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	Properties Listed	Properties Sold	Median Listed Price	Median Sold Price
May 2023	25	32	\$499,900	\$494,750
April 2023	33	28	\$599,900	\$609,000
March 2023	24	19	\$599,900	\$610,000
February 2023	20	14	\$593,850	\$595,000
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
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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 centerpiece 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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ONE SMALL STEP

On July 20, 1969, humans landed on the Moon for the first time. Commander Neil Armstrong was first to step onto its surface, and he's believed to have said "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." He said later that he was misquoted; his first line was actually "That's one small step for a man."



Photo Corner



Lake Chaparral by Maureen Bisanti



Lunenburg

Old Town Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, is one of 20 Canadian UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Founded in 1753, this historic port holds the world's best preserved "model town" – a pre-designed British colonial settlement plan. If you look at Old Town Lunenburg from above, you'll see that all streets are straight with all corners square!

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July in Fish Creek

Capture Nature Photo Contest 2023

Each year, the Friends of Fish Creek offer a Capture Nature photo contest as a fun and creative opportunity for park users to engage with their natural surroundings as they search and explore for the best images of the year. From beginning photographers to amateur professionals and youth, we invite you to submit your best park images for consideration. As a contest participant, you may see your images used on our website, program posters, and other media publications as they become part of our ever-growing library of beautiful, high-quality park images. The sale of photo submissions may also support our organizational fundraising efforts down the road. The themes for 2023 are Winter Wonderland, The Elements, and As Above So Below. All submissions must be images taken in Fish Creek Provincial Park.

Registration runs until July 31, 2023. The public will be able to vote for their favourite photos through our online gallery. Voting will be open until August 15 at midnight, and we will announce the contest winners on September 1. To register and for more information, please visit <https://friendsoffishcreek.org/programs/capturenature>.

Shaw Birdies for Kids Presented by AltaLink

Support outdoor education in Fish Creek and your donation will be matched up to 50%. The Friends of Fish Creek are honoured that our Learning Naturally program has once again been chosen as one of over 270 local charities to participate in the Shaw Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink program! This essential fundraiser runs until August 31 in conjunction with the Shaw Charity Classic Golf Tournament. It costs only \$10 to support one Learning Naturally field trip for one student, and through Birdies for Kids, your donation will be matched up to 50%! Learning Naturally does not receive regular funding and its continuation is in jeopardy. Please consider making a donation and speak to your employer or co-workers about this amazing opportunity to support outdoor education in Fish Creek. Donate today at <https://bit.ly/3IUUYAw>.

Volunteers Needed in Fish Creek Provincial Park

Branch out and explore all the exciting chances to give back to Fish Creek Provincial Park through direct intervention in its wellbeing! This summer, the Friends of Fish Creek need

volunteers to help with a variety of stewardship activities. Programs like invasive species control, poplar planting, tree wrapping, and nursery tending require the dedication of an amazing team. There is always a chance to be out in the field during the summer months and opportunities are available for people of every ability and availability. If you only have one day to volunteer, we offer many opportunities that require your presence for only a few hours, such as riparian restoration, invasive species control, tree wrapping, poplar planting, and willow staking. Planting trees is the activity most people probably have in mind when it comes to restoration. We provide the trees and supplies so that our volunteers can work to add trees to the aging poplar forests in the park. This summer, we are focusing on the beautiful Hull's Wood area. Newly planted trees ensure that in the years to come, wildlife habitat is maintained as older trees die off. Watering trees and other vegetation is one of the most important jobs that one can take on in the park, as the summers in Calgary are hot and dry. To help with poplar planting, restoration, or other programs, please sign up as a volunteer online at <https://friendsoffishcreek.org/volunteering-basics>.

Stop into the Bow Valley Ranch Visitor Centre

If you have been down to the Bow Valley Ranch in the past year or so, you may have noticed that the Visitor Information Centre is now open six days a week. The exhibit area features cultural artifacts and a wealth of information about the history of the city and the park. Since the beginning of the Friends' Enhanced Partnership Project with Alberta Parks in 2020, we have trained over thirty volunteers in the new role of Fish Creek Ambassador to work in the centre. We invite you to stop into the Bow Valley Ranch Visitor Centre to pick up a park map or outreach material, learn about some of the unique history of this area, and chat with our friendly and knowledgeable Fish Creek Ambassadors.



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Sun Mapping Your Garden

Contributed by Jolene Ottosen for the Chaparral Green Thumbs

When you go to buy plants, either perennial or annual, you will see that they are often divided by sunlight needs.

- Full Sun: 6+ hours
- Partial Sun/Partial Shade: 3 to 6 hours
- Full Shade: Less than 3 hours

Sometimes it is easy to know what category different parts of your yard fall into, but some areas are deceptive and can get more or less sun than you actually realized. Regardless of whether you are planting an Arbor Day tree or something else, to help get the most from your space and really get to know the light in your yard, you might want to make a sun map. There are different ways to sun map, and they can be as high or low tech as you want them to be.

In its most low-tech form, sun mapping involves making a rough, to-scale, sketch of your yard and then choosing a sunny day to observe the sunlight. Starting as close to sunrise as you can, go out every hour or two and lightly sketch the shadow lines in your yard, making sure to record the time for each set of lines. Using a tape measure will help you get the most accurate results. By the end of the day, you can then look back and calculate how much sun each area of your yard receives throughout the day and therefore which types of plants would be most suitable. Of course, the length of our days and the height of the sun changes quite dramatically throughout the year in a northern city like Calgary, so you will want to measure the sun at a variety of times over the growing season.

If drawing is not your forte, you could use a camera and tripod instead. Set up the tripod in the morning and take photos from the same spot at regular intervals throughout the day. You could also use the time-lapse feature if your camera has it. Then, you download the pictures and use a computer program to change the opacity, so each layer of pictures is slightly more opaque (see through) than the next. Then, by stacking the images on top of each other, you get an idea of what areas have full sun all day, partial shade, and full shade. A set of marking flags from a hardware store could help

you to mark a rough grid to easily show distances in your photos.

If you want to get really serious, you could spend a few hundred dollars on a Solar Pathfinder, which will help you get the most accurate results but requires some calculating and looks more involved than I would care for. Another tool option is to order a cheaper sun mapping kit that includes a small device that looks much like a calculator and is left in an area for a twelve-hour period, measuring the light. You can only do one area of your garden at a time with this, and it gives a range, not an exact number of sunlight hours, but you can just put it out and forget it, which works better for some.

Regardless of the method that works for you, if you are willing to take the time to map out the sun in your yard, you might find a few surprises and get a little more out of your space.

If you are interested in more information about the garden, email us at chaparralgreenthumbs@gmail.com.

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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 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.

Getting Ready for Summer

Please visit our website at www.lakechap.ca to review the rules and regulations for the summer. We want everyone to have a fun and safe summer. A quick reminder of the rules is a great way to make that happen.

As the summer approaches, we are planning some fun events and activities for the entire family to enjoy. Come join us for some fun in the sun while enjoying all the amenities.

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.

Family Fun Day

Date: Saturday, July 29, 2023

Time: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

We're bringing back Family Fun Day! In addition to inflatable activities and food trucks, we will also be hosting rubber duck races down the streams from the top of the hill!

On a first-come, first-served basis (until we run out of ducks), families (or individuals) will be able to register to receive a duck to take part in the race. Prizes will be awarded to the first few ducks that cross the finish line!

Stay tuned to our website and social media pages for more updates and information on how/when to register.

Summer Camps

We have a variety of summer camps available this season! While registration for many camps has been open for several weeks, there may still be some spots left to snag. Please visit the Summer Camps section of our website for all up-to-date camp 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?

LCRA Pickleball Group

June, July, and August on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Weather permitting

Looking to learn or play pickleball with a local group? On the above-listed dates and times, the LCRA Pickleball Group meets near the LCRA front gate/parking lot to play pickleball at the LCRA courts.

For more information on how to join, please email Maureen Bisanti at mbisanti@shaw.ca.

Storytime with Calgary Public Library

June 7, July 5, August 2

11:00 am to 12:00 pm

On the first Wednesday of every month (June, July, August), come down to the greenspace near the Top Pad for Storytime with the Calgary Public Library! Join the group for stories, songs, and finger plays the whole family can enjoy.

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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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.

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- Ballet/Jazz (Ages 4 to 12)
- Musical Theatre (Ages 4 to 12)
- Hip Hop (Ages 4 to 9)

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

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Ages 4 to 8 Years Old

Non-Residents Welcome

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

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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

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

Cartooning | Ages 6 to 12 | 6:15 to 7:15 pm

Inspire your child's creativity with Young Rembrandts drawing classes. The secret to our success is that children already love to draw – we just take their love a little further by giving them a solid foundation that will take their drawings from doodles to confidence-boosting achievements.

During our once-a-week classes, we use an innovative step-by-step approach on drawing topics your kids can relate to and learn from.

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Enroll online at www.youngrembrandts.com/southernalberta, or call us at 403-457-DRAW (3729).

Pickleball Connect

Non-residents welcome

Pickleball Connect is about learning from professional coaches and the proper sequential skill development.

Pickleball Connect is about developing effective muscle memory, understanding shot selection, and establishing tactics.

Pickleball Connect is about having fun and connecting with the community while growing your skills.

For more information on how to join, visit <https://www.pickleballconnect.ca/about>.

Yoga in the Park

Hatha Yoga for all levels

Registrants will need a yoga mat, two yoga blocks, and one strap. Please pre-register to get weather updates; minimum 6 people required to run a class.

Monday classes start June 19. Wednesday classes start June 21. Thursday classes start June 22.

\$10 per class

For more information, please contact Mona at powermona7@hotmail.com or at 403-619-2596.

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!

Summer is here! We're so excited to see what the season has in store – there are so many activities, summer camps, and amenities to take part in. If you're a new homeowner in Lake Chaparral and haven't been to the lake, come on down and we'll show you around!

I would like to remind everyone to check out the LCRA rules on our website. Let's all work together to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Thanks to all the participants, sponsors, and volunteers for taking part in the LCRA/CCA Stampede Breakfast! It was great seeing so much of the community come together to organize and enjoy this event.

Best wishes,

Dylan Lock

General Manager

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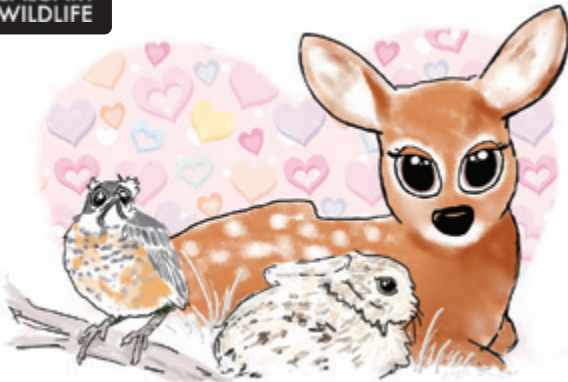
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