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April 25	26	21	\$739,000	\$735,500
March 25	16	16	\$664,900	\$666,250
February 25	25	19	\$669,000	\$682,000
January 25	11	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

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### It's Time for the Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth!

Visit [stampedebreakfast.ca](http://stampedebreakfast.ca) to explore the 2025 Calgary Stampede Pancake Breakfast Calendar and find out where to enjoy a delicious start to your day!

### Thank You for Your Help Volunteers!

A big thank you to everyone who came out to support the Community Cleanup on June 8. It truly takes many hands to build a strong community, and we appreciate every volunteer who pitched in!

### Exciting News – Ice Skating Pad Coming This Summer!

Over the past two years, the Chaparral Community Association (CCA) has worked closely with the City of Calgary to bring a permanent ice-skating pad to our neighbourhood. We're thrilled to share that permits have been approved, and installation is scheduled for this summer!

A dedicated group of volunteers has worked tirelessly to make this dream a reality, and we can't wait for the community to enjoy this exciting new feature.

### Get Involved – Become Our Events Coordinator!

The CCA hosts a wide variety of fun events throughout the year, including:

- Murder Mystery Nights
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Stampede Kick-Off Breakfast (co-hosted with the Lake Chaparral Residents Association)
- End of Summer Bash
- Skate with Santa
- Festival of Lights

We're currently looking for a creative, organized, and enthusiastic Events Coordinator to help us plan and run these beloved gatherings. Interested? Email us today and join the fun!

### Equipment Available for CCA Members

Did you know that CCA members can borrow a variety of sports and recreation equipment? Available items include:

- Adult and child snowshoes
- Walking poles
- Portable disc golf set
- Contact us to sign out equipment and make the most of your outdoor adventures!

### Join a Board Meeting

Our monthly board meetings are usually held on the second Wednesday of each month, and everyone is welcome to attend. Many hands make light work—and we'd love to have you involved!

If you're interested in volunteering or want to learn more, please contact us at [president@chaprralcommunity.com](mailto:president@chaprralcommunity.com).

*Donna Reid*

Chaparral Community Association President



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2. This inventor's mom and wife were both deaf.
3. This inspirational man ran for 143 days, beginning in St. John's, Newfoundland.
4. The first band this incredible musician was ever in was called "The Jades".
5. This popular scientist and media personality is best known for hosting *The Nature of Things*.
6. This *Matrix* star is an avid motorcyclist and even co-founded a motorcycle manufacturing company.



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# DEVIN ELKIN

## FOR WARD 14



Hello Ward 14, my name is Devin Elkin and I have had the pleasure of serving Ward 14 as community assistant for the past 10 years as part of Councillor Peter Demong's Ward 14 team. As you know, this spring he announced his intentions to retire from civic politics and I just wanted to thank him for all that he has done.

With that, I am thrilled to let you all know that I will be seeking your endorsement and running for Councillor in Ward 14 in this upcoming civic election. As a born and raised Calgarian, I have always understood the importance of serving your community. As my family has grown, so too has the importance of creating a city that they can call home, or for that matter, want to call home.

Now over the next month, I will be going through the nomination process to become an official candidate for Ward 14, but I wanted to express my intentions and more so introduce myself to those that I haven't met yet.

For more information about me and what I have learned from the 10 years working with Ward 14 constituents, please check out my website at [www.devinelkin.com](http://www.devinelkin.com). I am excited to share more over the next few months on how being rooted in community has led me to this decision.

# JULY

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JULY 16 | NATIONAL HOT DOG DAY  
JULY 31 | INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP



## CHAPARRAL 2025 HOUSING MARKET REVIEW

*\*January 1 - May 31, 2025*

CHAPARRAL

### DETACHED

High | \$2,170,000  
Low | \$605,000  
Avg. | \$797,445  
#Sold | 58  
Avg. days on mkt. | 23

### ATTACHED

High | \$720,000  
Low | \$337,500  
Avg. | \$490,633  
#Sold | 22  
Avg. days on mkt. | 19

### CONDO

High | \$339,700  
Low | \$276,000  
Avg. | \$313,433  
#Sold | 6  
Avg. days on mkt. | 33

Stats current as of May 31, 2025 @ 11:59 pm. For more detailed market sales information, please contact Team Palmer at 403.836.3018 or [info@teampalmer.ca](mailto:info@teampalmer.ca).

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## “Green” Gardening Tips

*Contributed by Jolene Ottosen for the Chaparral Green Thumbs*

Keeping your garden green isn't just about the colour. While gardening is often seen as the ultimate environmentally friendly activity, the way we garden can sometimes be less green than we think.

One of the most talked-about topics in gardening today is the use of chemicals. I won't take sides in the organic versus chemical debate—it's not as black and white as some would suggest. Each gardener needs to weigh the costs and benefits and decide what they're comfortable with.

A particularly contentious issue is the use of pesticides. While some bugs can be harmful to our plants, others are beneficial, and pesticides don't distinguish between them. Instead of reaching for chemical sprays at the first sign of infestation, try a more natural approach. For example, ants dislike water, so keeping your garden well-watered can help keep them away. My father recommends diatomaceous earth for slugs and other pests, but I'm not a fan—it also harms earthworms, which are your soil's best friend. Instead, I've started planting slug-attracting crops like potatoes in containers. Many gardeners also suggest using copper barriers.

Mild aphid infestations can often be managed with a blast of water or a mix of mild detergent and water. If aphids persist, consider introducing beneficial insects. Many garden centres stock them, or you can have them shipped. Just be sure to research whether the insects are suitable for your area and not invasive.

We all want a lush, green lawn—but the key to achieving that lies in what we feed it. Commercial fertilizers work quickly, but synthetic nitrogen provides only a short-term fix and can create long-term dependency. Think of it like sugar: quick energy, but no staying power. Natural sources of nitrogen, like compost, kelp, or manure, act like complex carbs—slow-releasing, they promote deeper root growth and healthier soil. These can be applied as a top dressing or in the form of compost tea.

Be cautious with manure. If the animal consumed herbicides, the chemicals can pass into the manure and

harm your plants—I learned this the hard way. Only use manure from a trusted source or consider avoiding it altogether. Grass clippings are another great natural fertilizer, especially when mulched while mowing.

Water is increasingly precious, so smart watering is key. The City of Calgary recommends giving lawns about one inch of water per week. Place something like a frisbee on the lawn to measure. Water early in the morning to reduce evaporation, and water less often but for longer periods to encourage deeper root growth. Keep grass no shorter than three inches to help shade the roots and retain moisture.

For gardens, hand-watering with a hose or watering can is the most efficient. Again, longer, less frequent watering is best. Mulching the soil surface helps prevent moisture loss, and adding organic matter improves water retention. While some use peat moss for this, it's controversial—harvesting it releases stored carbon from peat bogs. Compost or coir (coconut fibre) are more environmentally friendly alternatives.

Rain barrels are a great investment for water conservation. The City sells basic models for about \$80 to \$90, and you can connect several together. Garden supply centres also offer more decorative options. If you buy a barrel with a faucet, be sure to get a stand so it's elevated and easier to access. The higher the barrel, the more water pressure you'll have—especially important if using a hose. Note: rainwater collected from rooftops is not recommended for edible plants unless a first flush system is installed to improve water quality.

Another smart strategy is to plant native species. Our prairie climate is hot and dry, but native plants are adapted to thrive with what nature provides. Several nurseries in Calgary specialize in native species and can help you choose what's best for your garden.

Lastly, to enjoy your green space even more, consider installing solar lights so you can appreciate your yard at any time of day—or night.

For more information or details on upcoming events, email us at [chaparralgreenthumbs@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@lakechap.ca)

Website: [www.lakechap.ca](http://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 2025-26 LCRA membership fees are now due. The deadline to pay fees is 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](mailto: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](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.

### 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](mailto:info@lakechap.ca) and we will be happy to update your account.

## Upcoming Events

### Beach Day

**Date: Saturday, July 26**

**Time: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**

Come on out to the park for this fun event. We will have Splash Mountain and Royal 6-in-1 combo inflatables and more! We will also have our concession open for lunch.

Stay tuned to social media for more details.

Please visit [lakechap.ca/events](http://lakechap.ca/events) for all up-to-date information on upcoming events, programs, and activities.

## Summer Camps

Please visit [lakechap.ca/summer-camps/](http://lakechap.ca/summer-camps/) for all up-to-date camps available this summer.

## 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.

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

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\$90 per month

Visit [wellnessdojo.ca/martial-arts](http://wellnessdojo.ca/martial-arts) or contact Sifu Kyle at [cuttingedgekf@gmail.com](mailto: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**

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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 training and adventure; you provide the enthusiasm.

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**

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Wednesdays, 9:15 to 10:15 am

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

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Visit [www.return2neutral.com/](http://www.return2neutral.com/) for more information.

### **Margo Sutter Yoga – Chair Yoga**

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## THE LCRA TODAY - CONTINUED

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### First Friday Art Creations - Adult

Date: July 4, 2025

Time: 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Where: Upstairs – Main Room

Cost: TBD

### Last Tuesday “Big and Little Creations”

Date: July 29, 2025

Time: 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Where: Function Room

Cost: TBD

At Krystelle Creations, we bring people together through fun, creative art workshops that inspire connection and self-expression. Led by artist and educator Krystelle Celestino Wurtz, our events are designed to nurture your creativity and help you tell your story through art.

Join us to make meaningful connections and create something beautiful! Limited spots are available – please visit the LCRA website for more details or send an email to [krystelle.creations@gmail.com](mailto:krystelle.creations@gmail.com).

### LCRA Board of Directors

Our Lake Chaparral Residents Association Board of Directors maintains an email address at [bod@lakechap.ca](mailto: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](mailto:info@lakechap.ca).

## Message from the General Manager

Greetings, everyone!

Summer is in full swing, and July brings long, sunny days that are perfect for enjoying the lake, the park, and all kinds of outdoor fun.

As temperatures rise, please remember to stay safe in the heat—apply sunscreen, stay hydrated, and watch for signs of heat exhaustion or sunstroke, such as dizziness, nausea, or headache.

Fun Fact: Did you know that July was named after Julius Caesar in 44 BC? Before that, it was called Quintilis, which means “fifth month” in Latin—back when the Roman calendar began in March!

*Dylan Lock*

General Manager



### Hello, Can You Hear Me?



Way back on July 1, 1881, the world's first international telephone call took place between St. Stephen, New Brunswick and Calais, Maine—two towns so close (approximately a mile), you could probably shout across the river!



# No Yolk

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