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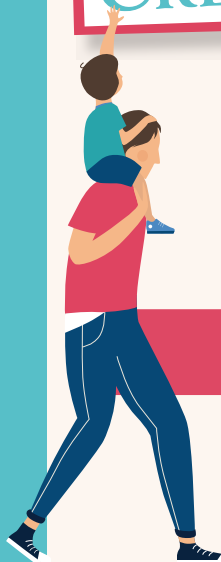
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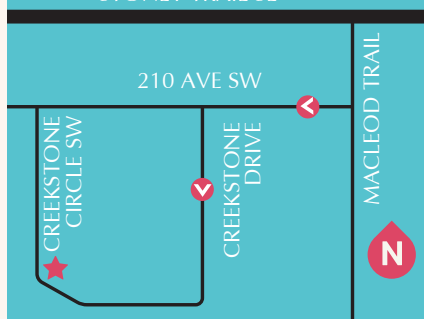
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Hello neighbours,

September is here! As summer winds down and families settle back into school routines, we'd love to celebrate the season with you at the End of Summer Bash on Sunday, September 13, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Chaparral Valley Square Park, next to the new outdoor skating pad. Be sure to mark your calendars and follow us on Facebook for the latest event updates and details.

One of the best things about living in Chaparral is our strong sense of community. Throughout the year, the CCA hosts a variety of events that bring neighbours together, including:

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Stampede Pancake Breakfast
- End of Summer Bash
- Skate with Santa
- Festival of Lights

Did you know? CCA members can borrow a variety of sports and recreation equipment, including adult and child snowshoes, walking poles, and a portable disc golf set. If you'd like to borrow any of these items, simply reach out to us!

Our monthly board meetings are typically held on the second Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be held in September, and all residents are welcome—we'd love to have you join us.

As always, many hands make light work. If you're interested in volunteering, helping at events, or learning more about the CCA, please don't hesitate to contact me at president@chaparralcommunity.com.

Warm regards,

Donna Reid

Chaparral Community Association President



Fall Garden Checklist

It's that time of year again when we start thinking about putting our gardens to bed. Below is a suggested timeline of tasks to help prepare your garden for the months ahead.

Don't get too hung up on the specific months listed for each task. Think of this as a general guide for fall garden preparation and let your plants and the weather be your guide.

This year's wet spring followed by a long stretch of hot, dry weather means many plants may be showing signs of drought stress heading into fall. Pay particular attention to watering trees, shrubs, and newly planted plants. I planted four new hydrangeas this year, and I'll be doing everything I can to help them survive their first Calgary winter.

September

- Collect seeds and herbs for drying.
- Feed your garden to encourage strong root development before winter. After a hot, dry season, focus on roots rather than leafy growth.
- Top-dress garden beds and vegetable gardens with compost or well-aged manure. Ensure manure is not fresh and does not contain herbicides. Compost also improves soil structure and moisture retention.
- For established perennials and lawns, compost is often all that is needed. If you choose a fertilizer, look for one higher in phosphorus (the middle number) to encourage root growth. Avoid high-nitrogen fertilizers, which can stimulate tender new growth late in the season.
- For newly planted trees and shrubs, avoid traditional fertilizers at planting time. Instead, consider bone meal or a root stimulant to support establishment. If using compost, apply it as a top dressing rather than mixing it into the planting hole.
- Divide and replant overcrowded perennials but avoid dividing plants that are struggling with drought stress. Signs include wilting, crispy leaf edges, early yellowing, reduced flowering, or weak growth. Water stressed plants well and allow them time to recover before dividing.
- Plant spring-flowering bulbs (September or October, depending on the variety; see suggestions below).
- Clean bird feeders and garden tools as you finish using

them for the season.

- Continue watering trees and shrubs until the ground freezes. Evergreens especially benefit from a deep soak after a dry summer. For plants stressed by heat and drought, fall watering is often more important than fertilizer.
- Bring plastic or clay pots indoors before repeated freeze-thaw cycles begin.
- Bring indoors any tender herbs you want to keep growing, such as basil, oregano, and rosemary.
- Pull weeds before they go to seed to reduce next year's weed pressure.
- Take note of which plants handled the heat and dry conditions best. This can help guide future planting decisions.

October

- Transplant shrubs or young trees to new locations.
- Remove diseased portions of perennials. Do not compost diseased plant material; place it in your black bin instead.
- Rake and compost fallen leaves or use them as mulch in garden beds. If you have a mulching mower, shred leaves first.
- Clean up garden debris, remove vegetable plants, fallen fruit, and amend the soil. Consider planting a few cool-season crops (see suggestions below).
- Remove dead annuals after frost.
- Cut back perennial foliage where needed to discourage overwintering pests but consider leaving seed heads and attractive plants for birds.
- Continue watering trees and shrubs until the ground freezes.
- Sharpen mower blades and pruners before storing them for winter.
- Trim tall grass away from trees and around your home's foundation to discourage rodents.
- Mulch hardy perennial herbs such as chives, sage, tarragon, and thyme.
- Dig up tender bulbs such as dahlia, canna, and gladiola. Store them in a cool, dark place according to variety-specific recommendations. (If you've mastered overwintering dahlias, I'd love your tips!)
- Turn off outdoor water connections and drain garden hoses before temperatures drop below freezing.

November

- Continue watering trees and shrubs until the ground

freezes.

- Turn off outdoor water connections and drain hoses if you have not already done so.
- Consider buying bulbs to force indoors for winter blooms.
- Wrap fruit tree trunks to protect against rodents, sunscald, and winter damage.
- Mulch rose bushes after the ground begins to freeze.
- Clear leaves from gutters and downspouts.

December

- Start paperwhites and amaryllis indoors for winter blooms.

Fall Planting

We often think of fall as bulb-planting season, but several vegetables can also be planted now. These include:

- Bulbs, Corms, and Vegetables
- Daffodils and Narcissus
- Tulips
- Crocuses
- Alliums
- Hyacinth
- Snowdrops and Scilla
- Aconites
- Garlic (must be planted in fall)
- Green Onions and Scallions
- Spinach (some varieties)
- Carrots and Parsnips
- Hardy Brassicas (cabbage, broccoli, kohlrabi)

Contributed by Jolene Ottosen for the Chaparral Green Thumbs, with information adapted from Landscape Ontario's "Fall Gardening Checklist."

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.



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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.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/lakechappyyc.

Instagram: [@lakechappyyc](https://www.instagram.com/lakechappyyc).

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 windchill).

Reminders and Announcements

Membership Fees

The 2026-27 LCRA Membership fees were announced on June 1, 2026. The deadline to pay fees is July 1 of each 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. 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.
Yellow Flag = The lake is recommended for watercraft use only

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

Movie in the Park

Saturday, September 19

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

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.

Cost: \$1 per person, drop-in.

Attention all seniors! Come out to socialize with your neighbours and friends, play games, and enjoy coffee at the lake house. Bridge and Mahjong are currently the games of choice. Seniors – if you have any game ideas, please let us know.

LCRA Walking Club

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Cost: \$1 per person, drop-in.

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.

Did you know that three laps around the walking path = two kilometres?

Registered Programs

Registration for the programs below is done with the individual instructor. Program schedules are subject to change; please contact the program instructor directly for more details.

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- 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.

Cutting Edge Kung Fu

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Yoga with Alexis - Hatha Yoga

Thursdays at 7:15 pm.

Gentle Hatha Yoga is a slower-paced class designed to build strength, flexibility, and balance in a supportive and accessible way. Through mindful movement, breath awareness, and longer-held postures, you'll improve mobility while calming the nervous system.

This class is ideal for all level, and anyone looking for a softer, grounding practice. Modifications are always

offered so you can move in a way that feels right for your body.

Mobility and Yin

Tuesdays at 9:15 am.

A gentle, slower-paced class focused on deep stretching, mobility, and improving range of motion. Using longer-held, accessible postures, this class is great for beginners, those feeling stiff or tight, and anyone wanting to complement strength training or other more active workouts. It can also be a supportive practice for easing tension, improving flexibility, and creating more ease in the body overall.

To register please visit www.yogawithalexis.ca/.

LCRA Board and Management

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 September arrives, the days are growing a little shorter, and there's a hint of fall in the air. While summer may be winding down, there's still plenty of time to enjoy the beautiful weather and everything our community has to offer.

I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone for another fantastic summer season. Whether you attended one of our community events, spent time at the beach, paddled on the lake, or simply enjoyed our pathways and green spaces, I hope you created wonderful memories with family and friends.

As we transition into fall, our team will begin shifting its focus to seasonal maintenance and preparing the property for the months ahead. This includes landscaping projects, facility maintenance, and planning improvements to help ensure Lake Chaparral remains a beautiful place for everyone to enjoy for years to come.

As a reminder, our amenities remain available throughout September, although some services and operating hours will begin to change as we move into the fall season. Please keep an eye on our website and social media channels for the latest information on operating hours and upcoming community events.

Fun Fact of the Month

The trees around our lake don't all change colour at the same time—or for exactly the same reasons. Different species contain varying amounts of natural pigments, which is why you'll see shades of yellow, orange, and red gradually appear throughout September and October.

Thank you for helping make Lake Chaparral such a welcoming community. We look forward to sharing another beautiful fall season with all of you.

Take care,

Laura Bruch



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I'm also proud to share that my Supercharged Sidewalks Notice of Motion was successfully passed by Council. At its core, this initiative is about safety—making it easier and safer for residents to walk to schools, parks, transit stops, and local destinations. Even better, work is already underway. It's exciting to see momentum behind a practical solution that will improve connectivity and help make Calgary's communities safer for everyone.

In the months ahead, you'll see more engagement opportunities and information related to the Calgary Plan. This is one of the most important discussions shaping Calgary's future, and I want to hear directly from residents before key decisions come to Council. Your feedback helps me better understand the priorities, concerns, and opportunities you see in our communities, and ensures I can be a strong voice for Ward 14 when these decisions are made.

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	Properties Listed	Properties Sold	Median Listed Price	Median Sold Price
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June 26	22	18	\$737,500	\$746,250
May 26	26	18	\$763,750	\$765,000
April 26	25	22	\$664,900	\$669,500
March 26	14	17	\$620,000	\$620,000
February 26	14	11	\$720,000	\$710,000
January 26	20	11	\$644,900	\$641,000
December 25	4	9	\$685,000	\$675,000
November 25	9	10	\$640,000	\$626,000
October 25	15	17	\$650,000	\$644,900
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