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January 2023	6	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
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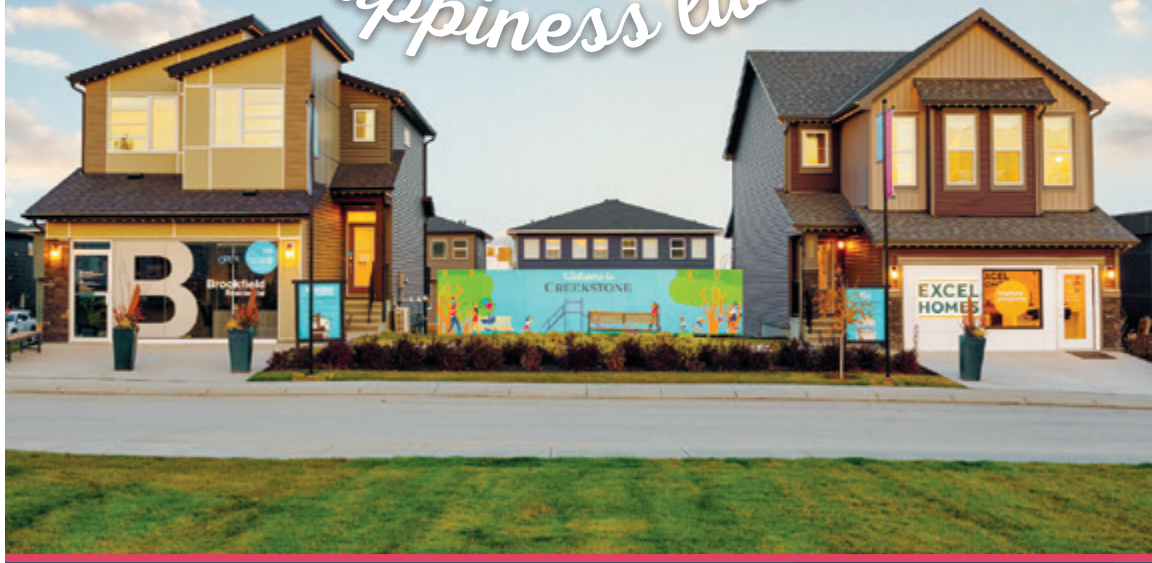
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## YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



### 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 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).

## GAMES & PUZZLES

### Guess That Movie!

1. On Amity Island, beachgoers are harassed by a bloodthirsty sea beast.
2. An unlikely chef fulfills his dream of working in a famous Parisian restaurant.
3. A visit to a theme park full of genetically modified creatures goes very wrong.

4. The anti-social protagonist embarks on a journey to rescue a princess and save his home.
5. An overwhelmed princess escapes her duties and explores Rome with a stranger.

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## Chaparral Community Cleanup

**When:** Sunday, June 11, starting at 9:00 am and going till about 1:30 pm\*

**Where:** Overflow parking lot near Lake Chaparral

**Details:** We will have the City of Calgary garbage trucks, metal recycling bin, and we're hoping to secure electronics recycling and bicycle collection vendors. The list of the prohibited items will be available soon on social media: @Chaparralca.

\*The lineup will be closed at 2:00 pm sharp, to accommodate the City truck and staff to finish and leave the parking lot.





### Arbor Day Trees

*Contributed by Jolene Ottosen for the Chaparral Green Thumbs*

Every year, on the first Thursday in May, most Grade 1 students in Calgary are given a lodgepole pine seedling to help celebrate the importance of trees in our communities and beautify our environment. Arbor Day began in the United States in 1872 and was adopted by Calgary in 1905 with the ceremonial planting of 10 trees in Victoria Park. In 1922, Arbor Day saw the planting of trees along Memorial Drive in honour of the many Calgary soldiers who died in World War I.

According to the City of Calgary's website, approximately 425,000 seedlings have been distributed to students in both the public and Catholic school boards to date. The trees are generally either lodgepole pine or white spruce, chosen for their ability to adapt to a variety of growing conditions as well as their longevity.

While I applaud the efforts of this event because, well, trees are great, and free trees are even better, if the recipients don't know how or where to plant those trees, they are a waste. I know more than a few people who are now struggling to deal with hastily planted Arbor Day trees that they didn't actually expect to grow, or simply didn't understand how large they could grow, that are now in the way.

To help alleviate some of these problems, the City of Calgary gives the following advice for planting the seedlings on their website.

"Plant your Arbor Day tree in your garden right away. Please provide assistance to children who might be planting.

Give your tree enough room to grow. Lodgepole pines and white spruce can both grow to be 30 metres tall.

- Plant your tree at least four metres away from other trees, shrubs or buildings.
- Don't plant your tree under power lines.
- Keep your tree cool and moist. Handle your tree gently, since the roots break easily.

• When you plant your tree, remember:

1. Remove the plastic bag.
2. Spread the roots in the hole and cover them quickly.
3. Press the soil firmly around the roots and water the tree.
4. Please protect the tree with a small fence while it is still small.

• Please take care of your tree by watering regularly when the soil is dry. Remember, not too much, as you don't want to drown your tree."

This is good advice, but they are missing a few key details, like the fact that these trees can get to six metres wide, so they may need a lot of space, and that they are somewhat shade tolerant, which means you don't need to sacrifice the sunniest spot in the yard for the tree. If you have a yard like mine, sunny spaces are rare, so you want to maximize the potential at all costs, and need to plant carefully. They will, however, grow better with more sun.

Another thing missing is that both trees are okay with poor soil conditions but need good drainage. This means almost any soil will work, unless it has a lot of clay. It also means you should avoid low spots that may catch and hold water for too long.

So, if you are the beneficiary of an Arbor Day tree this year, hopefully this can help you plant with confidence. As I didn't know what to do with them at the time, my children's Arbor Day trees were planted at my parents' farm and to this day, they still love to visit them. Helping the next generation create bonds with nature is never a bad thing!

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

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## Mother's Day Trivia

by Shelly Smith

In honour of Mother's Day, I thought it might be fun to share this short and informative quiz with you. Have fun with it!

1. What date in May does Mother's Day fall on?
  - a. The first Sunday of May
  - b. The second Sunday of May
  - c. The last Sunday of May
2. In 1908, which country was the first to celebrate Mother's Day as an official day of celebrating mothers?
  - a. United States
  - b. Canada
  - c. India
3. Which scientist won two Noble Prize awards and was the mother of a Nobel Prize winner?
  - a. Emily Green Balch
  - b. Gerty Theresa Cori
  - c. Marie Currie
4. Which pop music group is known for a hit song named *Mamma Mia*?
  - a. Abba
  - b. Blondie
  - c. Fleetwood Mac
5. How much do Canadians spend on average for a Mother's Day gift according to Finder.com?
  - a. \$52
  - b. \$111
  - c. \$132
6. How much does phone (landline and cellular) traffic increase on Mother's Day?
  - a. 23%
  - b. 37%
  - c. 45%
7. Why is it that words for "Mom" start with a "ma" sound in a lot of languages? (For example, "Mom" is "MaMa" in Ukrainian and "Mor" in Danish)
  - a. Coincidence
  - b. Repetition
  - c. It is one of the first sounds a baby makes
8. In 2011, how many mothers were there in Canada (including biological, adoptive, and stepmothers) according to Stats Canada?
  - a. Almost 10 million
  - b. 12 million
  - c. Almost 13 million



*Courtesy of Springbank Hill Community Association*

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**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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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

### New Facebook Page

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

### Instagram

Follow us on Instagram – @LakeChapyy. 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.

## What's Happening at the Lake

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

## Upcoming Events

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

Non-Residents Welcome

Offers recreational, sessional-based classes for children ages 18 months to 12 years old. Spring and summer enrolment began March 1, 2023. Visit our website for more information and registration.

Classes available in:

- Gigggle & Groove Parented Class (Ages 18 months to 2.5 years)
- Tiny Toes Ballet (Ages 2.5 to 3.5)
- Tiny Ballerinas (Ages 3.5 to 4)
- Mini Combo (Ages 4 to 5)
- Ballet/Jazz (Ages 4 to 12)
- Musical Theatre (Ages 4 to 12)
- Hip Hop (Ages 4 to 9)

Please visit <https://devotiondanceworks.com> or contact Elizabeth Rieb at 403-828-9675 or [elizabeth@devotiondanceworks.com](mailto:elizabeth@devotiondanceworks.com).

### Intellidance

Non-Residents Welcome

Fridays

Come sing, dance, and have fun with your little ones this fall! Intellidance® is a research-based music and movement program designed to support the caregiver-child bond while fostering all areas of a child's development. Dance and music concepts will be explored through songs and rhymes, movement exploration, circle dances, free exploration, and sensory activities.

To learn more about the Intellidance® Method, visit [www.intellidance.com](http://www.intellidance.com).

### 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

Saturdays | 9:15 to 10:15 am, 10:15 to 11:15 am

\$60 per month

This class is aimed to start teaching structure, discipline, and respect while having fun learning the basics of Kung Fu! Contact Sifu Kyle today at [cuttingedgekf@gmail.com](mailto:cuttingedgekf@gmail.com).

### 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.

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

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.

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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

- Preschool | Ages 4 to 5 | 4:00 to 4:45 pm
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- Cartooning | Ages 6 to 12 | 6:15 to 7:15 pm

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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](mailto:bod@lakechap.ca).

**Message from LCRA Manager**

Hello Lake Chaparral!

Things are finally warming up, and the flowers are on their way! Make sure to watch for the safety flag to see when the lake is open for use.

Our teams are hard at work preparing the summer season, our landscapes, and various projects – if you see them during your visit here, stop and say hi!

A heads up that the annual membership fees will be going out this month – the deadline for payment is July 1. Please make sure to provide payment as soon as possible to enjoy the lake and park this summer!

Best wishes,

*Dylan Lock*

General Manager



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# FRIENDS *of* Fish Creek



## May in Fish Creek

### Fish Creek Community Terrace - Reserve Your Brick Before June 1

Dedicate a brick within the Fish Creek Community Terrace to help support the Friends and our conservation efforts here in Fish Creek Provincial Park. A brick would also make an amazing gift for anyone you know who enjoys visiting this unique and ecologically diverse urban park. If you have a small business near the park, consider dedicating a brick for your company. Bricks are only \$250 each and you will receive a tax receipt for your contribution. There are limited spaces available in the Fish Creek Community Terrace so make sure to dedicate your brick today! For more information, please contact the Friends of Fish Creek or visit <https://friendsoffishcreek.org/programs/brick>.

### WestJet Gift of Flight

From May to July, the Friends of Fish Creek are offering you The Gift of Flight from WestJet. Win a round trip flight for two to anywhere WestJet flies! Pick up your tickets today and enjoy this amazing opportunity to see a new part of the world or return to a favourite place. All funds raised will support the Friends and our conservation efforts here in Fish Creek. Fish Creek Provincial Park enhances the quality of life for countless community members each day, and we are committed to protecting and preserving its sensitive ecosystems and biodiversity so that future generations can enjoy this park long into the future. Enter to win one round trip flight for two guests to any regularly scheduled and marketed WestJet destination! No cash value. Fees, taxes, surcharges not included. Blackout dates and restrictions apply. Tickets are 1 for \$10, 5 for \$20, 50 for \$25, or go all in and get 100 tickets for \$100! Contest closes July 3, 2023. All tickets are sold electronically. All bookings and travel must be completed within one year from the date of the event. For more info visit <https://friendsoffishcreek.org/programs/flight>.

### The Buzz on Calgary Bumble Bees Thursday, May 11, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

### Presented by Syd Cannings, Biologist, Canadian Wildlife Service, Prairie Region Environment and Climate Change Canada

Bumble bee populations pose a conservation concern these days, and several species from the Calgary area have been assessed as at risk by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada. This talk will provide an introduction to bumble bees and their basic biology, examine bees whose numbers have declined, the reasons for the decline, and what we can do about the situation. Syd Cannings is a Species at Risk Biologist with the Canadian Wildlife Service in Whitehorse, Yukon. He is a member of COSEWIC, the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada, and has led the development of the national recovery strategies and management plans for four species of bumble bees. He has also written several books, including *British Columbia: A Natural History*, and *The New BC Roadside Naturalist*. To register, visit <https://friendsoffishcreek.org/event/buzz>.

### Friends of Fish Creek - Annual General Meeting Wednesday, May 24, 2023

7:00 to 8:30 pm

Registration opens at 6:30 pm

### Fish Creek Environmental Learning Centre, Shannon Terrace

The Friends would like to thank all our members, volunteers, donors, community partners, and other supporters for helping to make 2022 a truly memorable year. The Annual General Meeting presents an opportunity to meet with Friends staff, board of directors, members, and volunteers as well as learn about the year that has come to a close and hear about our exciting plans for 2023 already underway. At this year's AGM, we will bid a fond farewell to some of our board members and welcome new volunteers to our board of directors. This event is free to all community members, however only current 2023 members are eligible to vote. To register or for more information, please visit <https://friendsoffishcreek.org/event/agm>.

# Photo Corner

by Maureen Bisanti



*Little Devil Golf Course*



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