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JULY 2014



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Around the Creek

Message from the SCRS Board Chair

By Pam Garbin



First I would like to wish everyone a VERY Happy Canada Day!

Summer is well on its way and I think the weather is along to follow. Unfortunately mother nature was unable to cooperate this spring to allow us any dry days to run our T-ball lessons but we were able to enjoy some soccer time where more than 30 kids came out to enjoy some fun out on the field.

Thank you to our coaches Emma, Jen, Jayden and Kali!

With summer upon us we take a break from Family Movie Nights and enjoy some summer programming and this year we are very happy to have the RMWB bring out some fantastically talented ladies who will be providing theme days Mondays and Tuesdays 10-4pm at NO COST at our park. This is a drop in program, a registration form MUST be filled out and program details are to follow in this months issue. Everything from Zumba to Splatter Painting, it looks like a lot of fun, I can't wait to see what the kids bring home! Please take advantage of this opportunity as if it is well attended they will more inclined to bring more programs like this to Saprae Creek in the future.

Do not forget to get your name to Tracy Unger for Miss Kellis Theatre Dance Camp, registration forms can be found on our Facebook Page and can me emailed to Tracy at tujh@shaw.ca another GREAT opportunity for our local kids.

A VERY important Councillors Corner this month, please take the time to read and pass the information on to your neighbours. As posted on Facebook, there have been sightings of bears in Saprae so please use caution when outside with the kids and small pets, we live in a beautiful area and the wildlife is something that comes with it.

Have a great month and hope to see you out at some of our summer programs.



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Councillor's Corner – JULY 2014 by Al Vinni



I write this month to interrupt your summer with an important message concerning rural sewer and water servicing, funding and phasing. Please pass the information contained below on to all rural residents that you know. It is very important, in my opinion, that people be made aware of where Regional Council is concerning their program to upgrade rural water and sewer standards. Post this on Facebook, tweet about it, send emails, call people, talk about it, please do what you can to

disseminate this information.

While Regional Council has been busy with any number of controversial issues and initiatives, Kevin Scoble and his very competent team in Environmental Services have been busy putting together a report on their recommendations for upgrading rural sewer and water delivery standards. This report, including a very comprehensive power point presentation was made at the Rural Development Committee on June 24, 2014. You can find the documents, and a streaming video of the meeting on the RMWB's website at www.woodbuffal.ab.ca. Click on Municipal Government on the dashboard, then click on the first item on the drop down menu, Council Meeting Agendas, Minutes & Video, and then go to the tab for Rural Development Committee meeting June 24, 2014 and open the documents. Video of the meeting should run automatically when you are at this point, but it is the power point document that will be most informative for you.

I will highlight the recommendations affecting Ward 3, Sapræe Creek and Draper Road from the report, but it is a report on all south of Fort McMurray communities: Gregorie Lake Estates, Anzac, Janvier, Conklin in addition to Draper Road and Sapræe Creek. For Draper Road, what is being recommended is a trickle-fill water system and a low pressure sewer system. You may want to do research to fully understand these systems; but there are good schematics and explanations in the power point referred to above. Basically, the trickle-fill will fill tanks located on individual properties, and these tanks will be the day-to-day supply of water for your use. This is not that different from what residents of Draper Road have already, the major difference being that you pay for the water to be delivered by truck, rather than a low pressure line. It is my understanding that existing tanks can be fitted for the water line, so there is not an excessive cost to switching from truck delivery to water line service.

On the sewer side of things, both Sapræe Creek and Draper Road are being recommended for a low pressure sewer line. This system requires a septage storage tank on the individual's property, and when the tank reaches a certain level, a pump is automatically activated that pumps the septage out of the tank and into the main collection line running along the roadway. Like all sewer and water systems, the individual property owner will be responsible for maintaining the system on their property; the RMWB will be responsible for maintaining things on municipal land. In other words, you get it to the street, the RMWB takes over.



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Councillor Corner Continued.....

Cost is of course the biggest question most of you will have, and in the report I have referred to above, there is a lot of costing data. It will require some work to go through all this information to get a clear picture of what we are looking at cost-wise. To summarize, the calculations that our administration have done show that there will be a net annual \$300-\$400 savings per household across the rural communities, on average, for every home owner. This is because the plan is for each residence to pay only 10% of the RMWB's cost of the system. Factoring in savings from no longer needing truck delivery, etc, overall long term savings are expected. Unfortunately, the news is not as good for Ward 3, as the portion of infrastructure (i.e. the tanks) on your land will be your responsibility.

This means that you will pay for the installation of tanks and for their continued maintenance and repair. However, to be clear, this cost will be amortized in your tax bill, it will not require a large up-front payment. Administration is working on supplying figures so that we can see what the actual change in cost will be for Sapræe Creek and Draper Road, this break down of cost was not available at the Rural Development Committee meeting, nor is it readily available from the data they did provide. I anticipate that we will have this disaggregated data by the July 8, 2014 Council meeting at the latest, as this is the meeting where the proposal will be put before Council for a vote on whether to proceed or not.

As I said, I do not have the specific cost data, but there is every indication that taken over the long term, the costs will not be higher than they currently are. In any event, I am proposing to make an amendment to the plan on July 8th that as most rural residents are saving money with this proposal, at least no resident should be required to pay more money for instituting this proposed plan. That only seems fair to me, as if this plan is put in place, it will be mandatory to hook up to the new system. The only caveat to that is that if a particular community, following an established process, votes with a 2/3rds majority to remain with their current system, then that vote will prevail.

Without specific cost detail for our two communities, and not knowing what the outcome of my proposal to have everyone's costs at or below current costs, it is not the time for me to be advocating for the status quo or the new system, it is your time to make your voice heard on this issue. However, I would say that it is likely that the new system will add value to our properties, reduce uncertainty about costs years down the line about installing new septic fields or paying ever increasing haulage rates. There are a lot of benefits that would seem to flow from having a more 'city-like' service delivery, especially if our net costs on a community basis do not increase, but I am interested in hearing from you as to what you think is the right way to go. As many of you may recall from the phone survey that was done, the possibility of us paying a lot of money for different systems was questioned. It is clear that administration got the message from the rural councillors that costs to individual property owners had to be reasonable, as council needed to fulfill its commitment in the 1995 amalgamation documents that they provide cost-effective core services to the rural communities. That has been accomplished. Thank you for your interest in this and I look forward to hearing from you.

Thx, Al Vinni



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IN THE CREEK

THE HUB Parent/Child Program

The will be NO Program during the summer!

I just want to take a minute and thank all the parents and caregivers that attended the program on Wednesdays.

I look forward to starting the program up again in September.

Watch next months newsletter for start date details!





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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 3:30pm-4:00pm)

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- 4:00pm) 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 note that we will not be able to provide programming unless the registration form is filled out. Registration forms are available via Melanie Asher on the Facebook Page or at melanie.asher@live.ca and will also be available at morning drop-off.**



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RMWB Program Schedule

PLEASE NOTE: The week of July 21-25th is also the Dance Camp at Vista Ridge from **9 am to noon**, watch for an update on FACEBOOK for RMWB programs that week or you can contact Melanie Asher melanie.asher@live.ca

July 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jun 29 - Jul 5	Jul 1	Jul 2	Jul 3	Jul 4	Jul 5	Jul 6
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Intro and Games	Sports Day - Anniina Ei				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Zumba	Splatter Painting				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Sports Day 8:00am Drama Camp	Biting Day! 8:00am Drama Camp	8:00am Drama Camp	8:00am Drama Camp	8:00am Drama Camp	8:00am Drama Camp
27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1	2
	Amazing Race	Day Trip to Mt. Island				

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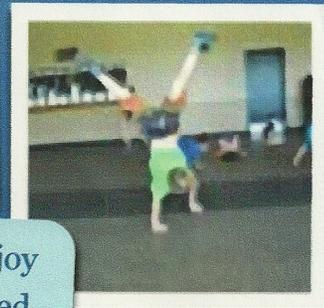
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AROUND THE CREEK

Theatre Dance Camp with Miss Kelli July 21st-25th



For kids aged 3-10 years who will enjoy participating in fun and creative based activities that develop skills in character development, movement, body awareness and singing a pint-sized version of a musical theatre program. This fun filled five day camp features singing, acting, dancing and crafting!

Cost \$60/kid, Camp Hours 9:00am - 12 pm at Vista Ridge

To Register, call or text Tracy at 780-799-5077



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There will be no movie nights over the summer!
Watch for the return of this great family event in September.





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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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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



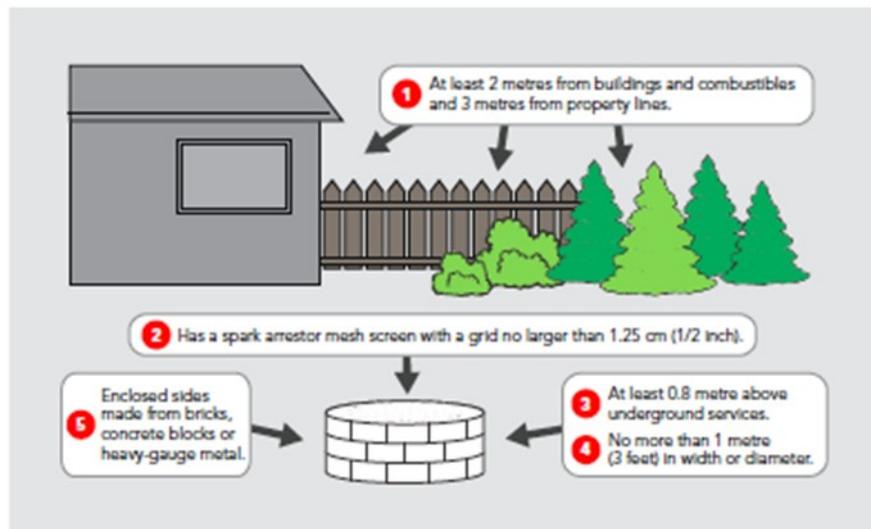


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SUMMER FUN Starts With Summer **SAFETY!**



RESIDENTS OF FORT MCMURRAY 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.

Please follow the below safety practices while enjoying your backyard fire pit:

- Never leave your fire unattended and be aware of the safety of children and pets.
- Keep your fire small and watch for sparks and strong winds.
- Burn only dry, well-seasoned wood, commercial fire logs or briquettes.
- Have a fire extinguisher or hose nearby when using your fire pit.
- For fire ban information in Alberta, please visit www.albertafirebans.ca.

Please note that portable fire pits do not require a permit. All guidelines for the safe operation of the fire pit must still be followed. For more information please contact the Fire Prevention Branch at 780.792.5519.



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FireSmart

A LOCAL SUCCESS

Since 2004, the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo has completed 121 Hectares of FireSmart within the communities of:

- Fort McMurray
- Fort Chipewyan
- Hamlet of Anzac

Together ESRD and the RMWB are currently working towards identifying new areas to continue FireSmart treatments within our local communities.



Alberta Environment and Sustainable
Resource Development

Contact Us

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WHAT IS FIRESMART?

The FireSmart program helps Albertans protect and enhance our forested areas through a number of proactive steps related to wildfire. Wildfire is a natural process that helps maintain health and vibrant forests. Uncontrolled wildfire, however, can have a devastating impact on communities and other forest values. The FireSmart program recognizes this delicate balance and presents a number of innovative solutions that reduce the potential for large, high-impact wildfires.

Websites Available For Your Reference

FireSmart Canada – Partners in Protection
www.firesmartcanada.ca

Alberta Wildfire - FireSmart
www.wildfire.alberta.ca

Fort McMurray Wildfire Update
<http://srd.web.alberta.ca/fort-mcmurray-area-update/>

Guidebooks Available For Your Reference

[Home Owners FireSmart Manual](#)

[FireSmart Guidebook for Community Protection](#)

[FireSmart Guidebook for Oil and Gas](#)

"I am committed to address the risk of wildfire and smoke impacting operations." – Brian McIntosh, Community Member, Nanaimo, BC

WHO IS A FIRESMART COMMUNITY LEADER?

Someone who advocates for FireSmart in your community. You may be a community association chair or a community leader. You are someone who is motivated to take and lead FireSmart actions within your community.

There are many actions you can take that will influence your community's relationship with wildfire.

Ready to commit to FireSmart actions? Visit the link below:

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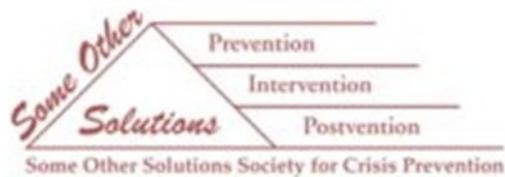
Summer **rec** program

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

**DROP-IN RECREATIONAL DAY
CAMP FOR CHILDREN 7-11**

**YOUTH 12-16 CAN APPLY
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2014 Garbage & Recycling FRIDAY COLLECTION



July

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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August

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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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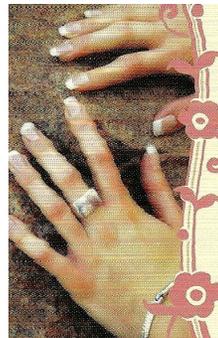
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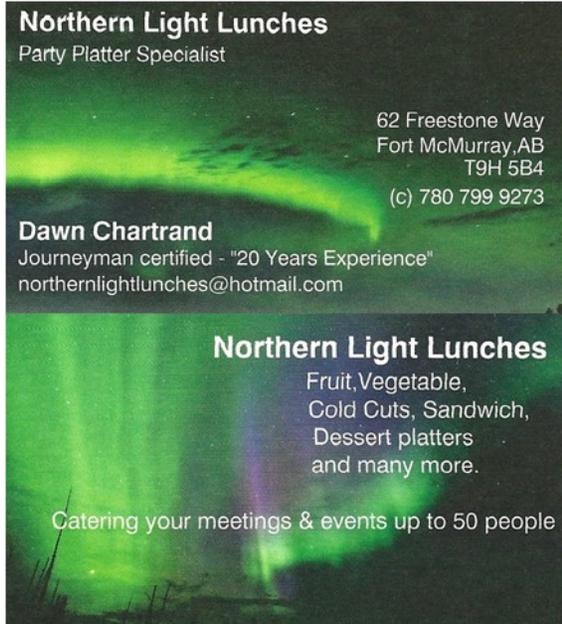
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Community Calendar JULY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 RMWB Program	8 RMWB Program	9	10	11	12
13	14 RMWB Program	15 RMWB Program	16	17	18	19
20	21 Dance Camp RMWB Program	22 Dance camp RMWB Program	23 Dance camp	24 Dance camp	25 Dance camp	26
27	28 RMWB Program	29 RMWB Program	30	31		

Schedule of Programs and Events

- Saprae Creek Volunteer Fire Department Practice Nights: July 7, 14, 21, 28 (Mondays)
- RMWB Summer Program (Mondays and Tuesdays starting July 7th) 10-4pm
(see the daily plan for this program in this issue of the newsletter and on Facebook)
- Theatre Dance Camp with Miss Kelli July 21-25th 9am til noon

