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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
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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 Ravine 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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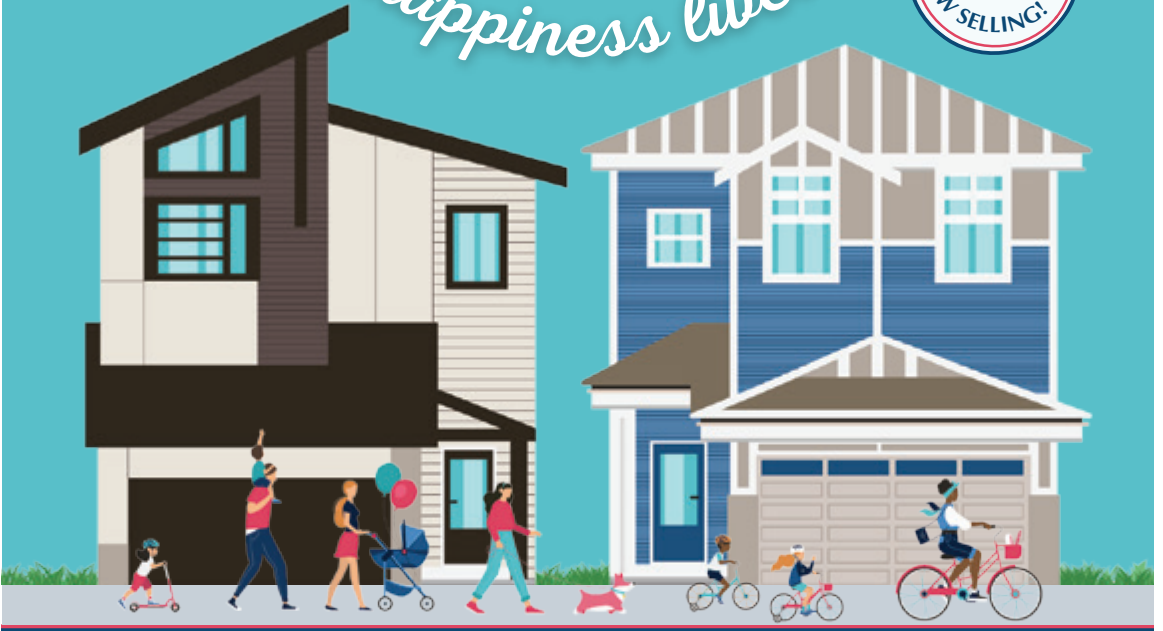
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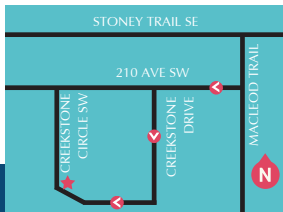
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	High	\$1,875,000	High	\$690,000	High	\$301,000
	Low	\$485,000	Low	\$306,600	Low	\$223,000
	Avg.	\$706,463	Avg.	\$451,888	Avg.	\$279,260
	#Sold	93	#Sold	32	#Sold	15
	Avg. days on mkt. 17		Avg. days on mkt. 15		Avg. days on mkt. 22	

Stats current as of July 31, 2023 @ 11:59 pm. For more detailed market sales information, please contact Team Palmer at 403.836.3018 or info@teampalmer.ca.

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Big thanks to Lawrence King for 106 articles. He has been volunteering his time since 2011 to bring you King's Corner and his insightful words will be missed!

“Time to Move On”

I started this column in 2011 when I decided it might be of interest to our readers if I shared my 36 years of experiences as a teacher, administrator, and coach. Along the way, I also shared educational stories of interest from other sources. I always identified where these articles came from, or if I didn't know the origin, put “Author Unknown.” Now 106 stories later, I feel it is time to move on. Based on the feedback I received from emails or talking to people in person, I have included, as my last article, the one with the most interest and responses from our readers, which were all positive. It came from my May 2018 *Trailblazer* column.

“If it is to be, it is up to me”

As a retired teacher and coach, I'm concerned about the new philosophy that is out there that says that children are entitled to everything and no longer need to earn it. Teachers can no longer give failing grades and all comments on report cards must be positive, even when the student is doing nothing! A case in point is the high school teacher in Edmonton who was suspended by his principal for giving a zero to a student who failed to hand in an assignment, even after the student was given extra time to complete the project. The principal had previously told his staff that zeros were not allowed, even though several staff members had voiced their moral disapproval. In the end, the Alberta Teachers' Association reinstated him, but he was transferred to another school district!

In many sports now, participation awards are given to the entire team, so no child feels left out. The whole idea is to protect all children, but I feel that this is a huge disservice. Why should a child strive to improve or put in extra effort when he or she is treated no differently than the child who does nothing? What children need is help and encouragement to develop their skill level so they can achieve success and appreciate what they did, because it was earned by hard work. Sheltering them completely from the real world is not helping them become successful! Real life is hard and no number of awards can shield children from the disappointments and challenges they will eventually face. Failure is

the shock treatment of life and with guidance and understanding, we learn more from our failures than we do from our successes!

Another case in point is modern day birthday parties. I was at my six-year-old nephew's party and all the gifts were sitting there, and after games and birthday cake, the party ended without one gift being opened. When I asked why, I was told, “We don't want the other children to feel bad because they are not getting a gift or some one's gift was nicer than theirs, so we will do it in private.” Excuse me! Can we not explain to a child that today is not your birthday but be happy and enjoy your friend's excitement now, as your turn will come on your birthday, and it is the thought that counts and not the price or size of the gift. Coping with a current child's feelings with love and an explanation is important as this is how they learn and grow.

As parents and teachers, it is our responsibility to provide love and understanding and direction to our children, but ultimately, it is up to them as to whether they choose to be successful or not. Children need to learn and experience both failure and success, as this is the real world.

Now for the rest of the story. A few years ago, I was driving past a junior high school in Las Vegas and in bold three-foot letters painted on the outside wall of the school gym were these words, “If it is to be, it is up to me.” These ten little two-letter words say it all. Ultimately, it is up to all of us to find our talents (with help) and develop them to the best of our ability. Then, and only then, will we become contributing citizens in the world we live in. In closing, remember that consequences are the only way to change behavior and children learn from this.

Finally, I want to thank my loyal supporters and wish you well in all your future endeavors. In closing, remember to give your child at least one hug a day and tell them you love them!

Lawrence King, Director of Education, Chaparral Community Association



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 – @LakeChapyc. 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. Check out 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.

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.

Movie in the Park **September 23, 2023** **Time: TBD**

Back by popular demand, we will once again be hosting the Movie in the Park event! We will host two showings: one geared towards children and one intended for slightly older audiences later in the evening. A popcorn and snacks vendor will be on-site. Movie selection is still TBD.

Stay tuned to our social media pages and website for more 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?

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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To join, visit <https://www.myscouts.ca/ca/join>.

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Our program is funded by our fundraising. We have two ongoing fundraisers – Scout Coffee and an ongoing bottle drive.

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Start ordering coffee today! Visit <http://www.scout-coffee.ca/>. You will find a list of our delicious products. At check out please be sure to select our group 251st Chaparral, so our youth receive credit for your purchase.

For our second ongoing fundraiser, if you have extra bottles you would like to donate, please go to the Walden Bottle Depot, 19618 Walden Blvd, and request donation to the 251st Chaparral Scouts - Sarah account.

A big thank you for supporting our programs through our many fundraising efforts.

251st Chaparral youth and Scouters.

Drawing Classes for Kids with Young Rembrandts

Non-Residents Welcome

Fridays

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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!

The summer season has ended, and what a great time it was!

We were absolutely packed with bookings, camps, and events. We're so happy that so many members, new and old, were able to come down and enjoy the sunny weather, activities, and amenities.

We hope the return to the school year goes smoothly for everyone – kids and parents alike.

We're going to be hosting the Movie in the Park event again this year, so be sure to grab a spot on the hill, fresh popcorn, and settle in for a movie!

Best wishes,

Dylan Lock

General Manager



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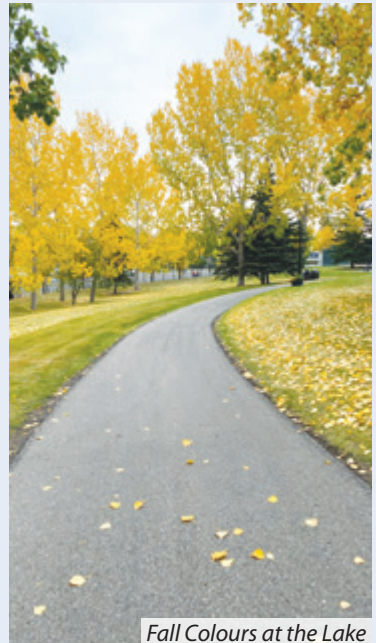
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