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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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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

May your troubles be less and your blessings be more!

And nothing but happiness come through your door!



Do you know the meaning of the old Irish saying "Wetting the shamrock"? If you are planning to meet someone to celebrate this St. Pat's, try saying

"Where will you be wetting the shamrock?"

**Wherever you go and whatever you do,
may the luck of the Irish be there with you.**

Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona duit!

pronounced "Law leh Paw-drig suna ghit"

PCA Board Meetings

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.

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

2021 Annual General Meeting

The 2021 Annual General Meeting should have been held in October 2021. Because of all the turmoil, it was delayed. Now were back in business! Please consider joining us, in person or online. It will be a great way to see one and other after such a long absence!

WHAT: PCA 2021 AGM

WHEN: Tuesday May 10 at 7 PM

WHERE: Pioneer's Lodge or online via ZOOM

WHO: All are welcome. Must be a member in good standing to vote. Memberships (\$5) will be sold at the meeting.

WHY: We need your voice

GUEST SPEAKER: Rob Lewis, CEO, Youth HQ

Do you want to get involved in our community? Consider joining the Board of Directors. Three (3) positions are open. Call or email us if you are interested. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

The commitment is **only 10 hours** in an entire year with 5 meetings from 7 pm to 9 pm. You will enjoy the activities while making new friends!

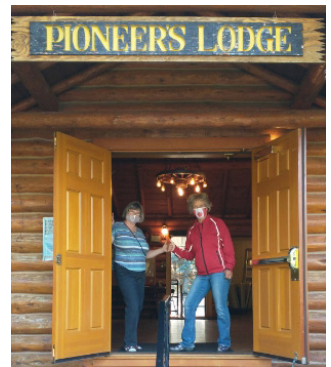
Upcoming Events

On **Green Deer Day** we clean up the neighbourhood and Barrett Park. This year it be held Saturday May 7. Meet at 9 am at the outdoor gym by the areana. The rain date is the following Saturday May 14.

The **Annual Parkvale Plant Exchange** is scheduled for Saturday June 4. If it's a late spring or cold and rainy, the event could be moved to June 11.

Pioneer's Lodge Yoga Centre

Suzanne and Paula are the yoga team at the Pioneer's Lodge. Enjoy mindful meditations on Mondays and several yoga classes on Thursdays. For more information, contact Suzanne at suzblackwell@gmail.com



The Pioneer's Lodge is ideal for family gathering, business meeting, art markets, special celebration and so many more events. With its full kitchen, seating capacity for 80, historic theme, beautiful yard for outdoor activities, your event will be very memorable. Parkvale residents with a current membership enjoy a \$50 discount once a year.

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Parkvale Established in 1905

Parkvale was founded in 1905 during an incredible settlement boom in Red Deer. Although some development occurred when the Agricultural Society purchased land in 1902 for its fairgrounds, the area remained largely undeveloped because of a swampy old river bed that ran along the east side of town. Piper Creek Brickyard was established 1892 on the south end of downtown and the in 1907 the Canadian Northern Railway laid its tracks along the east side of downtown. Parkvale became popular for railway workers, tradesmen, businessmen and professionals. Over the years an eclectic mixture of houses emerged - from modest bungalows to century-old farm homestead and stately brick homes to today's modern residences.

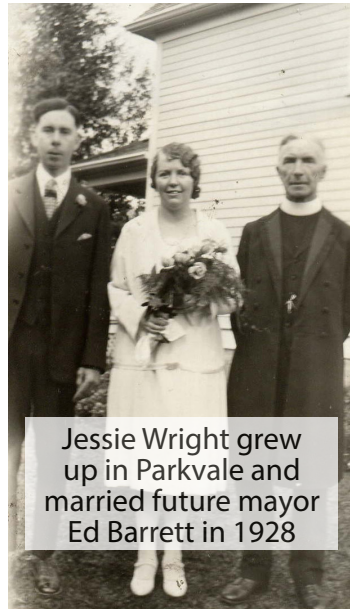


Millie Winter on the footbridge used to cross the slough. Looking East, in the background is Barrie Schultz's house on corner of 45 Street and 46 Avenue.

The Fairgrounds played an important role in the history of Parkvale. It is where baking and horticultural competitions, livestock shows, chuck wagon races and grandstand entertainment enthralled all ages for decades.



Many remember the soldiers training at the Fairgrounds during the first and second world wars. In 1958, the Central Alberta Pioneers and Old Timers Association erected the Pioneer Lodge. This log building is an important landmark in Red



Jessie Wright grew up in Parkvale and married future mayor Ed Barrett in 1928

Deer and a vibrant meeting place. In the late 1970's when developers threatened to change the landscape of the neighbourhood, a group of residents led by former Mayor Ed Barrett was instrumental in changing the land use by-law in order to protect Parkvale's historical character. The Parkvale Community Association was founded in 1980 and continues to carry on the mandate adopted by its founding members.

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Parkvale began seeing major changes when the fairgrounds moved to Westerner Park in 1982. An arena and curling rink were built and three senior developments followed. Barrett Park was born. The slough was filled in to make room for the museum, the Recreation Centre and later the Golden Circle.

The Wright's home built in 1913 still stands on the corner of 45 Street and 45 Avenue. Local artist **Dennis Moffat** was inspired by this home when he created the PCA logo in 2005.



In 2005 Parkvale celebrated its centennial with over 200 past and present residents from near and far. The Parkvale Playground was upgraded with a hard surface basketball court and new benches and tables. Historical street signs were installed throughout Parkvale. The Parkvale welcome signs at the Pioneer's Lodge and on 49 Street were also part of the Centennial Celebrations.



Check out the centennial commemorative rock in the Parkvale playground. It is to inspire many more generations to enjoy and protect our beautiful neighbourhood!

Humour Corner

Opening downtown is a new Sushi restaurant that caters to lawyers. It's called "Sosuemi".

All of my children's punishments have become my adult goals. Sitting down and minding my own business, eating my veggies, staying home, having a nap and going to be bed early!

I tried to re-marry my ex-wife. But she figured out I was only after my money.

I was in a long line at 7:45 am at the grocery store that opened at 8 am for seniors only. A young man came from the parking lot and tried to cut in at the front of the line, but an old lady beat him back into the parking lot with her cane. He returned and tried to cut in again but an old man punched him in the gut. As he approached for the third time he said, "If you don't let me unlock the door you'll never get in."

I got called pretty today. Actually the full statement was "you're pretty dumb." I'm focusing on the positive things.

I said to grandpa "After 65 years you still call grandma darling, honey and beautiful!" He said "that's because I forgot her name 5 years ago and I am too scared to ask!"

I have a bumper sticker that says "honk if you think I am sexy". Then I wait at green lights until I feel better about myself.

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