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Around the Creek

Message from the SCRS Board Chair

By Pam Garbin

First I want to wish you and your family a Happy early Easter and safe travels if you are off on a vacation over Spring Break. Spring is in the air and I for one cannot wait to feel the summer heat.



A huge thank you to everyone who came out for our Family Tube Park Event at Vista Ridge this past month. We were again so lucky to enjoy such a beautiful afternoon with neighbors and friends. We were hitting some pretty high speeds down the hill as conditions were just right for some fast runs. Thank you to the Vista Ridge staff for making us spin faster and getting us down and back up the hill safe, Bertinis catering for an amazing meal and our amazing group of SCRS volunteers.

As a group we really love to provide these opportunities to the community and as always welcome any input into NEW ideas or activities. Please do not hesitate to contact one of the board members if you have something that you would like to see in Sapræ Creek. It has been great to see monthly events like Movie Night become so popular as we welcome NEW families into Sapræ Creek.

The students in the Sunday Taekwondo class just went through their first Tip test, it has been great to see the progress they have made over the last 3 months. It is never too late to register, just attend a Sunday class and try it for FREE the first time.



I have heard from the HUB that their program in Sapræ Creek is set to restart in mid April, after Spring Break, watch the Facebook Page for updates.

Please as the snow melts and the ditches fill with water, watch your kids when they are playing outside, some of those water holes can get pretty deep. May will see our Spring Community Clean up Event and BBQ, a chance to make Sapræ Creek look great, watch for details in next months newsletter.

A few opportunities for the teens of The Creek this upcoming May watch for MISSION IMPOSSIBLE to be held Friday, May 15th, from 7-10pm, and starting Friday May 29th, a Youth Group will be hosted in the Spruce Valley Room at Vista Ridge from 6:30-9:30pm.

Have a great month!



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Councillor's Corner - April 2015 by Al Vinni



Hey, just want to say off the top what a blast Tammie and I had at the annual Saprae Creek tubing party. We teamed up with those crazy Hutton's to form the best high speed tube train ever, that went right into the bush off the end of the track. Thanks to our hosts at Vista Ridge led by Kevin, thanks to Bertini's catering for the great meal afterwards and thanks to everyone with the Residents Society for volunteering their time to again make this the best annual community activity we have. Awesome!

As I believe I mentioned last month, I was off to Burnaby for the Quarterly Board Meetings (QBM) of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). I serve on FCM as part of my Council duties, and yes I get to travel to a different Canadian community every three months, but it is not all fun and games. We work a lot on policy and strategy for engaging with the Federal government to get them to do more for our municipalities, including the RM of Wood Buffalo. I am very excited to inform you that at the meetings in Burnaby it was announced that the September 2017 QBM will be held in Fort McMurray. This is 100 elected mayors and councillors, plus 30 or so FCM staff coming to Fort McMurray on their own dime, to experience what Fort McMurray and our region are actually all about. These are people that are positive about our country, and I think we will end up with more than a hundred very influential ambassadors that will describe and explain Fort McMurray to the people of their municipality. I have a standing bet that this will be the most well attended QBM in FCM history, and no one has bet against me yet.

Current economic times are pretty tough, more so for some than others. I, like many of you I'm sure, have struggled to find work at some time in your life; so for those who are looking for work now, I wish you all the best, and hope someone soon realizes how valuable you are.

From a Council perspective, the way I look at things is as follows. We certainly have to be prudent with the money we spend, to try and spend it where it will do the most good for the citizens of this region. However, that does not mean that we slash our budget to the point where we are laying off people and postponing much needed projects. I am very proud of the work our Council have done to this point to balance fiscal prudence with the recognition that we as a significant regional employer and investor need to step up to the plate and attempt to counteract the negative economic effects of the oil companies' efforts to cut their costs.



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So, as a Council, we have stayed the course on our target employment levels, and will continue with a \$300 million dollar capital program as well as our \$500 million dollar operating budget. With the addition of \$200 million or more of spending on capital projects from previous years' budgets, we will inject over a billion dollars directly into the economy of the RM of Wood Buffalo this year, at a time when this spending is desperately needed to maintain employment and incomes for our citizens. It is in the good years to come that we should be reigning in spending, and we will have the chance to do so, as I believe in the long term viability of this region. For now, if we were to cut, cut, cut like the oil companies believe they must, we would only be making a bad situation worse, throwing more people out of work. This is the time when your municipality stands with you and your family by maintaining service levels and stimulating economic activity right here at home. This is the role of government, to step in when the private sector is in a trouble to stabilize a struggling economy. Quite frankly, we could use a few more Federal dollars like the \$25 million that the Feds are announcing for runway expansion at the airport tomorrow morning. Give the province their due; they have given us an unexpected \$12 million additional dollars under the Municipal Sustainability Initiatives program for this year. It was comforting for me to hear Municipal Affairs Minister McQueen say much the same thing that I have said above, that government has to step in when times are tough to keep development of needed infrastructure moving ahead, for the direct benefit of the residents of the municipality where the investment is occurring.

I am optimistic that as we soon move into the bright days of spring and summer, we will also see brighter days on the horizon for our economy. We will get our sewers and roads and new water lines over the next 2 years in our southern communities, and those projects will stand as a testament to our Council's determination to invest for the long term benefit of the people of this region.

Thank you,

Al Vinni, Councillor, Ward 3





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IN THE CREEK



THE HUB Parent/Child Program



Watch the Facebook Page for Updates on this Program
Set to restart after Spring Break



We look forward to offering YOGA in the CREEK
in the Spruce Valley Room at Vista Ridge

Call Pam at 780-881-4974 for more information



Watch for the next round on registration near the
beginning of April on our
Facebook Page
for upcoming
classes in April and May



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AROUND THE CREEK





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family
MOVIE NIGHT



WHEN: Friday April 17th

WHERE: Spruce Valley Room at Vista Ridge

TIME: 6-7:30

COST: FREE

Join us for pizza and a movie

This event is sponsored by the Sapræ Creek Residents Society



This is NOT a drop off event parental supervision is required!

Please respond to the event invitation on the Sapræ Creek Residents Society Facebook Page

For more information Contact Pam 780-881-4974



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TAEKWONDO

Bowman's Taekwondo in Sapræ Creek!

The Sapræ Creek Residents Society is pleased to have Bowman's Taekwondo in Sapræ Creek!

Your SCRS is subsidizing this program, to provide Sapræ Creek Residents with this opportunity, which is great **FOR ALL AGES!** Vista Ridge has graciously allowed us to use their ski lodge lobby for these classes!

Location: **Vista Ridge Main Lobby** **SUNDAYS**

- **6pm – 7pm** **4 to 7 year olds**
- **7pm – 8pm** **8 year olds and up (YES TEENS & ADULTS WELCOME!)**



Membership fees: Students aged 4 to 8 class is **\$50 / month** all other classes **\$75 / month**

(direct withdrawals from your account) – this covers the weekly Sunday evening sessions.

\$115.95 / month - Children, if you also want to attend sessions at Bowman's downtown Dojang

\$125.95 / month – Adults, if you also want to attend sessions at Bowman's downtown Dojang

Uniforms: Bowman's will take uniform orders on an ongoing basis. Try a class to make sure you like it, and then order your uniform.

Equipment: The Sapræ Creek Residents Society will be covering the cost of additional training equipment.

Bring a void cheque, as Bowman's will arrange for direct billing to your bank account for the monthly fee.

Bring a bottle of water, you are going to need it!

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KICKBOXING



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IN THE CREEK

**YOUR MISSION, IF YOU
CHOOSE TO ACCEPT IT...**

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE

(It's kinda like 'Capture the Flag' but **BETTER!!!**)

Join us Friday, May 15th at 7pm

Ages 10-17 welcome!

Meet in the gravel unloading area on Spruce
Valley Drive (where people unload quads)

Wear camouflage or dark clothing you don't mind getting
dirty which will keep you warm (it may be as low as 5°C)

The event ends at 10:00pm

We'll be providing beverages
and snacks after the game

All participants must have a legal guardian sign a waiver releasing Saprae Youth
Group leadership from liability (If need be, you can email for one, print it out, have it
signed, and bring it with you).

For more info, contact Michael; 1(780) 715-6112

life2thefullest@me.com

www.Facebook.com/SapraeYouthGroup

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VISTA RIDGE
ALL SEASONS PARK

SLUSH CUP SUNDAY APRIL 5th (last day of the ski season)
Always call 780-799-SNOW prior to heading out to Vista Ridge
for the daily ski and tube report.
They also have a FACEBOOK Page for daily updates

Saprae Creek Skating Rink



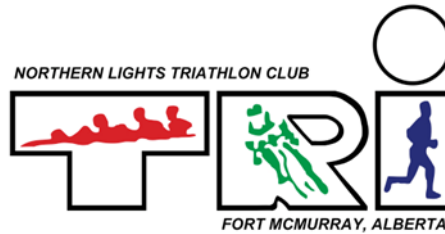
The Rink is **NOW CLOSED**
Thanks for a great season





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2015 Fort McMurray Kids of Steel Triathlon Schedule:



Aquathon (swim-run) - Sunday, April 19th
Triathlon (swim-bike-run) - Sun, May 31st
Duathlon (run-bike-run) – date TBD (fall)

Contact Info: fortmcmurraykidsofsteel@gmail.com

Register at www.nltc.ca





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FIRE PERMITS

MARCH 1 - OCTOBER 31

Free fire permits now are available through your local Environment and Sustainable Resource Development office. Between March 1 and October 31 fire permits are required for all burning except campfires outside the Urban Service Area of Fort McMurray.

This includes:

- Fort Fitzgerald
- Smith Landing
- Gregoire Lake Estates
- Fort Chipewyan
- Anzac
- Saprae Creek
- Fort Mackay
- East Draper Road
- First Nations Communities

Fire permits are still required year-round within the Urban Service Area of Fort McMurray through the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

Where to get your Fire Permit?

Inside the Urban Service area contact:
Regional Municipality of
Wood Buffalo
780-792-5519

Outside the Urban Service Area contact:
Environment and Sustainable
Resource Development
780-743-7125

To report a wildfire, please call 310-FIRE (3473).

Alberta

wildfire.alberta.ca



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PREVENT WILDFIRES



Do your part in preventing wildfires by following the necessary precautions and obtaining a fire pit permit.

- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Completely extinguish your fires and remember to **SOAK IT, STIR IT, and SOAK IT AGAIN.**
- Keep your fires small and be aware of sparks and strong winds.
- Burn only dry, well-seasoned wood, commercial fire logs or briquettes.
- Keep a fire extinguisher, hose or source of water nearby when using your fire pit.
- Ensure that wildfire hazards are low and that a fire ban has not been issued prior to using your backyard fire pit - www.albertafirebans.ca

Residents of Fort McMurray (Urban Service Area) are reminded that backyard fire pits require a permit. If you have recently installed a fire pit or are a new homeowner, you are required to submit a permit application to the Fire Prevention Branch, located at Fire Hall 5 (200 Airport Road, T9H 4P1).

Fire pit permit applications can be obtained by visiting www.woodbuffalo.ab.ca/fireprevention. There is a \$35 permit fee, and all approved permits are valid as long as the applicant resides at the address listed on the permit.

Residents living outside of the Urban Service Area can obtain a free fire permit from March 1 to October 31 through the local Environment and Sustainable Resource Development office by contacting 780.743.7125.

For more information please visit:
www.esrd.alberta.ca/wildfire

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2015 Garbage & Recycling FRIDAY COLLECTION



March

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Garden Waste Pickup Begins May 11
Waived Landfill Fees May 11-17
Household Hazardous Waste Roundup May 18-19

August

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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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12:45	12:53	12:55	12:58	1:13	1:17	1:21	1:28	1:43	1:46	1:48	1:56
5:45	5:53	5:55	5:58	6:13	6:17	6:21	6:28	6:43	6:46	6:48	6:56
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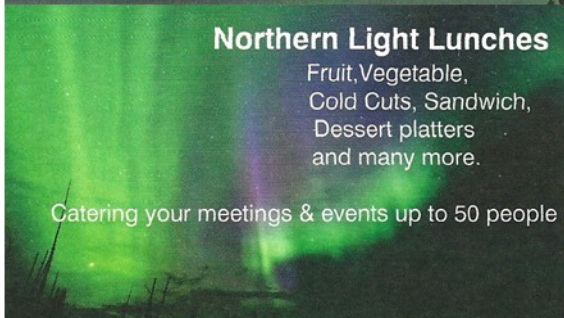
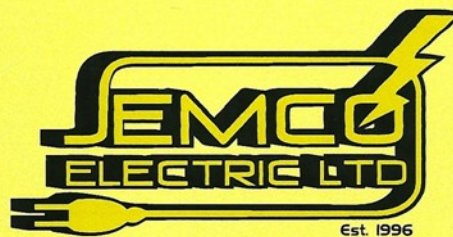
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Community Calendar APRIL 2015

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

Schedule of Programs and Events

- Sapræ Creek Volunteer Fire Department Practice Nights: (Mondays)
- Family Movie Night : Friday April 17th 6-7:30
- YOGA in the Creek: (NO YOGA DURING SPRING BREAK) Watch FB page for next round of classes
- Taekwondo: Sundays 6-8pm

