# SAPRAE CREEK NEWSLETTER June 2019

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# Watch your mailbox for your 2019 property tax notice.

Council approved the 2019 Property Tax Rate Bylaw on May 7.

If you do not receive your tax notice by June 14, please contact Pulse at 780-743-7000, toll free at 1-800-973-9663 or submit an inquiry online at **rmwb.ca/pulse** to receive a reprint.

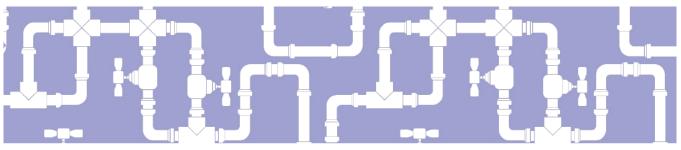
Property taxes are due June 28.

For more information, visit rmwb.ca/taxes

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# Rural Water & Sewer Servicing (RWSS) Saprae Creek Estates Update

#### SCHEDULE YOUR LOT ASSESSMENT: JUNE 1 – JUNE 30, 2019

It is important to note that the inspection is visual and only to assess future utility servicing. Measurements and photos will be taken to keep a record of our site inspection information. At no time will RMWB staff, consultants or contractors enter any homes or structures.

#### Option 1:

Are you comfortable with your lot being assessed daily from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.? If yes, visit rmwb.ca/rwsslotassessment to sign an online permission slip.

#### Option 2:

Do you want to be on your property during the assessment? If yes, then call Pulse 1-800-973-9663 to schedule an appointment.

RWSS construction started this season by installing services to the homes on Sommer Way, Conifer Way, Evergreen Place, and Janke Lane. A full or partial delay can be expected in these areas until service installation work is complete. Temporary water will service Freestone Way west of Spruce Valley Drive and Saprae Crescent until services have been installed.

Notices will be going out to residents as construction progresses to inform you of road closures, detours, and temporary driveway blockages. During construction, we are working in close cooperation with emergency services to ensure your safety is cared for.

As a part of the RWSS Force Main construction, Weaver Group, is completing underground utility installation work along Hwy 69, and A-Frame road. To complete tie-in work, they will be accessing the south portion of Sol Park Drive. Vehicles and equipment will be present in Saprae Creek Estates for the summer until this portion of work is complete.

For children within the community who use busing services, pick up and drop off locations will be communicated through the schools as construction progresses. We appreciate your continued patience as we work to improve your community.

You can view project information and construction notices at www.rmwb.ca/constructionmap.

To allow our Engineering team to reply to your question, please submit your questions to Pulse by calling 1-800-973-9663 or visiting rmwb.ca/pulse.

\*All timelines are subject to change due to weather conditions and unforeseen circumstances.



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# IT'S ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY.

What makes us happy, healthy and fulfilled? THE How can we make life in our community better? WELLBEING OF WOOD www.ciw.ca/WoodBuffaloSurvev

We are conducting a survey on the Wellbeing of Wood Buffalo. Leaders in Wood Buffalo can make informed decisions based on their greater understanding of day-to-day life in the region. We are encouraging everyone to take 30-minute out of their day to complete the survey so that our community can provide programs and services that will help the Wood Buffalo region become an even better place to live.

Look for our invitation to complete this important survey in your mailbox. Participants of the survey will be eligible for 1 of 20 \$50 gift certificates!

Ouestions call 780-791-9333 Ext. 3075

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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

THE WELLBEING **OF WOOD** BUFFALO www.ciw.ca/WoodBuffaloSurvey

## WHAT IS THE CANADIAN INDEX OF WELLBEING?

Canadian Index of Wellbeing (CIW) is a national index that considers what makes our community happy, healthy and fulfilled.

The CIW, as a partner to gross domestic product (GDP), provides Canadians with a fuller picture of wellbeing that measures real life, for real people.

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#### WHERE CAN YOU DO THE SURVEY?

The survey is completed online. Households across the RMWB will be mailed an invitation letter starting April 25, 2019 that contains a unique code that will give you access to the survey. The survey must be completed before July 8, 2019. The website is www.ciw.ca/WoodBuffaloSurvey A paper copy of this survey can be provided upon request. Please call Cathy at 780-791-9333 Ext. 3075, Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm.

# WHO CAN COMPLETE THE SURVEY?

Any resident of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo who is 16 years of age or older can complete the survey for their household. Only one (1) person per household can complete the survey.

### WHY SHOULD I COMPLETE THE SURVEY? / WHAT ARE THE RESULTS **USED FOR?**

The results of the CIW Survey will be used by local leaders and organization to help make decisions and provide programs and services that support making Wood Buffalo an even better place to live for everyone.

The survey takes about 30 minutes to complete. Participation is voluntary and answers will be confidential. Once complete, participants may enter a draw for one of twenty \$50 gift certificates.

# WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

If you have questions or would like more information about the survey you can visit www.ciw.ca/WoodBuffaloSurvey or call 780-791-9333 Ext. 3075, Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm.

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Urban Market @ Jubilee Plaza 11a.m.– 6 p.m. Uptown Farmers' Market @ Holy Trinity HS Parking Lot 10a.m.-2 p.m. Downtown Farmers' Market @ Jubilee Plaza 10a.m.-2 p.m.



#### July 2019 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday 1 2 5 3 4 7 STAT 8 9 12 14 11 15 16 18 19 21 28 22 25 26 23 29 30 31 Downtown Farmers' Market Uptown Farmers' Market Urban Market

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#### Safety Tips:

**Cross Safely**: Mom was right; look both ways before crossing any street. Make eye contact with any drivers who may be turning. Give them a wave. Make sure they see you

**Walk Single File**: Unless you are on a sidewalk separated from the road or a wide bike lane, you should walk in single file. This is especially important on a road with many curves, where traffic has only a split-second chance of seeing you before hitting you. While it can be enjoyable to walk down the road two to three abreast chatting merrily, drivers don't expect it and you may lose your best buddies. **Stay Aware of Bikes and Runners**: Share the road and path with bikes and

runners. Bike riders should alert you when approaching from behind with a bike bell or a "passing on the left/right." Listen for them, and move to walk single file, allowing them to pass safely. Runners should also call out for passing. Bike-walker collisions can result in broken bones or head injuries for either, and you aren't wearing a helmet.

**Be Visible**: Wear bright colors when walking in daytime. When walking at night, were light-colored clothing and reflective clothing or a reflective vest to be visible. Drivers are often not expecting walkers to e out after dark, and you need to give them every chance to see you, even at the street crossings that have crossing signals. Be just as cautions at dawn or twilight, as drivers still have limited visibility or may even have the setting or rising sun directly in their eyes.

**Hang Up and Eyes Up**: Chatting or texting while talking is a dangerous as doing those things while driving. You are distracted and not as aware of your environment. You are less likely to recognize traffic danger, passing joggers and bikers or tripping hazards. Potential criminals may also see you as a distracted easy target.

## **Putting the sanitary back into sanitary service**

Do you rely on sanitary sump pump service? Water and wastewater services are important for everyone.

But did you know that animal waste in the vicinity of the sanitary tank pump can have health and safety risks for operators?

To ensure we can continue to provide this service to you safely, please clean up after your pets if they leave their poop in area.

Animal waste can be harmful if it isn't disposed of properly.

How to dispose properly?

Be sure to double-bag when disposing of any pet waste. Your help keeping the area clear of pet waste will help us continue to provide this service to you.

Learn more at <u>www.rmwb.ca/animalwaste</u>

Questions? Contact Pulse toll free at 1-800-973-9663.



Dig out your large household items that need disposal and join us at one of the upcoming Big Bin Events throughout June.

Plan ahead and drop off your big items at one of the following events between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.:

Community	Location	Date		
Fort McMurray (*new event)	10020 MacDonald Ave.	Sunday, June 2		
Saprae Creek	Vista Ridge	Saturday, June 8		
Anzac	Municipal Office at Anzac Recreation Centre	Saturday, June 15		
Gregoire Lake Estates	Community Mailboxes	Saturday, June 22		
Fort McMurray	Brett Drive (Recycling Depot)	Saturday, June 29		

This free service allows residents the opportunity to dispose of large household items, which cannot be set out for regular waste collection, such as large furniture, appliances renovation materials (wood, countertops, tiles, etc.) and yard waste.

The Solid Waste Services team will be on-site to support the collection and unloading of items.

Electronic waste (E-Waste) such as computers, televisions and other electronics will also be accepted for recycling. Household hazardous waste such as used oil, paints and batteries will also be accepted for environmentally friendly disposal.

Also note that refrigerators/freezers/air conditioners/water coolers will be subject to a \$42.90 fee for CFC removal. Mattresses and box springs are also subject to a \$20 fee (per piece) for disposal.

Residents will require photo ID and proof of address before depositing for these items.Find out everything you need to know at <u>www.rmwb.ca/bigbin</u>.



#### **RFID Tags in Curbside Collection Bins**

In June 2019, curbside collection crews will continue installing RFID (radio frequency identification) tags onto curbside collection bins.

The tags will allow for the Municipality to provide enhanced customer service with more specific information in response to questions about curbside collection service and bins. These tags will allow the municipality to provide feedback and guidance so you'll avoid any issues with bin placement, timing of placement to curb, tracking lost bins, and sorting of waste items.

#### What to Expect?

As curbside collection crews empty your bins, a secondary crew will follow them to install and program the tags. As your bins will already be out at the curb, all you need to do is follow your regular routine.

Please keep bin placement and timing guidelines in mind, so your bins are to the curb by 7:30 a.m. on your collection day. For more information on bin placement or schedules, visit <u>www.rmwb.ca/garbage</u>.

#### Who is impacted?

These tags will be applied to all bins that are part of the curbside collection program. Please note condos, businesses and industry do not fall under this program.

The following communities are included in the RFID program as they fall under the existing curbside collection program: Anzac, Draper, Fort McMurray, Gregoire Lake Estates and Saprae Creek.

If you are unsure if this impacts you, contact Pulse for more specific details at 780-743-7000, or 1-800-973-9663 (toll free), or online at rmwb.ca/pulse.

Learn more about RFID tags at www.rmwb.ca/rfid.

#### **RMWB** News/Notices



Very important reminder:

Your Garbage & Recycling bins should be placed out by the curb by 7:30am every Friday. (Except for statutory Holidays).

Please remove garbage bins off the road or shoulder after your bins have been emptied, pull them back onto your property.

Household waste (BLACK) will be emptied every week. Recycling Bins (LIGHT BLUE: paper and cardboard & DARK BLUE: metal, drink containers) will be emptied alternate weeks.

#### June Dates for Garbage Bins are:



Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>



Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>



Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>

# Kids/Youth Corner



# **June Community Calendar**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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16 Happy Father's Day	17	18	19	20	21 First Day of Summer	22
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Saprae Creek's ON-GOING FUNCTIONS:

<u>Mondays Nights:</u> Saprae Creek Volunteer Fire Department Training <u>Fridays Garbage Days:</u>

Fridays Saprae Youth Group Programs: Subject to Change depending on weather

