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## **WARD 3 NEWS**

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



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## **SAPRAE CREEK RESIDENTS SOCIETY**

### **NOTICE OF MEETING**



Annual General Meeting  
Tuesday, February 9th  
Vista Ridge  
7:00pm

Residents are invited to come out and hear what the SCRS Board of Directors has been busy working on in 2009. There will be vacant positions for community-minded people interested in joining the team. Please contact any one of the board members if you think you could spare approximately 5 hours a month to volunteer in your community.



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## RENÉE'S REPORT

### WARD 3 COUNCILOR

Well I don't know about El Nino...doesn't seem like it so far, but you never know. I realized after sending my newsletter report last month that I forgot to wish everyone a safe and wonderful holiday season, so here it is now, a little late. I hope everyone had a joyous and safe Christmas and New Years. May 2010 be a wonderful year for each and everyone you hold dear.

The December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of council saw 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings, including many amendments, for the "single use shopping bag ban". After much debate and numerous amendments, the "bag ban" (as it's been dubbed) was approved for implementation September 1, 2010. Administration along with our "recycling" partners will also move forward with education and awareness programs until then. The "bag ban" will be enforced on a complaint basis only. Approved were the "policies and principals" for where, what and how the Municipality will house the staff required to provide services to the region, the document is called the "Accommodations Master Plan". Council also approved transferring \$12,243,523.00 of excess funds from the 2008 emerging issues to the 2009 emerging issues in order to balance the 2009 budget, an approval to transfer from the emerging issues to cover any possible deficit. The night was filled with money issues as Mayor and Council also approved the 2010 operating budget in the amount of \$495,341,653.00. After 3 days of discussions in October, an additional 3 updates and reviews, I could support with no questions the presented budget. The presented budget will see little increase in spending over last year's budget, but will continue to provide the same services, with enhanced street cleaning and an additional "Environmental Services" department. Administration did an amazing job and worked extremely hard to bring forward exactly what I was hoping to see, including an annual budget amount of \$5,000.00 for the Draper Road Residents' Society and will come forward later with a potential plan for

partial transit to Sapræe.

That was the last meeting until the 11<sup>th</sup> of January, but as always, I am only a phone call or email away.

Enjoy your holidays and have a great next month.

Ms. Renee Rebus, Councilor Ward 3

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#### Tips to Save the Planet:



#### *Inflate your Tires*

Did you know that tire pressure can affect fuel consumption?

When you operate your vehicle on tires that are not inflated to the manufacturer's recommendations, you risk more than just accidents and malfunction. You pay more because your engine works harder, consumes more gas and, in doing so, expels more carbon dioxide into the environment.

Avoid unnecessary fuel consumption and potentially dangerous driving conditions by checking your tire pressure regularly.

(From *The Little Green Handbook* by Ruth Cullen 2008)



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## SAPRAE CREEK...2009 IN REVIEW

January 2009 started out with the HUB on Wheels resuming their bi-weekly visits to the Saprae Creek Fire Hall. The 2008 Civic Award recipients for Saprae Creek were announced: Nanette Clark for Distinguished Citizenship, Jackie Peden for Volunteer Achievement, Graeme Killick for Athletic Achievement and Virginia Medley-Lane for Environmental Achievement



In February, the SCRS Recreation and Culture Grant recipients were announced: Gabrielle Alcock, Pierce Mimura and Brooke Voigt. Valentine's Day was celebrated at Cupid's Freaky Friday dance party on February 13th at the Fire Hall. The Saprae Creek Residents Society held its Annual General Meeting on February 19th. Vista Ridge unveiled its expansion plans at an open house on February 4th. Free cross-country ski lessons were held for locals at the playing field.

In March 2009 the Ward 3 News had a St. Pat's word scramble challenge. The winners were Michelle Bechtel and Nicolas Davies.

In April to recognize Earth Day, the SCRS hosted The Amazing Recycling Round-Up at the recycling Depot on Freestone Way East. Ward 3 News had an Easter coloring contest with many winners: Danica Hutton, Jessie Lauzon, Jasmine Lauzon, Damara Hutton, Elaine Vancoughnett, Allie Spencer, Danielle Vancoughnett, Ledeen Bechtel, Kansas

Lauzon and Brooke Luhning.

In May the eco-friendly residents of Saprae Creek pitched in at the May 9th Community Clean-Up and recycled their unwanted and extra stuff at the May 23rd Community-Wide Garage Sale.



In June a public hearing was held on June 23rd in Council Chambers regarding the proposed home business change allowing the storage and maintenance of up to 3 vehicles over 7000kg GVW. Many residents spoke both for and against the proposed changes. The end result of the proposed change was unanimously denied by council.





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The summer months in Sapræe Creek saw a visit from the Community in Blooms judges on July 22nd. August 9th and 10th was the SCRS Casino: thank you volunteers! The Public Library came out for its first monthly visit to the Sapræe Creek Fire Hall on August 17th. The RMWB bike club came out and did a guided ride with the Sapræe Creek youth on August 22nd.

September was Back to School. The Ward 3 News had a Back 2 School challenge. The winners were Joshua Paulichen, Josephine Paulichen, Ledeen Bechtel and Ronan Reddy. Another highlight of September was the completion of the Skateboard Park located at Vista Ridge.

October was a busy month for the Sapræe Creek Fire Hall as firefighters honed their skills and techniques through intensive vehicle rescue training. October also saw the completion of the new playground.



In November recipients of the SCRS Recreation and Culture Grant were announced: Graeme Killick, Pierce Mimura and Brooke Voigt.

December saw the grand re-opening of Vista Ridge in mid-December. On December 16th, Ivanhoe Energy held an open house to inform residents of the proposed construction of an all weather access road with bridge across the Clearwater River. The proposed access road starts from Spruce Valley Drive, approximately 1 km from

Highway 69 and crosses the river east of the Sapræe Creek community near the existing pipeline corridor. (see map page 7). On December 18th, the SCRS hosted a Frosty Family Fiesta at Vista Ridge. Santa arrived in a helicopter and greeted the 160 residents who attended the event. On December 31st, the SCRS and Vista Ridge rung in the New Year together with dual parties—one for the kids and one for the adults. There were party hats, food, games, prizes and an amazing fireworks show. It was a fun end to 2009!

## Around the Creek

**HUB on Wheels** will be moving to the Spruce Valley room at Vista Ridge. Mondays 10:30am to noon and Thursdays 1:30 to 2:30pm.

**Part-Time Childcare Needed**—for a 2 year old girl and 3 year old boy. Call Solange 780-791-5355.

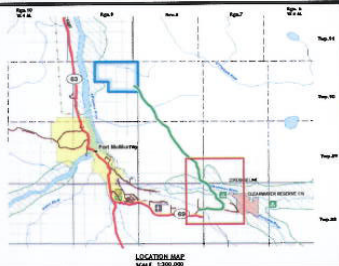
### Annual General Meeting 2010

Tuesday, February 9, 2010. Meeting to take place at Vista Ridge at 7 pm.





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**LEGEND**

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| <p><b>PROPOSED ACCESS ROAD</b></p> <p><b>TRANSPORTATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Major Road (Paved)</li> </ul> <p><b>BOUNDARIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tamarack Project Boundary</li> <li>First Nations</li> </ul> <p><b>FEATURES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aerodrome</li> <li>Helipoint</li> <li>Forestry Lookout Tower</li> <li>Campground</li> <li>Forestry / Ranger Station</li> </ul> | <p><b>TOPOGRAPHY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Major Contour (50m Interval)</li> <li>Minor Contour (10m Interval)</li> <li>Depression</li> <li>Spot Height</li> <li>Stream</li> <li>Stream (Seasonal)</li> <li>Water Body</li> <li>Water Body (Seasonal)</li> </ul> |
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**TAMARACK**  
**PROPOSED ACCESS ROAD**  
Twp.'s 88-89, Rge.'s 7-8, W. 4 M.  
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, Alberta

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## Community Calendar January 2010

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### Schedule of Programs and Events

- 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 - February 9th, Annual General Meeting 7:00pm at Vista Ridge