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**SAPRAE CREEK NEWSLETTER
WARD 3**



DECEMBER 2016



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SCRS CHAIR UPDATE

thank
you

A big thank you to Erin Fleming and AnnMarie Hintz for organizing our Fall Saprae Creek Ladies Night and Home Based Business Open House, a fantastic turn out and perfect opportunity to support fellow Saprae Creek Residents.

Thank you to Dawn Chartrand of Northern Lights Lunches for providing the food.

Watch for a Spring event in May.

I hope you were able to attend the Community Hall Open House, a new facility at this stage needs all of our input.

I would like to congratulate this years recipients of the Saprae Creek Recreation and Culture Grant:

Graeme Killick, Brooke Voigt, & Sienna Poulin will each receive \$1000 and Aidan Asher, Aara Hornick and Jana Gartshore will receive \$665 each.

It is hard to believe that the holidays are just around the corner and that 2016 is finally coming to an end, lets face it, it will not be missed. December is a busy month with visits with Santa, school concerts, dance performances and holiday parties. I want to wish every single family the best this holiday season.

If you are travelling be safe and all the best for 2017.



THERE WILL BE NO FAMILY Movie NIGHT IN DECEMBER

WATCH FOR ITS RETURN IN JANUARY



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Councillor's Corner - December 2016 by Al Vinni

As the Christmas season nears, surprisingly I find myself with a little more time to attend to things such as doing this monthly check in. The most positive item that I can confirm is that Saprae Creek is the leading neighbourhood in terms of percentage of properties cleaned up, building permits submitted and approved, and actual rebuild starts. This will not surprise any of you as many of you are rebuilding homes that you built in the past so you know what you are doing and have access to the equipment, plans and expertise needed to get your home rebuilt. I wish all of you that are rebuilding continued success with your rebuild project.

Regrettably the RMWB has not always been as prepared and helpful with respect to your rebuild as we all would have hoped. Please continue to inform the Planning and Development Department of what you see that could be improved, and also please continue to forward your analysis of issues to me and the Wildfire Recovery Committee. Everyone at the RMWB really is trying to make the rebuild process proceed as smoothly as possible, but it is a challenge balancing the desire to go fast with making sure things are done right and safe, as the RM sees it from their perspective.

The other aspect of rebuilding is working with your insurance company to get a settlement that sets out what the insurance company is required to, and will do for you. I am told that roughly only 20% of people with lost or damaged property have come to a resolution with their insurance company at this point. That does highlight the fact that this is really an insurance covered disaster, not a governmental coverage disaster like the Calgary-High River flooding was. It means that a lot of effort has to go into understanding your insurance coverage and insisting that your insurer provide the amount and type of coverage that the policy says they must. Please seek help with this process if you are running into roadblocks that are not getting cleared. At this point in the process it is the lack of resolution with insurance companies that is doing the most to holdback progress on the rebuild.

Concerning the damaged trees on government land, the Government of Alberta lands people are working on what the various options might be to remediate our forested land. I anticipate that sometime early in the new year there will be public presentations made of the options available and based on the feedback from residents, as well as the feasibility of each option, decisions will be made on what will be done so that our forested land can grow back in a way that will revitalize our neighbourhoods. Trees Canada, a national non-profit organization, is committed to planting 10,000 trees, so that will be a welcome addition to the reforestation in our region. There truly are a lot of people working with us to recover and with all of our efforts we will successfully rebuild our properties and our lives. We are all pulling together for the same result.

I am just concluding a week of meetings in Ottawa in my role as a member of the leadership group at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). I received support from the FCM that as an organization they will investigate the issue of the gypsum tariff and make recommendations as to what we as an organization may do to rectify this unfortunate federal government decision to impose a tariff of up to 277% on gypsum, greatly affecting the price of building materials such as drywall. Further, in our direct meetings with members of Parliament and the Senate, there was a strong indication that many are at the very least supporting the idea of the government's review of the trade panel's decision, a review scheduled for early January.

Wishing all of you and yours the best of the season and the best of success with your recovery.

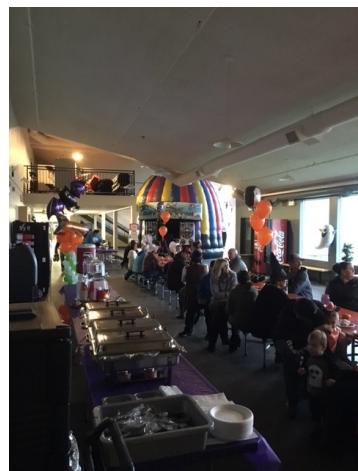
Thx, Al Vinni

Councillor, Ward 3



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Photo Credit: Melanie Reddy



HALLOWEEN PARTY





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IN THE CREEK



THE HUB Parent/Child Program



WHEN: Wednesdays

WHERE: Vista Ridge, Spruce Valley Room

TIME: 10-11:30

NO PROGRAM DEC. 28th

Geared towards ages 0-5, a great way for your child to socialize with similar aged children in Saprae Creek by way of interactive stations and craft time, followed by a light snack.

We thank Vera for her time in the community and welcome Julie who will be taking over the program



Merry Christmas

This is such a great program for families in Saprae when your oldest child(ren) is in school and you want to get the chance to get out of the house once a week and meet some fantastic people in our community.



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Santa Claus Parade & Lights of Christmas.

December 3, 2016



Join us for two great holiday events on December 3

Lights of Christmas

5:30 p.m. at Jubilee Plaza, 9909 Franklin Ave.

Kick off the holiday season with a family bonfire and carols, visit Santa, and watch the Mayor switch on the Lights of Christmas.

Santa Claus Parade

6:30 p.m. starting at Riedel St., the parade will travel north on Franklin Ave. and end at Morrison St.

For information related to rural busing, please contact Donna McQuade at 780-743-7837.

See what else is under Santa's Christmas tree at rmwb.ca/santa.



Tim Hortons



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Bussing from Vista Ridge is being provided by the RMWB
please contact Donna McQuade ASAP to book your seat on
the bus.

A light meal will be served upon arrival.



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CHRISTMAS PARTY!



WHEN: Dec. 17th

WHERE: Vista Ridge

(Main Lodge and Spruce Valley Room)



TIME: 6– 8 pm

Photos with Santa

Turkey dinner

COST: MONETARY DONATIONS TO THE FOOD BANK

THIS IS A PREREGISTERED event if you cannot attend anymore

please contact

AnnMarie: 780-881-2958

SAPRAE CREEK NEW YEARS EVE FIREWORKS



WHERE: VISTA RIDGE

WHEN: DECEMBER 31st

TIME: 8PM





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Rural Water & Sewer Servicing (RWSS) – November Update

As we move into the holiday season we're continuing work in all communities and are on track to finish the RWSS project, aside from service connections, in November of 2019.

Anzac & Gregoire Lake Estates (GLE)

Design work in Anzac is about 60 percent complete. Three construction contracts for Anzac will be tendered in February and March of 2017.

In Gregoire Lake Estates, the design for road and underground pipe (Contract 1) is complete and will be tendered before Christmas.

Designs for the new reservoir, pumphouse and sanitary lift station (Contract 2) are 90 percent complete and will be tendered in early 2017.

Preparation for Contract 3 in GLE (force main to Anzac) is being finalized and will be tendered in summer of 2017 for construction next winter.

Conklin

Contract 2 is being awarded and includes work on the main sewer line, water main, pump stations and water treatment plant. Work on the main sewer line and pump stations begins in December while the work on the water main and water treatment plant to provide water to the school begins in December.

Contract 3 is being prepared for tender and will include installation of water main lines on Pine Lane, Poplar Drive, Conklin Drive and Spruce Drive.

Janvier

Contract 1 is being prepared for tender this fall so that work can begin in spring of 2017. It will consist of water main installations beside roadways along with road rehabilitation work.

Saprae Creek Estates & Draper

There are no specific updates for Saprae Creek and Draper this month although all work remains on schedule.

More information

For more information, please call the Construction Hotline at 780-793-1054, email constructionhelpdesk@rmwb.ca, visit us on Facebook at the Wood Buffalo Rural Community Connection or visit www.rmwb.ca/rwss.





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VISTA RIDGE ALL SEASONS PARK

It has been a busy 6 months and with more than \$1.25 million in work accomplished we are so excited for the opening date of Vista Ridge. Snow is being made and we are getting closer to the opening date. Please like their Facebook Page or go to www.vistaridge.ab.ca for more information.





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REGIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICES

HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY

TEN TIPS TO STAY FIRE SAFE.

- 1 Always stay in the kitchen while cooking.
- 2 Don't leave candles unattended. When you go out, blow out!
- 3 Alcohol and fire are a dangerous mix. Many fire deaths occur when people are cooking or smoking while under the influence of alcohol.
- 4 Keep your Christmas tree well watered.
- 5 Be careful not to overload electrical outlets with lights, decorations and appliances.
- 6 Keep matches and lighters in places your kids can't reach.
- 7 Don't run space heaters near curtains and furniture.
- 8 Stub your cigarettes out completely and dispose of them safely.
- 9 Install at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home, test it monthly and change the battery yearly.
- 10 Create and practice a fire escape plan with your family.

**IN CASE OF FIRE, GET OUT,
STAY OUT AND CALL 911**

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Back to Business Resource Centre

Back to Business Coaching Program

The Back to Business Coaching Program directly connects a business owner and/or managers with one-on-one business coaching and advice with a Certified Management Consultant (CMC).

The purpose of the program is to help local business owners and/or management define issues, set priorities and establish an action plan that can be implemented immediately.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Includes a maximum of 12 hours of support from a CMC.
- Business owners and their management team will be matched with a CMC that has the appropriate background and expertise to assist.
- Develop a tangible action plan with next steps based on the advice of the CMC.
- All appointments are done over the phone or via skype.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY:

- Participant to be at least a 50% owner in business. Participant can designate a staff member to attend on their behalf.
- Operating within the RWMB prior to May 3rd.
- Currently located or headquartered within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

The Back to Business Resource Centre has partnered with the Institute of Certified Management Consultants of Alberta to deliver the Back to Business Coaching Program for businesses affected by the wildfires.

Why the Institute of Certified Management Consultants?

- Consultants must meet certain criteria and undergo an examination to qualify.
- They commit to ongoing training to obtain and maintain their designation.
- CMCs abide by the Uniform Code of Professional Conduct.
- By partnering with the provincial chapter, Wood Buffalo business owners have access to a pool of experienced CMCS from across Alberta.
- Free for qualified businesses.

CONTACT DETAILS:

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economic.development@rmwb.ca
1-855-923-2338

Back to Business Resource Centre
9816 Hardin Street – 1st floor





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The image shows a Facebook post template. At the top, there is a small version of the regional municipality logo and the text "REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO". Below this is a decorative background featuring a network of interconnected nodes in various colors (blue, green, grey) on a white background. A teal-colored callout box contains the main message. The callout has a magnifying glass icon and the text "LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!" in large, bold, white letters. Below this, in smaller white text, is the instruction "Search WOOD BUFFALO RURAL COMMUNITY CONNECTION". To the right of the callout, there is a small profile picture placeholder. A dark blue sidebar on the right side of the post contains the text "THE WOOD BUFFALO RURAL COMMUNITY CONNECTION PAGE IS A GO-TO SOURCE OF INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS." followed by a bulleted list of five items: "Rural programming and events", "Public engagement or information sessions", "Construction notices", "Service changes in your area", and "Other rural news". At the bottom of the sidebar, there is a call to action: "Join our page for easy access to regular updates or ask us questions when you need more information." The overall design uses a color palette of teal, white, and shades of blue and grey.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

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HERE'S HOW:

- 1 Park in Short Term Parking.
- 2 Shop or Dine at any one of YMM's outlets before security.
- 3 Purchase \$10 or more & show your receipt to the parking attendant as you exit.

2 HOURS FREE PARKING!



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MUNICIPALITY NEWS



DECEMBER GARBAGE AND RECYCLE SCHEDULE

Dec. 2nd (Light Blue)



Dec. 9th (Dark Blue)



Dec. 16th (Light Blue)



Dec 23rd (Dark Blue)



Dec. 30th (Light Blue)





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Saprae Creek

Saturday and Sunday

Lv. Main St. at Franklin Ave. Transfer Station	Lv. Gregoire Dr. at Advantage West Inn & Suites	Lv. Gregoire Dr. across from Grenfell Cres.	Lv. Gregoire Dr. at Sawridge Inn & Conference Centre	Lv. Saprae Creek Mailboxes	Lv. Vista Ridge Ski Hill at Spruce Valley Dr.	Lv. Saprae Creek Community Centre	Lv. Saprae Creek Mail Boxes	Lv. Gregoire Dr. across from Sawridge Inn & Conference Centre	Lv. Gregoire Dr. at Grenfell Cres.	Lv. Gregoire Dr. across from Advantage West Inn & Suites	Ar. Main St. at Franklin Ave. Transfer Station
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5:45	5:53	5:55	5:58	6:13	6:17	6:21	6:28	6:43	6:46	6:48	6:56

Shaded area indicates Sunday and Statutory Holiday service.

Note: Saprae Creek operates weekends and holidays only.

Bolded times indicates PM service.



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Community Calendar DECEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 HUB	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 HUB	15	16	17 
18	19	20	21 HUB	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 

Schedule of Programs and Events

- Saprae Creek Volunteer Fire Department Practice Nights: (Mondays)
- HUB: Wednesdays 10-11:30 (NO program on Dec. 28th)
- Saprae Christmas Party Dec. 17th 6-8pm



- Dec. 31st Sapare Creek New Years Eve Fireworks 8PM (VISTA)

**Save
the
Date**

New Years Eve Fireworks
Dec. 31st 8pm
Vista Ridge

