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**Christmas Eve:** 5:00 pm Candlelight Family Eucharist  
7:30 pm & 10:30 pm Candlelight Eucharist

**Christmas Day:** 10:00 am Eucharist

**Sunday Services:** 8:30 & 10:00 am Everyone Welcome!

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The Chaparral Community Association is seeking a volunteer to serve as a sport and recreation volunteer. The position would entail liaising with local community sport associations, compiling any relevant registration events, AGMs, major tournaments, fundraisers or championships that would be of interest to the community. Information would be compiled and submitted through various community association communication avenues including our newsletter (Trailblazer), website and social media. A perfect position to serve the community, on a part time, at home basis. If you are interested please contact Lynette at [president@chaparralcommunity.com](mailto:president@chaparralcommunity.com).

## CCA 2016/2017 MEETINGS

All residents from Chaparral Lake, Ridge and Valley are welcome to attend the Community Association meetings. Meetings take place the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month, except December, July & August.

### St. Sebastian Elementary 65 Chaparral Drive SE 7:00 – 9:00 PM

December, no meeting, lights judging night

January 10<sup>th</sup>

February 14<sup>th</sup>

March 14<sup>th</sup>

April 11<sup>th</sup>

May 9<sup>th</sup> AGM

June 13<sup>th</sup>

## FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS CONTEST

The Chaparral Community Association is proud to once again sponsor a Festival of Lights community decorating contest. We will be awarding prizes in the following categories:

- Best New Entry
- Best Spirit of the Season
- Best Use of Mixed Elements
- Best Light Display

A prize will also be awarded by random draw for participation.

Email [ask@chaparralcommunity.com](mailto:ask@chaparralcommunity.com) with your address by Wednesday December 7th for consideration.

## FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS WINNERS TOUR

ATB Financial in Walden is a proud community partner and are once again sponsoring an evening celebrating the Festival of Lights contest winners. Stop by the branch on Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 PM and enjoy refreshments before heading out to tour this years 'winners'.

## LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

### Take a Book Leave a Book – Chaparral's Little Free Libraries

The concept is simple: you leave a book or two that you don't need any more and then borrow books that your neighbours have left. It's a great way to not only encourage reading but to also get them out and about in the neighbourhood. Check one out. If you have a little free library added to our directory please contact [editor@chaparralcommunity.com](mailto:editor@chaparralcommunity.com)

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## Great Photos of Chaparral Wanted!

High resolution, seasonal, and community/lake related photos would be greatly appreciated and will be considered for our cover, and inside our community publication. Please submit your photos to Lynette at [editor@chaparralcommunity.com](mailto:editor@chaparralcommunity.com).

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Lynette Javaheri



The Chaparral Community Association is pleased to be hosting the 9th annual Chaparral Festival of Lights contest. As part of the judging crew, my fellow judges and I have come to love the judging the contest not only to see all the beautiful lights and décor, but to take the time to visit the entirety of Chaparral. I encourage you to do the same and enjoy the sights this holiday season. We have a beautiful community to call home.

If you are interested in entering the contest it takes nothing more than emailing your address to ask@chaparralcommunity.com. Entry deadline is Wednesday December 7th and there are four categories we are judging on: 'best new entry', 'best light display', 'best spirit of the season' and 'best use of mixed elements'. Additionally, one prize will be awarded by random draw of all entries submitted.

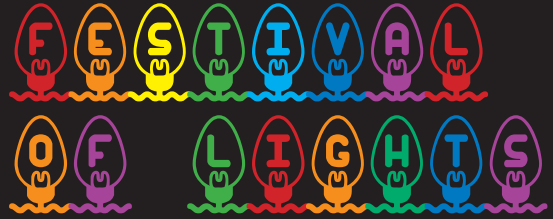
Does your neighbour do a great job of decorating? Mention the contest to them and encourage them to enter too. Some of the nicest homes we view on judging night are homes not even entered into the contest.

Then on Thursday December 15th mark your calendars to stop by ATB in Walden, our community sponsor, between 5:30 and 7:30pm for a treat, hot chocolate and a community map of the winners. We hope to see you then.

If you love holiday lights I also highly recommend visiting 'Christmas at Spruce Meadows'. Running throughout the Holiday Season each evening between 5-10 pm from Saturday, December 10, 2016 to Sunday, January 8, 2017 you and the family can enjoy a two kilometre drive through the Spruce Meadows grounds includes Tournament Lane, The Courtyard, Traffic Circle, the Nations Flag Park, Congress Hall, Riders Chapel and the Pond. With over a quarter of a million lights measuring nearly 80 kilometres, you will not regret making the time for the drive.

On behalf of the Chaparral Community Association we wish you a safe and happy holiday season. See you in the New Year!

## Chaparral Community Associations Annual



## Contest

The CCA's Festival of Lights is returning again for those who like to decorate their homes for the holiday season. If you live in Lake Chaparral, Chaparral Ridge or Chaparral Valley we encourage you to enter your home for consideration. Simply decorate your home with lights and/or festive decor and be eligible to win some fabulous prizes. Deadline for entry is Wednesday December 7th. Please submit your name and address to ask@chaparralcommunity.com and we will contact you with the judging details.

### 'Winners' Tour

ATB Financial in Walden is proud to sponsor an evening celebrating the winning entries in the Festival of Lights contest. Stop by the ATB Branch in Walden on Thursday December 15th from 5:30-7:30pm for some hot chocolate, treats and pick up the CCA's community map of contest winners. Take yourself on a self-guided tour of the community while enjoying the sights of the season.



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Christmas is a busy time so on behalf of the Chaparral Green Thumbs I am lending a hand with a few gift suggestions for the gardeners in your life that will hopefully make the season's shopping at least a little less stressful!

## **GIFTS UNDER \$50**

### **Hori Hori Knife**

I know I have spoken about this before, but the best gardening gift I have ever received was my hori hori knife. This is my favourite digging tool, being slightly curved like a trowel, but longer and more slender, so great for getting to the root of pesky weeds or to divide the roots of a perennial you want to split. One side of the knife is straight while the other is serrated, great for slicing through those frustrating stitches at the top of bulb packages. Mine came from Lee Valley Tools, but other garden shops may carry similar types of digging knives.

### **Watering Bulbs**

Both pretty and practical, glass watering bulbs are great gifts for someone like me who doesn't always remember to water their plants. With the bulbs I can easily see when the water is low and perpetually thirsty plants like basil can stay happy. Because these bulbs are hand blown, each one will be different so make sure to look for large bulbs that will hold more water as well as wider necks so it is easier to pour the water in.

### **Garden Books**

As a teacher I think you can never go wrong with books. My favourite books tend to be ones that are written specifically for the Calgary area as the writers know our climate and what can and can't grow here. Lyndon Penner is a particular favourite author because of his candor and enthusiasm.

### **Compost Pail**

It may be a little utilitarian for some tastes, but a pretty compost pail might be appreciated by some. For those who don't already compost, the introduction of the green bins and the move to have the black bins collected every two weeks, will make some sort of collec-

tion system a necessity. For those concerned about the mess, you can buy compostable bags to use like you would a small garbage bag inside your pail, or you can buy pails made of recycled paper that can be sealed and put directly into the green bin.

### **Horticultural Society Membership**

Being a member of the horticultural society has many benefits. There is a great newsletter that comes out 6 times a year, discounts on a variety of workshops and talks, a number of free member talks, as well as access to the spring and fall plant shares.

## **GIFTS OVER \$50**

### **Wall Planters**

I love the look of hanging wall planters! Plants indoors do so much to improve the quality of the air, but if you are like me, you might not really have many places to put them. Plant wall art is a perfect solution. I bought mine years ago from Lee Valley Tools and it works if you remember to water often, but I am not always the greatest at that, so sometimes my plants look better than others. The problem with mine is that the cells the plants fit in are quite small, so there isn't a lot of soil to help hold the water. The system that I think allows for the most soil is made by Woolly Pocket and I drool over it regularly as I consider replacing my current system. I almost ordered some on line this morning, but shipping to Canada is pricey, so I think I will try to visit some of the local shops that carry the product first. You can find a list of these shops on the Woolly Pocket website.

### **Rolling Composter**

Another gift I have loved is my rolling composter. I have a black bin from the city and it will work if you care for it properly, but mine attracted mice and I found myself reluctant to go near it after that, even after we had trapped them all. For me, a rolling composter is great. It is raised off the ground and doesn't have any openings for mice or wasps to get in and set up shop. Mine is divided into two compartments and I find that if I add enzymes and roll it daily it can finish in 4-6 weeks during the summer. I also love that I can easily move it around

# Gifts

so in the winter it sits right on the deck, giving me easy access.

## Raised Planters

Most gardening shops carry garden raised beds that are table height. While beds like these may limit you a little on how much you can plant, they would be a lovely gift for gardeners with reduced mobility, or those who cannot put in a permanent bed. If a traditional raised bed that sits on the ground is what you are looking for there are hardware kits you can buy that include end pieces that you just have to buy lumber to fit into, or if you have a plan and prefer the DIY route, you could wrap up the plans and a gift certificate to a place like Golden Eagle or Burnco for the soil that will be needed to fill it. On that note, I think gift certificates compost are a great idea for those of us with established gardens too.

Hopefully these suggestions give you some ideas. On behalf of our garden group we would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

*Contributed by Jolene Ottosen for the Chaparral Green Thumbs*

*If you are interested in more information or curious about upcoming events, email us at [chaparralgreenthumbs@gmail.com](mailto:chaparralgreenthumbs@gmail.com).*

# TRIVIA



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**What your Community Association does for you...**

- ***Programs and activities put on by the CCA***

(Stampede Kick-off Breakfast, "Winterlude", to name a few)

- ***Social, environmental and civic affairs***

(BFI Public Open House, Drugs in your city awareness presentation, Trailblazer, Traffic & Zoning Issues)

- ***Government Liaison***

(With The City of Calgary and Government of Alberta)

- ***Weigh-in on Commercial Applications***

(Telus Cell Tower, BFI Canada Inc., Inland Cement and local based businesses)

- ***Insurance and Administration***

(Covers annual operating costs and applicable insurance cost to operate yearly)

The Chaparral Community Association has been working hard to cover all the views, opinions, and concerns for all matters pertaining to Lake Chaparral, Chaparral Ridge, and Chaparral Valley outside of the Lake facility (we have nothing to do with Lake operations). We meet on a monthly basis at Lake Chaparral Boat House to address a progressive agenda.

The cost of membership is **\$20.00** for one year. Without the value of the Community Association, we would not be able to keep you informed of important events and factors affecting our community as a whole. Please consider becoming a member if you are not already one. We are a non-profit organization and your membership goes towards community events, programs, and operating costs as mentioned above.



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**In Person:** Residents can purchase their memberships at the at the Chaparral Lake House, South Fish Creek Recreation Complex, Trico Centre for Wellness

**Mail:** Chaparral Community Association, P.O. Box 58001 – Chaparral RPO, Calgary, AB T2X 3V2  
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SAMPLE

Chaparral Community Association  
2014 Family Membership Card

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CCA Membership Representative

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING



**Park Hours: 9:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m. daily (pending ice)**  
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**www.lakechap.ca**

## **Lake Winter Hours:**

Our hours will be open till 8pm until the ice freezes, then it will change to 10pm, please keep posted on our Facebook page or webpage for up to date details on the ice situation.

## **Red Flag Reminder**

Ice fishing and skating on the lake will only be permitted when management determines that the ice is safe for all resident and guests and the "DANGER THIN ICE" signs are removed.

**"Red Flag" – Water Front/ Lake Ice is Closed or Dangerous**

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## **Holiday Hours:**

December 24 – 9am-6pm

December 25 – 12pm-6pm

December 31 – 9am-8pm

January 1, 2017- 9am-8pm

## **Upcoming Events:**

## **Annual Skate with Santa-Friday December 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6-8pm**

Please join us for our annual skate with Santa! Treats and hot chocolate and more! This event is free to residents and their guests but we ask that you please bring a donation for the **Calgary Food Bank**.

## **Family Fun Skate January 1, 2017 from 1-3pm**

Come welcome in the New Year with your family, friends and community, there will be hot chocolate to keep warm and various activities to do here at the lake. Bring your skates and toboggans and plan to start this New Year with smiles and great memories.

## **Programs**

Registration for the following programs is 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.

## **Senior Programs**

### **Senior Games**

#### **Monday's 12-3pm**

Attention all seniors! Come out to socialize with your neighbours and friends, play games and enjoy coffee at the lake house. Cost: \$1.00/person drop-in

## **Walking Club**

### **Tuesday's and Thursday's 10am-12pm**

We meet outside the lake house (by the flags) around 10am to start our walk.

Our walks usually last 1 hour and then we meet inside the lake house for coffee and a visit.

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## **Winter Programs**

### **Devotion Danceworks**

#### **Winter Classes: Monday through Thursday (times vary)**

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## **Sportball**

### **Winter classes to be announced.**

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### **251<sup>st</sup> Chaparral Scouts**

**Tuesday's 6:15-7:15pm**

**Wednesday's 6:15-9:00pm**

Beaver Scouts (age 5-7) and Scouts (age 11-14)

Please visit [www.scouts.ca](http://www.scouts.ca) for more information.

## **Zumba Fitness**

### **Mondays 7-8pm**

Dance like no one else is watching!

Come dance to Latin Rhythms while you sweat! For more info or to register, contact Maya at [maya.cerutti@gmail.com](mailto:maya.cerutti@gmail.com)

## **Kripalu Yoga Classes**

### **Winter classes**

Tuesday Mornings

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Wednesday Mornings

Kripalu yoga is a gentle introspective practice that focuses on the intertwining of breath and movement.

For more information and to register please call Tanya at 403-805-6558 or email [Tanyayogagirl@gmail.com](mailto:Tanyayogagirl@gmail.com)

## **Gentle Yoga with Patty**

### **Thursday's 7-8pm and 8-9pm**

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## A Wonderful Christmas Story

Christmas often comes at the coldest part of the year, but it is also the warmest and cheeriest of all our holidays. Perhaps, it is the sparkle of glowing lights that warm our hearts, or the bright tinsel and colorfully wrapped gifts beneath the tree, or Santa Claus, or the cup of Christmas cheer that family and friends share. Actually, it is all of these and something more. It is the Spirit of Christ, the celebration of His Birth that rekindles the spirit of giving and loving in all of us! It is the time of year when we think of friends and family and count our many blessings.

I would like to share a story that I found in my Christmas files from years ago that speaks to all of the above. The author is unknown.

A man named Bob May, depressed and broken-hearted, stared out his drafty apartment window into the chilling December night. His four year old daughter Barbara, sat on his lap quietly sobbing. Bob's wife Evelyn, was in the hospital dying of cancer. Little Barbara couldn't understand why her Mommy could never come home. She looked up into her Dad's eyes and asked, "Why isn't Mommy just like everybody else's Mommy?" Bob's jaw tightened and his eyes swelled with tears. Her question brought waves of grief, but also of anger. It had been the story of Bob's life, as life had to be different for Bob. Small when he was a kid, Bob was often bullied by other boys. He was too little at the time to compete in sports. He was often called names he'd rather not remember. From childhood, Bob was different and never seemed to fit in. Bob did complete college, married his loving wife and was grateful to get his job as a copywriter at the Montgomery Ward Department Store during the Great Depression. Then he and his wife were blessed with a little girl. But it was all short-lived. Evelyn's bout with cancer stripped them of all their savings and now Bob and his daughter were forced to live in a two-room apartment in the Chicago slums. Evelyn died just days before Christmas in 1938.

Bob struggled to give hope to his child for whom he couldn't even afford to buy a Christmas gift. But, if he couldn't buy a gift, he was determined to make one – a story book for his little girl. Bob had created an animal character in his own mind and told the animal's story to lit-

tle Barbara to give her comfort and hope. Again and again Bob told the story, embellishing it more with each telling. Who was the character? What was the story about? The story Bob May created was his own autobiography in fable form. The character he created was a misfit outcast like he was. The name of the character? A little reindeer named Rudolph, with a big shiny red nose. Bob finished the book just in time to give it to his little girl on Christmas Day. But the story doesn't end there.

The general manager of Montgomery Ward caught wind of the little storybook and offered Bob May a nominal fee to purchase the rights to print the book. Wards went on to print "Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer" and distribute it to children visiting Santa Claus in their stores. By 1946, Wards had printed and distributed more than six million copies of Rudolph. That same year, a major publisher wanted to purchase the rights from Wards to print an updated version of the book. In an unprecedented gesture of kindness, the CEO of Wards returned all rights back to Bob May. The book became a best seller. Many toy and marketing deals followed and Bob May, now remarried with a growing family, became wealthy from the story he created to comfort his grieving daughter. But it doesn't end there either.

### Now For The Rest Of The Story:

Bob's brother-in-law, Johnny Marks, made a song adaptation to Rudolph. Though the song was turned down by such popular vocalists as Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra and Dinah Shore, it was recorded by the singing cowboy, Gene Autry. "Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer" was released in 1949 and became a phenomenal success, selling more records than any other Christmas song, with the exception of "White Christmas."

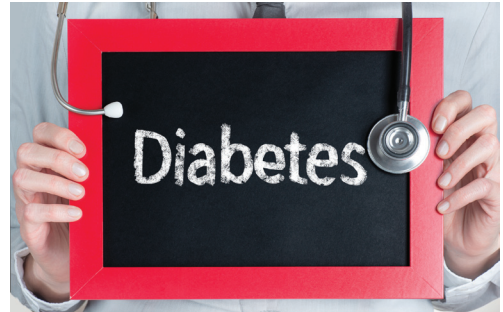
The gift of love that Bob May created for his daughter so long ago kept on returning back to bless him again and again. Bob learned an important lesson from this experience, which just like his dear friend Rudolph, being different isn't so bad. In fact, being different can be a blessing!

In closing, I wish you love and best wishes for a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. May you be blessed with a season of good times, good health and may all the Seasons of your life be filled with Peace and Joy!

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Trivia

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Friends' membership benefits include discounts on courses like the popular Autumn, Winter and Spring Birding Courses, a subscription to our newsletter *Voice of the Friends*, regular notifications about programs and events happening year-round in Fish Creek Provincial Park and admission to educational Fish Creek Speaker Series presentations.

We hope that you and your family have enjoyed some of the community-focused activities we help organize here in Fish Creek Provincial Park, such as Parks Day & Creekfest, A Taste of Autumn, the Fish Creek Community Fair and the Wellness Showcase. Minibus tours focused on nature, photography and history allow more people to experience this park.

Popular Wellness sessions, like full moon meditation, yoga, Qi Gong and painting provide new and innovative ways to bring people together and celebrate nature. Please visit [www.friendsoffishcreek.org/friends-of-fish-creek-membership-signup](http://www.friendsoffishcreek.org/friends-of-fish-creek-membership-signup) to renew your membership or complete and mail in the form below. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you in the park.

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Choose to come on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays at 9:15am, Saturdays at 9:00am, or on Sundays at 9:00am or 1:15pm. Reserve early as each group size is limited to 12 participants.

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## What is the difference between the **Chaparral Community Association (CCA)** and the **Chaparral Residents Association (CRA)**?

**The Chaparral Community Association** is a volunteer run organization that represents the residents of Lake Chaparral, Chaparral Ridge and Chaparral Valley.

Your Community Association 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 residents on education, transportation, environmental and infrastructure issues.

The CCA supports organized sports, community programs and social programs. The CCA supports and publishes the community publication The Trailblazer to help keep you better informed. For inquiries please see the list of CCA volunteers in the Trailblazer or email [ask@chaparralcommunity.com](mailto:ask@chaparralcommunity.com).

Membership is a voluntary \$20 per year.

**The 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 CRA. 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 CRA's employs a facility director, Nancy Connors, under the direction of a volunteer Board of Directors.

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## Xmas mince pies

Mince pies - a traditional holiday meal from the UK - were originally filled with meat, such as lamb, rather than a dried fruit mix as they are today. They were also first made in an oval shape to represent the manger that baby Jesus slept in, with the top representing his swaddling clothes.



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## December at Trico Centre

Trico Centre for Family Wellness is a non-profit, community-owned and operated recreation facility. Our memberships are affordable and our programs are family-friendly. With a membership, you can work out in the fitness centre, take more than 70-drop-in fitness classes a week, use the gymnasium, swim, skate, or play shinny, plus you get 20% off our fun, active registered programs.

Residents of communities partnered with Trico Centre (yours!) pay 20% less for a Trico Centre membership with presentation of a community association membership or payment of the Community Support Fee (which is sent to your community association.)

## Wellness Access Program/Helping Others

- December can be a strenuous time on the budget. The Trico Cares program offers **fee assistance** for memberships and admissions. Plus, we have partnered with organizations that offer fee assistance for programs (Canadian Tire Jumpstart, KidzFirst, KidsSport.) See [www.tricocentre.ca](http://www.tricocentre.ca) for details.
- For the fifth year, Trico Centre invites you to help those less fortunate in Calgary by dropping off items for Inn from the Cold. List of needed items available at Trico Centre and on our website. Drop off items until Thursday, December 15.

## Register for Winter Programs

- Winter program registration begins November 15 and 15<sup>th</sup> for members and November 16 for general public. Swimming, skating, sports, creative, dance, gymnastics, adult fitness, winter break day camps.

## Student Holiday Passes

- Students, want to stay active over the holiday break? Trico Centre offers student holiday passes: Post-Secondary Students (18-24yrs), valid between November 7 and December 31, \$56; Youth Students (12-17 yrs) valid between November 14 and December 31, \$32; High School Student January Exam Stress Release Pass, January 1-31 just \$22.
- Gift of Health – give the gift of health this season. Gift a friend or loved one with a 10-Visit Pass or a Trico Centre Membership. See Guest Services for details.



## Adults, Older Adults

- Adult fitness in December: Candlelight Christmas Yoga: Treat yourself to a relaxing yoga class before the celebration begins – December 23, 10:30am – 12pm, Ride on New Year's Eve: Get a jump start on your New Year's goals with this invigorating spin class, December 31, 12 – 1:30pm.
- More than 70 drop-in fitness classes every week – including aquafitness in our newly refurbished pool. Free for members, drop-in fee for non-members. See the Drop-In Fitness schedule at [www.tricocentre.ca](http://www.tricocentre.ca) under the Schedules tab or pick up a copy at Guest Services.
- Bones and Balance, Chair Yoga, and Balance Builders: Fall Prevention Program for Older Adults: These multi-week registered programs start in January – registration is open now.

## Families, Children & Youth

- Family Skate with Santa – come join Santa for a seasonal craft session, leisure skate to festive music, hot chocolate, and cookies. Saturday, December 17, skate from 10am-12:30pm, other activities 12:15-2pm. Member family \$15, non-member family \$20.
- Holiday Drop-In Day Camps. Join camp for a full or half day, whatever works for you and your family. Pre-register due to limited spaces. 6-12 yrs, December 19-23, 26-30, and January 2-6. See Program Guide or [www.tricocentre.ca](http://www.tricocentre.ca) for details.
- Winter Break Swim Lessons. Trico Centre is offering Winter Break swim lessons from December 19-23 and 27-30. See Program Guide or [www.tricocentre.ca](http://www.tricocentre.ca) for details.

Trico Centre is located at 11150 Bonaventure Drive SE. Residents of partnered communities' pay 20% less for memberships than those who reside outside partnered communities. Phone: 403-278-7542 or see [www.tricocentre.ca](http://www.tricocentre.ca) to find out more.



## Chaparral Real Estate Update

### Last 12 Months Chaparral MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
October 2016	\$471,900.00	\$465,500.00
September 2016	\$552,400.00	\$539,400.00
August 2016	\$514,900.00	\$499,000.00
July 2016	\$499,900.00	\$475,000.00
June 2016	\$516,200.00	\$504,500.00
May 2016	\$449,900.00	\$445,000.00
April 2016	\$493,800.00	\$484,900.00
March 2016	\$469,888.00	\$455,000.00
February 2016	\$492,200.00	\$487,500.00
January 2016	\$487,000.00	\$472,000.00
December 2015	\$539,500.00	\$525,000.00
November 2015	\$488,777.00	\$470,000.00

### Last 12 Months Chaparral MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Stats

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
October 2016	24	14
September 2016	15	6
August 2016	13	13
July 2016	18	15
June 2016	24	22
May 2016	24	23
April 2016	25	23
March 2016	24	11
February 2016	25	12
January 2016	22	10
December 2015	13	5
November 2015	9	9

To view the specific SOLD Listings that comprise the above  
MLS averages please visit [chaparral.great-news.ca](http://chaparral.great-news.ca)

## IN & AROUND SCHOOLS

### Sundance School

The holiday season is upon us and we are entering into the last month of 2016. Everyone at Sundance School would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and joyous holiday season!

December 2nd is a non-instructional day (no school for students).

We will be having our first Sundog Snack of the year on Wednesday December 7th. Students will be enjoying kernels popcorn. Kindergarten students can also partake in Sundog Snacks. You can log on to [www.healthy-hunger.ca](http://www.healthy-hunger.ca) now to order the December snack and to order all available snacks and lunches if you would prefer.

The students and staff have been working very hard to bring you the ever-popular Christmas Concert on December 8th. There will be performances during the day and evening. More information will follow in the newsletter.

December 16th is the last day of classes before Winter Break. Both AM and PM kindergarten students will attend that day. School is then closed for the break with classes resuming Tuesday January 3rd 2017.

Have you subscribed to receive messages from the Calgary Board of Education and our school? To do so please go to [www.cbe.ab.ca/subscribe](http://www.cbe.ab.ca/subscribe) to enter your email address and click Subscribe.

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## GREENERY

Holly, Ivy and other greenery, such as Mistletoe, were originally used in pre-Christian times to help celebrate the Winter Solstice Festival and ward off evil spirits and to celebrate new growth.





## COUNCILLOR, WARD 14 PETER DEMONG

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Hi Everyone!

It's the holiday season, and I hope you will have some time to spend with friends and family. Here are a few notes that will help you during December.

### Snow and Ice Control

It is a good thing to mention once or twice a year... The City maintains over 16,000 lane kilometres of road excluding Deerfoot and Stoney Trail, which are the Province's responsibility. Naturally, maintaining this amount of road requires prioritization. That is why the City endeavors to maintain all roads seven days from the end of a snowfall. You can expect a major road like Macleod Trail to be cleared within 24 hours of the last snowflake, while your own street will likely be taken care of within day 3-7. Parking bans may be called if you live on a Snow Route. They are marked by a blue sign with a white snowflake.

The City clears about half of its 800 kilometres of pathway too. How do we decide what pathway to clear? That is based on a combination of volume, steepness, and the connections that it makes. Pathways are to be cleared within 24 hours of the last snowflake.

Sidewalks are the responsibility of the property owner. They are to be cleared within 24 hours of the last snowflake.

I highly recommend downloading the City's Roads App. It will have all the latest updates on Calgary's roads. [Calgary.ca/snow](http://Calgary.ca/snow) and [calgary.ca/roadconditions](http://calgary.ca/roadconditions) will have that information too. You can also call 311 and ask.

### Natural Gas Carbon Levy Information

The Province's carbon tax levy is going to be a tough pill to swallow for most of us, but that doesn't mean that you can't be prepared. Budgeting is an extremely important habit to get into, and I am very happy that Enmax is helping people do that. Along with posting general information on their blog ([enmaxonforyou.ca](http://enmaxonforyou.ca)), they have provided customers with individualized estimates of the carbon tax levy. If you haven't already looked over your estimate and the blog, I suggest you do so. There is information there that is likely to save you money.

### Reporting Street Light Outages

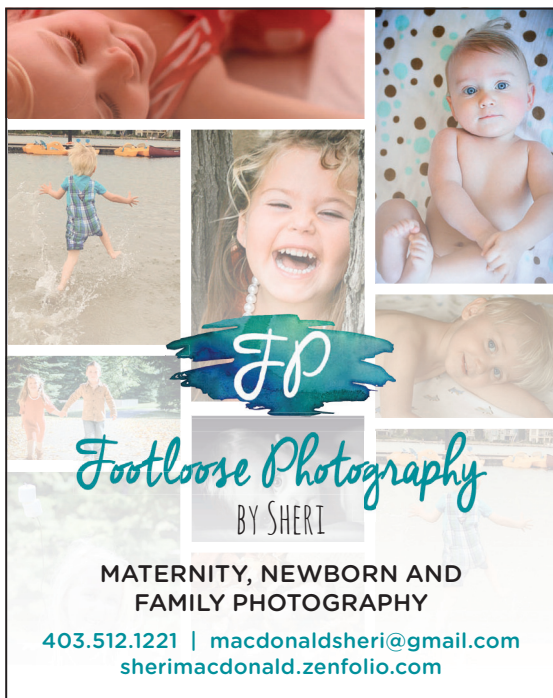
We have a really neat new way to report street light outages. You will be able to select street lights that are out, flickering, or burning during the day on a map to indicate that they need repair. Keep in mind that the City is not responsible for the repair of streetlights in back alleys, parks and recreation areas, or Deerfoot Trail, Stoney Trail North, or Stoney Trail South. To find the map and get more information go to [calgary.ca/streetlights](http://calgary.ca/streetlights).

### Counciltalk

Now I would like to look forward to the upcoming year, because in January my Counciltalk sessions will begin again. I won't go into too much detail because I think many of you already know what they are about. If not, you can learn more at [calgary.ca/counciltalk](http://calgary.ca/counciltalk) and sign up to receive important updates about things like Counciltalk at [calgary.ca/ward14connect](http://calgary.ca/ward14connect).

We will be starting at the Lake Bonavista Community Centre this year. You are welcome to join me in the multi-purpose room on Saturday, January 28 from noon to 2 p.m. I hope you can come!

Thanks for reading. Have a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and joyful New Year!



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