



# Parkvale Post Dispatch

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Parkvale Community Association Mission Statement:

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

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## Board of Directors

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Social Media	Leslie Lavigne
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## October 8 - Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Please plan to attend YOUR Community Association AGM.

You live in one of the oldest communities in Red Deer. Nestled in the downtown wrapped by parks on all sides, Parkvale was established in 1905. It is a hidden gem that still has a few of the original homes, though newer infills are built almost annually. Did you know that Parkvale was home to three former mayors? Most notable is Mayor Barrett whose name honours one of the most beautiful parks in our city.

Parkvale has always had a strong voice through the Parkvale Community Association, a provincially registered not-for-profit association that oversees the management of the Pioneer's Lodge, a facility owned by the City of Red Deer. The PCA also coordinates social activities that promote and enhance the quality of life in our neighbourhood.

Your community association values your input and has been *your* voice at City Hall, protecting residents' interests many times over the years. Your community association is overseen by an elected board of volunteer directors. It is only as strong as you make it. We have been fortunate to have wonderful residents step forward to sit on your board. But change is good! This year we have a few of those members retiring, making room for new fresh voices. We hope you will consider putting your name forward at this years AGM on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. We also welcome individuals interested in maintaining our website or sitting on our social committee. None of the position require more than a few hours a month with the board meeting once every second month.

Memberships will be available to purchase at the meeting; your membership gives you voting rights AND a discount on the rental fee at the iconic Pioneer's Lodge, the venue for the meeting. It starts at 7:00 pm sharp, but come early to meet your neighbours.

Come out to our AGM to hear and see some of the accomplishments of your present board of directors over this last year. View improvements and upgrades to the Hall! Do you have ideas or concerns going forward? Remember we are only as good and strong as we the residents make it.

**What: AGM**

**When: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm**

**Where: Pioneer's Lodge (Parkvale Community Hall) 4324-46A Avenue**

## Membership Drive

Your \$10/person membership fee supports:

- Social Events
- Printing of Newsletters & Flyers
- Social media – Facebook, Website...
- Insurances
- Member Discount on Hall Rental
- Voting Rights

**Watch for Board Members  
visiting YOU!**

### More on the 2024/2025 Membership Drive

Please support your Community Association by purchasing a membership. Only \$10 per year!

The membership year is September 1 – August 31. If you have bought a membership in 2024 and are renewing, or if you are a new member, it will be in effect until August 31, 2025.

Membership contributes to hosting **social events** throughout the year, supports the publication of the **newsletter**, upkeep of our **website**, and general supplies. **The events are fun, free and enrich our community.** A membership also provides a \$50 discount toward rental of the Parkvale Community Hall.

By purchasing a membership you will have a vote at the annual general meeting where decisions are made to keep our community vibrant and strong. Over the next few months the Directors will be door-to-door talking about membership in, and the work of, the Community Association. It will be your chance to ask questions and provide input and ideas.



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## Keep Parkvale Beautiful and Safe

A clean and tidy yard is not only an aesthetic benefit to your home but also a crucial factor in community safety and security.

In Red Deer, maintaining clear alleyways and keeping properties in good condition is required under the **Community Standards Bylaw 3669/2021**. This bylaw aims to preserve the beauty and safety of the city by addressing unsightly properties, garbage accumulation, and the presence of derelict vehicles(

Clear alleyways are essential for more than just appearance. Unobstructed alleys allow emergency vehicles to access properties quickly in case of a fire or medical emergency. When driveways or alleys are blocked, response times can increase, potentially putting lives and property at risk. Keeping these areas free from debris and overgrown vegetation also reduces hiding spots for intruders, improving the overall security of your property.

Maintaining a clean yard also promotes community pride and contributes to neighborhood safety. According to city bylaws, residents are required to manage weeds and dispose of waste properly, as unkept yards can attract pests and contribute to neighborhood disputes.

For more information on Red Deer's bylaws regarding yard maintenance, residents can refer to the city's official Bylaws page at <https://www.reddeer.ca/city-government/bylaws/>.

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### Summer Workshop

Earlier this summer 22 Parkvale community members attended a workshop presented by Cynthia and Joanna Pohl, Living Lands Landscape and Design ([living-lands.ca](http://living-lands.ca)).

Living Lands is an ecological landscape company based in Alberta dedicated to preserving and building healthy habitats for people, plants, insects and animals. The workshop was made possible through the Reconnect Grant City of Red Deer.

Cynthia is a professional journeyman landscape gardener and accredited green roof professional.

The workshop focused on gardening for biodiversity in zone 3. The importance of creating landscapes that encourage and protect our local habitat. There were many thought-provoking conversations about how we support nature around us through our own yard landscapes.

Each participant went home with four native plants to our area.



This is the type of value your PCA brings to the community! Get involved today!

### Help Wanted: Intern Webmaster

The PCA needs of someone to manage the website at [www.Parkvale.ab.ca](http://www.Parkvale.ab.ca)

This volunteer position (~2 hours per month) impacts Pioneers Hall rentals, event participation etc.

Students, get some work experience in your portfolio, and a letter of Reference from the PCA Board.

*Please, get in touch today!*  
[ParkvaleRD@gmail.com](mailto:ParkvaleRD@gmail.com)

### Upcoming Events

Come have fun at the Pioneer's Lodge!

Dec. 8: Christmas Party

Pot luck. Watch this space for details to follow, but mark your calendar and plan to attend! Santa will be there for kids aged 14 and under.

Do you have a Event idea? Does it include the Parkvale neighbourhood population? Contact your Community Association at [ParkvaleRD@gmail.com](mailto:ParkvaleRD@gmail.com) to include your message in an upcoming newsletter, and be sure to Like and Follow the Facebook page to request a promotional post. [www.facebook.com/ParkvaleReddeer](http://www.facebook.com/ParkvaleReddeer)

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