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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow Chaparralians,

March is almost upon us; the worst of the winter should be over by now and we are heading straight into spring. With warmer weather, the sun is staying out longer, giving us more daylight. This means that kids will start staying out a little later and our community playground and playfields will get more use, hopefully. Please make sure that you are aware of this and pay attention to playground zones in the area; remember that we do not pass in the playground zones and some zones have U-turn restrictions.

A timely thing to start doing this time of the year is preparing the yard and the house for spring rains and summer. Here are some things that can help with this transition:

- Clean gutters and downspouts to prepare for the spring and early summer rain season.
- Start making notes on the condition of the exterior woodwork. Does it need to be resealed or repainted? The fences, decks, and such, will stay in better condition longer if they are properly maintained every couple of years.
- Get rid of the standing water. In recent years, we have been made more aware of the potential dangers that can be spread by mosquitos. The best way to minimize the spread of mosquitos near your house is to simply get rid of the standing water. Take a look around your house and get rid of anything that may have stale water for prolonged period of time – if you see anything, tip it, get rid of it, or maintain it on a regular basis.
- Check door and window screens. If you find any holes or tears, it may allow bugs to get in. Patch it up – repair kits are available in nearby stores.
- Schedule AC service, especially if you have not done that in a while, myself included; regular maintenance will help you to enjoy the cooler air more efficiently.

A separate note, as I drive on 22X almost daily, watch your speed in the construction zone on the 22X bridge. Every time I drive this stretch of the road, I see people blasting past me at high speeds. The speed limit in effect is not only when the construction workers are present, and I know this is a separate topic of conversation; it is in effect 24/7, just in case there is an obstruction or change in traffic flow and is for everyone's safety.

I wish everyone a great transition from cold to warmth, from dark to light.

*"March is the Month of Expectation.*

*The things we do not know -*

*The Persons of prognostication*

*Are coming now."*

– Emily Dickinson, *March is the Month of Expectation*

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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](http://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).

## Female Clergy



On March 12, 1994, the Church of England, which is headed by the British monarch, ordained 32 female priests. Prior to this, all clergy in the Church of England were male. As a result, 700 male clergy and thousands of church members left the church in protest. On a happier note, in 2015, the Church of England welcomed its first female bishop, Libby Lane!

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### Spring Garden Startup

*Contributed by Jolene Ottosen for the Chaparral Green Thumbs*

There is a good chance that if you looked outside your window right now, you would see snow. It isn't the time to think about your garden, or is it? What are you going to grow this year? Are you sowing seeds, or buying seedlings to transplant? If you are sowing seeds, a few should be started this month and many others should be started in early April. If that is your plan, do you have your seeds yet? If you are planning to use older seeds, have you checked their viability?

There are a few ways to check seed viability. One suggestion is to put a few seeds in a cup of water and check them after 15 minutes. According to this method, if they are still floating after 15 minutes in the water, they are no good. If the seeds sink, they should grow. I question the reliability of this method and feel like germinating a few seeds is a better predictor of viability.

To germinate seeds, you will need seeds (some like to use ten of each variety as it is easy to calculate percentages), paper towel, water, sealable bags, and a felt marker to write the seed names on the bag. First, dampen the paper towel. It doesn't need to drip, but should be fairly wet. Next, lay the seeds on the paper towel. Depending on the size of the towel, either fold it over the seeds or lay another piece on top to cover the seeds. Fold or roll up the wet paper towel and seeds and place it inside the labeled plastic bag and seal it.

Left in a warm spot, most seeds will germinate in 2 to 14 days, although you may need to dampen the towels depending on how long the process takes. Leave the seeds to germinate for a few days and then check to see your yield. If a few seeds have sprouted, it is probably time to get new ones. If most of the seeds have, then they should do well once planted. If only half of the seeds sprout, you could decide to use them, but just sow them more heavily than the packet suggests. While not all seeds need to be started inside, it is something to start thinking about now so you can plan ahead, and not be scrambling as I always seem to do!

If you are really ambitious and have the time, you could also consider creating a cold frame to start some seeds outside this month. In the past, I have had great success with a hoop house over my 4' x 10' community garden plot made of pvc hose bent over rebar stakes that were pounded into the ground and covered with heavy plastic, materials that did not cost a lot, and could be reused over the years. I would often construct my hoop house in late March and let the ground warm for about a week before planting. The choice to wait until late March had more to do with spring break than anything else, so it could probably be started earlier.

After planting, I found that two five-gallon buckets once or twice a week kept the hoop house nice and moist and able to forgive my occasional neglect if I forgot about it for a little while. For very little effort beyond the initial setup, which didn't really take long, I was rewarded with an amazing head start to my garden. As the weather warmed, I started opening the plastic during the day, then eventually removed it. The only issue I found was that my carrots were ready to harvest before the nights started to cool, so they weren't very sweet. Initially I was a bit disappointed in this, but I found that after being stored in the fridge for a few days, the flavour improved, so it all worked out. If I had more time, I would definitely do this again.

So, as you can see, in spite of the snow, it is definitely time to start thinking about your garden!

*If you are interested in more information about the community garden, email us at [chaparralgreenthumbs@gmail.com](mailto:chaparralgreenthumbs@gmail.com).*



## Going That Extra Mile

If you were fortunate like me to have a loving mother who was full of wisdom and often entertained me with her unassuming comments, you will enjoy this article. It was sent to me by a friend, almost two decades ago and the author is unknown. If you are a senior and lived in the 50s and 60s like I did, you might remember some of these amusing comments.

1. My mother taught me about weather. "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
2. My mother taught me to appreciate a job well done. "If you are going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
3. My mother taught me religion, "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
4. My mother taught me about stamina. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
5. My mother taught me foresight. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
6. My mother taught me logic. "Because I said so, that's why."
7. My mother taught me more logic. "If you fall out of that tree and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
8. My mother taught me humor. "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
9. My mother taught me about my roots. "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"
10. My mother taught me irony. "Keep crying and I will give you something to cry about."
11. My mother taught me about contortionism. "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck."
12. My mother taught me about hypocrisy. "If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate."
13. My mother taught me about envy. "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

14. My mother taught me wisdom. "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."
15. My mother taught me how to become an adult. "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
16. My mother taught me about anticipation. "Just wait until we get home!"
17. My mother taught me medical science. "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to freeze that way."
18. My mother taught me about ESP. "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
19. My mother taught me about osmosis. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

Until next time, appreciate and enjoy your mother while you can.

*Lawrence King, Director of Education*

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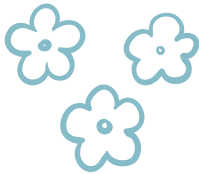
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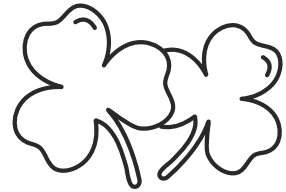


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For inquiries about the Lake Chaparral Park and Recreation Centre please contact the Lake Chaparral Residents Association at 403-254-4148 or visit their website at lakechap.ca.



## 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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## 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 – @LakeChappyyc. 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:info@lakechap.ca).

## Upcoming Events

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

### Winter Carnival

Saturday, March 18 | 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

We will have outdoor games for all to enjoy. Food trucks will also be onsite.

## 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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### **Intellidance**

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### **Intellidance® Babies**

Ages 3 to 11 Months

10:00 to 11:00 am

To register, please email [intellidance.calgary@gmail.com](mailto:intellidance.calgary@gmail.com).

## **Little Ninja's (Beginners) by Cutting Edge Kung Fu**

Ages 4 to 8 Years Old

Non-Residents Welcome

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\$60 Per Month

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### **251st Chaparral Scouts**

Non-Residents Welcome

The 251st Chaparral Scouts are an active group in your community. Our mission is to help develop well-rounded youth, better prepared for success in the world. We do this by enabling thousands of young Canadians to engage in safe, youth-led, adventurous programs in hundreds of communities across this great country.

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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.

*251st Chaparral youth and Scouters.*

### **Drawing Classes for Kids with Young Rembrandts**

Non-Residents Welcome

Fridays

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

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Message from LCRA Manager

Hello Lake Chaparral!

We’re almost through the winter season, and what a season it was! Our facility and maintenance teams worked hard to develop some of the best ice conditions we’ve seen in years – thank you to all the members and guests who provided feedback! We hope you all had a wonderful time skating, playing hockey, ice-fishing, and enjoying the park during these past few months.

Please make sure to maintain awareness of our safety flag system, in which we will fly either a green or red flag at the park to denote when the lake is deemed reasonably accessible for use. The flag status can also be found by calling the LCRA office, or by visiting our website. Regardless of the colour, always use caution,

mindfulness, and safe practices when accessing the lake, park, and amenities.

The Ice Fishing Derby last month was an absolute blast! Thanks to all who participated and assisted with the event – this event goes a long way to mitigating the overpopulation of perch in the lake. Stay tuned for more information on our upcoming Winter Carnival (weather permitting), which will see the return of food vendors, as well as various outdoor games and activities!

Best wishes,

Dylan Lock

General Manager



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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
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