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# Parkvale Post Dispatch

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## 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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# Annual Plant Exchange

**PERENNIALS | ANNUALS | HERBS**

**Time to clean and organize your flowerbeds!**

Donate / Exchange your garden treasures!

**Saturday, June 4**

**9 AM to NOON**

**@ The Pioneer's Lodge**

If you can, identify your plants and their ideal growing conditions (full or partial sun, shade).

In lieu of plants, you can make a donation to the Parkvale Community Association.

Memberships will be sold at the event. Bring \$5!

## 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 for 2022 are scheduled as follows: June 14, September 13, October 11 (AGM) and November 8.

Drop us an email at [parkvalerd@gmail.com](mailto:parkvalerd@gmail.com) with your suggestions!

## 2020-2021 AGM Recap

The 2020-2021 Annual General Meeting was held on May 10. We apologize for any residents who were blocked from joining the Zoom meeting. We think you were “few” but still we are so sorry... the technology got to us!

We thank all those who came in person and ensured we had quorum... Phew! You really are the best!

We held our annual election. There are three (3) positions open. We could use some help. The yearly commitment is 5 meetings from 7 pm to 9 pm and when possible, attend social events. The best part is hanging out with fellow Parkvale residents.

## Capturing Precious Rain



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and install a new rain barrel at your home, enrol in the Rain Barrel Rebate Program, and earn a credit of up to \$50 on your utility account.

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## Empowering Youth



A big thank you to Rob Lewis, Executive Director at Youth HQ for sharing the Youth HQ story at the AGM. We enjoyed hearing to the different programs that are empowering our youth to reach their full potential. Red Deer is definitely a richer community for all the work Youth HQ does. Thank you Youth HQ for your passion , commitment and hard work!

## Green Deer - Fun in the Hood



Thank you to over 30 people came out for Parkvale Green Deer Day. Volunteers scoured Barrett Park, both sides for the creek. Some roamed the neighbourhood, from the playground to our laneways, finding the last cigarette butt! As the sun warms, it's so amazing to watch Parkvale turn lush green and free of garbage!

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# Summer Solstice Celebration

The Summer Solstice is the day that signals the official start of the Northern Hemisphere's summer. It takes place when Earth reaches the point in its orbit where the North Pole is at its maximum tilt toward the sun. This produces the longest day in terms of sunlight hours of the year. It's always between June 20 and June 22. This year it's on June 21.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Parkvale Summer Solstice Celebration!

Mark your calendars to join your neighbours on

**Sunday June 19, 2022**

3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

At the Pioneer Lodge

Join us in welcoming summer into our neighbourhood!

There will be refreshments and activities for all.

**Red Deer Symphony Orchestra Trio Entertainment**

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# Bits and Pieces of Parkvale History

You may be interested to know that in 1905 the entire area from “Ross and Main” to the fairgrounds was called “Parkvale Estate”. This is when homesteaders were thinking Red Deer was an up-and-coming place to live, and everything flourished --- modest bungalows to stately brick homes build by the nearby brick-layer, Julius McIntosh.

Parkvale residents benefited from urgent lobbying of City Council in the nineteen seventies and eighties. Mel Bullock was a small man with a huge heart and a mind devoted to protecting Parkvale from multi-structure developments, high rises, and commercial interests. Mel was honoured in 2015 with a plaque at the foot of a tree at the Pioneer’s Lodge.



Sharon & Mel Bullock

From the beginning of Parkvale’s history, the vacant lot at the corner of 45 Street and 46 Avenue had been an unofficial playground for Parkvale kids. It was mid-century when the Kinsmen furnished it with a basketball court.

The Fairgrounds long occupied mid-Parkvale until the Westerner Park was created in 1982. Soon Parkvale’s south became the site of the Recreation Centre, the arena and the curling rink. Why not create seniors’ bungalows? So Parkvale Downs, Parkvale Place and (yes!) Parkvale

Estates were populated. By the 1990s there were 700 residents living in the new sub-divisions.

In 2005, to celebrate Parkvale’s centennial, eighty families were honoured in an historic photo exhibition at the Museum. An enormous granite rock with a commemorative plaque was erected at the entrance of the Parkvale Playground. These days we have “Neighbourhood Watch” and vibrant, vigilant folks who report the other “V” --- vandalism --- to our police when necessary. Generally, we feel safe.

With gratitude to our founders, members and friends of the Parkvale Community Association look forward to “Green Deer” tidying, to an annual plant exchange among neighbours, and in late summer, “The Picnic in the Playground” barbecue. Now let’s hope Red Deer’s health and weather will allow us to fully enjoy Parkvale’ 1<sup>st</sup> Summer Solstice Celebration on June 19!

*Submitted by Rondo Wood in Parkvale Estate, PCA Board Member and Membership Chairperson.*

## Humour Corner

A man went to the doctor, “Doctor every night in my dreams I am playing soccer.” Doctor, “Take these pills, they will help you sleep better.” “Well I can’t take them tonight because it’s the final game.”

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