



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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HOLIDAY SPIRIT IN PARKVALE

It's been a few long years since we've gathered in person to celebrate the season. Your Board of Directors, upon hearing concerns from some residents, and seeing the influenza and COVID 19 numbers on the rise again, and after serious deliberation, made the very difficult decision to *cancel* the Christmas gathering this year.



We trust that residents will share the spirit of the season by wishing each other well, and perhaps if you know someone spending the season alone, you might drop a treat or a simple card off. Let people know you care.

For those gathering with family and friends we trust you will have a festive time. Please consider supporting any one of the charities in town that offer much-needed support to Red Deer citizens in need.

There are several local initiatives to choose from. Here are just a few:

- * [Red Deer Food Bank](#)
- * [Gifts for Grandparents](#)
- * [Christmas Bureau Society](#)
- * [Salvation Army Kettle Program](#)



2023 IMPORTANT UP COMING PARKVALE DATES*

Your PCA Directors meet every two months at 7p.m. Members are welcome to attend. If you have something that you wish to address, please email ParkvaleRD@gmail.com at least one week prior to the meeting and we will make ever effort to include it.

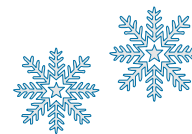
Next Board Meeting
February 16, 2023

Community Gatherings
St. Patrick Day—March 12, 2023

**Due to the uncertainty of large gatherings, these are tentative and will be confirmed closer to the dates.*



Note From The Board



Your community association has been a strong presence in your neighbourhood for many years because of the unselfish volunteerism of many wonderful residents. They stepped forward to see that Parkvale remains a vibrant and welcoming community.

Because of that we have seen it revitalized with many new infills, redevelopments and, most importantly, many new and young families choosing to make Parkvale *home*. We also see new people moving into our three south end condo areas. Of course we also have the Parkvale Lodge, home to many seniors right in this gem of a neighbourhood. ***We truly have a great mix of homes and residents.***

Your Community, Your Community Association

The Parkvale Community Association (PCA) exists to provide opportunities for residents to gather for fellowship and/or to talk about our community. It is here to advocate with the municipality on issues important to PCA residents, and to oversee the management of the Pioneer Lodge, our wonderful, historic Community Hall.

All of us have something to offer

There are always opportunities for residents to get involved. 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

Thank You to Departing Board & Committee Members

Several Parkvale residents who have been involved for many years have decided to focus their talents and passions away from the PCA Board or committees. We hope that we'll still see them participating in our great community!

We want to **THANK Jeanne Davis** who has held almost every role on the board; **Rita Schuetz** who served 26 years (!); **Gayle Wood** who was your Vice– President for the last few years; **Virginia Hays** who sat as a Director, then President and in the last number of years on the Pioneer Lodge committee. Their contributions leave lasting impacts on our neighbourhood and we wish them all the very best. Be sure to thank these ladies when you see them out and about in Parkvale!

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Membership Drive & Call for Content

There are many ways *you* can play a part in the PCA.

A **\$5 Membership** includes this newsletter and helps support several free community-building events throughout the year.

Family-friendly events like the spring *Green Deer* and *Plant Exchange* contribute to beautifying our spaces at a very low cost, help to keep our neighbours connected, and foster community. Past events include the popular St. Patrick's Day Party, Summer Solstice Celebration and others.

Members have a voice in the affairs of the organization. You must be a Parkvale resident to become a member.

Donations are always appreciated!

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you all a hug
as it's the
perfect gift.
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Your newsletter is published 4-5 times a year. Do you have things you wish to share? Your input is welcome.

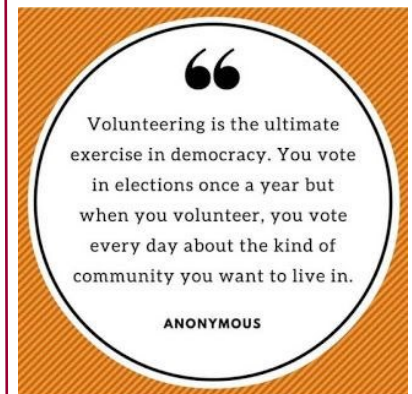
Email your thoughts to:
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PCA is in need of a publisher so if this is something that interests you please contact your Executive via the email above.

Parkvale's Pioneer Lodge is YOUR Lodge

Your PCA membership support helps us manage our community Pioneer Lodge. Members enjoy a **\$50 discount** on Lodge rentals!

Contact us today to book your next special event!
pioneer.lodge.reddeer@gmail.com



Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

ANONYMOUS

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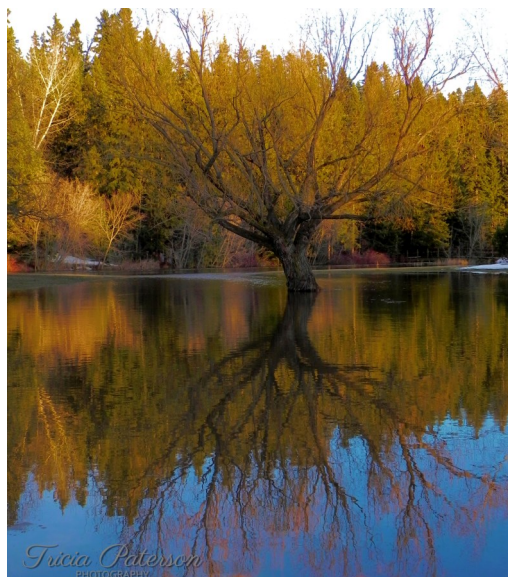
Photo Contest Winner



Tricia Paterson!

Tricia showcased a familiar Parkvale “resident” in an unusual and beautiful setting.

Do you recognize this senior?



Do people drive out of their way just to pass your yard at Christmas?

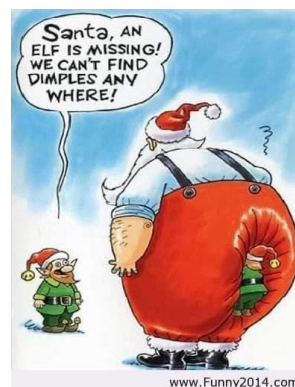
As part of the [Red Deer Lights the Nights](#) which kicked off on November 15th, the city is providing 3 gifts to our community association. We can use these to award residents in our neighbourhood.

We feel another contest coming on!!

Be sure to “Like” our [Facebook page](#) for more...

Your *PCA Board of Directors* sends you and yours our very best wishes as autumn transitions to winter.

We look forward to wonderful things in 2023 as part of this amazing community!



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