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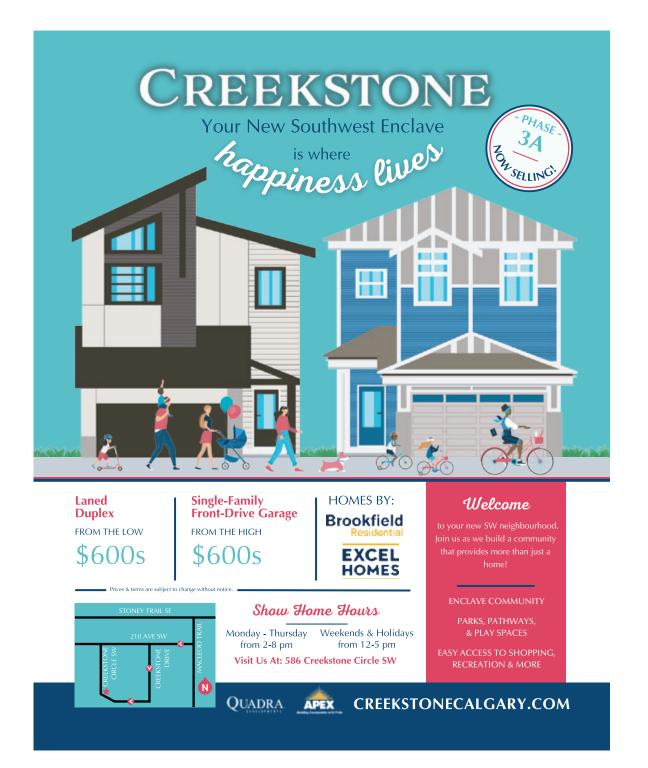
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YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Spring. Here are some fun facts!

- April is named after the Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite.
- The month of April was sacred to the goddess Venus in Ancient Rome.
- April means "to open".
- The Boston Marathon is held during April.
- In the Northern Hemisphere, April is a time for planting gardens and crops.
- The arrival of the cuckoo bird in April is a signal that spring has arrived.
- The diamond of April symbolizes innocence.
- George Washington was inaugurated as the First President of the United States on April 30, 1789.
- The famous Titanic ship hit an iceberg and sunk on her first and only voyage on April 15, 1912.
- April is National Grilled Cheese Month in the United States.
- The cherry blossom trees in Washington D.C. typically reach their peak bloom in early April.

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Easter Egg Hunt in Chaparral Valley Square Park. It was a great day of kids, eggs, games, and meeting the Easter Bunny!

Upcoming Community Events

Our next Chaparral Community Association meeting will be held April 11 at 7:30 pm at the Senators Room, Cardel Rec Centre. We invite everyone to come out and get involved.

We welcome more individuals to join us in enhancing our community. A yearly CCA membership is only \$20 per family, per year.

Stay tuned to our website and Facebook for further details. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram at ChaparralCA for the latest updates.

Donna Reid

Chaparral Community Association President





April is a special month for Canada! Now a bustling hub of community, film, and diversity, the city of Vancouver was incorporated on April 6, 1886. Can you imagine a Canada without Vancouver?!





Ogreen CHAPARRAL GREEN THUMBS

Companion Planting

Contributed by Jolene Ottosen for the Chaparral Green Thumbs

When planning what to plant each year, I tend to think first about what I like to eat, and then think about making the most of the garden space. Over the years I have learned to also consider water needs and size, ensuring the tallest plants won't block the sunlight for shorter plants, and not to place plants that need a lot of water beside those that prefer drier conditions.

As my garden plot is small and I tend to only grow a few favourites, I don't often worry about many other

factors, but a few years ago I researched companion planting and the fascinating relationship between some plants. While I don't necessarily follow all the recommendations, I think a few of the things I learned stay nestled in the back of my mind when I plant.

Here is a chart for many of the common vegetables grown in our area along with plants that can benefit each other, as well as plants that may stunt each other's growth. It is not exhaustive on the topic, but it is a good place to start, and I highly recommend researching the topic further. If you are wondering about beneficial flowers, many online guides include flowers as well.

Happy gardening!

Vegetable	Friends	Foe
Asparagus	Annual herbs, dill	Onion family
Beans	Savoury, tarragon, basil, dill, potatoes, beets, corn, cabbage, cucumber, eggplant	Garlic, onions, peppers, fennel, marigolds
Beets	Most vegetables, onions, lettuce	Pole beans
Broccoli	Parsley, dill, sage, garlic, onions, celery, beets	Pole beans, tomatoes, strawberries, peppers
Brussels sprouts	Fennel, dill	Pole beans, tomatoes, strawberries, peppers
Cabbage and kale	Dill, carrots, onions, celery, hyssop, beets	Pole beans, tomatoes, strawberries, peppers
Carrots	Onions, caraway, chives, coriander, lettuce, peas, leeks	Dill, strawberries, fennel, cabbage, tomatoes
Cauliflower	Dill, celery, onions, beets	Pole beans, tomatoes, strawberries, peppers
Celery	Cabbage, beans, tomatoes	Parsnips, lettuce, corn
Corn	Beans, peas, potatoes, squash, cucumbers, lettuce, parsley	Tomatoes, celery, cabbage
Cucumbers	Radishes, corn, beans, cauliflower, cabbage, lettuce	Potatoes, sage
Garlic	Carrots, onions, beets	Beans, peas, leeks, parsley
Leeks	Most plants	Beans, peas, garlic
Lettuce	Carrots, radishes, strawberries, cucumbers, beans	Celery, parsley
Melons	Radishes	Potatoes
Onions	Most vegetables, beets, carrots	Beans, peas, parsley, leeks
Peas	Most vegetables, beans, carrots, turnips	Onion family, garlic
Peppers	Coriander, basil, onions, spinach, tomatoes, carrots, basil	Fennel, kohlrabi, beans, kale, cabbage
Potatoes	Beans, parsley, corn, coriander, cabbage	Pumpkin, tomatoes, apples, raspberries, cucumber, melons
Pumpkin/squash	Corn, radishes	Potatoes
Radishes	Cabbage, kohlrabi, beans, beets, carrots, lettuce	Potatoes
Spinach	Radishes, cauliflower, pole beans, peas, strawberries	Potatoes
Summer Squash	Radishes, beans, corn	Brassicas, potatoes
Swiss Chard	Most plants, especially beans, Brassicas, and onions	
Tomatoes	Basil, dill, peppers, garlic, eggplant, onions, parsley, celery	Corn, dill, fennel, potatoes, cabbage family
Turnips	Most vegetables, especially mint and pea	

If you are interested in more information or curious about our community garden, email us at chaparralgreenthumbs@gmail.com.

THE LCRA TODAY - LAKE CHAPARRAL RESIDENTS ONLY



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 – @LakeChapyyc. 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. Checkout 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.

Reminders and Announcements Lake Fees

LCRA membership fees are due on July 1 of every year. All fees must be paid to access the lake/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.

Interest is applied to outstanding accounts every 30 days as of September 18, 2023.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office at 403-254-4148 or email info@lakechap.ca.

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

Spring Has Sprung Event Saturday, April 6, 2024 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

The LCRA will be hosting a new event in April to welcome in the spring season! Inflatables, various games, a magician, food trucks, and more! Stay tuned to our website and social media pages for updates!

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?

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. Visit our website for more information and registration.

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- 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 www.devotiondanceworks.com or contact Elizabeth Rieb at 403-828-9675 or elizabeth@devotiondanceworks.com.

Intellidance[®] Babies (3 to 11 months) 10:00 to 11:00 am

To register, please email intellidance.calgary@gmail.com. Non-Residents Welcome Fridays

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Ages 4 to 8 Years Old Non-Residents Welcome Saturdays | 9:15 to 10:15 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.

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 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.

Start ordering coffee today! Visit 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

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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

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LCRA Board of Directors

Our Lake Chaparral Residents Association Board of Directors maintains an email address at bod@lakechap. ca to hear your suggestions and feedback on large-scale governance, direction, and broad-scope improvements to the member experience.

For all operations, day-to-day, or management-related questions, please send emails to info@lakechap.ca.

Message from the General Manager

Hello Lake Chaparral!

Spring is here! With it comes our seasonal changeover, seed planting through our in-house seed program, and preparation for the summer!

If it hasn't happened yet, make sure to watch our Safety Flag System for the red flag, which indicates the lake is no longer open for use. With that comes our reduction in operating hours to reflect the "off-season" of park usage.

We're trying out a new Spring Has Sprung event this year to host something in (hopefully) a bit nicer weather! Make sure to swing by on April 6 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm for all the activities!

Best wishes,

Dylan Lock

General Manager

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Bicycle Helmet Safety

by Alberta Health Services EMS



Head injuries are the leading cause of serious injury and death to kids on wheels*. Most injuries occur when a cyclist suffers a fall, strikes a stationary object, or collides with another cyclist/pedestrian. Remember – it's the law in Alberta that cyclists under the age of 18 must wear a helmet (and highly recommended for all ages). Helmets should be CSA approved and worn during recreational activities such as skateboarding, in-line skating, and cycling.

Getting Informed

- •Wearing a helmet while cycling can prevent a serious injury, or even save a life
- Brain injuries can cause permanent disability or death
- Reduce your risk by always wearing your helmet
- Replace any helmet that has been involved in a crash, even if it appears undamaged

Getting Started

• Allow children to assist when buying their helmet. Cyclists who choose their own helmet are more likely to wear them

- Start the habit early. Young children learning to ride tricycles need to wear helmets
- Parents must lead by example always wear a helmet when cycling

Getting the Right Fit

- Take the time to properly fit and adjust your helmet to ensure maximum protection in case of a crash
- When worn properly, helmets should fit level, not tilted up, or down over the forehead
- Helmets should feel snug, but not too tight. To test the fit, the helmet should not fall off when you shake your head from side-to-side while the straps are unfastened
- \bullet Adjust the chin straps to form a "Y" below and slightly forward from the ears
- Only one finger should be able to fit under the chin strap when it is fastened
- Do not forget to use the sizing pads included with the helmet. They will help improve the overall fit, comfort, and safety.

* Parachute Canada: http://www.parachutecanada.org/ injury-topics/item/wheeled-activities1.

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	Properties Listed	Properties Sold	Median Listed Price	Median Sold Price		
February 24	13	11	\$590,000	\$615,500		
January 24	12	13	\$675,000	\$645,000		
December 23	5	9	\$599,900	\$608,000		
November 23	16	16	\$694,400	\$685,000		
October 23	13	12	\$587,450	\$587,500		
September 23	14	17	\$700,000	\$699,000		
August 23	22	17	\$579,900	\$589,500		
July 23	13	12	\$599,900	\$640,750		
June 23	27	30	\$612,450	\$636,250		
May 23	24	32	\$499,900	\$494,750		
April 23	32	28	\$599,900	\$609,000		
March 23	24	19	\$599,900	\$610,000		
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