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Where has the year gone?!!

My dear neighbours here in Discovery Ridge, I ask myself (and I am sure you too ponder the very same question) 'where has this year gone!' November is now upon us and in all honesty I do love Christmas (the Christmas Shop in Banff is frequently visited by my family even in the heat of the Summer months) but November is that awkward month of 'is it too early to get the Christmas decorations out?' Although the retailers don't seem to think so and have been sporting Christmas décor since August. Is it me or does this get earlier each year? With that said November usually means the start of snow flurries, cold weather, and short, dark days. Sometimes it seems like November is the cruelest month, or at least the most disliked. Although summer days are now long past, there are plenty of reasons to love November! Here just a few reasons why we should embrace November. And yes I will be getting my Christmas tree in November (freshly cut by my own hands may I add):

- You can get leftover Halloween candy for cheap
- Warm sweaters and fuzzy socks
- November blockbuster and Oscar bait movies
- Ice Skating
- Black Friday sales
- Peppermint, gingerbread, and cinnamon flavored everything!

Happy November Discovery Ridge and enjoy every day of this eleventh month.

QUESTIONS?

Do you have an interesting (or boring!) question for your DRCA Board of Directors that others may have too? Please email your questions to newsletter@discoveryridge.com and we'll try to answer them in an upcoming edition of the Ridge Review.



to Javinos!

Sunday December 11th



Sudoku:

For solution, go to mind's design studio



Each Sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing. Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit, so must every column, as must every 3x3 square.

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Rink Rentals

The Discovery Ridge Rink is now available for rentals (spring, summer, fall). Ball hockey? Lacrosse practices? Birthday parties? The list goes on!

The details are:

- rental rate is \$30/hr. or \$50/2 hrs.
- a DRCA membership is required to book the facility
- no refunds but rain-outs will be provided free of charge
- rentals will be available weekdays between 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. and weekends (9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.)
- an email confirmation will be provided for renters to print out to bring to the rink
- there will be no electrical access

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- block bookings are encouraged for teams (ex. every Tuesday from 7-8 p.m., April to June, discounted rate \$100/4 X 1 hr.)
- use at your own risk, respect the facility, and keep it clean
- funds raised through renting the rink help support its upkeep, maintenance, and support the DRCA

To book:

1. Ensure your DRCA membership is up-to-date. Check at www.discoveryridge.com/membership
2. Email newsletter@discoveryridge.com to make your request. Include date, time, name and phone number.
3. Mail or deliver your payment
4. An email confirmation will be sent.

What Does the PFC/ DRCA Partnership Mean to You?

The DRCA has partnered with Parks Foundation Calgary (PFC) to administer donations towards the Discovery Ridge Recreation Facility. PFC is a not-for-profit organization, which means that now your donations of \$25 or greater made towards the recreation facility will be eligible for a tax receipt as a charitable donation. Please donate today! *



I would like to make a donation in support of Parks Foundation Calgary to Discovery Ridge Recreation Facility – Phase II.

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- Yes, email me Park Foundation Calgary quarterly newsletter.
- No, I would not like to receive Park Foundation Calgary quarterly newsletter.

SAY CHEESE!!!

Fundraiser for Discovery Ridge Warming Hut

Javinos and Old Guys in Action are teaming up for their second Grilled Cheese Night at Javinos, Thursday, November 10th, 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. All proceeds from this event will go towards the purchase of benches for the new Discovery Ridge warming hut.

Why benches? "We care about your bottoms" says Bernie Potvin, who along with Ross Weaver founded the philanthropic group Old Guys in Action. "The DRCA suggested this would be a real help as the hut gets closer to its grand opening."

"The community provided wonderful support for the last Grilled Cheese Night in March" says Ross. "We are making some big changes so we can efficiently handle big crowds in a short period of time. We're committed to making this event bigger, better and cheesier than ever!"

How cheesy you ask? According to Bernie, with enough encouragement the Old Guys will perform a Latin dance routine while lip syncing to Michael Jackson. Very cheesy!

All proceeds go directly to the bench fundraiser. Food, wine and beer have been donated by suppliers and people in the community. Javinos is donating their venue, time and energy; and staff are even donating their tips! Please take time this month to express your thanks to Ruby, Aladdin and Sayed Murji and the whole gang at Javino. Mark your calendars! Tell your friends!

Old Guys in Action Grilled Cheese Night at Javinos:
Thursday, November 10th, 5:00-10:00

The Grilled Cheese Package cost \$12:00 and includes:

- One gourmet grilled cheese sandwich
- Soup (tomato or chicken noodle) OR chips
- Juice box OR water.

Beer or Wine are \$5.00 extra.

Sandwich choices:

- The Icebreaker
Canadian Cheddar on white bread
+ soup OR chips + juice box OR water
- The Old Guys
3 cheeses (extra old smoky cheddar, smelly blue and goat cheese, sautéed prunes on cheese encrusted ancient grains bread).
This was a crowd favourite last year!

- The Hakuna Matata-\$12:00
Habanera cheese on French loaf

ENTERTAINMENT

Cheesy Speech and Cheesy Smile competition. (Winners get to join Ross and Bernie in their Latin Dance routine).



DIABETES: It is better to know now than later

Did you know that; according to the Canadian Diabetes Association; 1 in 3 Canadians already has diabetes or pre-diabetes? High Blood Pressure, High Cholesterol, Genetics and obesity as well as other factors can contribute to Diabetes

People with diabetes have an increased risk of developing a number of serious health problems. Consistently high blood glucose levels can lead to serious diseases affecting the heart and blood vessels, eyes, kidneys, nerves and teeth. In addition, people with diabetes also have a higher risk of developing infections. The good news are; whether you are diabetic, prediabetic or at high risk, there are ways to manage your blood sugar and minimize the risk of Diabetes as well as Diabetes complications. These ways include; but not limited to;

- Check your A1C and your daily blood sugar regularly and always keep it within acceptable range.
- Control your blood pressure

- Weight loss: Keeping your Weight and BMI within the acceptable range is very important in controlling blood sugar levels.
- Regular physical activity
- Smoking Cessation
- Take your medications as prescribed by your physician.

In honor of the world Diabetes Day, Discovery Ridge Compounding Pharmacy and Travel Clinic is offering a free Health Risk assessment that will include the following:

- Body fat composition analysis and BMI Calculation.
- Blood Pressure Measurement.
- Diabetes Risk Assessment
- Medication Review (By appointment if needed)
- Smoking Cessation Brief

The earlier you are diagnosed, the sooner you can take action to stay well – now and in the future. If you already have type 2 diabetes, your children, brothers and sisters are at risk. Urge them to be tested for diabetes.

Recreation Facility Update

The new Rec Facility building north of the ice rink is expected to be substantially complete by mid-November. This building will provide indoor space to house the rink maintenance equipment and will allow the dedicated ice rink volunteer crews to have access to additional equipment and a warm place to maintain the equipment during the winter months. The building has been designed to accommodate a Zamboni although there are no immediate plans to acquire one.

In addition, a covered outdoor area will have overhead heat for community events and at select peak times so residents can lace up their skates in relative comfort.

The ice crews are already preparing to make the ice rink even better than last year and we once again plan to also operate a separate leisure ice surface.

The ice rinks require a significant amount of volunteers and hours and we are always in need of additional volunteers to join one off the rotating weekly teams. If you are able to help, please email volunteer@discoveryridge.com

Jennie Elliott News

The 2016/17 school year continues to unfold well. We are presently living a school within a school model with 50 students and their teachers from Dr. Roberta Bondar School. In January, their school will open and we will get a little more breathing room. The population of just Jennie Elliott students sits at 590.

Upcoming opportunities for our students include intramurals, yoga and inline skating. We have a choir and more clubs will be rolled out shortly. Our annual Terry Fox run was embraced with enthusiasm and it looks like we will exceed our target of \$5000.

Our grade 3 classes are presently involved with provincial Student Learner Assessments (SLAs) which have replaced provincial achievement tests. They measure similar things but are much more authentic and engaging for students. The provincial achievement tests for grade 6 were recently released and once again we exceeded the provincial average by a wide margin in every category.

We are looking forward to Halloween fun and are enjoying learning together.

~ Chris Aylesworth, Principal



DRCA Board Meetings

DRCA upcoming board meetings: Monday, November 7 and Monday, December 5. DRCA members are welcome to attend. For meeting specifics please email drca_pres@discoveryridge.com

Help Prevent Crime

Prevent crime in our neighbourhood and lock up your things!

STOPPING CRIME IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY! If we make it hard for thieves to steal maybe they will stop. Please make sure to lock your cars (garage door openers can be used to gain access to your home), homes, arm your security systems, anything to deter crime!

Dog owners please take note!



Responsible dog ownership is an important part of maintaining a happy, healthy dog and avoiding dog-related disputes with your neighbours. Part of being a responsible dog owner is complying with Calgary's bylaws related to dogs. There are 150 Off Leash Dog Park locations in Calgary. Griffith Woods and the Discovery Ridge community is not one of them so please keep your dog on a leash at ALL TIMES.

As a dog owner, you must ensure your dog does not:

- Bite anyone
- Injure anyone
- Chase, threaten or attack a person or animal
- Bark, howl or disturb anyone
- Cause damage to property or animals
- Scatter garbage

While on a pathway, your dog must:

- Be on a leash no longer than two metres
- Remain on the right hand side of the pathway
- Not interfere with or obstruct other users
- You may not cycle, skateboard or in-line skate with a dog on a leash while on a pathway.

How to file a complaint and what happens to it

If you know of a bylaw infraction and would like to report it, please call 311 (from within Calgary) or 403.268.CITY (2489) (from outside Calgary).

Bottle Shack

Thank you for tying your bags and taping your boxes shut, this keeps our volunteers safe and happy! Proceeds from the bottle shack continue to help support our recreational facilities.

Environmental Corner

PROTECTING TREES FROM BEAVERS

On September 24th the City of Calgary did wiring of trees alongside the Elbow river in the Griffith Woods to protect them from beavers. The City asked for volunteers and eight people from Discovery Ridge helped them in this job.

The City's practice is to try and strike a balance between health of the surrounding areas and the wellbeing of the beavers. When required, The City uses different measures to protect trees and property to make our river parks unappealing to beavers. Depending on the situation, they may use a combination of the following:

- Placing metal wiring around tree trunks.
- Planting varieties of trees along the shore that are less palatable.
- Placing under-dam drains to control water levels.

The City of Calgary suggests not wire public trees on your own, as it is important to make sure that the right trees are wired, the right type of wire is used, and that the trees are not harmed. They also need to know where the wire and when wire is placed on trees so we can monitor it and prevent it from growing into the trees.

WIRE TREES ON YOUR PROPERTY

If you own or manage property along a river, you may want to wire your trees to protect them. The City made how-to video to demonstrate what you will need and how to make your trees beaver-proof. <https://youtu.be/8xHeB5-xkwY>

DRCA Membership Counter

The membership count for 2016/17 is:

Please renew or purchase your DRCA membership if you wish to receive DRCA emails. By the middle of November if you do not have a current membership you will no longer receive DRCA email communication.

www.discoveryridge.com/membership



With cold temperatures a stark reality, we need to amp up our crew efforts to get our rinks established and maintained. Your help is needed!

What: 10+ volunteers to assist with rink maintenance and ice making for the 16/17 skating season. Evening and daytime help required.



When: Late November to Early March

What: Evening crews of 5-7 people meet once every 4 weeks for 1-week shifts.

Daytime help required as needed on days with light – heavy snow fall

Duties: Snow removal/sweeping/flooding on both the ODR and Leisure Ice and sweeping of snow from the bench area for safe skate changing.

Contact volunteer@discoveryridge.com with your interest in being a part of a rink crew this year! Further emails will determine your availability to help and you will be assigned to a crew or as a "rover".

NEXT UP:

Santa @ Javino's – December 11th

DRCA New Year's Day Family Skate – January 1

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE:

The Discovery Ridge Special Events Committee is looking for a couple of new members.

We typically meet monthly at Javino during the day. Planned upcoming events include: Santa at Javino, New Years Day Skate, Volunteer Appreciation event, Community Clean-up/Block Party/Garage Sale weekend and our annual DR Stampede event. If you have an hour or two to give back to your community, want to join the BEST committee in DR or have some great new ideas please email specialevents@discoveryridge.com. We'd love to have you join us!



Be sure to **LIKE Discovery Ridge on Facebook** for the most up-to-date information in the community. Check out our website at www.discoveryridge.com as well!

Discovery Ridge Babysitters

List your name free of charge.* To add your name, or to make changes

to your listing, please contact newsletter@discoveryridge.com.

Babysitters are welcome and encouraged to advertise themselves, free of charge, in the Ridge Review (or website). We do however request that the family/household the babysitters are a part of, be members in good standing of the Discovery Ridge Community Association (i.e. the \$25 annual fee paid in full). If you wish to advertise babysitting services but are not currently members, the household/family may register online via the community website www.discoveryridge.com or with the registration form on this page.

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DRCA Channels of Communication

Our community association has several channels to communicate to you, and for you to communicate with us!

Member emails: get a membership and provide your email for 'what's new' updates

Ridge Review newsletter: eleven publications/year

Facebook: www.facebook.com/DiscoveryRidgeCommunityAssociation

Website: www.http://discoveryridge.com/welcome.html

Instagram @discoveryridge

Email us: see the listing at top left of this page or the website 'contact us' page for contacts *

Benefits of DRCA Membership

What does the DRCA do for me?!

- Organizes social events such as Music in the Park, annual Stampede breakfast, Santa event
- Publishes the Ridge Review community newsletter
- Provides up-to-date information about issues affecting you and the community through member only email provides updates on important items for all at www.discoveryridge.com
- Allows soccer registration with Westhills United Soccer
- Communicates regularly with Councilor Richard Pootmans on community and city related issues
- Provides effective representation and advocacy to external third parties about issues of concern to the community, including public safety, development and the natural environment
- Attains & works casinos to fundraise for the community
- Creates a sense of community pride through participation in community activities. *



Fifth annual Remembrance Day ceremony

Please join your neighbours and the King's Own Calgary Regiment on Friday, November 11, 2016 for our fifth annual Remembrance Day ceremony at Battalion Park. Battalion Park, originally named Camp Sarcee in 1915, commemorates the soldiers who trained here for the trench warfare of World War I. Members of the Calgary, Lethbridge, Central Alberta and Edmonton battalions hauled over 16,000 stones onto the hill to form the numbers 137, 113, 151 and 51, representing the regimental numbers of their battalions. In 1991, after members of the 137 Battalion lobbied to have the stones declared a historic site, Battalion Park was opened.

We worked with the Parks Foundation, Signal Hill Community Association, and City administration to declare Battalion Park a designated Municipal Historic Resource on July 27, 2015. For last year's 100th Anniversary ceremony, I supported our application for a Federal Historic Designation of this site, and we hope to honour this designation during Canada's sesquicentennial with you next year. We hope you can join your

community in a moment of silence to reflect on the sacrifices made by these brave Canadians.

Date: Friday, November 11th, 2016

Time: 10:30 am

Location: Battalion Park at Signal Hill

ACCESS

- We encourage you and your family to walk to the ceremony. Pedestrians can access from Signal Hill Drive until 10:30am. No parking available on Signal Hill Drive SW.
- Parking will be available in designated locations at the Signal Hill Shopping Centre. Attendees will then continue up the stairs behind Lowes to the ceremony site.
- For attendees needing assistance, please proceed to the 'Assistance Drop Off Zone' on the east side of the parking lot where volunteers will be able to transport you to the ceremony site.
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SW Ring Road Update

The SW leg of Calgary's Ring Road is proceeding and the Discovery Ridge Community Association (DRCA) Ring Road Committee continues to proactively work with Alberta Transportation (AT), our MLA and the Minister of Transportation to mitigate the potential impact of the imminent Southwest (SWCRR) and West Calgary Ring Road (WCRR) on our community. This is another article that we aim to be part of a string of on-going updates to keep our residents informed about the segment of the Calgary Ring Road along our northern boundary.

Ring Road Timing & Status Update

Many of you have seen the preliminary survey work along Highway 8 over the past several months as part of a P3 (Private Public Partnership) project or a Design-Build-Finance-Operate (DBFO) process to build the SWCRR. Mountain View Partners (MVP) was selected earlier this September as the primary contractor. MVP consists of Merdian, Kiewit, Ledcor, Connor Clark and Lunn.

Their winning bid or contract is worth \$1.42B in 2016 dollars, paid over a 35-year term of the contract, and follows a selection process which began in July 2015. Two other consortia submitted bids at \$1.88B and \$1.55B.

Under the agreement, the province will fund 60% of the capital construction cost, which will be paid during the five-year construction phase. MVP will finance the remaining 40% over the 30-Year operating period. The Government of Canada has committed up to 25% of eligible costs, including design, construction, engineering, project management and utility relocations, as part of the 2014 New Building Canada Plan – National Infrastructure Component.

The full construction of this 21 km segment (31 km when you include connector road upgrades), which runs from the Elbow Springs golf club, down through the Tsuut'ina reserve, to Spruce Meadows Trail and across to Macleod Trail SE, is slated to begin this fall and expected to be open to traffic in 2021.

As we noted in an earlier article, the Highway 8 portion of the Ring Road is now staged in two parts with part one now included in the SWCRR project, set to begin construction this fall. The status



of the WCRR project is still on hold and currently not anticipated to begin for another 3 to 4 years. However, the timing of the WCRR is contingent on future Provincial budget decisions and although the cost of the SWCRR is now known, the status of the WCRR remains unchanged and is not within the Province's 3 year capital plan. When the decision is made to proceed with the WCRR, it is expected to take 3 to 4 years from that point to complete.

Public Information Meeting to Follow

It is the DRCA Board's understanding that the primary contractor will be required to hold a Public Information Meeting on the latest details of the design sometime in November 2016. We would advise everyone interested in the roadway to stay tuned for the announcement of the actual date in the coming weeks. Our committee is working with Alberta Transportation to ensure that the primary contractor partner is well equipped with significant

details on the road design, including cross sections, road profiles, sound attenuation measures, landscaping, lighting and proximity of the road alignment to our northern boundary, etc.

DRCA's Context Sensitive Design Approach

As the final design unfolds and construction proceeds, the DRCA Ring Road Committee continues to focus on ensuring the roadway is designed and constructed in the most socio-economic and environmentally sensitive manner. We will be maintaining an active communication protocol with AT staff to ensure we are properly informed about key stages of the project and pass this information onto our residents while continuing to be on alert to ensure key context sensitive (not a one size fits all) design considerations are properly implemented, such as:

- fiscally responsible design, especially in the current economic conditions;
- accounting for changing lifestyle, demographic and mobility trends;
- environmentally sensitive design and minimizing overall footprint/cost of roadway;
- protecting/conserving as much existing vegetation and terrain

as possible, especially close to our residents' north property line adjacent the TUC;

- innovative softscaping and above average sound attenuation;
- strategic visual screening wherever possible;
- strict controls on light pollution;
- intelligent construction staging;
- consistent communication protocols with AT during all stages of design and construction through to post construction; and
- minimizing impact on property value.

DRCA Does NOT Support Regional Ring Road

Although the DRCA was able to convince AT to adapt the phase 1 roadway alignment farther away from our community's north boundary, we continue to disagree with AT's insistence to accommodate a Regional (second or outer) Ring Road in the current design, a concept that was first introduced in 2006. This would mean that the TUC (Transportation Utility Corridor) adjacent to our community and all related overpasses along the SWCRR are being planned to potentially accommodate a 14 to 16 lane highway in the future. The DRCA supports the development of the Ring Road, but we continue to lobby to change AT's mandate and limit this highway to a single Ring Road with a maximum of 8 to 10 lanes. Our neighbouring communities of Springbank Hill and Elbow Valley also share this position. There is a shared concern whether the magnitude of this proposed roadway will ever be needed, as well as how does the scale of this road fit within our current climate change agenda, sustainable mobility choices and carbon pricing era.

Move Forward Objectives

At this point in time, we continue to work primarily with our MLA Mike Ellis as our conduit to Minister of Transportation, Brian Mason, to see if we can shift AT's current objective away from accommodating a second/regional ring road, and to pursue further value enhancing and cost savings engineering changes to the overall roadway design. Your Board and its Ring Road committee are dedicated to continue the extensive dialogue with our elected officials and senior AT staff to ensure the best context sensitive,

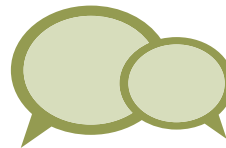
functional design is implemented.

Please visit the DRCA website (www.discoveryridge.com) for past articles that deal with the Ring Road specific to our community, as well as to download current maps on the proposed alignments of the roadway. Once the designs are finalized by the P3 partners, we will request the drawings to be posted on the DRCA website.

The DRCA Ring Road Committee and your Board will endeavour to keep our community up to date on any new information on the status of the Southwest and West Calgary Ring Road. In the meantime, more information regarding the Southwest and West Calgary Ring Road can be found on the Alberta Transportation website (links below).

<https://www.transportation.alberta.ca/w-crrgp.htm>

<https://www.transportation.alberta.ca/sw-crrgp.htm>



If you have any comments, questions and or concerns about the Ring Road, Please feel free to contact:

- Our MLA, Mike Ellis (calgary.west@assembly.ab.ca);

- Brian Mason, the Minister of

Transportation and Infrastructure (edmonton.highlandsnorwood@assembly.ab.ca or transportation.minister@gov.ab.ca);

- Our Ward Councillor, Richard Pootmans (richard.pootmans@calgary.ca);

- Danielle Larivee, Minister of Municipal Affairs (minister.municipalaffairs@gov.ab.ca);

- Shannon Phillips, Minister of Environment and Parks (aep.minister@gov.ab.ca);

- Premier Rachel Notley (premier@gov.ab.ca)

If you are interested in joining and/or helping out with the DRCA Ring Road Committee, please contact any DRCA Board member.

~ Ring Road Committee & DRCA Board



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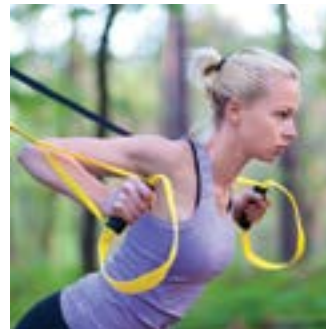
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The beauty of Discovery Ridge in Fall by Bridget O'Shea

Most days I find myself somewhere on the paths in Discovery Ridge or in Griffiths Woods walking my dog Genie. The beauty around here is endless and seems to come out even more as the weather turns cold. These shots were taken along the Elbow river bed at the very SW corner of the forest. You'll be surprised what you find off the beaten trail.



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MLA Open House November 16!

With winter weather already here, it is hard to believe that we are already nearing the holiday season. I want to take a moment to invite you and your family to my MLA Open House on November 16th from 4:30 to 6:30pm. The open house will be held at my office – 234, 333 Aspen Glen Landing SW located on the second floor offices in the same building as the CIBC. Please RSVP to Calgary.West@assembly.ab.ca.

This is my first community newsletter submission since the passing of former Premier Jim Prentice. I want to take a moment in this article to acknowledge the passing of the late Premier and share with you Jim as I knew him.

Many of you will remember that I was first elected in a by-election in October of 2014, along with Premier Prentice. I was honoured when Jim asked me to run for Calgary-West and join his team. We worked together many times on the

campaign trail during that election. Even while being the Premier, he still found time to door knock almost every night. He also went door knocking with me in Calgary-West on a few occasions during the by-election. I was struck by how well he was able to connect with people at the door. He was a compassionate man, and took the time to listen to the stories of folks he met, as he offered them his vision of a better Alberta.

After our election, even in the turbulent eight months that followed, Jim always made time for his caucus colleagues, including me. I will remember him fondly as a mentor, and as an incredibly capable and kind politician. On behalf of Calgary-West I have extended my condolences to his wife Karen, and their three daughters. Farewell, Jim, you will be sorely missed by all Albertans and indeed, all of Canada.

~Mike Ellis, MLA

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* For more information, including a listing of all programs, visit calgary.ca/AfterSchool.

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Check out these important updates from The City of Calgary

Thinking about a renovation project this fall? Before you pay for materials, hire a contractor or do it yourself, let The City guide you on the permitting and inspections process.	calgary.ca/myhome
Celebrate National Child Day on Sunday, November 20 with an afternoon of free activities and entertainment at Ralph Klein Park.	calgary.ca/parksevents
Recreation is for everyone! We offer classes that respond to the varying needs of all Calgarians, of all ages and abilities; including those experiencing chronic health conditions.	calgary.ca/gentlefitness
Don't let the snow hold you back! The Winter 2017 Recreation Program Guide is on stands and online November 23rd. Registration starts November 28th.	calgary.ca/17avenue
We want to hear from everyone who has an interest in how to help grow, foster and encourage sport and sport opportunities in Calgary. Contribute your input to the Calgary Civic Sport Policy review.	engage.calgary.ca/sport
Stay informed this winter about the City's snow and ice control procedures.	calgary.ca/snow
Fun and FREE activities for children, youth and families all year-round. Find out what's happening in your area, visit calgary.ca/communityprograms .	calgary.ca/communityprograms
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Servings: Makes 1 9-inch square cake (about 16 servings)
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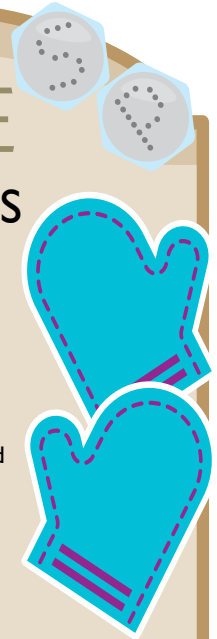
Ingredients

- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour, spooned into measuring cup and leveled-off with back edge of knife
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch chunks
- 2/3 cup dark brown sugar
- 2/3 cup mild-flavored molasses, such as Grandma's Original (not Robust or Blackstrap)
- 2/3 cup boiling water
- 1 large egg

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9-inch square pan with nonstick cooking spray. Add a few tablespoons of flour to the pan; shake and turn pan until bottom and sides are evenly coated with a light dusting flour. Holding pan upside-down over sink, tap out any excess flour.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, salt, ginger, cinnamon and cloves. Set aside.
3. In a large bowl, combine, butter, dark brown sugar, molasses and boiling water. Whisk until butter is melted. When mixture is luke warm, whisk in egg.
4. Add dry ingredients to wet ingredients and whisk until just combined and there are no more lumps. Pour batter into prepared pan and bake for about 35 minutes, or until the edges look dark and the middle feels firm to the touch. Set pan on a rack to cool slightly, then cut into squares and serve. This cake is best served warm out of the oven or reheated.

~ Submitted by Jacqui Basha



Homeowners' Association News



Be a good neighbour during the winter season

Winter is upon us and with it comes the transition from maintenance of greenspace grass and beds to pathway snow removal. We have all heard the predictions for a snowy, cold winter and if these prove true, the hardy folks at ULS will be out in full force soon after each snowfall to remove any build-up. We make our community paths and sidewalks as safe as possible during the winter months, but would like to remind our residents to be vigilant while out and about in the neighborhood. ULS does use ice-melt if they come across a particularly slippery area, but Mother Nature gives us all manner of weather and temperatures through the winter and ice can form unexpectedly; please use caution when using the pathways and don't hesitate to contact us if you see an area needing attention.

On a side note, another enjoyable activity available in the neighborhood is ice skating. The DRCA has done an excellent job of installing recreation facilities for the community, and the NDHA has supported them in their endeavors. For those who use the surface rink in Phase 2, the NDHA has worked with the City to have two stadium-style benches installed adjacent to the rink space; this should give users a decent place to put your

skates on and a great place for others to rest and watch. Enjoy!

Finally, you have probably noticed ring-road related work being done near the entrance to the community. The NDHA has been informed that as part of the construction of the 69st overpass, there will, of course, be an impact to our entrance boulevard and median. We have kindly been invited to work with the decision-makers, as final design detail is still being developed. As more news on this subject comes available, we will post the information on our website as well as use this newsletter to keep you up to date.

The NDHA would like to ask all residents to continue/plan to attend the future Ring Road Open Houses and Town Hall meetings to get informed about the impact on Discovery Ridge and voice your opinion. Buy a \$25 DRCA membership – they also speak on your behalf and are working hard in your best interest.

We are always happy to hear from our NDHA members; if you ever have a concern or comment and need to contact us please access our website at www.ndha.ca to send an email or call us at 403.237.9595.

Sometimes when you sacrifice something precious, you're not really losing it. You're just passing it on to someone else.

- Mitch Albom, *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*

#GetMovingYYC Week - Join the movement

November 28 - December 3, 2016

Winter is a great time to try new things, embrace our winter city and challenge yourself to get moving! Moving more doesn't have to be a huge commitment. Making small changes to your everyday routine can have a huge impact on your health. Make 'moving more' a personal goal, a family activity or a community challenge. Where ever you are, whatever you're doing, there are so many ways to move in Calgary.

From November 28 to December 3, The City of Calgary and its partners are hosting events throughout the city to get Calgarians moving. Events may include Free Skates, Family Outdoor Event, Guided Walks and more!! Check out the calendar of events on calgary.ca/getmoving.



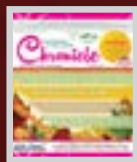
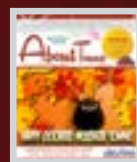
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