainfall, river levels, and water uses levels throughout the province, to help understand how much water will be available this year. Alberta has five stages in its water management plan, ranging from Stage One, which is a minor drought, up to Stage Five, which is a province-wide emergency. We are at a Stage Four right now.

In addition, the Alberta government is committed to improving both Alberta's drought resiliency and water management for Albertans now and for future generations. That is why through Budget 2024, the government will be investing over \$251 million in multi-year funding for new flood and drought mitigation projects concerning Alberta's berms, dams, reservoirs, and flood walls. The funding will also help launch new projects that will protect homes, businesses, and lives.

I wish all the constituents in Calgary-Fish Creek a wonderful May!

If you have any questions or input, please feel free to reach out to my office at Calgary.FishCreek@assembly.ab.ca.



Hello, Ward 14!

My team — Lois, Devin, Blair, and I — all hope you are doing well.

By the time May rolls around, you will need a debrief of the Public Hearing on citywide rezoning that we discussed in April. I will provide that in the online version of this column which you will find at [calgary.ca/ward14](http://calgary.ca/ward14).

In addition to that, we will talk about some water meter tips for your home, Neighbour Day, the Green Line, safety tips for your pup, Partners in Planning, and two topical weeks — Emergency Preparedness Week and Seniors Week.

Feel free to contact me any time, and don't forget to visit [calgary.ca/ward14](http://calgary.ca/ward14) for the full version of this column. The best way to contact me is by visiting [calgary.ca/contactward14](http://calgary.ca/contactward14) or calling 403-268-1653.

Sincerely,

*Councillor Peter Demong*



Dear Constituents,

As I write this in late March, Parliament is preparing for Budget 2024 which will have been tabled a little over two weeks ago by the government. Ahead of the budget, Conservatives under the leadership of Pierre Poilievre have been clear in our demands that the Liberal government must take serious action on Canada's finances and fix the budget. This includes lowering our record-level debt (which is sitting above \$1.2 trillion dollars), employing a plan to balance the budget, axing the carbon tax, and implementing other measures to make life more affordable for Canadians.

Earlier this spring, my team attended the Willow Ridge Community Association's Civic Affairs Night while I was in Ottawa. It was a great turnout with over 100 community members attending. Thank you to the Willow Ridge Board of Directors for their work on this event and for engaging with members of our community. Local community association boards often go unrecognized in the work they do upholding the fabric of our neighbourhoods. I want to thank all those who serve on community associations here in Calgary Midnapore for the excellent work they do.

Mother's Day is on May 12 this year and my office is doing something special to celebrate the moms in Calgary Midnapore. Head over to my website to see what we have in store for Mother's Day!

To stay up to date on the work I'm doing in Ottawa on your behalf, please sign up for my monthly e-newsletter. You can do so online at [StephanieKusieMP.ca](http://StephanieKusieMP.ca). Another way to keep engaged is through my social media - @StephanieKusiePoitician (Facebook), @StephanieKusie (X and Instagram), @StephanieKusieMP (YouTube).

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