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# 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.

Your paragraph text

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#### Board of Directors

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| President      | Len Carlson      |
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#### Standing Committee Chairs

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Gr Deer/Signage | Bob Coffey     |
| Land Use        | Len Carlson    |
|                 | Dawna Morey    |
|                 | Helen Craig    |
| Pioneer Lodge   | Dawna Morey    |
| Social Media    | Leslie Lavigne |
| Newsletter      | Leslie Lavigne |
| Social          | Board at Large |

### Another Parkvale Annual Summer Picnic Success!

Another Wonderful Parkvale Annual Picnic! Well, that wraps up another Parkvale Community Picnic. The day turned out beautifully for those who were able to attend. The children had a fantastic time enjoying the games, with the bouncy castle once again proving to be the biggest attraction. There was an abundance of delicious food, from burgers and hot dogs to a wonderful variety of potluck dishes generously shared by our neighbours.

Guests found comfortable places to gather throughout the grounds—inside the hall, beneath the tents, and even on the grass alongside the building—where they relaxed, visited with friends, and enjoyed the music. It was another great reminder of what makes Parkvale such a special community.

Events like this don't happen without a great deal of planning and many helping hands.

A special thank you to our President, Len Carlson, for arranging the bouncy castle and tents, to Bob Coffey for the signage and for picking up the tents generously provided by Family Services of Central Alberta, to Dawna Morey for preparing the newsletter, posters, social media and for coordinating the insurance and permits, to Helen Craig for organizing the games and purchasing supplies from Costco, to Noreen Onofryszyn for working with our wonderful sponsors at Co-op and for shopping for the food. JoJo Courtice, thanks for being on hand to sell memberships.

A very special thank you goes to Rachel Beltran, our hall manager, whose creativity and enthusiasm added so much to the day. Rachel brought games, created passports and medals for the children, and went above and beyond by helping set everything up and ensuring everything was taken down and ready for the next hall renters. We would also like to recognize her husband for his willingness to lend a hand whenever needed.

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### *Cont'd.. Another Parkvale Annual Summer Picnic*

Finally, our heartfelt thanks go to the organizations whose generous support helped make this year's picnic another memorable community event:

All About Bouncing

Central Alberta Co-op – Red Deer

Family Services of Central Alberta

Central Alberta Chamber Orchestra - CACO

Your support and community spirit are what make Parkvale such a wonderful place to call home. We look forward to seeing everyone again at our next community event!



### **Greater Downtown Governance Project**

#### **Meeting with Parkvale Residents**

**Sept. 8, 2026 @ 7:00PM**

**Pioneer Lodge - our community hall**

**YOUR VOICE  
MATTERS**



**SEPT. 8 @ 7pm**



In July 2025 the following report was received by our City Council: "The Greater Downtown Governance Committee is a joint initiative led by The City of Red Deer and the Downtown Business Association to transform how the broader downtown area is managed and evolved. It recognizes that Red Deer's downtown now comprises multiple neighbourhoods - Historic Downtown, Capstone, Railyards, Parkvale, and Downtown North/South - and aims to upgrade governance, funding, and service delivery accordingly"

Since then the Downtown Business Association has dissolved but the plan moves forward. So what does this mean for Parkvale? How will this enhance or impact our neighbourhood? Those are the questions we have been hearing and so as Chair of the Landuse Committee for Parkvale, Dawna Morey attended the first in a series of meetings to be held by the City. It is clear that the City wants to hear from our residents and so on **Sept. 8, 2026 @ 7pm** residents are invited to attend a special meeting with City staff to find out more and share their views.

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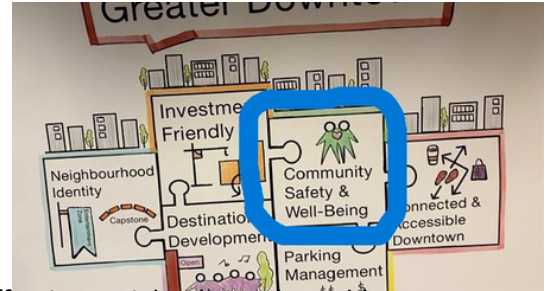


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## Greater Downtown Governance Project - The next public meeting



### Community Safety & Wellbeing:



A business-friendly downtown must be safe, secure and supported by effective social policies that address homelessness and harm reduction.

Downtown safety impacts all of us and navigating challenges requires honest conversation. We invite downtown businesses, property owners, and community partners to a facilitated session addressing identified priorities in our Greater Downtown. Alongside representatives from Hope Mission and the RCMP Downtown Patrol, we'll discuss operational realities, clarify responsibilities, and explore where resources and collaboration could help support all.

DATE: Tuesday Aug. 11

TIME: 5:30 - 7:00 pm

PLACE: Snell Auditorium (4818-49 St., Red Deer)

**Greater Downtown Governance Committee - Everyone is welcome to apply.**

**APPLICATIONS OPEN -- End of August**

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### Red Deer Community Standards Bylaw

Parkvale is often referred to as one of Red Deer's gems, and one of the reasons is our larger yards, mature trees, and beautiful foliage. Residents take great pride in their properties, and together we help make our neighbourhood a wonderful place to call home. Did you know the City has a Community Standards Bylaw? You can find the details by searching Bylaw 3659/2021 on the City's website. The bylaw outlines the responsibilities of property owners and occupants to maintain their properties. During the summer months, some of the key requirements include:

- Keeping grass cut and weeds under control. (Did you know homeowners are also responsible for maintaining the boulevard adjacent to their property?)
- Removing or addressing dead or partially dead trees and shrubs.
- Ensuring trees, hedges, and other vegetation do not obstruct sidewalks, interfere with public utilities, or impair visibility for the safe flow of traffic.
- Keeping properties free of unsightly conditions, including discarded furniture, household appliances, tires, machinery parts, and other accumulated debris.

A little care goes a long way. Let's all do our part to keep Parkvale the beautiful neighbourhood we are proud to call home.

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### Board Position Openings

**Your board is only as strong as the people who join!**

This year there are a number of openings as some people's terms are over.

Are you interested in sitting on the Board or on a committee?

Find out more, speak with a Board member or contact the PCA Board by email.  
[parkvalerd@gmail.com](mailto:parkvalerd@gmail.com)

## Mark your Calendar - Oct. 14, 2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's AGM will be held on Oct. 14, 2026 beginning at 7:00pm @ the Pioneer Lodge, our community hall.

We will begin with a guest speaker to learn more about community gardens. Is there interest in our neighbourhood? What is involved and how can you be a part of one?

After our guest speaker, the meeting will move into the business of the AGM. Hear about what your board has been doing over the last year, and share your thoughts for the next year. Get a report on our financials and then elections will be held to elect your board for the next year.

**Refreshments will be served!**



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