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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good day, fellow Chaparralians.

After the holiday season, some people love January because it brings the things to look forward to, new hopes to carry, new goals to achieve, and new resolutions to abandon. Some people dislike it because they dislike the idea of beginning anew, whether is going back to school or work, or just the idea of starting a new year. And even though January always arrives on schedule like a train, we still find that it catches some off guard, and it does not matter if we want to sit back and wait for what the new year brings or want to get a jumping start on things, we better get on board before it departs without us. January was a very good start to February. Paraphrasing Mark Parent, if January is the month of change and new beginnings, February is the month of lasting change and action. January is for dreamers; February is for doers. February is also a border between winter and spring, before the warmth of the spring arrives. We will need to deal with the harshness of winter for just a little longer, so spread some extra warmth and cheer during this last month of winter. Challenge yourself to be kinder, be more understanding towards others and yourself, and practice charity, love, and happiness to people around you.

A while back, I had read an article on beating the February Blues. It talked about a few things that can be done to help. Try some or all of these during February if you prone to the blues:

1. Exercise, even if you have to coerce yourself
2. Cut down on alcohol intake. Sparkling water is the thing
3. Try to skip the upsetting news stories. I know with the age of social media, it is pretty tough, but it's worth a try.
4. Take vitamin D and B12
5. Skip edgy, dark films and books. Institute a "Keep it Light" policy
6. Listen to a lot of music, and dance a little bit; just keep in mind #5
7. Call, email, or text friends and people who are funny and fun
8. Avoid the naysayers

As usual, Chaparral Community Association meetings are being held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm, and everyone is invited to attend and contribute. We will be posting notices for the meeting on our website.

Anton Ovtchinnikov

CCA President

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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.



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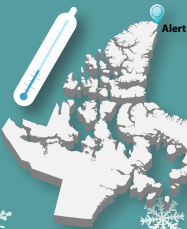
We are a non-profit organization established under the societies act, and we are governed by elected and volunteer members from our community. We are always looking for expertise and support to grow, please reach out to get involved.

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).

The Northernmost Settlement



Alert, Nunavut (Qikiqtaaluk Region) is the northernmost settlement in the entire world; this scientific and military hub is only 817 kilometres from the North Pole! February is typically Alert's coldest month and unbelievably, their record temperature low is -50 °C. I don't know about you, but Calgary isn't sounding so bad in comparison!

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Houseplant 101

by Jolene Ottosen, Chaparral Green Thumbs

Houseplants and I have a mixed relationship. I did not grow up in a home that regularly had houseplants. The occasional one would be gifted to us, and my mom would keep it around for a while, until her self-proclaimed black thumb won over, and she eventually threw the faded or possibly dying plant out. As I got older and started to appreciate the aesthetic created by plants, along with the added health benefits, I slowly started to add them to our space, with mixed results. While I now have a few that have been with us for many years, I have killed more than my share, including a Sansevieria, known commonly as a snake plant or mother-in-law's tongue. This is one of the hardest, most recommended for beginner plants around, yet I have killed two different varieties.

Recently, I spent some time helping a friend pack up his childhood home after his mother's sudden passing. While helping with this, I learned that his mother could have taught master classes on closet organization and houseplant care. While packing up her closet, I learned, among other things, that you can fit a shocking amount of clothes in a relatively small space simply by hanging anywhere from three to six coordinating or similarly coloured pieces on one hanger. If you are trying to put an outfit together there is no searching, just grab one or two hangers and you have what you need. Unfortunately, the secrets to her abundant collection of lush, happy plants weren't so apparent, but it was inspiring. While it has been a while since I have killed a plant, including my third snake plant which is still with us, surviving is not thriving, and seeing the possibility in this home left me determined to do a better job with my current plants, as well as to try to maintain the status of the plants my friend passed on to me, as he sadly had to break up his mother's collection.

Here are some of the things I have learned over the years and am vowing to get better at consistently doing:

Light

The two most important elements to keeping a plant happy are adequate light and water. So, when you first bring your plant home, putting it in the right spot can be crucial for the survival of some.

Basically, there are three light requirement types:

1. Full Sun

These plants are happiest with sunlight shining directly on them for most of the day, such as from an uncovered south facing window. While sunlight is a key part of photosynthesis, only a few houseplants can tolerate this much sun, such as cacti and many succulents, along with a few herbs, such as basil. While almost all of my windows are south facing, which is ideal for full sun loving plants because it is not so ideal for adults who don't love living in an oven every summer, we chose to sacrifice some of our natural light and put a tinted film on all our windows, which allows us to keep the curtains open, but filters all of our light. This is why I never had luck with basil or succulents indoors.

2. Indirect Sunlight

This is the type of light most houseplants do best in – a room with lots of sunlight that doesn't shine directly on the plants for most of the day. Thankfully for me, my tinted film turns all of the light coming in from my south facing windows into indirect light, so I can place my plants right in front of the window without worrying about them turning yellow from sunburn. In other homes, these plants might be placed near an east or west facing window where they may get some direct sunlight, but only for a few hours, or to the side of a south facing one.

Ideal plants for this type of lighting are Monstera, Ficus, Alocasia, Spider Plants, Parlor Palms, Prayer Plants, a variety of air plants, and Hoyas.

3. Moderate to Low Sunlight

While these plants still need some access to sunlight, they can still do well with light coming from a north facing window, or maybe even with the light that filters across the room from a window.

Ideal plants for this type of lighting are Dieffenbachia, Ivy, ZZ Plants, Calathea, Chinese Evergreens, and many types of ferns. Sansevieria (Snake Plant), Pothos, and Philodendron can also be included but I separated them as they need very little light.

Watering

The hardest lesson for me to learn was that it is better to risk under watering than over watering. This doesn't mean you should intentionally underwater, just that a plant can tolerate a dry spell easier than it can handle sitting in soggy soil for long periods of time.

Most plants prefer soil that has a chance to slightly dry out between watering, but not get bone dry. This means that allowing the top inch or two to dry out is good, but if you poke your finger down into the soil it should still feel at least a little damp. Plants also appreciate consistency, so many growers find their plants do best if they only water once or twice a week, varying the amount of water they give based on the needs of a plant. A larger plant that likes moister soil might need a cup or two of water a week, whereas a more drought tolerant plant, like a succulent, might only need a few splashes. While figuring out your schedule, let your fingers feel for soil moisture, and watch for drooping plants that are telling you they need water. Once you have a system, stick with it as best you can but remember, if you have to make changes, it is better for them to go dry for a short spell than to be too wet.

While watering, also try to pour water evenly over the top of the whole pot, not just in one part, which could result in some parts of the roots getting too wet, with other parts staying too dry. Also, watch for pooling water. If you see this, it is possible that the topsoil in the pot is too compact and poking a few holes along the surface throughout can help with this.

Feeding

This is another area where I do not excel, even though I know what I should be doing. Many sources suggest fertilizing monthly during the spring and summer, with one final dose in the early fall before allowing the growth to naturally slow for the winter season. There are a variety of fertilizer options available, and many prefer the liquid forms they can just add to the water. As I am not a fan of synthetic fertilizers, I prefer natural forms such as a compost or worm castings. While I could use either of those to make a tea to water with, I tend to just add castings to the soil in my pots a few times a year (hopefully at least once...), as I do with my outdoor plants. I don't know if this is ideal, but it is better than not feeding them at all!

Potting

For many of us, our first plants are left in the pot they came in, which is generally okay for a while, but as they grow, they can become root bound or, as some say, pot bound, which limits growth and is detrimental to the overall health of the plant. Keep in mind, however, that there are a few plants that like to be crowded, such as my old friend the snake plant. I believe that aside from probably overwatering, I killed it with kindness by transplanting it into a big pot with plenty of room to "grow into" and separated what I thought were harmful bound roots. Oops! Even plants that don't like to be crowded should size up gradually.

When repotting, you will need a clean pot that is large enough for the roots to sit over a fresh layer of potting soil and the root ball to be completely covered. Make sure the new pot has drainage holes. Most of my pots are nursery pots inside of more decorative pots, with a few rocks or some other material to raise the inner pot up enough to allow excess water to drain away from the plant. Be sure to use soil intended for potted plants, as it is looser than regular garden soil. For cacti or succulents, you may want to find a specific mix for those plants which allows for even more drainage than a regular potting soil mix.

While these are just the basics, this should be enough to get your houseplants established and as they grow you can learn more to trouble shoot any issue that arise.

If you are interested in more information or curious about upcoming events, check us out at <http://www.chapgreenthumbs.ca/>, or email us at chaparralgreenthumbs@gmail.com.

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February in Fish Creek

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Brick Program: <https://friendsoffishcreek.org/brick>

Dedication Gift: <https://friendsoffishcreek.kindful.com/?campaign=1048472>

Fish Creek Speaker Series 2023

We are so happy to announce that the Fish Creek Speaker Series is returning to the Fish Creek Environmental Learning Centre for the 2023 season, and in an even more accessible format! Now we are putting technology to work to increase accessibility for audience members who may not be able to attend in-person, and so we can bring in presenters from further afield. Presentations from February to March will take place virtually through Zoom. Online presentations may also be provided if presenters are located in a distant region. Upcoming Fish Creek presentations include Wild Wolf Watching in Yellowstone National Park on Thursday, February 9, presented by Kelly Hazen, and Environmental Impacts of Effluent Release on Thursday, March 9, presented by Matthew Bogard, University of Lethbridge. Stay tuned to the Friends website for more information about Fish Creek Speaker Series talks: <https://friendsoffishcreek.org/programs/speaker-series>.



Park Protectors Needed

Now is the perfect time of year to become a Fish Creek Provincial Park Protector! Fish Creek is a cherished natural green space that we are fortunate to have in the city, and all of the Friends' programs and activities are designed to help preserve biodiversity and ensure a sustainable park environment. The Park Protector monthly donor program is the most convenient way to support Fish Creek Provincial Park every day and you can rest assured that your hard-earned donation will be used effectively and efficiently right here in Fish Creek. For more information, please visit <https://friendsoffishcreek.org/park-protector-signup>.

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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
February 2022	31	24	\$599,900	\$636,750
January 2022	16	18	\$469,900	\$492,000

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

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 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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Connecting with Members

New Facebook Page

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Instagram

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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. Why do we need this information? We need this information to communicate effectively with our residents about the LCRA and its facilities, assets, and emergency response if needed.

What's Happening at the Lake

Red Flag Reminder

The safety of our residents and staff is paramount. Please ensure that you check the flag daily or contact the office. You can also check our website at www.lakechap.ca for current ice conditions.

Red Flag: Waterfront and lake ice are closed.

Green Flag: Waterfront and lake ice are open for use.

Lake Fees

2022/2023 lake fees were due on July 1, 2022. All fees must be paid in full to access the lake. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office at 403-254-4148 or email info@lakechap.ca.

Upcoming Events

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

Ice Fishing Derby

Saturday, February 11, 2023 | 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Registration is required for this event. The deadline to register is February 10, 2023.

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: \$1.00 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 10:00am to start the walk. Walks usually last 1 hour and then is followed by a visit with coffee in the Lake House. \$0.50/person, drop-in. Did you know that 3 laps around the walking path = 2 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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Ages 4 to 8 Years Old

Non-Residents Welcome

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251st Chaparral Scouts

Non-Residents Welcome

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Don't let your kids have all the fun — volunteer today. Volunteering with Scouts Canada is fun, flexible, and fulfilling. And, just like your kids, you can make new friends and memories too! We provide the training and adventure; you provide the enthusiasm.

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

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. Look for our community project – a gaga ball pit we built for our community.

Thank you for your support,

251st Chaparral youth and Scouters.

Drawing Classes for Kids with Young Rembrandts

Non-Residents Welcome

Fridays

Preschool | Ages 4 to 5 | 4:00 to 4:45pm

Elementary | Ages 6 to 12 | 5:00 -6:00pm

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Our Lake Chaparral Residents’ Association Board of Directors is always open to hearing suggestions to make the resident experience at our facility better. Feel free to

email us at lcra@lakechap.ca anytime. If you are not signed up with the lake to receive emails, please consider doing so, this way, you can keep current with what the LCRA Board is working on and share your voice with the LCRA Board.

Message from LCRA Manager

Hello, Lake Chaparral!

We’re rolling on through the coldest months of the year, which fortunately make for quite the winter wonderland at the park! Our teams are still working hard to maintain the lake ice and top pad for all the skaters out there, and we hope you enjoyed this year’s holiday light display!

We would like to thank everyone for attending the Learn to Ice Fish event last month, and a special thanks to Jasper Outdoors for running the program. Make sure to bring those brand-new ice-fishing skills to the Ice Fishing Derby on February 11, where there will be contests and prizes to be won!

Best wishes,
Dylan Lock
 General Manager



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"What is God Like?"

A fifth-grade teacher in a Christian school (author unknown) asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in some way to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the results:

1. God is like Coke. He's the real thing.
2. God is like Bayer Aspirin. He works miracles.
3. God is like Hallmark cards. He cares enough to send His very best.
4. God is like a Ford. He's got a better idea.
5. God is like Tide. He gets the stains out that others leave behind.
6. God is like Allstate. You're in good hands with him.
7. God is like Walmart. He has everything.
8. God is like General Electric. He brings good things to life.
9. God is like Alka-Seltzer. Try Him; you'll like him.
10. God is like Delta. He's ready when you are.
11. God is like Scotch Tape. You can't see Him, but you know He's there.
12. God is like VO-5 Hair Spray. He holds through all kinds of weather.
13. God is like Chevrolet. The heartbeat of America.
14. God is like the post office. Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor ice will keep Him from his appointed destination.
15. God is like Maxwell House Coffee. Good to the very last drop.
16. God is like Dial Soap. Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you wish everybody did?
17. God is like Bounty. He is the quicker picker upper... can handle the tough jobs...and he won't fall apart on you.

In summary, the creative minds of children are wonderful and never cease to amaze me. This is one of the many bonuses of being an educator. Until next time, may 2023 continue to bless you with health, prosperity, and happiness.

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