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MAY 2014



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Around the Creek

Message from the SCRS Board Chair

By Pam Garbin

Thank you to EVERYONE who supported our petition signing events. A BIG thank you to Tanya Poulin, Mel Asher, Erin Fleming, Danielle Bursey and Jennifer Pike for going door to door in an effort to collect as many signatures as we could. The petition has been sent to all the right connections and it has made a number of important people aware of many issues that were not brought to their attention before, I will try to give an update when I know more but this project has NOT been approved.

So many events this upcoming month. First I look forward to the all day yoga workshop that will take place May 3rd, you can never get enough relaxation in life. Spring Ladies Night and Home Based Business Open House is on May 9th, I welcome ALL Ladies to attend, it is a fantastic evening out with friends, food and drinks will be provided.



This is a cash and carry event and the cash machine at Vista does not work this time of year so please be prepared for that. Family Movie Night is on a Friday May 24th this month, please join us for The Nut Job and pizza on us. EVERYONE is welcome.

There will be a scrapbook and cardmaking ALL DAY CROP May 24th, a great way to get some of those projects started or just some quiet time to organize your photos and maybe start a online photobook.

Watch for registration for SPRING Soccer and T-ball, we will have our own teams out at the Sapræe Creek field so you might not want to sign them up in town.

Spring Community Cleanup and Big Bin Event & BBQ will be Saturday May 31st.

Community Garage Sale June 7th

There will again be a dance camp this summer at Vista, July 21-25th, it will be a Theatre Dance Camp this summer watch for registration in June.

The Sapræe Creek Residents Society would like to invite you to the Fort McMurray International Airshow on June 1st, please save the date as we will be taking registration for families who would like to attend. We will be paying for the tickets and Diversified transportation to the Airport that day from Vista Ridge. Hope to see you there.

Happy Mothers Day to all the moms out there this month!





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Councillor's Corner – May 2014 by Al Vinni



While I am not sure spring is quite here yet, I am certain the new airport terminal is going to be opening in just over a month, June 9th to be exact. That countdown display they have in the old terminal is very necessary for morale, because the new terminal is going to open just in time; it is just crazy busy at the old terminal. You will be very impressed with everything about the new terminal I think; it is state of the art. We will probably hit capacity for it next year, but they have designed it so it can be easily expanded. Only in Fort McMurray could we be talking about expansion before a facility is open. Now that we have customs and direct flights to Denver, with many other destinations to follow, the world is right outside our front door.

As part of the new terminal opening, the Airport Authority is going to put on a once-in-a-lifetime air show on May 30th through June 1st. Once the new terminal is open, it will not be possible to close airport operations for anything like this in the future. Please make plans to attend. Also, please keep in touch with your Sapræ Creek Residents Society as they are making plans for bussing to the airport and also are checking on what they can do to make tickets available for residents. If the weather is nice, there are as many as 25,000 people expected to take in the show, so the planning being done by your recreation society so we can take in the show with minimal logistical and financial strain will be much appreciated.

I would like to finish this month's column by talking about plans for the development of our City Centre. I get as many questions about the City Centre as I do about other things closer to home, so I would like you to know my thoughts about City Centre development. What follows is just my opinion. Our urban service area (i.e. City of Fort McMurray) is at a point in its development where we need it to switch from being a really big town into a real regional city. There are over 100,000 people who live in the urban area of Fort McMurray, but you really would not know that from looking at our downtown. It is significantly smaller than the downtown of comparable and even smaller cities such as Red Deer, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and Grande Prairie. We will very soon be recognized as the third city of Alberta in terms of population, we are already the first city in terms of economic importance.

The transition to an increasingly large and economically vital city means we need to see people build things such as office buildings, condo towers and other urban amenities. Having this done is critical at this point for our region. The oil companies are in a transition of their own, from being primarily in a build mode (capital spend) to being more than 50% in an operational mode (long-term operations). Those of you who work in and follow the oil industry in this region know all about this transition. The key element of being operational is that you need people to be locally based. You can build with fly-in, fly-out, but you cannot be sustainable and profitable operationally over the long-term with fly-in, fly-out. Career people are needed to work for a company that is operational. Companies need long-term committed employees to make operations increasingly efficient so that ever increasing and necessary productivity levels are achieved.

To assist the oil companies in achieving what they need, we as a municipality need to set the table for development that will provide the buildings and amenities that the oil company employees will occupy and utilize, respectively. If this does not happen, the oil companies only other alternative is to base most of their people who work at a desk in Calgary, and fly-in all the other employees necessary to run the operation on the ground. It will put the operations in a poorer competitive position over time. More importantly it will retard or even reverse the growth of our urban centre, and ultimately our city.

The RMWB's role in seeing that urban development does occur is to set the table for development. This has two main facets; one, have a plan for development that has all the proper land use bylaws and other regulations in place, and two, a municipality always needs to have 'skin in the game' to encourage the development community to come in and build those buildings and towers. Part one has been done, that is what we were doing over the last three years, as for part two, that is what we need to do now. Plans are in place for the building the RMWB needs to do as their commitment to this plan and I will pick up this discussion there next month, talking about Jubilee Square, the Sports and Entertainment Centre and other building and development projects that the RMWB is planning to do.

Enjoy the late arriving spring, get out to the airshow and support all the great plans that your recreation societies' have made for this spring and summer.

Thx Al Vinni



AROUND THE CREEK



THE HUB Parent/Child Program

WHEN : WEDNESDAYS

WHERE: Spruce Valley Room at Vista Ridge

TIME: 10-11:30 am

Geared towards ages 0-5, a great way for your child to socialize with similar aged children in Spruce Creek by way of interactive stations, craft time, circle time, followed by in a light snack.

For more information contact Pam Garbin

780-715-2787

Look forward to seeing you there!





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SAPRAE CREEK SPRING

LADIES NIGHT

AND



HOME BASED BUSINESS OPEN HOUSE

WHEN: Friday May 9th in the Spruce Valley Room, Vista Ridge

TIME: 6-9pm

GET TO KNOW THE OTHER LADIES IN SAPRAE CREEK

BEVERAGES AND SNACKS PROVIDED BY THE SCRS

If you have a home based business in Sprae Creek and would like to book a table please text or call **Erin Fleming at 780-215-1519**

This is a cash and carry event so you must have product at your table to sell!

Epicure, Tupperware, Avon, Partylight, Jewelry , Book Signing, Sunset Gourmet, Sweet Tooth Bath and Body

Perfect chance to shop for Mothers Day!

Big News...



is extending our chocolatey reach to the new YMM Airport next month!!!

And We Need Some Great People to Help Out ...

Only 6 Mins. from home, a fun atmosphere to work in and get away from the house (plus you get to do quality control testing).

Part Time Hours and must be available to work some holidays. Call Melanie 7807135138 or email chocolatesandcandlelight@shaw.ca



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WHEN: FRIDAY May 23rd

WHERE: Spruce Valley Room at Vista Ridge

TIME: 6-7:30

COST: FREE

Join us for pizza and a Movie

This event is sponsored by the Sapræ Creek Residents Society



This is NOT a drop off event Parental Supervision is required!

Please respond to the event invitation on the Sapræ Creek Residents Society Facebook Page

For more information Contact Pam 780-715-2787



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SCRAPBOOK "CROP"
ALL DAY EVENT



PLEASE JOIN US AT VISTA RIDGE

SATURDAY May 24th for
ALL DAY SCRAPBOOK and CARD MAKING CROP

LUNCH AND DINNER ARE PROVIDED

12 hours of uninterrupted scrapbook time

COST \$35

TIME: 10 am to 10 pm

SPRUCE VALLEY ROOM at VISTA RIDGE

CONTACT Pam Garbin at garbin@shaw.ca

Or call 780-881-4974 to register your spot

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE !



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FIRE SEASON
STARTS MARCH 1

Call 310-FIRE (3473) to report all wildfires.

Fire permits will be required for any burning in the Forest Protection Area (excluding campfires).

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Visit your burn sites to ensure the fires have been completely extinguished. You can get a free fire permit by contacting your local Environment and Sustainable Resource Development office at:

FORT MCMURRAY 780-743-7125



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SAPRAE CREEK SPRING



WHEN: Saturday May 31st

TIME: 10-1pm

WHERE: Meet at Vista Ridge to get your picker sticks and road assignment

There will be a Community BBQ at 12pm, hope to see you there!



Saprae Creek Community Garage Sale



WHEN: Saturday June 7th (SAVE THE DATE)

TIME: 8-1pm

WHERE: At your individual homes

Advertising will be done by the Saprae Creek Residents Society watch for the event posting on Facebook, please mark your garage sale along Spruce Valley Drive so those from town who are looking for your garage sale can find you easily!



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VISTA RIDGE NEWS

As the parking lot at Vista Ridge continues to dry out, please, if you plan to use the Skateboard Park, do not cross the current barrier. If the front gates are closed, the skateboard park will also be closed at that time. Thank you in advance. Watch for the opening of the Adventure Park this summer!



FORT MCMURRAY INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY JUNE 1st 10-4pm

The Sprae Creek Residents Society invites you and your family to the Fort McMurray International Airshow. We will be offering to pay for the tickets and transportation from Vista Ridge to the airshow. Watch the FACEBOOK page on how to registration for this event. See the Canadian Snowbirds and get a tour of the new terminal. Hope to see you there!





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“LOOK INTO WOOD BUFFALO” – COMMUNITY WELLBEING SURVEY



Its about our **wellbeing**,
not just our economy

HAVE YOUR SAY! MAY 3 - JUNE 20

A Wood Buffalo community wellbeing survey will be mailed to households starting in May. Please complete the anonymous survey by June 20 to tell us about your wellbeing and how we can improve the quality of life in Wood Buffalo.



Those who complete the online survey will be entered to win a handful of fantastic prizes including a gift certificate to Canadian Tire!

Completed surveys can be returned using the prepaid envelopes provided.

For more information visit:
socialprosperity.ca/look-wood-buffalo-community-wellbeing-survey
or contact Ifeatu Efu | ifeatu@socialprosperity.ca | 587-646-7238
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**"Look Into Wood Buffalo" Community Wellbeing Survey:
It's about our wellbeing, not just our economy
May – June 20, 2014**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Community Wellbeing Survey to gather foundational information on quality of life

Fort McMurray, Alberta – March 28, 2014 – How are you doing? That's a question your neighbour or co-worker might ask to check-in on your life. It shows that someone cares about you and wants to know how things are going. From time to time, communities need a check-in with residents too. What is affecting your quality of life? Are you able to access community programs and services in order to live a happy, active and healthy life?

A group of local organizations (including the Arts Council of Wood Buffalo, Fort McMurray Real Estate Board, FuseSocial, Keyano College, the Oil Sands Community Alliance, ONE Regional Recreation Association of Wood Buffalo, the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and the United Way of Fort McMurray) are working together to organize a community check-in to find out how you are doing. The group is working with the [Canadian Index of Wellbeing \(CIW\)](#), an award-winning Canadian success story that measures the quality of life of Canadians. Quality of life includes the social, health, environmental, and economic concerns of citizens. The CIW uses a community wellbeing survey to gather this information. The results from the survey help us understand where needs are greatest and where opportunities to invest are most promising.

"Many surveys have been done in Wood Buffalo," says Ifeatu Efu, project manager for Social Prosperity Wood Buffalo, "but this one will give people a unique opportunity to provide feedback that will make a big difference for their families and neighbours. It will also help us address gaps in service and advocate for positive social change."

"It's impressive to have so many organizations collaborating on this survey," says Bryan Smale, Director of the CIW. "Communities that work together are moving the needle on tough issues, so Wood Buffalo is distinguishing itself as the first community in Alberta to adopt our framework in order to build more resilient and sustainable communities."

The "Look into Wood Buffalo" Community Wellbeing Survey will be launched in May and will run through to June 20th, 2014. Over 7,000 randomly selected households in Fort McMurray and outlying communities will receive an invitation in the mail. Responses are completely anonymous. People who fill out the survey will be eligible for great prizes as a thank you for their investment of time.

The results of the "Look into Wood Buffalo" Community Wellbeing Survey will be presented on Wednesday, October 1st, 2014, at 2:00 pm and a final report will be available online. Several workshops are being organized to explore the results and their meaning more deeply.

For more information

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ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- Electrical work should always be done by a qualified electrician.
- Have your home electrical system inspected by a qualified electrician when buying, selling or renovating.

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

- Only buy appliances that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Major appliances, such as refrigerators, stoves, washers, etc. should be plugged directly into the wall.
- Small appliances should be plugged directly into the wall. Unplug small appliances when not in use.
- Keep lamps and light bulbs away from anything that can burn, such as furniture, bedding or curtains.
- Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture.

CORDS

- Replace cracked, damaged and loose electrical or extension cords.
- Avoid placing cords under rugs / carpets, across doorways or under furniture.
- Use only surge protectors or power strips that have internal overload protection and have a label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Extension cords are for temporary use only.

OUTLETS

- Replace wall outlets if plugs do not fit snugly.
- All wall outlets and switches should be covered with wall plates to prevent shock.
- Install tamper-resistance electrical outlets if you have young children.

CIRCUITS AND FUSES

- If a fuse blows or a circuit breaker trips, correct the problem before turning the breaker back on or replacing the fuse. Have a qualified electrician inspect and fix the problem.
- Always replace blown fuses with ones of the proper rating.
- Install arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) in your home, which will shut off electricity when a dangerous condition occurs.
- Install ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) in bathrooms, basements, garages, outdoors, kitchens and other locations near water to reduce the risk of shock.
- Test AFCIs and GFCIs once a month by pressing the test button to ensure they are working properly.

OUTSIDE YOUR HOME

- Never touch a power line or anyone / anything that is in contact with a downed wire.
- Assume all power lines are live and stay a safe distance.
- Report downed power lines to authorities.
- Call before you dig! Alberta One-call is a free and easy way to have underground lines identified and marked – 1.800.242.3447.

Call a qualified electrician if you have any of the following:

- Recurring problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers.
- A tingling feeling when you touch an electrical appliance.
- Discoloured or warm wall outlets or switches.
- A burning smell or rubbery odor coming from an appliance.
- Flickering lights.
- Sparks from a wall outlet.
- Cracked or broken wall outlets.

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2014 Garbage & Recycling FRIDAY COLLECTION



January

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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February

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May

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25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Household Hazardous Waste Friday

June

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



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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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5:45	5:53	5:55	5:58	6:13	6:17	6:21	6:28	6:43	6:46	6:48	6:56
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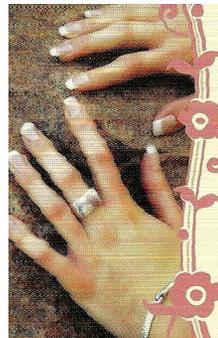
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Community Calendar May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
			HUB	Irish Dancing		Yoga Retreat
4	5	6	7	8 Final Class	9	10
			HUB	Irish Dancing	Ladies Night	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			HUB			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			HUB	Irish Dancing		Scrapbook Day
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
			HUB			Clean Up

Schedule of Programs and Events

- Saprae Creek Volunteer Fire Department Practice Nights: April 5, 12, 26th (Mondays)
- HUB Playgroup: Wednesdays 10-11:30am
- Irish Dancing: Thursdays 5-6 and 6-7pm Clases May 1st and May 8th ONLY
- Yoga Retreat May 3, 10-4pm
- Ladies Night May 9th 6-9pm
- Family Movie Night: Join us for The Nut Job Friday May 23rd, 6-7:30pm
- Scrapbook Day Saturday May 24th 10-10pm
- Community Clean Up and BBQ Saturday May 31st, 10-1pm
- Airshow June 1st 10-4pm
- Community Garage Sale June 7th 8-1pm

