



Parkvale Post Dispatch

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Our Mission Statement

To promote a sense of community by enhancing and preserving the quality of living and the historic character of our unique neighbourhood.

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Last year we experienced beautiful moments in spite of many hard times. We witnessed many small acts of kindness in Parkvale. Small acts that fuels our sense of community!

We grateful for the times we were able to come together in person like Green Deer Day, the Annual Plant Exchange and the first ever Parkvale Garage Sale. We are grateful for the technology that allowed the Board of Directors to meet several times online to continue its work in serving the community.

A whole new year is ahead of us and we look forward to the good things that are to come. We remember that its not the destination so much as the journey that makes life beautiful. So let's all be a little more gentle and loving to each other. It is together that we will continue to make Parkvale an amazing place to call home.

Wishing everyone in Parkvale 12 months of **love**, 52 weeks of **happiness**, 365 days of **fun**, 8,760 hours of **joy**, 525,600 minutes of **good luck**, and 31,536,000 seconds of **good health!**

Here's to better times ahead in 2022!

Important Parkvale Dates

PCA Board Meetings are generally held every two months, on **2nd Tuesday at 7 pm** and there are no meetings in the summer. If you wish to attend/speak at a meeting, please inform the PCA President one week prior to the meeting by e-mail at parkvalerd@gmail.com.

Board Meetings (in person or Zoom) for 2022 are scheduled as follows: April 12, June 14, September 13 and November 8. AGM date is still to be determined.

Drop us an email at parkvalerd@gmail.com with your suggestions!

Event Plan for 2022

The Board has not scheduled any **indoor** social gatherings for 2022. *You know why!* **But** we are not giving up on reconnecting the community **asap**.

We are going to be nimble and creative. As soon as it is safe to gather, we will host an event! Our faithful Board Member Bob Coffey will put up signage at the Pioneer's Lodge, we will post information on our Facebook page and if possible, we will include info in the upcoming newsletter. So please stay tuned!



Events that will most likely take place are **Green Deer Clean-Up Day** on Saturday, May 7 and the **Annual Plant Exchange** on Saturday, June 4.

Future **newsletters** are scheduled to come out in April, June, September and November.

Some of you may be wondering about our **Annual General Meeting** which should have been held last October. While rarely a very exciting meeting, an AGM is necessary to maintain our societies status. We are working with AB Government Corporate Services to figure out the best way to proceed.

In the meantime, current board members agreed to continue in their roles until elections can be held at an AGM. If you are interested in serving on the Board, we would REALLY, REALLY appreciate the extra hands! Two positions are open.

If you have any questions on the affairs of the PCA, please drop us an email or call us. See the front page for contact information.

2021-2022 Membership

The Parkvale Community Associations is a registered society with a mission to enrich the quality of life in our neighbourhood.

The focus is on enhancing community pride and spirit by hosting social events like the 40th Anniversary

street celebrations in 2020 and undertaking neighbourhood improvement initiatives such as the Green Deer spring clean-up and the Annual Plant Exchange.

The association also shares information with residents through a newsletter and Facebook page.



The Association acts as a unified voice on issues affecting our community and may provide input into the planning and development process.

Purchasing a membership is a great way to get involved and show your support for the many ways your neighbours work to ensure you love where you live. **Even better... It only costs \$5.** Members get an annual \$50 discount on a Pioneer's Lodge rental fee.

Leave a message at 403.346.3643, or send us an email at parkvalerd@gmail.com. We will get in touch with you asap.

Or you can send us an Interac e-transfer to pioneer.lodge.reddeer@gmail.com. Include your name and address in the message section.

A big thank you to those of you who have renewed your membership this year.

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Staying Active in Parkvale

Parkvale is blessed with amazing recreational facilities at its door step.



Enjoy the bright, warm and safe indoor walking track **free of charge** at the Servus Arena. The walking track is 206 metres so five laps around the track is

approximately one kilometre. The track is open for drop-in use Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Also **free skating** is back! It is offered on the first Thursday of the month from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Wash away the winter blues at the Recreation Centre. It is your feel-good destination for serious swimming and family fun. A wide variety of drop-in fitness programs for adults, children and family are offered. So find a time that fits your schedule and get active today!



For outdoors activities, check out the cross-country trails in Barrett Park. Once again, we thank our phantom trail maker and assistant for volunteering their time, expertise and equipment to make and maintain the trails.



Board News

Our finances are still strong thanks to membership dues and proceeds from the Garage Sale last June. Also, because we didn't hold any events last year, we did not incur our typical expenses. As of January 5, we have \$3230 in our chequing account and \$3244 in our savings account.

The Board continues to oversee the operation of the Pioneer's Lodge. Over the last two years, we have incurred losses. Luckily, we had a good reserve tucked away in a GIC. We really hope to break even this year, even with Covid restrictions. Thank you to Heather McKinnon, rental coordinator and caretaker, for your hard work, your patience and your commitment in these difficult times.

Three years ago at our AGM, the community asked the Board to speak with the City of Red Deer about building an outdoor skating rink in Parkvale. Our discussions have not been successful **YET!** We will continue our efforts in 2022.

A community garden in Parkvale is something that has been proposed several times over the few years. At our last meeting, the Board agreed to take a first step to investigate the possibilities. Fingers crossed!

Neighbourhood Watch coordinator Trudy Morelli asks that we keep an eye out for our neighbours. Maybe let them know when a package is at their door. Take time to make sure they are doing OK during these sometimes lonely times.

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Pioneer's Lodge on History Channel

In the next month or so, an episode of a documentary series about Canadian War stories for History Channel will be filmed at the Pioneer's Lodge. Each episode will see present-day Canadians go on a genealogical investigation to uncover the incredible military stories of their ancestors.



One of the stories to be featured is about a Black Canadian soldier named Samuel Watts who enlisted in Alberta as part of the 187th Battalion Band and went overseas. When he got to Europe, he was re-assigned to the 50th Battalion and died in the Battle of Hill 70.

Many veterans of the 187th and 50th Battalions were frequent visitors at the Pioneer's Lodge and a photo of the 187th hangs in the Lodge. While working with our local historian Michael Dawe, the producer were made aware that it was in the Pioneer's Lodge that a veteran told Michael an incredible story about Samuel Watts. How exciting!

Humour Corner

Being a little older, I am very fortunate to have someone call me every day. He is from India and he is very concerned about my car warranty.

They say every piece of chocolate you eat shortens your life by 2 minutes. I've done the math. It seems I died in 1537!

Someone knocked at my door last evening. When I opened it, I saw the pizza delivery guy holding a pepperoni pizza with extra cheese and onion rings. "I haven't ordered any pizza," I said. "This must be a mistake." "I know," he replied. "Your neighbour forgot his Facebook password and wanted to show you what he was eating for dinner."

They say we can have gathering with up to eight people without issues. I don't know eight people without issues.

We all know mirrors don't lie. I am just grateful they don't laugh.

One minute you're young and fun and the next, you're turning down the radio in your car to see better.

My husband purchased a world map and a pack of darts on the weekend. He put the map up in the kitchen. "What's that for?" I asked. He gave me a dart and said, "Throw this and wherever it lands—that's where we are going when the pandemic ends." Turns out, we're spending two weeks behind the fridge.

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