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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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Upgrades at your PCA Community Hall

Nestled in a beautifully treed lot on the corner of 44 St & 47 Ave you'll find The Pioneer Lodge, Parkvale's Community Hall. The Pioneer's Lodge is a unique and historic meeting place and community hall in Red Deer. Built in 1958 by the Central Alberta Pioneers and Oldtimers Association, it is a reminder of our roots and the hard work of our forefathers in making Red Deer the wonderful city it is today. Today, the Lodge houses an eclectic collection of historical and cultural artifacts. No other community has such a warm and welcoming facility in Red Deer.

The Parkvale Community Association took over management in the early 2000 when our Oldtimers could no longer. Over the years, our association has done several upgrades, and with the help of our outstanding Hall Coordinator, Heather, it continues to be a welcoming facility used by thousands of Red Deerians and Central Albertans every year. Most recently, you may have noticed the attractive new sign installed on the front of the building, clearly identifying it as our community hall. Another upgrade underway, thanks to a grant from our provincial government and support from the City, will include replacing the flooring throughout the facility and installing ceiling fans to help keep things a bit cooler during our increasingly hot summers.

Did you know? As a member of the PCA, you qualify for a **discount** on the **rental fee** for the hall!

Consider hosting your family reunion, birthday party or club meeting right here in your neighbourhood. With a few association-sponsored events happening in the next few months, drop in and see the latest upgrades yourself .

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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! Membership
Drive in May/June**

More on the 2025/2025 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.

All of us have something to offer

Thank you volunteers! There are still openings on the Board, and a variety of committees could use your skills! None take more than a few hours a month, and some are “one-offs” like helping with events. Please consider how you can help keep Parkvale the community that we all love!

Contact us today and stay involved: ParkvaleRD@gmail.com

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Keep Wildlife Wild

We have a lot of wildlife in and around Parkvale. Read on for tips on how to safely co-exist with our wild neighbours.

Never feed wildlife. Wildlife feeding on food from people and human-use areas not only prevents wildlife from getting nutrition from natural food sources, it teaches wildlife to associate people with food. This can lead to problematic, even dangerous, situations that may result in human injury and/or wildlife being destroyed. Wildlife congregating together near these food sources can also spread disease.

Never approach wildlife. It may be stressful for wildlife when someone enters their territory. Over time, wildlife can become accustomed to people, increasing the risk of negative human-wildlife encounters. Always respect the "personal space" of wildlife to help them stay wild. Also keep in mind that bats, skunks and foxes are carriers of rabies and, if seen acting oddly, must be avoided, even if your intention is to help.

Keep your dog on a leash. Even well-trained dogs cannot fight their instinct to bark and chase. This can stress wildlife and cause them to dart into traffic or lead to other unsafe situations, such as a defensive attack.

Keep your cats indoors. Cats allowed to roam make easy prey for coyotes and foxes. Coyotes and foxes that learn easy prey can be found in a neighbourhood will return to that area for future meals, creating potential new problems for the community. Keeping cats indoors also helps protect the native songbirds that frequent the city.

Remove food and shelter that attracts wildlife to your property. Clean your yard of all garbage, pet foods, bird seed, fallen fruit and berries that can serve as a food source for wildlife. Potential shelter, such as the space under decks, patios and outbuildings, should be closed off with durable wire mesh.

Drive carefully. Slowing down when driving near parks, river valleys, golf courses, and other green spaces lessens the likelihood of collisions with wildlife.

Teach your children about wildlife in the city. Children should be taught to make safe decisions and respect wildlife by never feeding or approaching wildlife, putting garbage into garbage cans, not running away when they see coyotes or foxes and keeping their pets leashed and supervised. If you have any concerns about wildlife contact Alberta Fish and Wildlife locally at 403-340-7052. After hours contact Report a Poacher toll-free at 1-800-642-3800.



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SUMMER EVENTS

Green Deer May 4 (or 11 if rainy)

Once again this year the PCA, headed up by a Board member's son will wrangle residents and friends as we gather to clean up our beautiful Barrett Park.

Meet at the permanent gym structure behind the Servus Arena at 9:00 a.m. Enjoy some Tim Horton's treats, then head out and tidy up the park.

June Plant Exchange June 1

Our thanks go to **Len Carlson** for sharing his expertise with people. His knowledge of many of the plants and his books are a bonus.



We look forward to seeing you!

Norwegian Laft Hus Festival June 22

Goats, Folk Art, Food and Fjord Horses! How fun can one festival be? All this and ***much more*** will take place 10 am—4 pm right here in Parkvale. Take in this festival at 4402—47 (next to the Recreation Centre). This event is for the whole family. Plan to attend!

Help Wanted: Intern Webmaster

The PCA needs of someone to manage the website at 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!

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Summer Picnic in the Park...and more!
Come have fun at the Pioneer's Lodge!

June 9: Picnic in the Park

3 pm: visit and board games

5 pm: supper: Hot dogs & Smokies on a bun

provided. *Please bring your favourite salad or dessert.*

Sept. 13: Movie Night—Film title TBA!

Pioneer Lodge 6—8 pm. Popcorn, bottled water, juice/coffee/tea provided.

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.

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