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September 25	26	11	\$649,999	\$675,000
August 25	14	14	\$737,450	\$728,275
July 25	19	20	\$674,450	\$663,750
June 25	22	19	\$592,500	\$584,600
May 25	21	21	\$649,800	\$640,000
April 25	23	21	\$739,000	\$735,500
March 25	15	16	\$664,900	\$666,250
February 25	25	19	\$669,000	\$682,000
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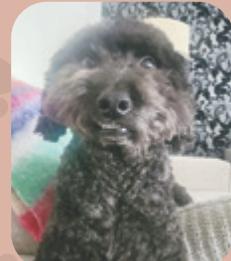
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. The start of a new year is always a meaningful time to reflect, reset, and look ahead. It's a chance to review the past year and set new intentions—whether for family, career goals, or giving back through community involvement.

If you're interested in helping us continue to grow and strengthen our community, we would love to have you join us. Annual memberships are just \$20 per family, and our monthly meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month.

Please visit our website and follow us on Facebook (@ChaparralCA) for updates, news, and upcoming events. We look forward to connecting with you in the year ahead!

Warm regards,

Donna Reid

Chaparral Community Association President

B-A-N-A-N-A-S

Have you ever wondered why a banana is shaped the way it is? They are actually curved because they bend towards the sun! This is a phenomenon known as negative geotropism, which is when plants grow upward instead of towards the ground. Isn't that B-A-N-A-N-A-S?!



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Winter Watch: Tree Health and Fungus Prevention in Calgary

Contributed by Jolene Ottosen for the Chaparral Green Thumbs

As Calgary settles into its deep freeze, winter is the perfect time to give your trees and shrubs a health check. While most fungal diseases slowdown in cold weather, winter planning, pruning, and cleanup can help prevent problems before spring growth begins. Although January is generally too early to start pruning, it is an ideal time to plan ahead. This is also a good opportunity to consider aesthetic and structural improvements that can enhance tree form and improve air circulation between branches. Regular pruning, done at the right time, encourages healthy new growth in spring.

Winter pruning is beneficial for many trees because they are dormant, making pruning less stressful and reducing the risk of spreading disease. With the leaves gone, it is also much easier to spot structural issues and lingering infections. However, do not prune trees or shrubs that bloom in early spring—wait until after they have finished flowering.

Tips for Winter Tree Care

- Inspect for damage and disease: Look for black knots, cankers, or resin on branches.
- Prune during dormancy: Late winter (February to March) is ideal for removing infected wood. Always cut well below the affected area and disinfect tools between cuts.
- Choose mild days: Prune only when temperatures are above freezing to reduce the risk of frost damage.
- Use proper cutting technique: Always use clean, sharp tools, and avoid cutting branches too close to the main trunk. Cutting at a node, where one branch connects to another, is preferable.
- Dispose properly: Bag and place infected branches in the trash—never compost them. Even professional compost facilities may not reach temperatures high enough to kill fungal spores.
- Plan ahead: If fungicide will be needed, note it now and apply it in early spring before bud break.

Here is a list of common tree fungi found in Calgary, along with their symptoms and treatment tips. If fungicide is recommended, check with a local arborist or garden centre to ensure you are using the correct product and applying it safely.

Fungus	Common Tree Fungi in Calgary Symptoms	Treatment
Apple Scab	Brown-green scabs on leaves and fruit; curling leaves; cracked fruit.	Rake and remove fallen leaves and fruit; apply fungicide in early spring; prune in late winter (February to March) before bud break to improve airflow.
Black Knot	Black, swollen knots on cherry and related species.	Prune 6 to 8 inches below knots in late winter (February to March); disinfect tools; bag or burn debris.
Bronze Leaf Disease	Reddish-brown leaves clinging to aspens and poplars.	Prune infected branches in fall or winter (November to March); thin trees to improve airflow.
Cedar Hawthorn Rust	Yellow spots turning orange with black centres; early leaf drop.	Remove infected leaves; apply fungicide in early spring; consider removing nearby junipers if infections recur.
Cytospora Canker	Browning needles; branch dieback; white resin on conifers.	Remove infected branches in late winter (February to March) when wood is less brittle; water during dry spells; avoid bark wounds.
Fire Blight	Oozing cankers on apples and mountain ash.	Prune 8 to 12 inches below symptoms during dormancy in late winter (February to March); disinfect tools; apply copper spray in spring.
Needle Cast (Spruce)	Browning needles with rows of black bumps.	Apply fungicide in spring (repeat in 3 to 4 weeks); thin in late winter to improve airflow; avoid overhead watering.
Septoria Leaf Spot	Brown spots with light centres; early leaf drop; orange bark with ooze.	Remove infected leaves; apply fungicide in spring; conduct structural pruning in late winter (February to March) to maintain overall tree health.

Final Tip: Healthy trees are more resistant to disease. Water deeply before the ground freezes, mulch roots (keeping mulch away from trunks), and avoid mechanical damage. If you are unsure about what you are seeing, take a photo and consult a local arborist or garden centre—they are always happy to help.

Stay warm, and happy winter gardening!

If you are interested in joining us in the garden next season, we would love to hear from you! Please email us at chaparralgreenthumbs@gmail.com.



On Deerfoot Trail

by Garth Paul Ukrainetz

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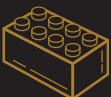
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FRIENDS *of* Fish Creek

It's a Great Time to Start Thinking About Your Native Plant Gardens!

There's nothing like a chilly January to make you look forward to spring. Something we like to do when winter seems to drag on is to start planning our gardens, and at the Friends, that means starting seeds for a ton of different native plants! If you're interested in starting your own native plants from seed, there are a lot of species that are beginner-friendly, even if you don't have any experience growing plants from seeds at all. We're highlighting two species that are easy to get started with and how you can germinate and grow them this winter!

Did you know that the Friends have a native plant growing program called 'Grow with Us' that also acts as a native species seed bank? Learn more and sign up at friendsoffishcreek.org/grow-with-us/.



Plant 1: Smooth Blue Aster

These beautiful blue flowers are a cheery addition to any garden, plus, they support native pollinators and insects. Easy to germinate and grow, you could easily see the plants flower their first year when grown from seed, and they may even produce seed to harvest the first season too!

To grow this native species, sprinkle seeds on top of a pot of soil at least 6" deep then cover with a handful of soil, about 1/2 cm. Lightly press down on the top layer of soil and then mist the top of the soil with a sprayer to moisten the seeds and begin the germination process. Germination can take up to a few weeks, so check back often to make sure the soil (and most importantly, the seeds) is still damp.



Plant 2: Prairie Coneflower

The prairie coneflower is a classic native species that often comes to mind when we think of the word "wildflower". It can be found growing all across the North American Great Plains North America, so why not bring the sunny yellow hues of this native plant to your garden bed?

To grow prairie coneflower from seed, you'll start by "cold stratifying" the seed. This means putting seeds outside in cold weather, or in the fridge in a moist substrate (like sand or paper towel) for a few weeks to a month. Then, plant seeds in sandy, well-draining soil in a pot at least 6" deep and water daily until germination. From there, you can move your seedlings outside or gradually transition them by bringing them outside for increasing durations during the day in April or May.

Wondering where to get seeds for native species? Sign up for our 'Grow with Us' program for smooth blue aster seeds, prairie coneflower seeds, and more. Plus, be a part of our circular seed economy and increasing species diversity in Fish Creek Provincial Park and beyond. You can find more information on our website.



Park Information

Park Hours: 9:00 am to 10:00 pm
Office Hours: Monday to Saturday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
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Website: www.lakechaparralra.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 2025-26 LCRA membership fees are now due. 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.

Starting on September 9, 2025, interest will be applied monthly to outstanding accounts at a rate of 1.5%.

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.lakechaparralra.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

Learn to Fish with Jasper Outdoors

Date: Saturday, January 17, 2026
Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

More information to come, stay tuned to our website and social media for details.

Please visit www.lakechaparralra.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. The game of choice is currently bridge. 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. \$1 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.

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Non-Residents Welcome

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Date: January 30, 2026

Time: 4:30 to 5:30 pm

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Message from the General Manager

As we welcome 2026, we hope the new year is off to a positive start for everyone. With winter well underway, the team continues to work hard to keep our amenities running smoothly so residents can enjoy the season to the fullest.

Whether you're stopping by the Lakehouse, lacing up for a skate, or simply taking in the beautiful winter scenery around the lake, we hope you're making the most of everything this time of year has to offer. As always, please remember to stay warm, watch for icy spots, and make use of our indoor spaces when you need a break from the cold.

Wishing you a safe, healthy, and enjoyable start to the year!

Sincerely,

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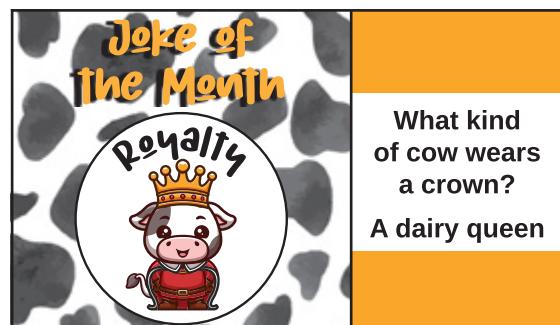
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