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## **WARD 3 NEWS**

### **SAPRAE CREEK & DRAPER ROAD**



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## Around the Creek

### Message from the SCRS Board Chair

By Pam Garbin

Well another year has flown by before our eyes. Before you know it the countdown to the big day will be over and the time to relax with family and friends will be upon us.

Thank you to the vendors and all those who attended the Saprae Creek Home Based Business Open House and Ladies Night. It was a great turn out and we look forward to putting one on in the Spring again. There is NO Family Movie Night this month as we prepare for our Christmas Party.

We look forward to Santa's visit right here in Saprae Creek. I hope you can join us for our Annual Saprae Creek Family Christmas Party. Santa will be there to give out gifts to all the kids. We will have a photographer taking photos and I will be printing off a copy for you to take home. Crafts, snacks and visiting with neighbors, cannot ask for better. I hope to see you there. The cost for this event is a monetary donation to the Food Bank, thank you in advance.



The skating rink should be open in the next couple weeks, watch the Facebook Page for details. We will have blocks of time booked for Saprae Creek Family Skate times and lessons will begin the end of January. Watch next months edition of the newsletter and the Facebook Page for more details

I hope you can include us in your New Years Eve Plans. Our Annual Family Skate and Fireworks display on New Years Eve will start with skating from 6-8. Then head over to the lodge to view the Fireworks display at 8pm. For the adults, Vista Lounge will be open from 9pm-close.



This month will be filled with parties, Christmas concerts, last minute shopping, and Christmas cheer. I love this time of year and I wish you and yours all the best this Holiday Season



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## Councillor's Corner - December 2014 by Al Vinni



This month I would like to focus my comments on compliance with what I refer to as our 'large truck by-law'. The operation of large trucks in Sapræ Creek and Draper Road is not compatible with the Country Residential zoning of almost all land in these communities. Residents have worked hard to have this reality recognized by the RMWB through by-laws restricting the operation of large trucks in our neighbourhoods.

For those of you that quite rightly ask where the enforcement of these by-laws has been over the past few years, I offer the following information that is presented here exactly as it was presented to me via a Chief Administrative Officer's recent report:

### Commercial Vehicle Parking

Over the past four years, the number of parking complaints for large commercial vehicles throughout the municipality has been consistent; however, enforcement has been virtually non-existent during this period due to concerns that there was not sufficient legal parking provided for commercial vehicles within the region.

There is now sufficient parking availability for commercial vehicles. To gain compliance of commercial vehicle parking throughout the municipality, Bylaw Services will initiate a public education plan on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. This education period will be followed by a request for compliance, and enforcement when necessary.

Public education through Bylaw Services will last for approximately 30 days. There will be a further 15 days of Officers providing "warning tickets" or notices to those found to be in non-compliance. Following the 45-day education and request for compliance process, enforcement will begin relying on complaints received from the public and pro-active enforcement of Bylaw Officers.

What I can advise based on the above is the following: Those operating non-compliant vehicles in Sapræ Creek and Draper Road should contact Bylaw Services so that they can be made aware of the parking availability for large trucks in our region. Additionally, one can confirm what in fact the compliance rules are, (they essentially refer to vehicle weight.)

Citizens with a complaint about non-compliant vehicles can make this complaint directly to Bylaw Services or in the alternative can forward their complaint to me by email at [allan.vinni@woodbuffalo.ab.ca](mailto:allan.vinni@woodbuffalo.ab.ca) and I will follow up with my own attendance at the address of non-compliance and then a report to Bylaw Services. We now have a solution to this issue of large non-complaint vehicles operating in our Country Residential neighbourhoods which should be acceptable to all.

Our 2015 RMWB budget is on the December 9<sup>th</sup> council agenda. Once the budget is passed, plans will accelerate for integrating the completion of Sapræ Creek road rehabilitation, sewer installation and replacement of the sections of our water lines that are now non-compliant with new legislation regarding pipe capacity. Disregard the reference to years 2016 and 2017 in the literature that was prepared by administration and passed out at the recent Council Engagement at Vista Ridge; the RMWB will be proceeding this winter and coming spring with plans to integrate the three projects in Sapræ Creek and we hope to be proceeding with the actual work in late spring/early summer of 2015. More on those plans early in the New Year. Also in the budget I anticipate seeing an operational item directing a feasibility study proceed in 2015 with respect to building Community Halls in Draper Road and Sapræ Creek. Feasibility will of course include extensive community engagement concerning what the Community Hall plans will be. Hopefully we will get them done by the end of 2017, if not earlier.

Enjoy the busy holiday season that is upon us and Tammie and I are wishing everyone the best of health and happiness in the New Year.

Thx, Al Vinni

Councillor, Ward 3





## IN THE CREEK



### THE HUB Parent/Child Program



**WHEN: THURSDAYS**

**TIME: 10-11:30**

**WHERE: Vista Ridge Spruce Valley Room**

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, craft time, circle time, followed by a light snack.





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AROUND THE CREEK

## ***SAPRAE CREEK FAMILY***



WHEN: Saturday December 13th

TIME: 6-8pm

WHERE: Vista Ridge Lodge

COST: **Monetary donation to the FOOD BANK**

Please join us in celebrating the season right here in Saprae Creek

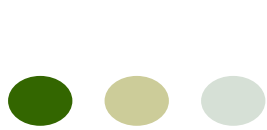
Santa will be giving out gifts to the kids from 6-7pm

Photos with Santa and a FREE copy to take home that night

Crafts, food and great company!

Hope to see you there

Contact Pam if you have any questions 780-881-4974



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There is NO Family Movie Night this month.

Hope to see you in January!

#### **SAPRAE CREEK RECREATION**



#### **AND CULTURE GRANT RECIPIENTS**



The Saprae Creek Residents Society is pleased to announce this years recipients  
of the Recreation and Culture Grant(s)

Congratulations and all the best to each of you!

**Graeme Killick** - Senior National Canadian Cross Country Ski Team

**Brooke Voigt** - Senior National Canadian Snowboard Team

**Faith Cuthbert** - Street Grove Dance Convention

**Elaine Vancoughnett** - New Orleans Music Tour with the Fort McMurray Jazz Band

**Hope Schell** - Culinary Art Tour from Nice to Rome



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## **SAPRAE CREEK NEW YEARS EVE FAMILY SKATE AND FIREWORKS**



**WHEN:** Wednesday December 31st

**WHERE:** Saprae Creek Skating Rink  
and Vista Ridge Lodge

**Time:** Skating 6-7:45pm

**Fireworks to begin at 8pm behind Vista  
Lodge**



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## In the Creek



### **CHRISTMAS CAROLLING IN SAPRAE CREEK**

**WHEN: SUNDAY DECEMBER 21ST**

**WHERE: VISTA RIDGE LODGE**

**TIME: 7PM**

**BRING SOME CHRISTMAS BAKING TO SHARE**



### **CROSS COUNTRY SKI NEWS**

The trails behind the firehall are ready for skis.

I've been out even in this deep freeze a few times and it has been worth it!

They are groomed for skate skiing and will soon be set for classic.

See you out there!

Catherine





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Vista is NOW open for the Season

**\* Always call 780-799-SNOW prior to heading out to Vista Ridge for the daily ski and tube report.**



## Saprae Creek Skating Rink

Watch the Saprae Creek Facebook page for the opening date and hours.

There will be blocks of time scheduled for Saprae Creek Residents only!

Saprae Creek Skating lessons will start the last week of January  
watch for registration details in the New Year!





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## MUNICIPALITY NEWS



Snow is falling at a good rate! Bet you arr excited. Trail passes are coming in at a steady rate. Have you picked yours up? You can pick them up from. Four Season, Anzac Esso, Anzac Grocery, and Raven. If you are with SERA, Albion, or Club 63 North, social clubs you can grab them from there.

### **MAKES A GREAT CHRISTMAS PRESENT**

OR purchase yours from their website

[www.Sno-Drifters.com](http://www.Sno-Drifters.com) or from the ASA Website.

These passes are ASA and are good for all ASA trails across Alberta.  
Support your local club!

#### **Why buy a trail pass?**

Your Membership benefits are: You automatically become a Member of the McMurray Sno-Drifters. Your trail pass is usable and recognized in all of the trail systems in Alberta. You are kept informed of upcoming events both locally and provincially through a monthly newsletter that is e-mailed or mailed to you. Sled Smart courses are provided FREE of charge to our local youth in schools across Alberta. Educational and awareness courses are offered through the Sno-Drifters such as avalanche safety taught by ZacsTracs. Yearly Poker Rallies and Jamborees are held to promote usage of our groomed trails, camaraderie, friendship and entertainment. Funds raised from the sale of trail passes are used to keep the trails groomed, maintained and signed for safety. The purchase of your yearly trail pass supports and benefits all riders and users of the trail systems to make our trails safe and enjoyable.



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## MUNICIPALITY NEWS



### REGIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICES



## HOLIDAY SEASON IS FIRE SEASON.

### 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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## MUNICIPALITY NEWS

**2014**

Garbage & Recycling

### FRIDAY COLLECTION



### July

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

### August

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

### September

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

### October

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Garden Waste Pickup ends Oct. 10  
Household Hazardous Waste Roundup

### November

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29



PUMPKIN DROP-OFF  
NOV. 1 – NOV. 8

### December

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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



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## Saprae Creek

### Saturday and Sunday

<b>Bus Stop Number</b>											
<b>Lv. Main St. at Franklin Ave. Transfer Station</b>	<b>Lv. Gregoire Dr. at Advantage West Inn &amp; Suites</b>	<b>Lv. Gregoire Dr. across from Grenfell Cres.</b>	<b>Lv. Gregoire Dr. at Sawridge Inn &amp; Conference Centre</b>	<b>Lv. Saprae Creek Mailboxes</b>	<b>Lv. Vista Ridge Ski Hill at Spruce Valley Dr.</b>	<b>Lv. Saprae Creek Community Centre</b>	<b>Lv. Saprae Creek Mail Boxes</b>	<b>Lv. Gregoire Dr. across from Sawridge Inn &amp; Conference Centre</b>	<b>Lv. Gregoire Dr. at Grenfell Cres.</b>	<b>Lv. Gregoire Dr. across from Advantage West Inn &amp; Suites</b>	<b>Ar. Main St. at Franklin Ave. Transfer Station</b>
10034	06045	06024	06025	32001	32002	32003	32004	06050	06020	06022	10034
-	-	-	-	9:00	9:04	9:08	9:15	9:30	9:33	9:35	9:43
<b>12:45</b>	<b>12:53</b>	<b>12:55</b>	<b>12:58</b>	<b>1:13</b>	<b>1:17</b>	<b>1:21</b>	<b>1:28</b>	<b>1:43</b>	<b>1:46</b>	<b>1:48</b>	<b>1:56</b>
<b>5:45</b>	<b>5:53</b>	<b>5:55</b>	<b>5:58</b>	<b>6:13</b>	<b>6:17</b>	<b>6:21</b>	<b>6:28</b>	<b>6:43</b>	<b>6:46</b>	<b>6:48</b>	<b>6:56</b>

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 2014**

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

### Schedule of Programs and Events

- Saprae Creek Volunteer Fire Department Practice Nights: Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 (Mondays)
- Saprae Creek Family Christmas Party: Saturday Dec. 13th 6-8pm
- Christmas Carolling at Vista: Sunday Dec 21st 7pm
- Saprae Creek New Years Eve Family Skate: Dec 31st 6-7:45pm
- New Years Eve Fireworks: Dec. 31st 8pm behind Vista Ridge Lodge



Saprae Creek Family Christmas Party

Saturday Dec. 13th 6-9pm