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YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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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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	Dawna Morey
	Helen Craig

Pioneer Lodge	Dawna Morey
Social Media	Leslie Lavigne
Newsletter	Leslie Lavigne
Social	Board at Large



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

OCTOBER 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.

Parkvale is known for having one of the strongest community associations in the city. This is because you, the residents, continue to engage and support the board and it's work. Your board is only as strong as it is when residents step forward and volunteer their time. This year we have some terms that have come to an end and we are hoping to see some of you step forward to keep it strong!

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? (read more on page 3)

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 before elections for board members, residents will be asked to vote on a Special resolution regarding a few bylaw changes (see section included on Special Resolution). Finally election of officers will be held.

Refreshments will be served!



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SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO CHANGE SOCIETY BYLAWS

Parkvale Community Association is a registered non-profit that is governed by a set of bylaws. Those bylaws can be changed over time but must be done by a special resolution presented to the membership at least 14 days prior to voting at the AGM.

This is **notice** of the Special Resolution. The following bylaws are being presented for amendment:

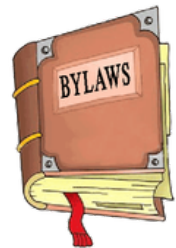
Article 3

Board of Directors and Meetings

2. be composed of not less than nine and no more than twelve members that include one appointed director from Parkvale Place, one from Parkvale Downs, one from Parkvale Estates and the remaining will be elected representatives from Parkvale at large.

Change to read

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Article 5

Executive Committee Duties

Past President

2. will not be eligible to vote at board meeting. Remove clause



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**

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Could a Community Garden Be in Parkvale's Future?

by Len Carlson - PCA President

YOUR VOICE
MATTERS

Over the past few months, several Parkvale residents have approached me about the possibility of creating a community garden right here in our neighbourhood.

The timing may be perfect. The Board has been talking about how we can put our hard-earned dollars to work in ways that improve Parkvale and encourage more community involvement. I've also learned that there are possible grants that could support the project. So, before we go any further, we need to know: Is there enough interest in our community to make this happen?

After looking at what other communities have done and considering the locations available in Parkvale, I believe the Pioneer Lodge grounds are the most practical location. The Lodge already has an outside water tap, plenty of potential growing space and security lighting. I'd also like to explore collecting rainwater from the Lodge roof as part of the project—a great opportunity to incorporate water conservation into the garden.

The plan could include 4' x 4' raised garden beds, with City compost and assistance from the City in determining the best locations for sunlight. Fencing and gates would be essential to protect the gardens from deer, hares, and other unwanted visitors.

And the possibilities are exciting! If there are beds that Parkvale residents don't use, they could potentially be made available to the Food Bank or other local nonprofits, making sure the garden produces something meaningful for our community.

Ken Lehman from Red Deer Recreation, Parks and Culture will be our guest speaker at our AGM to share information about community gardens and what is involved.

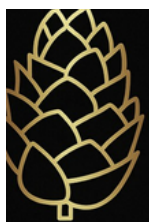
But we need to hear from you!

- 🌱 Would you be interested in having a garden bed?
- 🌱 Would you support a community garden at the Pioneer Lodge?
- 🌱 What concerns or suggestions do you have?



Please come out and share your thoughts or reach out to me through our PCA email parkvalerd@gmail.com. If there is enough interest, let's see if we can grow something wonderful together in Parkvale! 🌻 Len

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Greater Downtown Governance Project Update

Your Community Association recently hosted a meeting with City of Red Deer staff to learn more about the **Greater Downtown Governance Project**. We were pleased to have more than 30 residents attend and take part in a lively and meaningful conversation about the safety and well-being of downtown and Parkvale.

City staff listened carefully and assured us that residents' concerns and comments would be captured. They also agreed to share some of the early findings from the community conversations held to date. You'll find that information included with this newsletter, along with ways to become more involved. There will be further opportunities to share your thoughts. Comments can be emailed as outlined in the City's information, or brought to our AGM and we will ensure they are forwarded to the City.

Halloween @ the Hall

October 31st - Doors Open @ 5:00pm

The PCA is hosting Halloween for the kids at the hall.

5:00pm - 9:00pm

kids activities, prizes for top 3 costumes and of course the candy!!



Membership



Parkvale Community Association
MEMBERSHIP CARD

The holder of this card is a member in good standing for the period of:
Sept 20____ to Aug 20____

Name: _____

Your \$10/person membership fee supports:

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

Mark Your Calendar- Dec. 6th -PCA Christmas Party!

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