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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.

Parkvale St. Patti's Potluck Party

Sunday, March 12 at 3 pm at the Pioneer's Lodge

Happy St. Patrick's Day

*Join your Parkvale neighbours and friends
for wee little party to celebrate the luck of the Irish!*

Bring your special potluck dish,
a few coins for the 50/50 draw,
and \$5 for your 2017 membership.

Party starts at 3 pm - potluck at 5 pm.

Donations to the food bank will be accepted.



Important Parkvale Dates

PCA meetings are held every two months, generally on the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm. PCA members are welcome to attend. If you wish to speak at the meeting, please inform your President one week prior to the meeting by email at pca@parkvale.ab.ca or leaving a message at 403.346.3643.

2017 PCA Meetings: April 20, June 15, September 21, October 19 (AGM) and November 16.

2017 PCA Events: St. Pat's Party on Sunday, March 12, Green Deer Clean Up date is dependent on weather in April and May, Plant Exchange on Saturday, June 3, Picnic in the Playground on August 27 and Christmas Party on Sunday, December 3.

Drop us an email, pca@parkvale.ab.ca, with your suggestions!

Pioneer's Lodge Snow Clearing

PCA Secretary Rita Schuetz attended the City of Red Deer Fall Forum in November. The question about who is responsible to



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clear snow around City facilities like the Pioneer's Lodge was asked by many community association.

The City standard is to have at least one sidewalk cleared on all streets. If there are residences on one side of the street, the City assumes that residents are clearing their sidewalks as per the by-law. The City will not remove snow on sidewalks across from these residences. For more information, see the City's website at reddeer.ca.

Protect Your Identity



Guard against identity theft by destroying no-longer-needed personal documents at AMA shredding events to be held every weekend in April and May. AMA members can dispose of

sensitive papers, CDs and DVDs (maximum six boxes) for FRE. **Donations to food bank greatly appreciated!**

Canada 150 in Parkvale

To celebrate and honour Canada's 150 birthday in 2017, the PCA is considering two projects.

The first one would involve hiring a summer students to help us get our archives organized. We have applied for funding from the government Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP). Should our application be successful, we feel that it would result in a very nice legacy, one that would include a professionally developed **Archives**

System that will protect valuable materials documenting our history. Luckily we have the support of our City archivist and historian Michael Dawe. Jeanne Davis is spearheading this project.

The second project we are contemplating is the **Beautification of 47 Avenue**. The proposal is for the PCA to work with the City to install big flowerpots on the boulevard along the East side of 47 Avenue. It is very much at the initial stage as the committee as yet to meet with the city at the time of this writing. The dream is for the PCA to purchase concrete flower pots and ask the City to plant and maintain their content. Rondo Wood with Caitlin leDrew are leading this project.

If you are interested in either of these projects or if you have concerns or questions, please contact us via our email or by phoning us (see front page).

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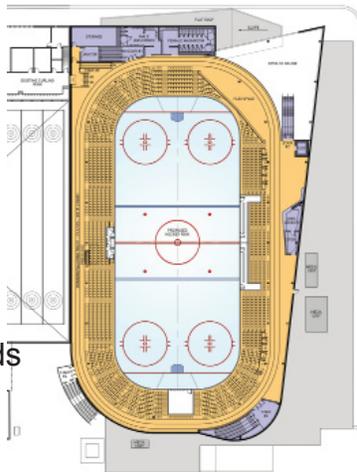
Downtown Arena Update

The new Downtown Arena is currently under construction and is expected to open in the fall of 2018.



The facility will offer an enhanced experience for those in the stands, including a room temperature spectator area, welcoming gathering spaces and an indoor walking track for the community.

Skaters will be greeted with more team space, modern change rooms, and access to warm up areas, skate sharpening and laundry facilities. The facility is also designed to meet energy and environmental standards for a greener and more efficient operation.



Building Community

Over the few months, volunteer neighbours will be knocking on your door inviting you to take out a PCA membership. Take a moment to chat and catch up on the neighbourhood news!

Did you know that Parkvale has one of the lowest crime rates in our City? Could our strong community spirit contribute to our lower crime rate?

Support your community association by becoming a member. **ONLY \$5!** It helps us bring you this newsletter.



It also helps the PCA host several events throughout the year, events like Green Deer and the Plant Exchange that beautify our neighbourhood, socials like our upcoming St. Pat's Party, our Summer Picnic in the playground and our Christmas Party. Becoming a member gives you a voice in the affairs of the organization and an annual \$25 discount on Pioneer's Lodge rental.

Buy your 2017 membership at the St. Patti's Portluck on March 12.

It's all about making Parkvale more healthy, vibrant and safe for all!

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Pioneer's Lodge News



The Pioneer's Lodge is the perfect place for your family gathering, business meetings, small markets and many other events.

Maybe you want to want to have a celebration to honour a graduate in your family!



Congratulations!

It offers a large parking lot, is wheelchair accessible and features a full kitchen. If you prefer, we have a list of excellent caterers that will make your event a real success.

The hall is equipped with a state of the art audio system as well as full size modern projection screen.

Check availability at parkvale.ab.ca. and book online. Or call, Monday to Friday, 403.346.3463.

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Advice Column

You know you are REALLY stressed when you start getting on your own nerves.

Life is short. Smile while you still have teeth.

The more you weigh, the harder you are to kidnap. Stay safe. Eat cake.

If you can't find your kids, turn off the wifi. They suddenly appear.

If you are lonely, dim the lights and watch a horror movie. After awhile, you won't feel alone.

A good laugh and a long sleep are the best cure of anything.

Fifty Bucks is Fifty Bucks

Buddy and his wife Edna went to the town fair every year. And every year, Buddy would say, "Edna, I'd like to ride that helicopter."

Edna always replied, "I know Buddy. But that helicopter ride is fifty bucks and fifty bucks is fifty bucks."

One year Buddy and Edna went to the fair and Buddy said, "Edna, I am 85 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might not get another chance."

To this, Edna replied, "Buddy that helicopter ride is fifty bucks and fifty bucks is fifty bucks."

The pilot overheard the conversation and said, "Folks I'll make you a deal. I'll take your both for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and don't say a word I won't charge you a penny! But if you say one word it's fifty dollars."

Buddy and Edna agreed and up they went.

The pilot did all kinds of fancy manoeuvres but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over, but still not a word...

When they landed, the pilot said to Buddy, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!"

Buddy replied, "Well, to tell you truth, I almost said something when Edna fell out, but you know, fifty bucks is fifty bucks."