

Ward 3 News



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF WOOD BUFFALO

June 2009

Renée's Report

By Renée Rebus Councilor Ward 3

Thank you to everyone who helped with the community clean up. Unfortunately, I was away and unable to attend. I did, however, see a big difference when I returned. I hope everyone enjoyed the camaraderie and the food provided by the board. Thanks again to everyone involved as many hands make light work.

The May 12th meeting of Council saw presentations from Ms. Laurie McGowan of Fort McMurray Environment Committee, the Oilsands Developers Group and Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce, private citizens – Mr. Dave Kirschner and Mr. Mike Durocher. Ms. McGowan reported to council on the planned activities of the committee for the next month, please see additional information dates and times on back page of this newsletter. The Oilsands Developers Group, Chamber of Commerce and private citizens all made presentations to council against the proposed increase in taxes to both rural and urban non-residential tax rates. Also, on the agenda was a request to change the Memorandum of Association for Wood Buffalo Housing Development Corporation to enable them to borrow monies to complete the Eco-Industrial Park, the request passed with little discussion. The Tax Rate Bylaw presented to council, however, created much discussion. The administration recommendation was to apply a 20% increase to rural non-residential and a 5% increase to urban non-residential tax

rates. Second reading was placed on the floor by Councilor Clarkson, then Councilor Vyboh presented an amended motion to reflect a 28% increase to rural non-residential, a 5% increase to urban non-residential and a 17% decrease to both urban and rural residential; the amendment received much discussion and ended up being passed 5 to 4, with an additional recommendation to “table” the amendment to allow administration time to use the new formula to see what the rates would be for the 2009 tax year. When administration came back to council with the adjusted rates the motion to “raise” the tabled item was defeated, therefore no additional discussion was allowed on the tax rate bylaw. Council was then advised to set a Special Meeting on May 19th to complete the 2nd and 3rd reading in order for the rates to be placed into effect, so that the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo would be able to collect the tax dollars needed to continue to provide the services to the region.

May 19th Special Meeting to approve the 2009 Tax Rate Bylaw again saw many presentations from business owners in and around the region. The “tabled” motion was “raised” and when the 2nd reading for the amended motion put on the floor by Councilor Vyboh was then defeated. There again was much discussion and two more amendments’ placed on the floor, the final amendment approved and given 3rd and final reading saw a 10% increase to rural non-residential, a 5% increase to urban non-residential and 0% increase/decrease for both urban and rural residential.

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The May 26th meeting will see a public hearing on the Lower Townsite Area Redevelopment Plan. There are already many presenters on our agenda, so I expect it to be another long night. Also on the agenda is 1st reading for changes to the R4 High Density Residential District and reports on the Cell Block and South Police Centre, Safety and Security, Public Transit, Allocation funding for 2009 on the Community Plan on Homelessness and Affordable Housing, last but not least council expense summary for January to March 2009.

The Draper Road Residents Society Vice-president, Warren Ouellette, and I have been emailing back and forth on numerous plans and questions. The board hopes to have a meeting very shortly. They are looking for input from the residents on any items they would like the board to work on over the next year. I hope to have an update on the road, Municipal Reserve and the ATV bylaw options at that time.

Check out additional pages in the newsletter for up and coming events as well as important information to this Ward.

Have a great month.

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Tips to Save the Planet

(from *The Little Green Handbook 2008*)

Tip #4

Buy plastics by the number

Look for the recycling arrow symbol and number at the bottom of the plastics you buy and find out what types of plastics are recyclable in your area (usually numbers 1&2).

1 - Polyethylene Terephthalate: Soda and water bottles, cooking oil bottles.

2 - High Density Polyethylene: Detergent bottles, milk and juice jugs

3 - Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC): Plastic pipes, shrink wrap, some food and detergent containers

4 - Low Density Polyethylene: Dry \cleaning bags, produce bags

5 - Polypropylene: Drinking straws

6 - Polystyrene: Styrofoam cups, packaging peanuts, to-go containers

7 - Other (includes Polycarbonate, Acrylic, and Fibreglass): Food containers, baby bottles



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Around the Creek...

Community Clean-Up - Earth Day 2

The community clean-up on May 9th was well attended and the mailbox location was a visible reminder for residents who wanted to pitch-in. Approximately 50 residents came out to do their part and, enjoy hot dogs and hamburgers and a visit by Ribbit the Recycling frog.

Community Garage Sale - Earth Day 3

A number of Sapræ Creek residents cleaned out their garages and sold off their extra and unwanted items during the community wide garage sales held May 23rd.

The HUB on Wheels:

Mondays 10:30-noon and Thursdays 1:30-2:30pm, Sapræ Creek Fire Hall. Kids 0-5. Moms, nannies, dads and grandparents welcome. The coffee is always on. FREE program. June 18th is the last day for the Thursday playgroup until the fall. Mondays will continue all summer long.

Environment week - see calendar on page 6.

Summer camp - check out the Boys and Girls summer camp schedule on page 5.

Free Perennials...

...available at #3 Sapræ Crescent. Drive by and take what you want.

Northern Lights Triathlon Club presents:

Dirty Laundry Vineyards NLTC Triathlon Corporate Team Challenge - Sunday, June 28th, 2009 in Anzac. Two or 3 participants per team. Sprint distance: 750 m lake swim, 20 km bike, 5 km run. Olympic distance: 1.5 km lake swim, 40 km bike, 10 km run. Challenge your colleagues and friends, have fun, network, and get fit! Pre-race dinner on June 27th in Fort McMurray. Prizes drawn race day followed by post race refreshments and awards ceremony.

For more info contact: Dayna Kucy, Corporate Team Coordinator at 780-881-2459 or dkucy@yahoo.com. Check out our website www.nltc.ca or enter online www.eventsonline.ca

Vandalism in Sapræ Creek

There have been various acts of vandalism throughout Sapræ Creek this past year. Most recently, the sign in the parking lot at the fire hall was busted up with a 2x4; the letters on the big sign at the mailboxes were removed and scattered all over the ground; the newspaper box on Sapræ Crescent was knocked over; and broken glass bottles litter the recycling Centre and East playground. Vandals can be reported by calling Bylaw 780-799-8888.

Ward 3 Newsletter

Submission, questions, comments or concerns? Call Melanie Reddy, Community Support, Sapræ Creek at 780-743-8133 or email melaniereddy@shaw.ca.

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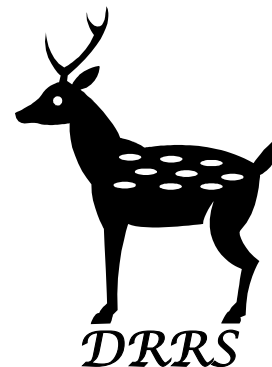
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MUSIC FOR LIFE PRESENTS AN EVENING OF OPERA & HARMONY

RED DEER Symphony Orchestra



MUSIC FOR LIFE

Saturday, June 13, 2009

Operaworks
performed by

Cara Brown

Alicia Guildler

Show at 8pm
Reception at 10pm
Keyano Theatre

Tickets **\$75**

All proceeds will be donated to
the *Canadian Cancer Society*

Tickets are available at Keyano Box Office **780.791.4990**



Featuring our very own Sapræe Creek star, Alicia Guildler!



Fort McMurray
Boys & Girls Club

The Fort McMurray Boys & Girls Club is pleased to announce Summer Camp!

Summer Camp will run from June 29th to August 28th (7am – 5:30pm)

Registration begins June 1, 2009

Registration fee is \$20 per child

Our weekly fee is \$150 for one child, or \$250 for two children

Each week is a different theme! Sign up for all the weeks or only a few!

We offer 2 daily snacks, scheduled activities, field trips and divided age groups

Our quality, expert staff give genuine care and attention, supervision and guidance

Week One: Summer Fun Week will be enjoying the freedom from the classroom & the sunshine!

Week Two: Water Week will be water games and activities, swimming, Water Park & much more

Week Three: Planet Earth is a beautiful planet and will be busy admiring and adding to its beauty

Week Four: Is the week of the Champions! With load of sports and games

Week Five: Can you smell the popcorn and cotton candy? It's carnival week at the Club!

Week Six: It's a Bird; it's a plane..... It's your favorite Super Hero Week!

Week 7: You'll love to rock to the music and make new instruments in Music Week!

Week 8: During Ethnic week, you will learn about different cultures

Week 9: Time to wrap up Summer camp and say goodbye to your new friends.

Don't Forget about The Boys and Girls Club ZAP Out of School Care Program

Registration for the ZAP out of school care program is now open for the 2009-2010 school year!

Daily snack

Scheduled activities and field trips

Home work help

\$50 registration fee per child, \$250 per month for one child, \$350 for two children

Contact The Fort McMurray Boys and Girls Club at 780-791-7775 and ask for Mimi or Gayle for more information. OR stop by at 20 Riedel Street to register!

ENVIRONMENT WEEK

2009 May 31 - June 6 Celebrating 20 years



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| <p>SAT MAY 30</p> | <p>Household Hazardous Waste RoundUp 10:00 am – 5:30 pm at 168 Airport Road (RMWB maintenance building) on HWY 69 8:00 – 12:00pm at Anzac Community Hall</p> <p>Keep our environment free of toxic chemicals that can come from e-waste, batteries, paints and other cleaners. Drop off your unwanted household hazardous wastes for proper disposal! Volunteer by calling Laurie at 788-6425.</p> | <p>TUES JUNE 2</p> | <p>Compost: Food to Soil Seminar 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Keyano College, Room 232 (Bob Lamb Centre)</p> <p>Come learn about home composting in a free workshop! Composters will be sold at cost. Please register with Laurie at 788-6425.</p> |
| <p>SAT JUNE 6</p> | <p>River Watch Raft Float Trip 9:00 am to 1:00 pm You're invited to join a free half-day 8 km interpretive raft trip on Fort McMurray's Clearwater River. Participants will enjoy learning about the Clearwater River ecology, conducting water quality monitoring and engaging in a discussion of local environmental issues. There is room for 72 participants. Please register with Martin at 715-0005.</p> | <p>Royal Alberta Museum and CEMA at the Oil Sands Discovery Centre 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Oil Sands Discovery Centre</p> <p>Come by the Oil Sands Discovery Centre to see RAMS dinosaur and bug exhibits; its fun for the whole family - rain or shine. CEMA is sponsoring a BBQ for you to enjoy. Call 743-7167 for more information!</p> | <p>Ken Beattie: From the Ground Up 2:00 – 4:00 pm, Keyano Recital Theatre</p> <p>The Woodland Garden Society presents Ken Beattie! Ken is the author of a gardening book series and has hosted a number of gardening-related television and radio programs. Tickets are \$12. Inquiries call Yvonne at 792-2388.</p> |
| <p>SUN JUNE 7</p> | <p>Community Clearwater River Clean-Up & BBQ 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Snye Park</p> <p>Do your part and help clean-up our community! Volunteer with WBEA & RAMP members to clean-up our parkway and waterway. Boaters welcome! Prize giveaways, refreshments and a BBQ at Snye River Park are to follow.</p> | <p>Abasand Historic/Nature Walk 6:00 – 7:00pm, École Boreal Parking Lot</p> <p>Enjoy the outdoors and join us for a walk through the historic Abasand oil sand plant site! Please register with Deanna at the Oil Sands Discovery Centre at 743-7167.</p> | <p>Abasand Hazardous Waste RoundUp 10:00 am – 5:30 pm at 168 Airport Road (RMWB maintenance building) on HWY 69 8:00 – 12:00pm at Anzac Community Hall</p> <p>Keep our environment free of toxic chemicals that can come from e-waste, batteries, paints and other cleaners. Drop off your unwanted household hazardous wastes for proper disposal! Volunteer by calling Laurie at 788-6425.</p> |
| <p>WEEK LONG EVENTS</p> | <p>Photography Contest June 1 – June 7, Fort McMurray Public Library</p> <p>Check out the top ten photos from this year's 'Wood Buffalo Landscapes' themed photography contest. Inquiries call Martin at 715-0005.</p> | <p>Magnificent Bison with Parks Canada A Wood Buffalo National Park representative will visit participating elementary schools with hand-on activities about the 'Magnificent Bison of the Boreal Forest'.</p> | <p>ANZAC Community Clean-Up June 6, 10:00 am Anzac Day Use Area</p> <p>Help clean up the Anzac Day-Use Area and Gregoire Lake shoreline, followed with a BBQ! For more information, contact Christine at 334-4262.</p> |

For more information, contact Laurie at (780) 788-6425, e-mail us at fortmurrayenvironmentweek@hotmail.com or check out our Facebook page!

From the SCRS Chair

By Jon Alcock

Residents, thank you to everyone who showed up on Saturday May 9th for the community clean up and BBQ. You are an integral part of what makes our community such a wonderful place to live. There were people of all ages out helping pick up garbage along their own streets and the road way coming into Saprae Creek. We picked up an entire truck and trailer load of garbage that was taken to the Dump by Gerald Lichti. Thank you Gerald.

Gerald is also responsible for getting the concrete finished for the skate park. That work should start over the next couple days and be finished by... Well we'll all have to wait and see for that one to transpire. It is high on the list of items to be finished this year.

Welcome to Summer and I hope that this year the caterpillars leave us be and the rain stays away long enough to heat our little section of the vast world just a little bit.

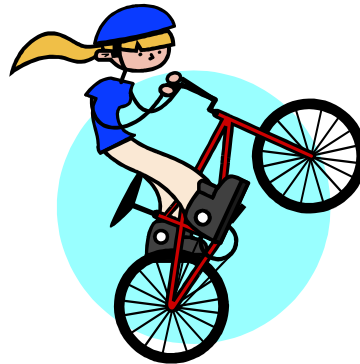
Attention Saprae Creek Residents

We are looking for two shepherd dogs, medium size black colored, in Saprae Creek.

On Monday, May 18 @ 650pm while exploring in our backyard our 12lb miniature dachshund Mojave was hunted then viciously attacked by two shepherd dogs roaming free. It was an unprovoked, witnessed attack. Due to the severity of his injuries, our dog was euthanized.

Caution: Due to the violent nature of the attack and the fact that the dogs were wandering free with no owner present, we are very concerned for the safety of our children and our other pets. If you have children or pets, please be extra cautious until these animals are caught and confined

If you know who owns these dogs, would you please contact Animal Control at the SPCA 780-743-8997 or Jon at 780-215-4455 or Karen at 780-715-5599.



Bike Club!

Saturdays - 2:00pm to 3:30 pm
Ages 5-12 and Parents

- June 13 - YMCA Parking Lot
- June 27 - Birchwood Trails
- July 11 - Frank Lacroix Arena
- July 25 - Father Beaugard School
- August 8 - Anzac School
- August 22 - Saprae Creek Fire Hall

Contact: Tara 780-598-4762 or tara.abraham@woodbuffalo.ab.ca

Bring your friends and family to explore the trails with us for FREE.

Helmets Mandatory.



Feeling overwhelmed by grant applications? Looking for someone to grant you peace? Then come to the:

Grab the Grants

Workshop

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

194 Grenfell Crescent (Gregoire)
Wood Buffalo Community Village
Fort McMurray, Alberta

**If you work for a nonprofit organization or a municipality,
then this workshop is for you!**

Come check out presentations from various provincial government departments and agencies while enjoying some refreshments.

To register: call our office at 780-791-9333
or e-mail volunteerwoodbuffalo@telus.net by June 5, 2009

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