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SAPRAE CREEK & DRAPER ROAD

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I hope everyone enjoyed the summer. It is nice now to get back to a normal schedule as the kids head back to school. September is a great month to enjoy the outdoors in Saprae Creek. If you missed the spring clean-up, September 24th is our Fall Clean-up/BBQ event. Come out and help clean-up the community and enjoy seeing your neighbors and friends. Pam Garbin and Michelle Archibald are organizing another great community event. On that note, movie night starts this month along with yoga classes.

This summer the board decided to spend money on trail maintenance which is now complete. I have not had a chance to try them out myself but I am told the trails are in excellent condition. Great for all the ATV enthusiasts.

Our board met on August 24, 2011 with Bill Fisher. Mr. Fisher was retained by the board to represent our interests regarding the Alberta Oilsands ERCB application. The session was very informative and for now, we have been advised by Mr. Fisher to maintain open communication with Alberta Oilsands. In addition, we need to hold to our current strategy. From our meeting, we are anticipating a positive outcome but will not reduce our efforts until we are certain that an operating facility will not be constructed at the airport.
Councillor’s Corner
By Allan Vinni

It will be a very active and exciting time in the RMWB this fall. By the time you read this, the Premier will have been up here to announce the initiation of an Urban Development Sub-Region (“UDSR”). This is something the RMWB has been working towards for a very long time. The creation of an UDSR will give us what every other city, town, hamlet, county and municipality in this country has, which we lacked until now, and that is control over the development and usage of the land that will form Fort McMurray as it continues to grow for the next 20-30 years. The UDSR initiative will completely change for the better how things happen in Fort McMurray and on Draper Road and in Saprae Creek.

The other major item that council will be working on is completion of the Municipal Development Plan (“MDP”). Building on the work of numerous stakeholders and contributors through Future Forward and Envision Wood Buffalo, the MDP will lay out the framework for how we go about developing our municipality to grow into the region that people envision, and as they expressed through the extensive public consultation that has been done. This consultation does not only include what the municipal planners sought from the citizenry over the past six months, but as you will see when you read the plan, it encompasses the work of those past stakeholder initiatives: Future Forward, Envision Wood Buffalo and other planning that has been done. Please take time to go to www.bigideawoodbuffalo.ca and review and comment on the MDP. The website is very user friendly, but the plan takes a while to load because it is BIG. Please do not be alarmed at its size at 104 pages, there are lots of pictures, maps, etc. The content is very concise and to the point.

I’ve been hearing from a lot of you about the challenges we face in our communities concerning two main issues: possible SAG-D development on airport lands and continuing disregard of land use laws and regulations on Draper Road. I know there is frustration with the speed and effectiveness of the actions that the RMWB has been taking to resolve these issues; however I assure you that these issues have the attention of council and our administration and there is a strong commitment to resolve these issues. Further, the administration of the RMWB is working everyday on these issues, issues which challenge our resources. Also, working within the existing legal parameters, our ability to accomplish our goals as quickly as we all would like are limited. We need to look at changing our laws and penalties concerning how we address by-law infractions, which will take time as well. Continue to work with us to resolve these issues and we will be successful in the end. My promises to you are, one, I will continue to work to see that no SAG-D is ever built at the airport, or within our new urban development sub-region for that matter. Two, land owners will comply with our by-laws; we will be relentless in seeing that happens.

I hope everyone had a good summer, we had lots of great events in our region and in Ward 3, and I look forward to working with you all as we enter a very exciting time in the RMWB.

Thx, Al Vinni
Around the Creek

Starting Monday September 12th the

HUB Parent/Child Program

will be returning to the

Spruce Valley Room at Vista Ridge.

TIME: 10-11:30

(every Monday except for statutory holidays)

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

THANK YOU RMWB SUMMER PROGRAMMERS!

WE REALLY ENJOYED THE MONDAY TUMBLING TOTS PROGRAM AND
THE WEDNESDAYS PARENT/CHILD CRAFT GROUP THIS SUMMER

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the
EVERYBODY’S BIRTHDAY/Summer’s End Party
YOGA IN THE CREEK

Marianne Baron will be back in Saprae Creek this Fall for YOGA

First Session ($35) will take place September 8, 15, 29 and Oct 6th
Second Session (Cost $55) Oct 13,20,27, Nov 3,10,17

Pay on or before September 8th and get both sessions for $80 and SAVE $10

Classes are at Vista Ridge in the Spruce Valley Room.

Drop-in cost $10

Space is limited so register today!

Call or text Michelle at 780-715-6727 or email michelleandgord@hotmail.com

SCRAPBOOKING/CARDMAKING CROP

PLEASE JOIN US

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17 for a
ALL DAY SCRAPBOOK CROP
LUNCH AND DINNER ARE PROVIDED
COST $35
10 am to 10 pm
SPRUCE VALLEY ROOM at VISTA RIDGE

CONTACT Michelle at michelleandgord@hotmail.com

Or call 780-715-6727 to register your spot

PERSONAL TRAINER IN SAPRAE CREEK

Starting in October, I will be offering in-your-home personal training sessions using portable equipment (or any other equipment you may have in your home). Why choose a certified personal trainer?

With results obtained from a thorough assessment, I will develop a customized training program that is made for you that works with your schedule.

I will motivate you, ensure you are using proper technique, and keep you challenged.

For more information, please contact Melanie Asher at unlimited.fitness@live.ca
SAPRAE CREEK FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16th
(NOTE change in day of the week)
WHERE: SPRUCE VALLEY ROOM, VISTA RIDGE
COST: FREE EVENT brought to you by the SCRS!!!!
JOIN US FROM 5-6:30 for pizza and a movie

JOIN US FROM 6:30-8 for our second film

This is not a drop off event, parental supervision is required!

Healing Touch Massage
Member of NHFC/R.M.T
-Deep Tissue, Relaxation & Craniosacral Therapy Massage
-Lava Shell & Chair Massage
-Infrared Sauna
-Paraffin Wax Treatments

By Apt Only- Michelle Archibald, R.M.T
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email: healingtouchmassagefortmcmurray@hotmail.com
DATE: Saturday September 24th
TIME: Community Clean-Up starts at 10am
BBQ to follow 1-3pm
PLACE: Meet at Vista Ridge to determine clean-up area, then meet AFTER for the BBQ

Please join us to help beautify Saprae Creek before winter!
Door prizes and GREAT food!

If you are unable to join us please help out by making sure the ditch in front of your home is cleaned up!

ALSO present at this event will be RMWB Council as they continue their council engagement tour, come speak to them directly!

SAPRAE CREEK SKATEBAORD PARK LANDSCAPING PROJECT

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Landscaping of our skateboard park has been dropped from the RMWB’s scope of work and we NEED your help to finish off this project.

If you have time, equipment, trees, fencing/materials, access to topsoil, planters, plants or anything that relates to this type of project please email Dennis Gable at drmx@telusplanet.net

Work on this project will start taking place the first week of September
SYNTHETIC ICE IN SAPRAE CREEK

If you missed the synthetic ice Open House on August 5th, please take the time to fill out the online survey regarding the SYNTHETIC ICE PILOT PROJECT

The RMWB is looking for a rural community to place this surface in your feedback is necessary!

http://app.fluidsurveys.com/surveys/rcstrategies/rmwb-synthetic-ice/

PLACEMAKING Part 2 OPEN HOUSE

If you missed the recent PLACEMAKING PART 2 OPEN HOUSE held on August 23rd here are a few highlights that you missed. The RMWB is looking to help beautify the major intersections along Spruce Valley Drive, the mailbox area and the Welcome to Saprae Creek Sign area.

Ornamental black light poles with seasonal banners will be placed at the Welcome sign with a large ground level flower bed filled with native plants and rock. The announcement board will be moved to the mailboxes and scaled down and yes the planter they just finished will be removed as well. The current wood Welcome to Saprae Creek sign will be incorporated into a larger structure.

At the intersections of Weiss Drive, Community Lane, and Freestone Way, new road sign posts will be changed to black to match the ornamental black street lights. Large beds filled with native plants and rock will brighten each intersection. Street lights will be placed along the main road, each surrounded at the bottom with rockwork.

The mailbox design was not available at time of viewing.

Community members were encouraged to comment and question each design.

Thanks to those who attended and shared their comments with the designer. Can’t wait to see the design put into action!!!
Recreation and Culture Grant

Overview
This fund is designed to encourage the development and growth of amateur cultural and sport activities for youth and adults who reside in Saprae Creek within a priority framework.

Program Aims
To promote and encourage development and growth in activities related to amateur sport and cultural activities.

Organizations and Individuals Eligible for funding
Within a priority framework, the following are eligible for funding and applicants must be:

- A resident of Saprae Creek for a minimum of one year.
- A student living outside the area with parents residing in the area for a minimum of one year. The student must consider the area their principal residence.
- A recognized sport or cultural organization which is based in Saprae Creek.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS OCTOBER 31st, 2011

Check out sapraecreek.com to download application and send it to the SCRS address or pass it on to one of the board members listed at beginning of newsletter

The McMurray Sno-Drifters will be at the FALL Trade Show. We will be there with our NEW Groomer and Drag and NEW Trailer with a NEW Logo.
Come and see us to view the new equipment we have purchased for the upcoming snow mobile season.
You will also be able to purchase your trail pass for the 2011/2012 Season.
Astronomical Vistas 2011

Come out and see the stars under a dark, moonless sky! Join astrophysicist and Keyano College instructor Jean-Pierre De Villiers, and scan the skies with astronomical binoculars and Keyano College’s new 10-inch Meade telescope.

**Location:** Vista Ridge All Seasons Park

**Date:** Sunday September 25, 2011 from 7:30 pm to 11:00 pm

**Weather alternate:** Sunday October 2, 2011 from 7:30 pm to 11:00 pm

This special astronomical event for the residents of Saprae Creek and the staff and students of Keyano College is made possible with the generous support of Vista Ridge All Seasons Park.

The event is free, but we would like to know how many people to expect. If interested in attending, please email astronomy@keyano.ca before September 25 and let us know how many will be in your party.

**Weather alternate:** Sunday October 2, 2011 from 7:30 pm to 11:00 pm

**Weather Information:** In the event of cloud cover or inclement weather on September 25, the event will run on October 2, weather permitting. Not sure whether or not to come out? Have questions?

email astronomy@keyano.ca to receive a status update via email
call 780-791-4940 for information on the status of the event

**AGENDA**

7:30 pm to dusk:

- Watch the stars emerge, test your ability to find stars against a bright sky

Dusk to 11:00 pm:

- visual tour of the night sky: fall constellations and the Milky Way
- planets: Jupiter and, possibly, Uranus and Neptune
- star clusters: visually stunning groupings of stars in our own galaxy
- nebulae: glowing gas clouds in our own galaxy
- globular clusters: 12-billion year old clusters above the plane of our galaxy
- deep sky: distant galaxies, millions of light years away
THE RMWB has announced that they will start SATURDAY TRANSIT SERVICE to SAPRAE CREEK. This is a pilot project that runs from September 10th—December 31st 2011. Monitoring of ridership during this time will be taken place to determine future service levels. Hours of service is 9:00am to 6:00pm. Bus fare is the same as the Fort McMurray Transit System. Only $1.25 per ride. For more information phone RMWB at 780-743-7071. Individual schedule pamphlet is available for pickup in newsletter box.
Curbside Recycling

Please note that the original recycling /garbage collection schedule had an error and you should have received a REVISED schedule at your doorstep.

Please ensure you are following the schedule below for proper collection.

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The Draft Municipal Development Plan is ready for your review & comments

Please go to the following link

http://www.bigideawoodbuffalo.ca

Comments will be accepted until September 9th
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#### Schedule of Programs and Events

- Saturday Transit Service Start September 10th
- HUB program Mondays 10-11:30 starting September 12th
- Yoga Thursdays September 8, 15, 29th, 8-9pm
- Family Movie Night Friday September 16th, 5-8pm
- Scrapbook Crop Saturday September 17th, 10-10pm
- FALL Community Clean Up/BBQ, RMWB Council Engagement 10-3pm
- Astronomical Vistas September 25th, 7:30-11:00pm
- Saprae Creek Volunteer Fire Department Practice Nights September 12, 19, 26(Mondays)