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Around the Creek

Message from the SCRS Board Chair

By Pam Garbin

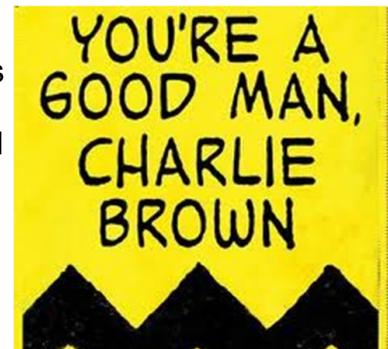
First, I just received updated information regarding the roads. The contract was just awarded July 22nd with a kick off meeting scheduled for July 31st and a scheduled start date of August 11th. Keeping in mind that this year their funding is only directed at hot paving Freestone Way, Rue Rd. and Sapræe Cres.



It is hard to believe the summer is already halfway over but it has been a busy one for activities in Sapræe Creek. The RMWB is offering a FANTASTIC program at the park Mondays and Tuesdays this summer. Program facilitators Annina, Laura and Michelle have been working with this kids this summer. This free program has seen the kids learn some Zumba moves, have an Amazing Race Challenge, lots of crafts and we had a great turnout for the Bike Rodeo. Thank you to bylaw services and other municipal visitors who came out for the afternoon. The kids had a hands on activity to teach the importance of helmet safety as well as an opportunity to have their helmets and bikes checked. If you have been on

vacation in July feel free to pop into the program this upcoming month

This month we also had a great turnout for our theater dance camp. We had MacDonald Islands very own Miss Kelli return for the week to work with 31 local talents, along with her helpers Katelyn Maher, Faith and Kali Cuthbert, Cale Maher, Hunter Attwood, Chase and Kaden. We were wowed by their week-end performance. Thank you to everyone involved, the kids has a great time. A special thank you to Tracy Unger for ensuring that this program returned to Sapræe Creek this summer.



A small birdie has told me that we will see some action at the NEW Vista Ridge Monkido Course this summer and fall. Watch the Facebook Page for opening date details.



Also watch for the return of many family activities in Sapræe Creek this September. Mark your calendar for September 13th as we will have our 2nd Annual Family Fun Day. The day starts off with a Fun Run or walk, followed by a BBQ, face painting and bouncy castle.

Enjoy the upcoming Heritage Day long weekend, lots to do around the city this weekend, safe travels if you are leaving the Creek.



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Councillor's Corner – August 2014 by Al Vinni



Happy heart of the summer to all! Some of the bugs are finally starting to die off with all this warm weather, hope it keeps up, hotter the better for me. I suspect many of you will not read this as you are off on vacation; around our office everyone is going somewhere this weekend, could not even give away tickets to the RCMP Musical Ride to my staff. If you'd like some for Saturday or Sunday, August 2nd or 3rd, I have four for each day, please call our office at 714-6888, first call, first served.

Update on where we are at with the sewer and water for the southern rural communities. During a two day 15 hour Council meeting July 8th and 9th, Council approved in principle a plan that would see the Regional Municipality make good on a 20 year-old promise to provide rural residents with the same level of sewer and water services as the residents of the Urban Service Area (i.e. Fort McMurray). Funding for the 4-5 year plan was referred to our 2015 budget deliberations in the fall, but in the short term, funding was approved so the engineering design can proceed immediately.

This is not to say that anything is cast in stone. While it is true that Conklin, Janvier, Anzac, Gregoire Lakes Estates are all strongly in support of the plans for each of their communities, as are the residents of Draper Road; there has been a broad mixture of opinion on sewer for Sapræe Creek. Draper Road residents have a right to be pleased. They pay for water delivery privately, as they do for septage haul out. It is a very expensive and uncertain reality for home-owners in the Draper Road area. The provision of a trickle-fill water system and a low-pressure sewer system will be not only a significant financial saving, but will provide much, much more certainty for residents as to the dependability and efficiency of these two basic services. The provision of these basic services on Draper Road will ultimately mean higher property values and more enjoyment of day-to-day living for residents. In fact, I will submit that will be true for everyone in the southern communities.

However, I totally understand and respect the mixed sentiments from Sapræe Creek residents. Given that we already have city water, our only issue is sewer. For those with a properly operating septic field or mound, or even tanks, it would seem an unnecessary expense. I think those of you who watched the Council meeting, or who checked online for the archive of the meeting on the RMWB website, were probably surprised that the cost number for Sapræe Creek is currently \$16,000 per household. This was much less than most seemed to be anticipating. On a 25 year payment plan, at 3.75 % interest (which is what the RMWB is proposing); this is an \$82.01 payment per month on your taxes, or \$984.12 per year. While this will mean a higher tax bill, I am convinced that it will enhance property values and provide everyone with as reliable, or in most cases, more reliable sewer service.

The best part is that this is still all only in what I would call the discussion phase. Kevin Scoble, our Environmental Services director, has committed with his team to come out to the community to discuss all aspects of the plan to bring sewer and water to the rural residents. Changes can be proposed, changes to the plan can be made; in fact it is not fair to say that Mr. Scoble and his team even have a plan ready to roll out yet. I say this because you have to understand how municipal government works pursuant to the Municipal Government Act. No municipal work on any project can proceed without provision of money by Council into a budget to fund what has been directed to be done. So, right now, engineering costs for designing applicable plans for all the communities has been authorized into this year's budget .

Councillor Corner Continued.....

Voting on putting the actual costs of doing the project into the budget would be done sometime between November 2014 and January, 2015, when next year's budget is approved. Plenty of time to see the plans, see what they will actually cost to implement, that's right, the cost estimate for now is a loose estimate of costs based on the experience of people in administration with familiarity with these types of projects. It's not like we have had a bunch of bids or anything like that, nor have we done detailed engineering plans that will be more accurately costed out.

All that aside, we may be surprised with the level of Provincial and Federal grant money that we get for these projects as this is the type of basic infrastructure that our governments are focusing on these days. I will not be satisfied until we bring down the cost to Saprae residents to at most \$10,000. All the other southern rural residents are actually saving money with the systems that are being proposed, we are the only ones who have an out-of-pocket cost. It could be argued that we should have no cost increase at all, to at least be in the same ballpark as the other communities. That is where the politics will pick up in the fall, but first we have to see what we can agree on and what it will cost.

As a final comment, please initiate discussions with your neighbours about this plan, you will see that the majority of them are in favour, admittedly not an overwhelming majority, but I have heard from more in support than who are opposed to city sewer. I have certainly not ever heard from anyone who wants to get off city water and go back to well water. I believe once on city sewer, no one will ever want to go back. Words that have never been spoken by a home purchaser? "What you have no city sewer? Excellent, I hate city sewer, give me a field any day." We're going to make it pretty darn affordable, but more importantly, we are going to consult directly with you this fall. We're not in a big panic to get this done, but now is the time to move forward with this upgrade to our services, in my humble opinion.

Quickly, a word about the roads. Lloyd Lawley can confirm this, at a meeting the other day concerning the golf course that's going to be built out here (another thing that will raise property values), John Wilson confirmed that his former company is going to be doing the road work out here, starting this year. I know, you're probably saying, but Al, it is August 1st, where are they? Yes, you or I would have started on June 15th, but Wilson's had to do a bunch of other southern rural roads. I saw pictures of the work they have done this year in Conklin, very nice work indeed. As John said, the work will be to a highway standard, they will be roads we will be pleased with. They are coming, and sixteen months from now Freestone, Community, Sol Park, Rue, Saprae Cres. and Weiss will be done, and in 2016 Spruce Valley Drive. I am working with administration on getting repairs and watering done in the meantime, especially on Weiss at the corner and those sink holes on Spruce Valley.

Bottom line, we're going to have new roads, sewer, a golf course, place-making, a park, a new and improved Vista Ridge with summer things to do and a couple community halls in this Ward over the next 1-5 years, and that is the reality of living in this great region and the awesome communities that comprise Ward 3 of the RMWB.

Thx, Al Vinni

Deputy Mayor & Councillor, Ward 3



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In the Creek



Saprae Creek

Location: Saprae Creek Park (Beside the Firehall)

Date: Mondays and Tuesdays starting Monday, July 7, and ending Tuesday, August 26.

Time: Drop off (10:00am- 10:30am),
Pick-up (12:30pm -1:00pm or 2:30pm-3:00pm)

Ages: 4-12 (Must be potty-trained)

Details: This is a drop-in program available to the residents of Saprae Creek. This program is designed to meet the recreational needs of the children in Saprae Creek for the duration of July and August. The program will include activities and games spanning various themes and skill-sets. These activities will include things like Sports-days, arts and crafts, Zumba, Drama games etc. There are two options available as far as programming goes; parents can either send their children for a full day of programming (10:00 am– 3:00pm) or for half day programming (10:00 am- 1:00pm). Half-day programming is recommended for children in the 4-6 age-bracket.

To bring: Parents and/or guardians are asked to fill out a registration form prior to (or at) drop-off on the first day. Please ensure that your child comes prepared with sunscreen, a hat, a water-bottle, a bagged peanut-free lunch, any necessary medication or special needs, and clothing they can do physical activities in. A light snack will be provided in the afternoon.

Please contact Annina if you have any questions 780-792-6345



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RMWB Summer Program Schedule

August 2014		August 2014							September 2014						
		Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
Jul 27		28	Monday	29	Tuesday	30	Wednesday	31	Thursday	Aug 1	Friday	2	Saturday		
3	7/27 - 8/1	4	STAT	5	Paper Bag Ball	6		7		8		9			
10	8/3 - 8	11	Geek Games	12	Self-Defence Tin Can Planets	13		14		15		16			
17	8/10 - 15	18	Boat Building Zumba	19	Day Trip to Mac Island	20		21		22		23			
24	8/17 - 22	25	Ropes Courses	26	Programming	27		28		29		30			
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8/31 - 9/5															

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In the Creek—Bike Rodeo





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In the Creek—Dance Camp





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In the Creek



WHEN: Saturday September 13th

WHERE: Sapræ Creek Park and Firehall

COST: FREE

TIME: 10am Fun Run or Walk (2km or 5km)

10:30-1pm BBQ, bouncy castle and face painting

Join us for a family fun filled event right here in Sapræ Creek!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!





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Its

Summer at

The Clearwater Lounge

Friday and Saturday Nights

***WHERE SAPRAE
COMES TO PARTY***



Opens at 6:00 pm

Clearwater Lounge @ Vista Ridge



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CITIZEN RECOGNITION PROGRAM 2014

Do you know an
outstanding resident
who deserves
recognition by Mayor
and Regional Council?

Visit www.woodbuffalo.ab.ca/champions

Nomination forms are available online and at
your local municipal contact office.

Submission deadline September 30, 2014.



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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
- Fort Chipewyan
- Fort Mackay
- Smith Landing
- Anzac
- East Draper Road
- Gregoire Lake Estates
- Sapræe Creek
- 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

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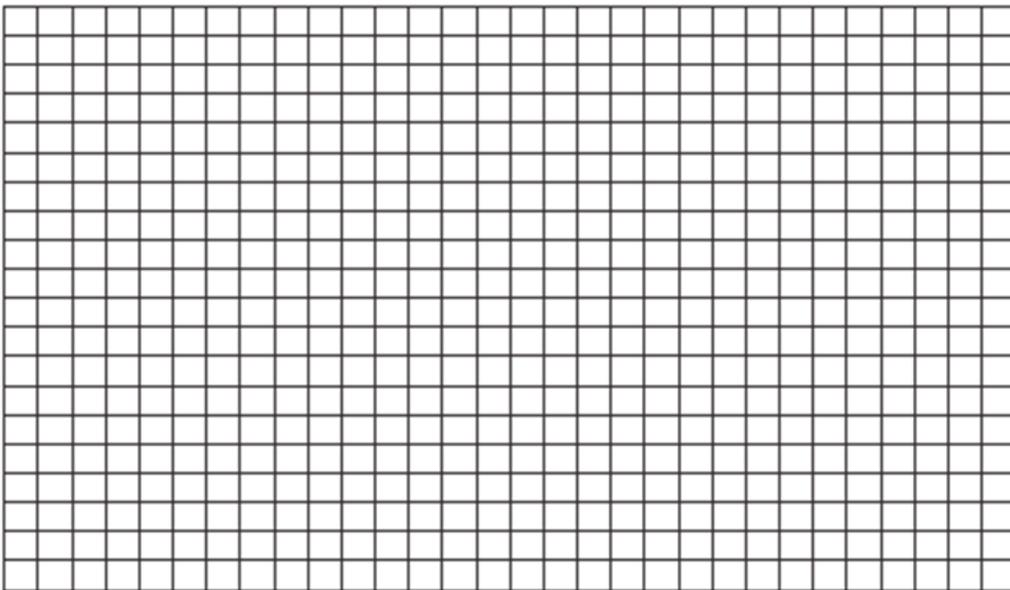
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PLAN YOUR FIRE ESCAPE

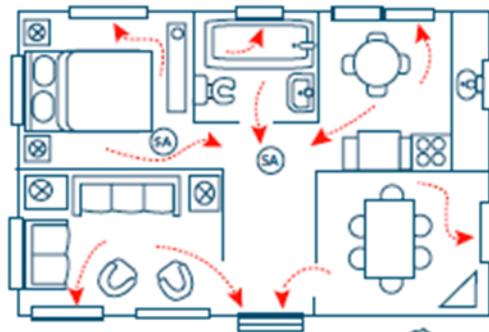
Preparing and practicing a fire escape plan will help you act quickly if there is a fire in your home—it could even save your life. Use the fire escape plan template with your family to help plan your safe escape.



- Draw a floor plan or a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Mark two ways out of each room.
- Mark all of the smoke alarms with ⊕. Smoke alarms should be in each sleeping room, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home.
- Pick a family meeting place outside where everyone can meet.
- Remember, practice your plan at least twice a year!



Check out www.sparky.org for fire safety games & activities.
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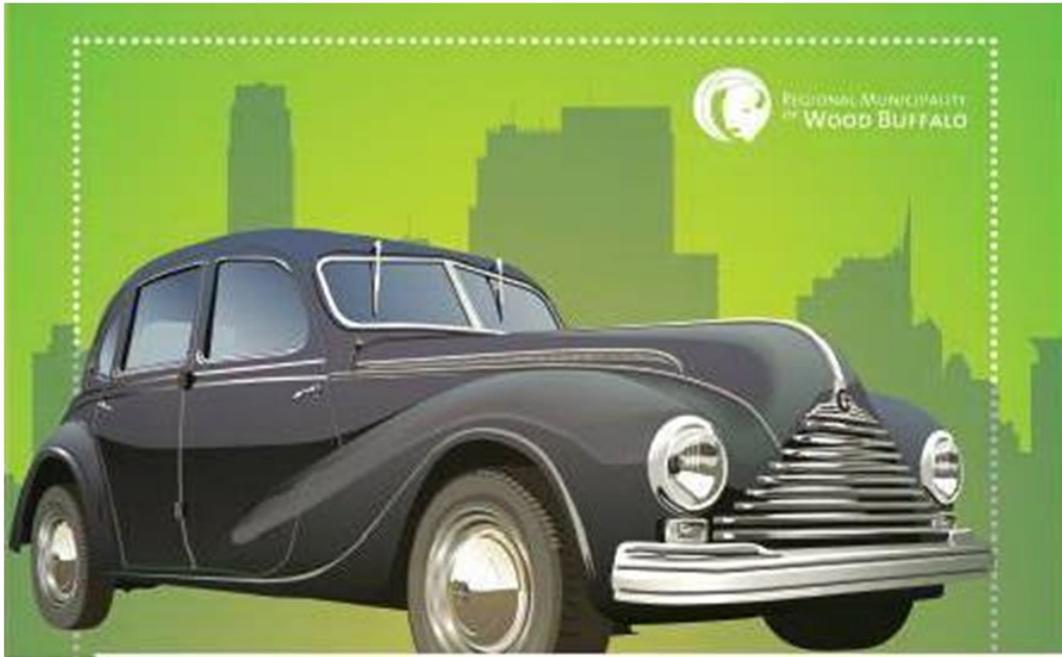


Meeting Place



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CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Join us on **AUGUST 9th**
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from **1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**
Family activities and
entertainment to be enjoyed



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SOME OTHER SOLUTIONS

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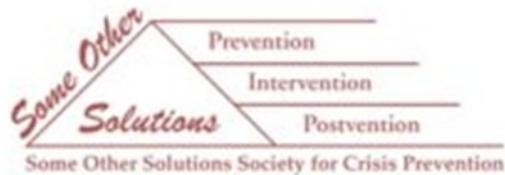
Summer **rec** program

JULY 8 (TUES) - AUGUST 22
MONDAY - FRIDAY | 10 AM - 3 PM

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Sustainival

August 29 to September 1, 2014

At first glance, this looks like any regular carnival that you see throughout the summer. Look closer and you will find that Sustainival is far more unique as everything on the site is powered by renewable energy. The lights, food-trucks and all the rides (yes even the mighty gravitron) are powered by biodiesel fuel, sometimes they bring solar panels and other green energy too. Sustainival also has pavilions that share knowledge on sustainable energy, with hands-on activities for kids and adults too.

This year, Sustainival plants itself into the Fort McMurray community and introduces a feature event known as the Green Beast Amazing Eco-Race.

Read our story [Enter the Green Beast](#) to capture just how amazing the idea of Sustainival is.

Schedule of Events

Throughout Labour Day Weekend, Macdonald Island Park becomes a carnival zone. Open times vary on the day.

Friday, 2 pm to 11 pm Saturday and Sunday, 10 am to 11 pm Monday, 10 am to 6 pm

[Saturday; 9 am to 10 pm](#)

The day of the Green Beast Amazing Eco-Race

Participants of the Green Beast will take over the grounds, solving clues and taking on challenges to win amazing prizes. Individuals or teams can register, and whether you join just to have fun, anyone can also pick a favourite charity and pledge to raise funds for completing the Green Beast.

Tickets

Midway Day Pass (for any 1 of 4 days) - \$35 Weekend Pass (valid for all 4 days) - \$65

Green Beast registration - Online, \$42; At the Gate, \$50

More Information

Visit the [official Sustainival website](#) to register for the Green Beast or buy tickets, and find out even more about this green carnival.

Check out the latest updates on the right-hand sidebar from Sustainival's Facebook and Twitter feeds

Unless otherwise stated, all information about Sustainival has been provided by festival organizers



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2014 Garbage & Recycling FRIDAY COLLECTION



July

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Garden Waste Pickup ends Oct. 10
Household Hazardous Waste Roundup

November

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PUMPKIN DROP-OFF
NOV. 1 – NOV. 8

December

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HOLIDAY TREE DROP-OFF
DEC. 26 - JAN. 18



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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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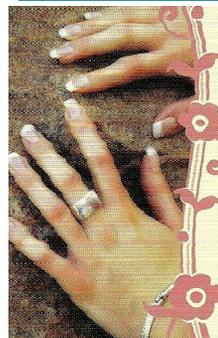
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Community Calendar AUGUST 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 RMWB Program	6	7	8	9
10	11 RMWB Program	12 RMWB Program	13	14	15	16
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	31 RMWB Program	RMWB Program				

Schedule of Programs and Events

- Sapræ Creek Volunteer Fire Department Practice Nights: Aug 11, 18, 25 (Mondays)
- RMWB Summer Program (Mondays and Tuesdays) **10-3pm NOTE new time & NO** program on Aug 4th (see the daily plan for this program in this issue of the newsletter and on Facebook)

