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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
June 2022	28	31	\$499,900	\$505,000
May 2022	35	26	\$577,389	\$613,750

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

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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), 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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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.





Your Summer Garden Checklist

Contributed by Jolene Ottosen for the Chaparral Green Thumbs

This is a reprint from last year, but no less important! People often think of spring and fall as the busy months for gardeners, who get to spend the summer just enjoying the fruits of their labour. In some ways this is true, but the reality is that there is always work for those that want their yards and gardens to look their best.

Here is a checklist of the most important summer tasks:

Mulch – Ideally you mulched your plants in the spring, but summer is when the plants need it the most to help keep moisture from evaporating in the heat, so check your beds to make sure you have at least an inch and add more if you do not have enough.

Deadhead flowers often – Even though a bloom looks faded or even dried up, as long as it is attached to the plant it is preventing the plant from putting its full energy into the production of new blooms, so the longer those old blooms stay on the plant, the less they flower overall. Similarly, pinch off the blooms you see on plants you don't want flowering, like herbs, to keep them out of reproductive mode where they can become woody and bitter.

Pick your produce clean – Make sure to pick all produce as soon as it ripens as this encourages more production and higher yields by allowing the plant to put its energy into new fruit.

Watch for pests like slugs, aphids, ants, and the red lily beetle – A few pests are easier to deal with than a full infestation, so be diligent in watching for them.

Remove excess vegetation that might make an inviting home for pests like voles – While voles are not dangerous animals, they can be destructive by chewing at roots and bark, potentially killing plants, as well as leaving unpleasant tunnel systems in your lawn. If you have a compost pile, turn and water it often, as untended compost piles make an ideal home for voles and mice. If you already have a problem with voles, you can try purchasing coyote urine to spray around your garden; attracting predators, such as owls, by installing a nesting box; looking into live trapping for only a few voles; or perhaps contacting a pest control company if the infestation is large.

Water well – In the summer heat your yard and garden need water, but watering less often and longer allows for healthier root systems and better drought tolerance. Whenever possible, water in the morning, and water your plants from the ground level, not from above.

Weed often – Weeds can grow quickly in the summer heat and go to seed which leads to more weeds, so weed often. The job is easiest when the weeds are young, and the soil is moist. Weeds like dandelions have long tap roots that you want to make sure to get all of. Personally, I find that a long garden knife helps with this. I have a colleague who just uses kitchen knives, but you would not be popular in my household if I caught you doing that! Garden knives are usually stronger too.

Mow properly – Mowing is one of the more time-consuming summer yard tasks, so perhaps you could consider leaving it a little longer to protect the grass. Longer grass provides natural shade for its roots. Also, when you mow, try to alternate mowing patterns to avoid creating strips or ruts.

Fertilize – Plants will use a lot of nutrients in the spring when they grow the most, so a summer top up is a good idea. Remember that natural fertilizers like compost or worm castings promotes stronger plants, rather than synthetic nitrogen.

Remove any dead plants – Plants can die for a variety of reasons like pests, disease, or winterkill, but regardless of the reason, it is important to remove the plant quickly to ensure you are not allowing anything to spread to other plants. If the plant died as a result of pests or disease, ensure you dispose of it properly and not in your compost bin where you risk further spreading of the problem.

Fill in empty or faded spots – If you end up with empty spots from plants you had to remove or spring plants that are finished or just past their glory, don't be afraid to perk up the space with annuals.

Try succession planting – After your lettuce bolts or you have picked your radishes, considering planting another crop. Check seed packs to see how much time you need, but cool weather crops like spinach and lettuce don't need that much time, and kale can survive quite far into the fall.

Divide bearded irises – If you have bearded irises, they should be divided every 3 to 4 years and they are dormant in the summer.

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I hope these ideas help you to prioritize your summer gardening tasks and allow you to get the most out of your yard and garden. Happy gardening!

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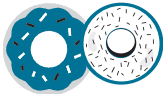
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good day Chaparralians,

Community Cleanup is just around the corner. It will run on Sunday, June 11, from 9:00 am to about 1:30 pm, plus and minus a few minutes depending on the volume. We will close the line up to allow the City truck to leave promptly at 2:00 pm. Even though we will have electronic recycling, metal bins, and a bicycle drop-off this year, as usual, there are still some items that will not be accepted during the cleanup. Please look up our social media post or check our website for the full list. Some of the more obvious items that we won't accept are tires, chemicals, paint, and appliances with a refrigeration component. These items can be taken to our local landfill and some of them will be accepted free of charge. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. I am looking forward to "working" this event as I do every year. If you are available to volunteer, I am sure we can use your help. There will also be coffee and a light lunch provided for the volunteers.

As the days are getting longer and weather warmer, here is a little reminder to pay attention to your speed in the playground zones; we have a few in the community and it seems like almost daily we have posts on social media that someone is in too much of a hurry to pay attention. Another reminder about your speed in the construction zone on the bridge – please remember that the speed limit is active all the time, even when the workers are not present. When workers are present, the fines for speeding double. I know that some people think that it is not fair, and

we should go back to the old ways when the speed limit should be in effect only when the workers are present, but I believe that it is not just about the workers, it is about ever changing, in some places, traffic flow patterns.

Depending on when this magazine is out, I hope that you have either voted already or are voting soon. Someone once told me, and this puts thing in a different perspective, that you do not waste your vote by voting for someone who may lose or if the outcome is too obvious. You're wasting your vote by abstaining. Please vote and remember that it is your right, so exercise it. Cast your vote to send a message or cast your vote to support your candidate. Vote!

"Nothing so rare as a day in June,

The air so fine and the blossoms all blue.

The weather just perfect, the skies never gray.

The bugs always buzzing, and the trees seem to sway.

The sun beats so warmly on the tenderness of my skin,

And the birds...they fly far away in the wind.

June is the month that carries a tune,

Its beautiful melody floats like a balloon."

- Danielle Owens

Contributed by Anton Ovtchinnikov, CCA President



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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

LCRA and CCA Annual Stampede Breakfast

Saturday, June 24, 2023

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

We are once again partnering with the Chaparral Community Association and local companies/volunteers to host the annual Stampede Breakfast! In addition to providing breakfast, we will be hosting multiple local vendors, a horse and carriage ride, a bouncy house, a farming animal corral, and more! Dress in your best western wear and come enjoy the festivities!

This event is open to Lake Chaparral Residents Association members in good standing and Chaparral Community Association members. Admission is free, but we ask you to bring a donation for the Calgary Food Bank (who will be on-site).

Stay tuned to our social media pages and website for updates.

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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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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- 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)
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Non-Residents Welcome

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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

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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

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.

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LCRA Board of Directors

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Message from LCRA Manager

Hello Lake Chaparral!

You don't have to look far to see the start of summer – school is almost out, the sun is bright, the water is cool, and the beaches are ready!

We can't wait to see everyone come out to enjoy the park, lake, and amenities. A lot of projects and changes have been on the go over the past few months as we strive to provide the best experience possible for our members and guests.

I encourage everyone to read the Rules and Regulations pages of our website to familiarize yourself. There are many safety-focused items in there that are very important to know!

Our staff will all be at the LCRA and CCA Stampede Breakfast on June 24 – come snag a pancake and say hello!

Best wishes,

Dylan Lock

General Manager



“Good Friends are Like a Loving Hand on Your Heart”

by Lawrence King, Director of Education, Chaparral Community Association

I recently celebrated my 80th birthday with a surprise ‘open house’ organized by my wife, son, and daughter, who flew in with my son-in-law from Ontario for this special event. It was very meaningful for me, with over fifty family and friends in attendance. Why do I tell you this? It made me realize just how important family and good friends are and also reminded me of an article a friend sent to me several years ago. The author is unknown.

“A newlywed young man was sitting on the family porch on a hot humid day, sipping ice tea with his father. As he talked about adult life, marriage, responsibilities, and obligations, the father thoughtfully stirred the ice cubes in his glass and cast a clear, sober look on his son.

“Never forget your friends,” he advised, “they will become more important as you grow older. Regardless of how much you love your family and the children you happen to have, you will always need friends. Remember to go out with them occasionally, do activities with them, call them and keep them involved in your life.”

“What strange advice,” thought the young man. “I just entered the married world. I am an adult and surely my

wife and the family that we will start will be everything I need to make sense in my life.” Yet, he obeyed his father; he kept in touch with his friends and annually increased their number. Over the years, he became aware that his father knew exactly what he was talking about.

In as much as time and nature carry out their designs and mysteries on a man, friends were the bulwarks of his life. After 60 years of existence, here is what he learned. Time passes. Life goes on. The distance separates. Children grow up. They cease to be children and become independent. As they become more involved in their own lives, they spend less time with you. Jobs come and go. Illusions, desires, attractions weaken. The heart breaks. Colleagues forget the favours. The parents die. The races are over. However, true friends are always there, no matter how long or how many miles away they are. A friend is never more distant than the reach of a need, intervening in your favour, waiting for you with open arms or blessing your life.

When we started this adventure called life, we did not know of the incredible joys or sorrows that were ahead. We did not know how much we would need from each other. Love your parents, take care of your children, but keep a group of good friends. Dialogue with them, but do not impose your criteria on them.” – Author unknown

Until next time, remember that good friends help make sense of your life and are a cherished gift.

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