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	Properties Listed	Properties Sold	Median Listed Price	Median Sold Price
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
February 23	20	14	\$593,850	\$595,000

To view more detailed information that comprises the above MLS averages, please visit [chap.mycalgary.com](http://chap.mycalgary.com)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy March.

Here are some fun facts!

March is named after Mars, the Roman god of war.

March is the beginning of Spring in the Northern Hemisphere and the beginning of Fall in the Southern Hemisphere.

The Vernal Equinox occurs around March 20 or 21, when the sun is directly above the equator, making the day and night equal in length.

The first telephone was patented on March 7, 1876, by Alexander Graham Bell.

March and June always end on the same day of the week.

### Upcoming Community Events

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Chaparral Valley Square Park. Check out our Facebook page for more information.

Our Next Chaparral Community Association meeting will be held March 13 at 7:30 pm at the Jets 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.

Our monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month.

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

*Donna Reid*

CCA President

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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).

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#### News, Events, & More



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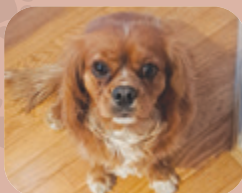
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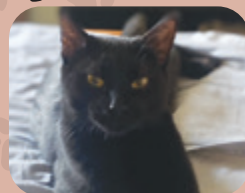
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**The Lake Chaparral Residents Association** is the association that governs the private membership of Lake Chaparral and its facilities. Each home within the Lake Chaparral community is encumbered to pay an annual membership due to the LCRA. The annual 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

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 – @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. Checkout our website for information, communication, and membership rules at [www.lakechap.ca](http://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](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.

## 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](mailto: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](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.

## 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.

### Devotion Danceworks

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- Giggle & 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 [www.devotiondanceworks.com](http://www.devotiondanceworks.com) or contact Elizabeth Rieb at 403-828-9675 or [elizabeth@devotiondanceworks.com](mailto:elizabeth@devotiondanceworks.com).

### Intellidance® Babies (3 to 11 months)

**10:00 to 11:00 am**

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Non-Residents Welcome

Fridays

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

\$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 [www.myscouts.ca/ca/join](http://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/](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*

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For all operations, day-to-day, or management-related questions, please send emails to [info@lakechap.ca](mailto:info@lakechap.ca).



### Message from the General Manager

Hello Lake Chaparral!

Spring is on its way this month, riding on the tails of an El Niño winter!

For those who may not be aware, El Niño is a climate pattern relating to warmer temperatures of the Pacific Ocean near the equator – it impacts temperatures around the world, which is why we saw such a warm winter!

Thanks so much to those who came out to the Ice Fishing Derby last month; this event helps us control the overpopulation of perch in the lake, improving conditions for the variety of flora and fauna in our ecosystem.

We will be hosting a new Spring Has Sprung event on April 6 – hope to see you there!

Best wishes,

*Dylan Lock*

General Manager

### Get Ready to Spring Forward

DST kicks in on March 10 at 02:00 am! And yes, it's 'Daylight Saving Time' but we won't judge if you say 'savings' as it has become a popular variant in conversations. However, the perfectionists out there will likely remind you that the dictionary says the word saving is singular because it refers to saving time.



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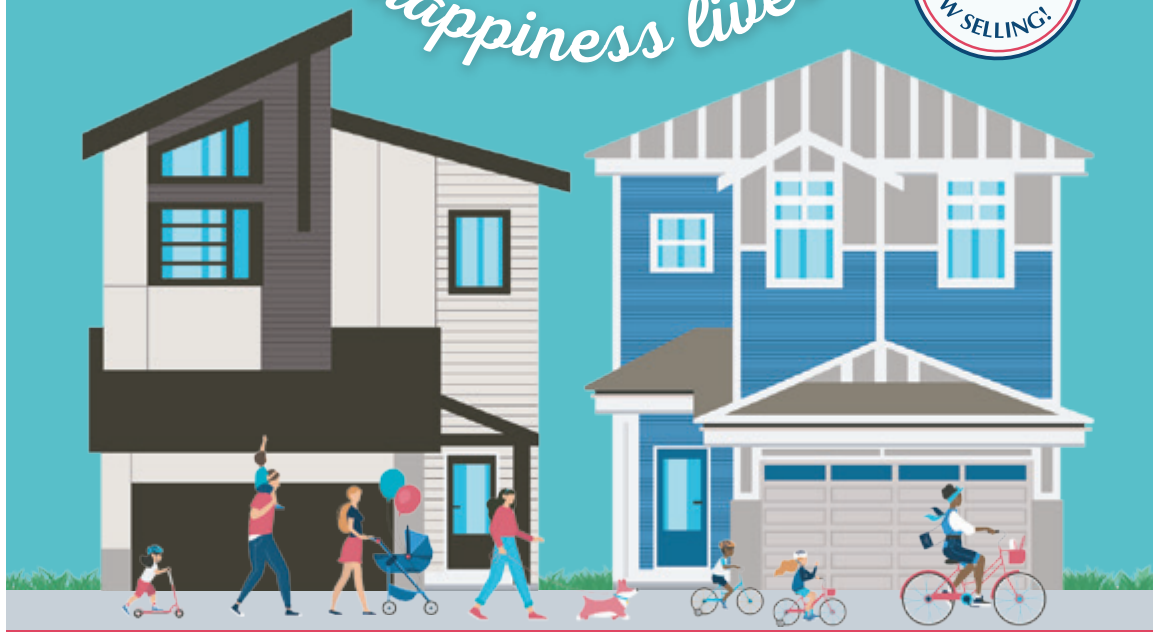
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