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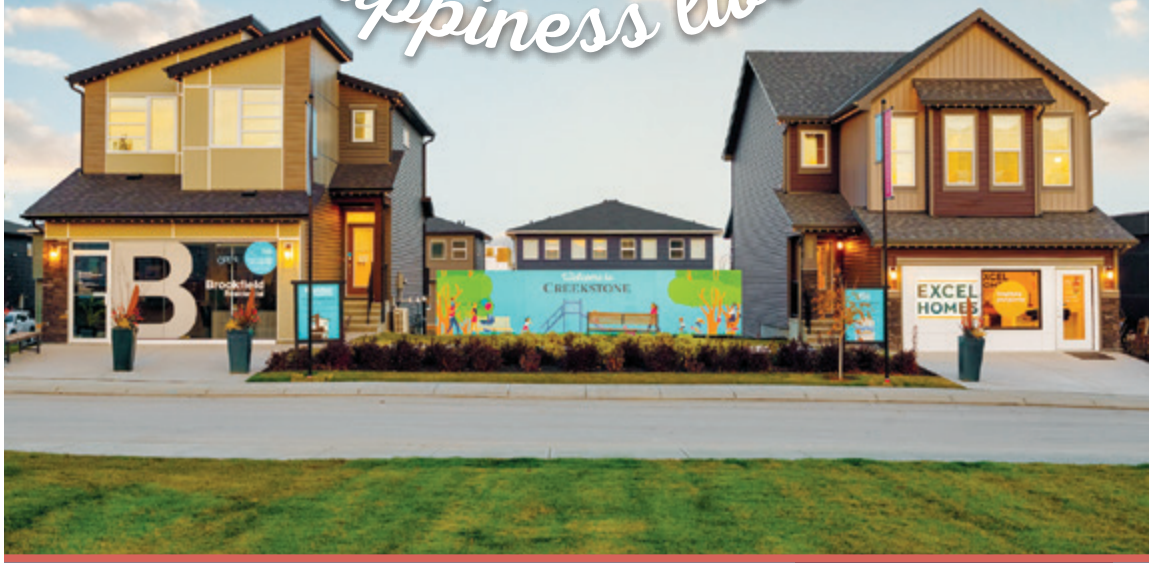
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| February 2023 | 20 | 14 | \$593,850 | \$595,000 |
| January 2023 | 7 | 5 | \$649,900 | \$657,000 |
| December 2022 | 5 | 8 | \$642,450 | \$631,750 |
| November 2022 | 8 | 11 | \$629,900 | \$615,000 |
| October 2022 | 10 | 24 | \$579,500 | \$583,000 |
| September 2022 | 22 | 14 | \$599,950 | \$587,500 |
| August 2022 | 19 | 25 | \$509,000 | \$512,500 |
| July 2022 | 25 | 19 | \$549,649 | \$547,649 |
| June 2022 | 28 | 31 | \$499,900 | \$505,000 |
| May 2022 | 35 | 26 | \$577,389 | \$613,750 |
| April 2022 | 38 | 40 | \$609,900 | \$634,450 |
| March 2022 | 54 | 40 | \$574,850 | \$622,500 |

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



Beautiful Water-Wise Gardens

Contributed by Jolene Ottosen for the Chaparral Green Thumbs

For some gardeners, regular maintenance is part of the joy of gardening and the time and expense of maintaining a regular watering schedule is not an issue. They are the kinds of people who can keep plants that require constant moisture happy and lush, and I applaud them, but know that I will probably never be one. I enjoy having a garden, but I am fickle and one week will dote on it, while the next week, ignore it completely, so I need plants that will be okay with that. I also try my best to conserve water and prefer collecting water in rain barrels and watering by hand, so I only want to have to do that so often. When you add surviving our cold winters to the plant's list of requirements, you soon discover that only certain plants will thrive in those conditions.

For many years now, the City of Calgary has partnered with the Horticultural Society to produce a series of "Yard Smart" guides that offer tips on planning water-wise and low maintenance yards. Over the years, I have collected a number of paper copies of various guides, and you might still be able to find these at in-person events where they have a table set up, but they are easily available online. Aside from a basic page looking at the basics of yard smart design with a focus on creating gardens that require less weeding, watering, and fertilizing, they also have more specialized guides for specific needs. If you have a full sun yard, you can refer to a specific guide for that, and then another for the shadier side of the house. Partial shade spaces have their own guide, as do wet areas and native plants. I was also very happy to see that they also offer many of their guides in a variety of languages.

Ten years ago, they published one of my favourite resources, a short list of hardy perennials that should thrive in Calgary's climate once established (two seasons), requiring no irrigation beyond our annual rainfall.

The Following Perennials List is from the City of Calgary:

Blue Flax (Linum Perenne)

Slender, fern-like stalks rise from compact mounds bearing loads of sky-blue flowers. This is a prolific self-seeder in an unmulched bed, but unwanted plants are easily weeded out. It is versatile in all soils, if it is well drained. Requires full sun.

Daylily (Hemerocallis Spp.)

This species has grassy foliage with individual blooms that only last for a day. Many cultivators are available in a wide range of colour and blooming times throughout the season. Full sun to partial shade is best.

Gas Plant (Dictamnus Albus)

Clusters of pink or white flowers with a pungent lemony fragrance in June and glossy dark green leaves make this a great middle-of-the-bed plant for early summer blooming. A slow grower, it has deep taproots that make it drought tolerant when established. It prefers fertile loamy soil and full sun.

Globe Thistle (Echinops Ritro)

This is a large plant with deeply cut leaves that are silvery-white underneath and stalks with steel-blue, prickly globes that are a magnet for bees and butterflies in late summer. With a deep branching taproot system, the species does best in average, well-drained soils, as well as full sun to partial shade.

Iceland Poppy (Papaver Nudicaule)

This self-seeding poppy has slender stems and paper-thin flowers in orange, yellow, and cream, and blooms freely throughout the growing season. It thrives in all soil conditions and is remarkably drought resistant, but prefers full sun.

Stonecrop or Sedum (Sedum Spp.)

This species is a large group of succulent plants ranging from low groundcovers through tall upright cultivators. 'Autumn Joy' is a staple for the fall bed with stiff stems topped with rose coloured florets, but there are many new cultivars on the market to

incorporate into your garden. It prefers well-drained, light soil and full sun to partial shade.

Source: calgary.ca/yardsmart

In recent years, the City has revised and added to their list, featuring the top picks of horticulturalist Kath Smyth. In the online brochure, they provide photos and information about many of the plants, as well as the size it will reach in maturity. They also offer suggestions of which plants and shrubs would look best together, leaving you with not only a water-wise, but well-designed look. A digital copy of this brochure and many others can be found at calgary.ca/yardsmart.

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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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good News

Good day, Chaparralians,

I am pretty excited about this one – our Community Cleanup has been secured for Chaparral. The date is June 11, 2023. We will be starting at 9:00 am and will be going till 1:30 pm-ish; this "ish" is to allow the garbage trucks to depart at 2:00 pm sharp. We will be monitoring the line ups and may need to close the line a bit earlier or may keep it open a bit later, depending on the volume. We will not have the green truck; we have noticed that with the adoption of the green bins, there was not really a big need for it at our cleanups. As usual, we will be trying to secure the metal recycling bins and we have sent out a request to a couple of other vendors to participate in the cleanup. We will be setting up at our usual spot – the overflow parking at the lake entrance.

This should be a fun event and we are looking for a few volunteers to come and help us to move traffic and the garbage materials swiftly to allow for efficient unload of the cars. Please message me if you would like to help out. There will be a volunteer orientation meeting at 8:30 am that morning to go over the instructions from the City crew and to have some coffee.

There will be a list of items that will not be accepted at the cleanup; we will be sharing this list once it has been finalized, but I expect, as in the previous years, that tires, paints, chemicals, and large appliances with freon will be some of the items that will not be accepted. More details on this will be released in the coming weeks (check our website for further details).

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For inquiries 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

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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 windchill).

Connecting with Members

New Facebook Page

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

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.

Email Notifications

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

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.

LCRA Membership Fees

The LCRA membership fees are due on July 1 of every year. All fees must be paid to access the lake and park and are registered as an encumbrance on the property land titles in Lake Chaparral. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office at 403-254-4148 or info@lakechap.ca.

Upcoming Events

Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 1, 2023 | 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Easter is approaching! Come experience our Easter Eggstravaganza, where we will be hosting various games, an inflatable bounce house and slide, food trucks, a

magician, and more! Stay tuned to our website and social media pages for updates and details.

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

Drop-In Programs

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.

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.

Devotion Danceworks

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LCRA Board of Directors

Our Lake Chaparral Residents’ Association Board of Directors is also available and excited to hear your suggestions to improve the member experience; they can be contacted by emailing bod@lakechap.ca.

Message from LCRA Manager

Hello Lake Chaparral!

We’re officially well on our way into the spring season, and our teams are working hard to prepare the park for summer 2023!

Our website has been updated over recent months for ease of use, information consistency, and to reflect any updates to rules and procedures. Please continue to maintain awareness of the posted rules, regulations, and status of the safety flag to avoid accessing the lake when it is closed.

The March Winter Carnival, as well as the recent Easter Eggstravaganza, had great turnouts! We hope everyone had a lot of fun coming down to experience the games, activities, food, and our wonderful community. If you have any suggestions or things you would like to see with our events, let us know!

Best wishes,

Dylan Lock

General Manager

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