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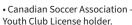


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YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



OUR HISTORY

Chaparral was established in 1995 with a 32-acre artificial lake and a 21-acre park with two waterfalls as centrepiece of the neighbourhood and now has grown to include Lake Chaparral, Chaparral Ridge, Chaparral Revine and Chaparral Valley.



OUR MISSION

The Chaparral Community Association strives to represent and serve the community of Chaparral through effective communication, engaged volunteers, and fiscal responsibility, to foster a vibrant and livable community.



OUR GOVERNANCE

We are a non-profit organization established under the societies act, and we are governed by elected and volunteer members from our community. We are always looking for expertise and support to grow, please reach out to get involved.

The Chaparral Community Association (CCA) is a volunteer run organization that represents the residents of Lake Chaparral, Chaparral Ridge, Chaparral Ravine, and Chaparral Valley. Your CCA is the recognized body that liaises with government officials, expresses resident concerns regarding commercial, industrial, and residential land use development, and represents the position of the residents on education, transportation, environmental, and infrastructure issues. The CCA supports organized sports, community, and social programs. To stay connected the CCA publishes the Chaparral Trailblazer and maintains a website (www.chaparralcommunity.com), Facebook, and Instagram pages (@chaparralca).

Successful, healthy communities are generally those with active and sustained membership and involvement by the community residents. The CCA board encourages all residents to purchase a membership, and when available, attend monthly meetings to help make our community amazing.

Some things the CCA has done for the community include: Chaparral Common and Chapalina Crescent Playgrounds, Green Thumbs Community Garden, Community Clean-Ups, Adopt-a-Rink in the Valley, Valley Summer Bash, garbage bin wraps, Stampede kick-off breakfast (co-organized with the Lake – open to all CCA members), Festival of Lights, advocating for traffic signal lights and crosswalk Rapid Movement Flagship Beacons (RFB), Safe Communities Initiatives, and Development Permit Applications. The CCA has also weighed in on Commercial Applications (Chaparral Meadows, Bottle Depot, Telus Cell Tower, BFI Canada Inc., Inland Cement).

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- 2. Ginger beef was invented in this city in the 1970s.
- 3. Terry Fox began his "Marathon of Hope" in this city.
- 4. This city has the highest population and is the most visited in the country.
- 5. In the 1900s, illegal tunnels were built in this city to hide Chinese immigrants who were avoiding discrimination or who couldn't afford the head tax.
- 6. This town is dubbed the "polar bear capital of the world."





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	Properties Listed	Properties Sold	Median Listed Price	Median Sold Price
June 23	26	30	\$612,450	\$636,250
May 23	24	32	\$499,900	\$494,750
April 23	32	28	\$599,900	\$609,000
March 23	24	19	\$599,900	\$610,000
February 23	20	14	\$593,850	\$595,000
January 23	6	5	\$649,900	\$657,000
December 22	5	8	\$642,450	\$631,750
November 22	8	11	\$629,900	\$615,000
October 22	10	24	\$579,500	\$583,000
September 22	22	14	\$599,950	\$587,500
August 22	19	25	\$509,000	\$512,500
July 22	25	19	\$549,649	\$547,649

To view more detailed information that comprises the above MLS averages, please visit chap.mycalgary.com

The Best of Alberta's Fruit Season is Now!

Contributed by Jolene Ottosen for the Chaparral Green Thumbs

I know that June is strawberry season, but Alberta's best fruit, in my opinion (the Saskatoons, raspberries, and sour cherries) are at their peak about now, from late-July to mid-August. Do not miss this bounty!

In my own garden, I have had limited luck with growing my own fruit and berries. The strawberries that I planted only seemed to have one good season, and after that, the few berries I got were eaten by the birds before they got ripe enough for us, so I pulled them out to make way for other things. Raspberries also don't seem to want to grow for me, although I wonder if part of that has to do with me not being attentive enough to the new canes. About 12 years ago, I decided to put in a Saskatoon berry bush. I had enough room and hoped the area got enough light. While the bush is still with us, it has only grown about a foot or two over the years and never produced more than a handful of berries. I have not, however, given up completely on my dream of Saskatoons, and plan to someday move the bush to a sunnier locale to see if it cheers up a little more.

Thankfully, there is one fruit tree that I have had luck with, and that is the sour cherry. Since the tree was already here when we bought our home, I am not entirely sure what type it is, but I do believe it is part of the romance series developed by the University of Saskatchewan, possibly a juliet. Although the tree was quite small when we moved in 14 years ago, it has grown considerably since then. I have been told that sour cherry trees do not sucker much as they are not a grafted variety, however, I now have several trees I did not plant, and we occasionally wrestle with large suckers in the lawn. Fortunately, we love the cherries, so while the suckers are annoying, it is worth the work. A few years ago, I noticed that part of my main tree had died off, but according to the Saskatoon Farm's website, that had been a widespread problem in Alberta that year. Thankfully, we will still have more than enough for our needs. While I don't love processing the cherries, I do love having bags of pitted fruit in the freezer that I can quickly turn into something.

While all these fruit and berries are delicious when eaten on their own, a little cooking and sweetener can further enhance their flavour. Some people like to turn their summer fruit into pies or jams, but I prefer simpler and quicker recipes like quick sauces. Summer Pudding, an English dish which is basically layers of white bread and berry sauce pressed into a dish and left to soak up all the goodness, then turned out on a plate and served with cream. Or clafoutis (pronounced kla-foo-tee) which is a simple French fruit and custard dish that is traditionally made with sweet cherries; however, I think sour cherries add another flavour dimension to the dish that makes it so much better. Other fruit can be used in place of the cherries.

If I have convinced you that you need some of this Alberta fruit in your life, and you are not lucky enough to have a garden or pasture full of them or know of any hidden backroad bushes, do not despair; there are several u-pick farms nearby. A simple Google search of "Calgary u-pick" will show you a number of farms that are just a short drive away along with prices and whether or not you can purchase pre-picked berries. Many of these farms have diversified over the years and now also offer market vegetables, baked goods, and other attractions, but the fruit will always be the star for me!

If you are interested in more information, email us at chaparralgreenthumbs@gmail.com.



The Spotted Lake

Located near Osoyoos, BC, Spotted Lake is a mineral-rich body of water that evaporates every summer. Calcium, magnesium, and sodium sulphate deposits are left behind in small circular pools, each a different colour. It's no wonder that this otherworldly place is sacred to the indigenous Sylix people of Okanagan!

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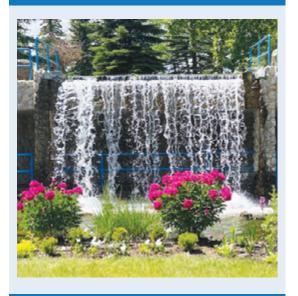
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Waterfall by Maureen Bisanti





Bike Safety

A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities

Protect your head! Any age – from toddlers to adults – should think twice before getting on a bike without a helmet. In fact, youth under 18 are legally required to! The helmet should fit nicely and cover the forehead. A helmet too loose won't do much protecting, so make sure it's nice and snug.

Ring, Ring! Having a bell lets those around you know you're coming and will help avoid any collisions on paths.

Stop! Being a cyclist means you must follow similar rules to driving a vehicle. Pay attention to posted signs, speed limits, and watch out for pedestrians. Knowing your route ahead of time can help you be aware of potential detours and hazards.

Increase Your Visibility! Use reflectors or lights, especially if you're riding your bike at nighttime or on the streets.

Be Diligent! You may have the right of way, but that doesn't mean those around you are paying attention to their surroundings. Always be cautious and diligent while riding a bike and stay in bike lanes where possible. Be sure to keep an eye out for vehicles coming in your direction and err on the side of caution!

For more resources, check out the Federation of Calgary Communities.





The Lake Chaparral Residents Association is the association that governs the private membership of Lake Chaparral and its facilities. Each home within the Lake Chaparral community is encumbered to pay an annual membership due to the LCRA. The annual dues are utilized for the day to day operations of the lake property and all of its facilities, the maintenance of entryway features of the community, maintaining an appropriate reserve fund and making long term planning decisions for the lake and its assets. The LCRA employs a General Manager, Dylan Lock, under the direction of a volunteer Board of Directors.

For inquires about the Lake Chaparral Park and Recreation Centre please contact the Lake Chaparral Residents Association at 403-254-4148 or visit their website at lakechap.ca.



Park Information

Park Hours: 9:00 am to 10:00 pm

Office Hours: Monday to Saturday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Inquiries: 403-254-4148 | office@lakechap.ca

www.lakechap.ca

Please note that the entrance is closed 30 minutes prior to designated closure to allow our staff time to clear the facilities. The park may also close early due to weather, lack of residents accessing the space, or other issues as deemed valid by LCRA management. By default, the park and lake will be closed at temperatures of -25°C (without wind chill).

Connecting with Members

Facebook Page

Follow us on Facebook for up-to-date information on events, programs, and daily LCRA news.

Instagram

Follow us on Instagram – @LakeChapyyc. Share your lake pictures by tagging us and using the hashtag #LakeChap.

Website

We continue to improve and add new updated content to our website. Checkout our website for information, communication, and membership rules at www. lakechap.ca.

Monthly Email Communications

The LCRA is working on keeping you informed. If you are not receiving email notifications from the LCRA, please call the office at 403-254-4148, or send us an email at info@lakechap.ca, and we will be happy to update your account information.

Please note, the LCRA does not share our information with third parties. The LCRA abides by all CASL laws regarding email information.

What's Happening at the Lake

Fee Season is Here!

The LCRA membership fees are due on July 1 of every year. All fees must be paid to access the lake or park and are registered as an encumbrance on the property land titles in Lake Chaparral. If you have not paid your fees by the due date, you will not be permitted access at the front gate.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office at 403-254-4148 or email info@lakechap.ca.

Summer Rules and Regulations

Please visit our website at www.lakechap.ca to review the rules and regulations for the summer. We want everyone to have a fun and safe summer. A quick reminder of the rules is a great way to make that happen.

As the summer continues, we are planning some fun events and activities for the entire family to enjoy. Come join us for some fun in the sun while enjoying all the amenities.

Safety Flag Reminder

The LCRA closely monitors the safety of the lake and lake ice for use; however, we cannot guarantee the lake and lake ice is free of all risks. Regardless of the status of the safety flag (details below), access is done at the sole risk of the member and their guests.

You can view the status of the safety flag by looking for the flags at the park, contacting the LCRA office at 403-254-4148, or by visiting our website at www.lakechap.ca.

Red Flag = Waterfront and lake ice is closed to all users.

Green Flag = Waterfront and lake ice is open to all users.

Upcoming Events

Please visit http://lakechap.ca/events for all up-to-date information on upcoming events, programs, and activities.

Kids Can Catch August 19, 2023 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Partnering with the Alberta Conservation Association (ACA), registration will be opened for up to 30 kids to come down to the lake and learn from volunteers how to fish! Rods and lures will be provided.

Stay tuned to our social media pages and website for more details!

End of Summer Bash August 26, 2023 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Food trucks, inflatable games, and more! Come down to the lake to enjoy a fun-filled day to send off the summer season!

Stay tuned to our social media pages and website for more details.

Camp Out in the Park August 2023 (Date TBA) 7:00 pm to 10:00 am

After a hiatus of four years, we're bringing back the Camp Out in the Park! Registration will be available for up to 25 families (6 people per family maximum) to set up a tent and camping gear in the park, roast marshmallows, sleep under the stars, and wake up to a pancake breakfast!

Please note that camping gear will not be provided. Stay tuned to our social media pages and website for more details!

Summer Camps

We have avariety of summer camps vailable this season! While registration for many camps has been open for several weeks, there may still be some spots left to snag. Please visit the Summer Camps section of our website for all up-to-date camp information.

Drop-In Programs

LCRA Senior Games

Mondays | 12:00 to 3:00 pm

Attention all seniors! Come out to socialize with your neighbors and friends, play games, and enjoy coffee at the lake house. Cost: \$1 per person, drop-in.

LCRA Walking Club

Tuesdays and Thursdays | 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Meet outside the Lake House (by the flags) at 10:00 am to start the walk. Walks usually last one hour and then is followed by a visit with coffee in the Lake House. \$0.50 per person, drop-in. Did you know that three laps around the walking path = two kilometres?

LCRA Pickleball Group Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays in August 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Weather permitting

Looking to learn or play pickleball with a local group? On the above-listed dates and times, the LCRA Pickleball Group meets near the LCRA front gate/parking lot to play pickleball in the LCRA courts.

For more information on how to join, please email Maureen Bisanti at mbisanti@shaw.ca.

Storytime with Calgary Public Library August 2

11:00 am to 12:00 pm

On the first Wednesday of every month (June, July, August), come down to the greenspace near the Top Pad for Storytime with the Calgary Public Library! Join the group for stories, songs, and finger plays the whole family can enjoy.

Programs

Registration for the following programs are done with the individual instructor.

Classes are ongoing; full details and class information can be obtained from the instructor. Program schedules are subject to change; please contact the program instructor directly for more details.

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Non-Residents Welcome

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- Mini Combo (Ages 4 to 5)
- Ballet/Jazz (Ages 4 to 12)
- Musical Theatre (Ages 4 to 12)
- Hip Hop (Ages 4 to 9)

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Fridays

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251st Chaparral youth and Scouters.

Drawing Classes for Kids with Young Rembrandts

Non-Residents Welcome

Fridays

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Non-Residents Welcome

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Pickleball Connect is about developing effective muscle memory, understanding shot selection, and establishing tactics.

Pickleball Connect is about having fun and connecting with the community while growing your skills.

For more information on how to join, visit https://www. pickleballconnect.ca/about.

Yoga in the Park

Hatha Yoga for all levels

Registrants will need a yoga mat, two yoga blocks, and one strap. Please pre-register to get weather updates; minimum 6 people required to run a class.

Monday classes start June 19. Wednesday classes start June 21. Thursday classes start June 22.

\$10 per class

For more information, please contact Mona at powermona7@hotmail.com or at 403-619-2596.

LCRA Board of Directors

Our Lake Chaparral Residents Association Board of Directors maintains an email address at bod@lakechap. ca to hear your suggestions and feedback on large-scale governance, direction, and broad-scope improvements to the member experience.

For all operations, day-to-day, or management-related questions, please send emails to info@lakechap.ca.

Message from LCRA Manager

Hello Lake Chaparral!

We're closing in on the end of summer, and what a season it has been! From all the summer camps and lessons to the great usage of the lake and park, the events that have passed (and the ones still to come) – it has been a blast!

Thank you to everyone in the community who has helped us to continually improve the lake experience. We are continuing to work hard to develop the LCRA experience - we hope that you enjoy the rest of the summer season!

Best wishes.

Dvlan Lock General Manager

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