

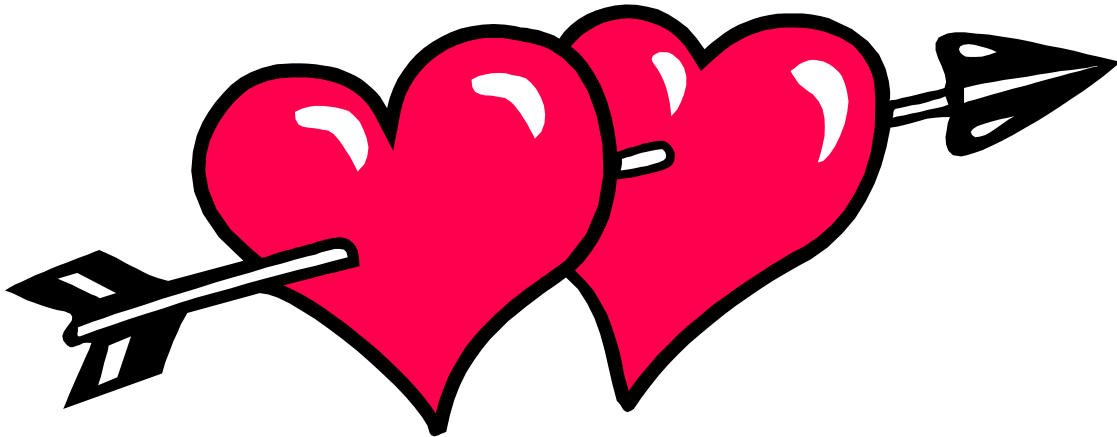


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WARD 3 NEWS

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**SAPRAE CREEK RESIDENTS SOCIETY
NOTICE OF MEETING**



Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, February 9th

7:00 pm

Vista Ridge

Come and find out what the board has done for the community over the last year. There are 3 Board positions available for community-minded volunteers. Monthly commitment: approx. 5 hours. Great way to meet your neighbours and get involved in your community. Nominate yourself or a neighbour.

Call Solange 780-791-5355 for more info.

Refreshments and snacks will be served after the meeting.



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RENEE'S REPORT

WARD 3 COUNCILOR

First and foremost I would like to mention the recipients of this year's civic awards, congratulations and thank you to each and every one of you for your contributions to our community.

Karl Lietz- Volunteer Achievement Award

Elburne and Freda Bean - Distinguished Citizenship Award

Gabrielle Gregory-Alcock - Distinguished Youth Citizenship

Melanie Reddy - Environmental Achievement Award

Tracy Harris - Cultural Achievement Award

Scott Hutton - Athletic Achievement Award

It has been an interesting start to the New Year at the council table. The first meeting January 12th saw Ms. Patricia (Trish) Paulichen (Draper) make a presentation to Council requesting that Draper be treated the same as all other rural communities, specifically in regards to water. The whole water issue in Draper has been a nick in my craw right from the start of being elected to council in 2004. In 2007, I finally managed to get a partial subsidy for the residents, that being they would receive a refund from the Municipality for their cost of water only down to \$1.00 from the commercial rates they were paying. I continued since that time, trying to get "equivalent" service to Draper as other rural communities, which is their delivery paid for. I had more or less given up when Trish came to me asking if she should present to council. Trish did a fabulous job representing her family and many others. However, I did get annoyed when a couple of councilors seemed to be unaware that the inequity existed, I thought that I had informed everyone, but I guess not. It ended well though, as administration has been requested to bring a report back to council. The motion was "Moved by Councilor Allen that the presentation made by Ms. Patricia Paulichen regarding water delivery costs be received as information and referred back to Administration to respond to Council questions regarding water delivery charges". I had been fighting for so long for this that I wanted a date for the report, which is why I voted against the motion. Council approved 1st reading on a new utility rate bylaw, the Regional Cemeteries document, appointments to council committees and the new Population and Employment projections which was a joint effort between administration the Oil Sands Secretariat and the Population and Employment Projection Model Advisory Committee. The population projections will be used by every department in the municipality to project new areas and the services that will be required, when and the budget that would be needed. Councilor Germain had submitted a notice of motion which after a lengthy decision was approved in part to create a sub-committee to develop a new structure of governance that allows the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo to develop a

clear and organized set of result-based governance policies, processes, and committee structures. This was followed by 4 new notices of motion to be dealt with at the January 26th meeting, one each from Councillors Vyboh, Germain, Byron and myself.

At the January 26th meeting of council, presentations were made by Mr. Sean Graham, Mr. Don Thompson and Mr. Dave Kirschner. Mr. Graham was asking council to create an Environment Committee to ask for community input on how the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo may become more environmentally friendly, which in my opinion we already have and have reports on it. Future Forward and Envision Wood Buffalo both have numerous ideas which council and administration are already implementing. Mr. Thompson presented on behalf of OSDG, thanking Mayor, council and administration for their continued efforts, discussions on the population model, budgets and committed to continue to work with administration on assessments. Mr. Kirschner and others presented on the "CILUS" (Commercial Industrial Land Use Study) which showed the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo being at a shortage of approximately 10% lands required for businesses to do business in the region. They encouraged council and administration to move faster on the release of lands. Administration and council are doing all we are able to pressure the Province to release lands for development. The "CILUS" report was approved as information and to be used as a guiding document on land release. Under bylaws was the Utility Rates for 2010, after many questions it was moved to return to the council agenda on February 9th meeting to have the questions answered. Under reports approved were accounts receivable bad debts and transfer of the assets of the Airport Commission to the newly created Airport Authority. Last but not least were the 4 notices of motion; 2 of which were defeated and the balance withdrawn. It was a long night, but much was accomplished.

February 1st and 2nd will be our first review of the 2010 Capital budget, the 9th is the Sapræ Creek Residents Society Annual General Meeting and on the 17th the official opening of the new and improved Vista Ridge.. In other words February should be another interesting and eventful month.

Ms. Renee Rebus - Councilor Ward 3 - The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo

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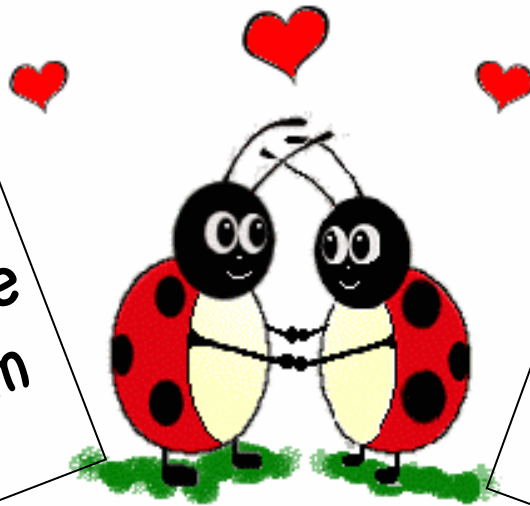
You are invited to...

The Love Bug Ball

Friday, February 12

Vista Ridge

Kids Party
6:00 to
9:00 pm
in the Spruce
Valley Room



Adults Party
continues
into the night
in the
Clearwater
Lounge

Pizza, snacks and refreshments will be served.

Come and dance your heart out!

Free Family event!

Brought to you by the Spruce Creek Residents Society



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AROUND THE CREEK...




Top left: Snowmobile Safety course staged from the Sapræe Creek Fire Hall January 2010. **Top right:** Vehicle Extraction training at the Sapræe Creek Fire Hall October 2009. **Bottom Left:** 2009 Sapræe Creek Civic Award Winners: Freda and Elburne Bean, Tracy Harris, Gabrielle Gregory-Alcock, Melanie Reddy, Scott Hutton and Karl Lietz. **Bottom right:** the new playground!





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Family Crisis Society

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United Way

AGAINST CHILD ABUSE

Join the Children of
Fort McMurray as they take
a stand & Blow the Whistle
Against Child Abuse


February 10, 2010
MacDonald Island Park @ 1:00 p.m.

For further information or
to reserve seating
call 780-473-4698 ext 4


Keynote Speaker: Dave Pelzer

This rare heart-felt program is given by a man whose life was saved by a system that many ridicule as being useless and incompetent. This highly emotional presentation pays tribute to those who have dedicated their lives to making a difference in the life of a child, while at the same time educating the general public of the challenges faced by those in their chosen field. Dave carefully weaves the story of how his life was saved by teachers, a school nurse, the police department, social services and the foster care system. This is the perfect keynote for those within the system who are in need of a positive shot in the arm from a man who, too, has dedicated his life to helping others.


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Cultural Logo Competition



The Cultural staff of the Community Services department is pleased to offer local artists and designers the opportunity to create a Cultural logo. This is a great opportunity to build your portfolio and for us to highlight local talent.

Please see the "What's New" section of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo's website for contest details and a submission form.

www.woodbuffalo.ab.ca

For more information please contact the Cultural Coordinators at 780.743.7966.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Haxton Centre at Borealis Park is not just for teens anymore. In addition to the great youth programming already offered at the facility by the Justin Slade Youth Foundation, the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo has launched a wide array of family programs too.

Programs now being offered at the Haxton Centre include:

- Parents, Nannies and Tots at Play
- Tapping Tots Musical Mornings
- Open Art Studio
- Art Card Workshop
- Drop In Jam Sessions

...and more.

The Haxton Centre is located at Borealis Park (10500 Morrison Street).



For a full list of family programs, including dates and times, please visit www.woodbuffalo.ab.ca. For more information, please call the Haxton Centre Program Line at 780-799-1144.

TIPS TO SAVE THE PLANET

Know Your Recyclables and RECYCLE!

The following is a partial list of common recyclables to help get you started:

Paper: newspapers, phone books, magazines, junk mail, computer paper

Cardboard: cereal and shoe boxes, cardboard packaging, toilet paper/paper towel tubes

Aluminum: can, clean aluminum foil

Glass: bottles, jars, condiment and spice containers

Plastic: soda and water bottles, milk jugs, containers made of 1 or 2 plastics.

Read Your Newsletter online!

Ward 3 News is posted every month on the Sapræ Creek website: www.sapraecreek.com



(from the *Little Green Handbook*, by Ruth Cullen Peter Pauper Press, Inc. 2008)



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McMurray Sno-Drifters

Poker Rally

March 6, 2010



LOCATION: Sno-Drifters Storage Building (off of Highway 69)

LONG RUN: Anzac and Stoney Mountain Trails

Must register March 5, 2010 - 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM at the storage building off HWY 69

Must complete run and check in at Stoney Mountain check stop by 12:00 Noon on March 6, 2010 or you will be disqualified

SHORT RUN: Anzac trail register March 5th or 6th at the storage building

Must register and start by 12:00 Noon on March 6, 2010

Payouts : 50% Sno-Drifters, 25% 1st Prize, 15% 2nd Prize, 10% 3rd Prize

COST: Registration fee \$ 25.00 includes banquet ticket, poker hands only \$ 5.00 each.

More Banquet tickets can be purchased upon registration.

Free Breakfast – for all rally participants on March 6, 2010 at Storage Bldg.

8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Free Hot Chocolate and Cookies at 3 Check Stops

Free Lunch at the Anzac Check Stop and **Helmut Toss Event** - prizes for the winners

BANQUET TICKETS: 12 years & over - \$ 25.00, Under 12 years \$ 12.50, Under 6 free

EVENING – March 6, 2010 : Sawridge Hotel - 6:00 P.M. cocktails - 7:00 P.M. Dinner

Entertainment: Mad Trapper

Door Prizes, Silent Auction and Sucker Pull

Poker Rally and Helmut Toss winners announced

Chance to win a 2010 Polaris 600 DRAGON Switchback from QUADRA TRUCK

Your Poker hand must match Quadra Trucks Hand exactly

Anyone registering from out of the city must do so by March 1, 2010

Contact: Real Chartrand at 780-743-0088 for more information

FOR BANQUET TICKETS CALL: REAL CHARTRAND at 780-743-0088 or

SAWRIDGE HOTEL 780-791-7900





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Letter of Request

Re: Donation for Fund Raising – Silent Auction March 6, 2010

The McMurray Sno-Drifters is a non profit Society that provides safe and educational winter recreation for individuals and families within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. We provide education about snowmobiling that includes information about existing by-laws, safe sledding practices, maps of the trail systems and trail safety. Through our efforts the public enjoys sledding on well maintained and groomed trails that are signed for safety and are very user friendly. These efforts promote and increase the usage of the trails while also protecting the environment as users stay on the trails and do not ride on undisturbed natural habitats, private property or forested areas. We have also placed and maintained several warm-up areas along the trail where users can take a break to roast some hot dogs and sip on hot chocolate. We are also affiliated with the Alberta Snow Mobile Association (ASA) and promote and attend snow mobile rallies that are held at different locations all throughout Alberta. These events draw hundreds of sledding participants that definitely benefits Alberta's winter tourism industry and hospitality industries.

We are currently in the planning stages to connect our existing Anzac Trail to the Stoney Mountain Trail which is south west of Anzac. We are in the process of utilizing a land agent to assist us in achieving all of the necessary requirements as set forth by Sustainable Resource Developments (SRD) and to get all of the approvals required for this connecting trail. Once this is achieved, we will have over 250 kilometers of groomed trails for the safe riding enjoyments for all residents of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and surrounding areas. This trail will be unsurpassed as it will be one of the longest groomed trail systems in Alberta. We are hoping to accomplish this goal by Spring of 2011.

We truly appreciated your assistance with this fund raising endeavor by you providing our Association with a donation that can be used for a silent auction that will be held on March 6, 2010 at the Sawridge Hotel. Our membership has grown steadily to over 300 current members and is continuing to climb in addition to approximately 10, 000 users of our current trail systems. Their support, like yours, is priceless.

Thank you,

Real Chartrand

President - McMurray Sno-Drifters Association



Community Calendar February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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Schedule of Programs and Events

- February 9th, SCRS Annual General Meeting 7:00pm at Vista Ridge
- February 12, the Love Bug Ball 6:00-9:00pm for kids, and continuing into the night for the adults
- Mondays 10:30am to noon - HUB on Wheels at Vista Ridge
- Thursdays 1:30 to 2:30 pm - HUB on Wheels at Vista Ridge

Save the Date—March 6, Sno-Drifters Poker Rally

Heads-Up - no HUB March 1st and 15th