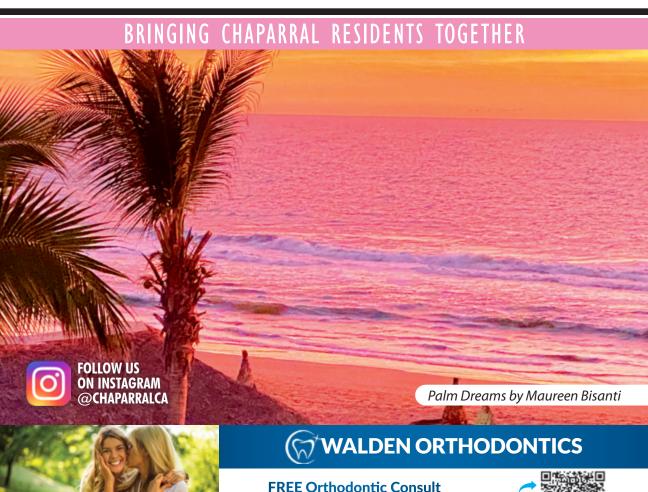
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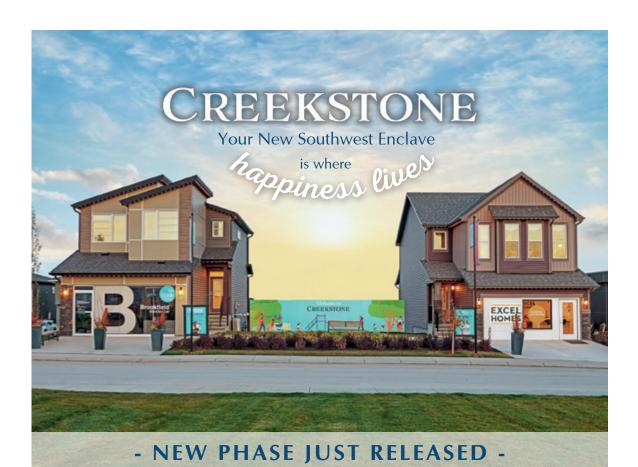






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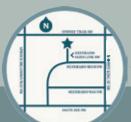
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	Properties Listed	Properties Sold	Median Listed Price	Median Sold Price
January 25	12	8	\$682,450	\$675,000
December 24	8	15	\$649,900	\$662,000
November 24	14	10	\$767,400	\$758,500
October 24	13	14	\$724,450	\$717,000
September 24	13	14	\$564,450	\$562,000
August 24	25	17	\$575,000	\$600,500
July 24	17	20	\$694,789	\$682,500
June 24	20	24	\$709,950	\$732,500
May 24	27	24	\$689,500	\$693,750
April 24	31	27	\$675,000	\$668,500
March 24	17	15	\$675,000	\$680,000
February 24	15	11	\$590,000	\$615,500

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







#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Chaparral Community Association (CCA) is a volunteer-driven organization committed to enhancing our neighbourhood through beautification projects, community events, and local initiatives.

Some of our past efforts include new playground installations, community gardens, neighbourhood cleanup events, the Adopt-a-Rink program, the End of Summer Bash in Chaparral Valley, and our annual Stampede Breakfast—and that's just the beginning!

We proudly represent Lake Chaparral, Chaparral Ridge, Chaparral Valley, and Chaparral Ravine and work hard to make our community an even better place to live.

As the saying goes, "Many hands make light work"—and we could use a few more hands! Volunteering with the CCA is a great opportunity to meet neighbours, contribute to meaningful projects, and help shape the future of Chaparral.

We are currently looking for volunteers to fill the following roles:

- Events Coordinator
- Athletic Director
- Chaparral Ridge Representative
- Chaparral Ravine Representative
- Community Cleanup Coordinator
- Block Party Coordinator

#### **Upcoming Community Events**

Our next CCA meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 12, at 7:00 pm in the Jets Room at the Cardel Rec Centre. We invite all residents to attend—your voice and involvement matter!

A CCA membership is just \$20 per family per year and helps support our community programs and initiatives.

For updates and more information, visit our website or follow us on Facebook (@ChaparralCA).

Donna Reid

session now

Chaparral Community Association President



MARCH

MARCH 4 | NATIONAL PANCAKE DAY MARCH 17 | ST. PATRICK'S DAY MARCH 23 | NATIONAL PUPPY DAY









#### 2024 MARKET RECAP & 2025 FORECAST

# CALGARY YEARLY STATS

#### 2024 DETACHED

2024 Listings | 17,245 2024 Avg. Price | \$802,662 2024 Sales | 12,410 2024 Avg. DOM | 25

#### **2025 FORECAST**

2025 Sales (F) | 12,600 Price Growth | ↑ 2.9%

#### 2024 ATTACHED

2024 Listings | 3,137 2024 Avg. Price | \$683,309 2024 Sales | 2,354 2024 Avg. DOM | 25

#### 2025 FORECAST

2025 Sales (F) | 2,400 Price Growth | 1 3.1%

#### **2024 CONDO**

2024 Listings | 10,834 2024 Avg. Price | \$348,550 2024 Sales | 7,567 2024 Avg. DOM | 29

#### **2025 FORECAST**

2025 Sales (F) | 7,300 Price Growth | ] 1.8%

With population growth and a growing supply, Calgary's market is trending toward more balanced conditions in 2025. (F) denotes forecasts for 2025.







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#### **Spring Seeding**

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As I write this, January's mild weather is coming to a close, and February is bringing colder temperatures and more snow. This winter season began with a record-breaking single-day snowfall—17.8 cm officially, though some parts of the city saw 20 to 30 cm. While I didn't love shovelling the unusually wet snow, I was happy for the moisture. The Farmer's Almanac predicted heavy precipitation this year, and I wondered whether we'd see similar snowfalls in the coming months. Apparently, December and January didn't get the same memo November did—Calgary's official snowfall for November was 40 cm, while December and January saw only 6 cm and 5.2 cm, respectively. Perhaps February is trying to catch up! That said, I do hope the rest of the season ignores the bitterly cold part of the prediction.

As has become my tradition, I am using March to share my seeding chart, which includes recommended times for starting seeds indoors (if you choose to do so), transplanting seedlings outside, and direct seeding for those who prefer to skip indoor starts. No judgment here—I've been known to seed as late as June! Now you see why I'm a garlic fan—just plop it in before the snow falls and forget about it.

Please remember these are general guidelines, and planting a little later is usually fine. Seed packets provide details on how many days each variety needs from sowing to harvest, so choose types that fit your timeline.

Happy gardening!

Vegetable	Seeding Inside	Transplanting Outside	Direct Seeding Outside
Beans	First week of May	First week of June	May 24
Beets	No need	No need	Late April to late May
Broccoli	First week of April	First week of May	Not recommended
Brussel Sprouts	First week of April	First week of May	Not recommended
Cabbage	First week of April	First week of May	Not recommended
Carrots	No need	No need	Late April to early June
Cauliflower	First week of April	First week of May	Not recommended
Cucumber	Third week of April	Mid-May, with protection	Not recommended
Kale	First week of April	First week of May	Early April to late May
Kohlrabi	First week of April	First week of May	Mid-May to mid-July
Lettuce	Mid-April	Mid-May	Early May to mid-July
Onions	March 1	Mid-May	Use sets, early May
Parsnips	No need	No need	Late fall or early spring
Peas	No need	No need	As soon as the ground thaws
Potatoes	No need	No need	Early May
Rutabaga	No need	No need	As soon as the ground thaws
Radish	No need	No need	Early spring to mid-July
Spinach	No need	No need	Early May or late fall
Squash	Late April	Late May	Not recommended
Swiss Chard	No need	No need	Early May
Tomatoes	Mid-March	May 24 with protection	Not recommended
Turnips	No need	No need	As soon as the ground thaws

For more information or details on upcoming events, email us at chaparralgreenthumbs@gmail.com.

#### **Park Information**

Park Hours: 9:00 am to 10:00 pm

Office Hours: Monday to Saturday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Phone: 403-254-4148 Email: info@lakechap.ca Website: www.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, seasonal off-peak months, 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).

#### **Reminders and Announcements**

#### **Membership Fees**

The 2024/25 LCRA Membership Fees were announced in May – the deadline to pay the fees was July 1. All fees must be paid to access the lake/park and are registered as an encumbrance on the property land titles in Lake Chaparral. All outstanding accounts are subject to interest and 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.

#### **Safety Flag Reminder**

The LCRA closely monitors the safety of the lake/lake ice for use; however, we cannot guarantee the lake/lake ice is free of all risks. Regardless of the status of the Safety Flag (details on status 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.

#### **Monthly Email Communications**

The LCRA aims to keep members informed with our monthly communications emails. If you are not receiving emails 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.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Please visit www.lakechap.ca/events for all up-to-date information on upcoming events, programs, and activities.

#### **Drop-In Programs**

#### **LCRA Senior Games**

#### Mondays | 12:00 to 3:00 pm

Attention all seniors! Come out to socialize with your neighbours 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, 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?

#### **Registered Programs**

Registration for the following programs are done with the individual 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. Visit our website for more information and registration.

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- Giggle & Groove Parented Class (Ages 18 months to 2.5 years)
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- Tiny Ballerinas (Ages 3.5 to 4.5)
- 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.

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#### **Cutting Edge Kung Fu**

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The Wellness Dojo's Little Ninjas Kung Fu Class for ages 4 to 7.

Located at Lake Chaparral. Every Saturday from 9:15 to 10:15 am.

\$90 per month

Visit wellnessdojo.ca/martial-arts or contact Sifu Kyle at cuttingedgekf@gmail.com.

This class is aimed to start teaching structure, discipline, and respect while having fun learning the basics of Kung Fu!

#### **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, who are better prepared for success in the world.

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Our program is funded by fundraising. If you have extra bottles you would like to donate, please go to the Walden Bottle Depot, 19618 Walden Blvd, and request to donate to the 251st Chaparral Scouts - Sarah account.

A big thank you for supporting our programs through our many fundraising efforts.

#### **Return to Neutral**

Non-residents welcome

Wednesdays, 9:30 to 10:20 am

Mat Pilates classes, geared to restore mobility in joints, improve posture, ease pain, improve flexibility, and improve strength.

Courses run once per week. Price is \$110 for a six-week session or \$25 for one drop-in pass.

Visit www.return2neutral.com/ for more information.

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Registered session: \$60. Drop-in: \$18

Email Margo for more information at margo.sutter@gmail.com.

#### The Mama Coach – Jennifer Bonilla

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Classes once per month – Tuesdays, 1:00 to 3:00 pm – Next class March 18.

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For more information, visit the Feel Good Fitness CGY Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1A6pQwr28x/?mibextid=K35XfP.

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#### THE LCRA TODAY - CONTINUED

#### 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!

As winter winds down, we've had a mix of cold snaps and surprisingly mild weeks—at times, it almost felt tropical!

With ice and skating season coming to an end, please keep an eye on our Safety Flag System. A green flag means the lake is safe for use, while a red flag indicates it is not. You can check the flag status at the park, call the LCRA office, or visit our website.

A big thank you to all participants, staff, volunteers, and sponsors who made this year's Ice Fishing Derby a success! It was another fantastic event, and we appreciate your support.

Fun Fact: In the earliest Roman calendars (before 150 B.C.), March was the first month of the year! You can still see traces of this in our modern calendar—December was originally the tenth month, named after the Latin word decem (ten).

Best wishes, Dylan Lock

General Manager







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- March 16, Following the service Affirming Lunch and Learn. Soup lunch provided
- · March 29, 9:00 am Men's Breakfast
- · April 13, 10:30 am Palm Sunday Service
- · April 14-17, 10:00 am 2:30 pm (Drop In) A Lenten Holy Week art installation and self-guided walkthrough depicting various artistic representations of Lent and Holy Week. A contemplative activity leading up to Good Friday
- · April 20, 6:15 am Easter Sunday Sunrise Service followed by a light breakfast
- April 20, 10:30 am Easter Sunday Worship Service

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