

SAPRAE CREEK NEWSLETTER

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ALL EMERGENCIES 911

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Councillor Report

May 2018 Saprae

Wow! Once spring decides to arrive, it arrives quickly! I love that the snow is almost melted and that it will soon be warm enough to garden, camp and enjoy other outside activities.

April month hasn't been that busy for council for a change although we did meet with Minister Joe Cici who's responsible for Treasury and Insurance. We talked with him regarding extra funding and insurance extensions. His recommendation for those still fighting with their insurance companies is to ask for an extension and get it in writing. He said that the Government of Alberta is encouraging the insurance companies to grant the extension.

Premier Notley also visited our area and had a groundbreaking ceremony at the future Willow Square Continuing Care Facility.

Emergency Preparedness Week is coming soon and there will be an open house at Vista Ridge on May 10, 2018 from 7pm to 9pm. There will be a variety of topics and staff members to field questions. Some of the topics will be Cannabis, Census, Fire Preparedness, Fire Smart, Land Use Bylaw, Rural Water and Sewer and Rural Crime Watch. Please drop in, have a coffee and get updates.

I have some dates for the work to restart in Saprae regarding the water and sewer lines.

May 1-they will begin to re-mobilize and set up;

May 1-drilling resumes;

May 21-30- they will begin to connect the lines. As I have said before, if when they're working and you lose water without notice, please let them know. You can either run out and inform them or call the PULSE line at 780-743-7000.

Oh and before I forget, we no longer have to unlock our bear-proof bins on collection day, the operator will be getting out of the truck and unlocking them. If your trash happens to get missed, call the Pulse line to file a report, that way, there's a file number and it can be tracked.

Until next month

Sheila

Complete the full Census 2018 questionnaire and enter to win a fire truck ride in the Canada Day Parade.



By taking part in Census 2018, you could also enter to win an **outdoor camping package**, valued at \$500!

Participate online, in your local Municipal Contact Office or when a census taker comes to your door!

For more information, visit rmwb.ca/census or contact PULSE at 780-743-7000.

RETHINK

We want to hear from you about the Land Use Bylaw (LUB) Rewrite.

Stay tuned for upcoming engagement sessions in your community!

For more information, visit rmwb.ca/LUB.





Community Investment Program: Applications open April 9 for two opportunities

Beginning April 9, the Municipality is accepting applications for two Community Investment Program grant opportunities: Games Legacy Grant, and Joint Initiatives Grant.

Is your community group or non-profit organization looking for grant opportunities? Are you an athlete or performer competing at a provincial, national or international level?

The Community Investment Program (CIP) supports a broad spectrum of programs and services by providing grant funding and agreements to community groups, individuals, and non-profit organizations responsible for:

- Delivering various recreational, cultural and social programs and services.
- Developing and operating community facilities.
- Organizing community events.

Games Legacy Grant – This grant encourages participation in amateur sport and cultural activities by providing financial assistance to athletes and performers competing or training at a provincial, national or international level. Individual applicants may apply for grant funding up to a maximum of \$2,000 and team/group applicants up to a maximum of \$3,000.

Joint Initiatives Grant – This grant supports partnerships that promote, encourage and assist community groups and non-profit organizations that enhance the quality of life for residents in the Municipality through artistic growth, excellence in sport and stimulating economic development. Applicants may apply for grant funding up to a maximum of \$20,000.

The deadline to apply for these grants is May 11 at 4:30 p.m. MST.

Additional information about each grant, the call for applications, and the grant applications are available at rmwb.ca/CIP. For questions or further information, contact cip@rmwb.ca or 780-788-1651.

PREVENT WILDFIRES



Do your part in preventing wildfires by following the necessary precautions:

- Never leave fires unattended. Completely extinguish fires and remember to **SOAK IT, STIR IT and SOAK IT AGAIN.**
- Keep a fire extinguisher, hose or source of water nearby when using your fire pit.
- Keep off-highway vehicles (OHV) clean and stop frequently to extinguish hot spots.
- Always fully extinguish cigarette butts.
- Ensure that wildfire hazards are low and that a fire ban has not been issued prior to using a fire pit or OHV www.albertafirebans.ca

Residents living in the Urban Service Area (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 an application to the Fire Prevention Branch, located at Fire Hall 5 (200 Saprae Creek Trail, T9H 4P1).

Fire pit permit applications can be obtained by visiting www.rmwb.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.

Residents living outside of the Urban Service Area can obtain a free fire permit from March 1 to October 31 through the local Alberta Agriculture and Forestry office by contacting 780-743-7125.

For more information please visit: www.wildfire.alberta.ca

TO REPORT A WILDFIRE CALL 310-FIRE (3473).



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Join us on **Thursday, May 10 from 7 to 9 p.m.** at Vista Ridge to learn more about the following topics:

- Cannabis
- Census
- Fire Preparedness
- Fire Smart
- Land Use Bylaw
- RWSS

RMWB staff will be on hand to provide updates and answer questions.

Refreshments will be provided. For more information, please contact Donna McQuade at 780-743-7837.



Spring Community Cleanup **PICK UP & PITCH IN!**

April 16 to May 16



HELP CREATE A LITTER-FREE WOOD BUFFALO! Registration is now open for this year's spring campaign. Residents, friends, schools, businesses and neighbours are encouraged to show their community spirit by volunteering to clean up their favourite park, green space, block, trail or roadway.

PICK AND CLICK CONTEST
Snap a photo of your group, send it to us and you could win a prize from the Wood Buffalo Regional Library!

Bags, gloves and picker sticks supplied. To register or to submit Pick and Click photos, please visit rmwb.ca/cleanup.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Call 780.743.7966 or email beautification@rmwb.ca

 Find us on Facebook: WBB beautification



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THE HUB

Parent/Child Program



WHEN: Wednesday's

WHERE: Vista Ridge, Spruce Valley Room

TIME: 10-11:30am

*** MAY SCHEDULE ***

- May 2nd Dinosaur Discovery Day
- May 9th Cancelled
- May 16th Mother's Day Brunch
- May 23rd Music and Movement
- May 30th Gross Motor Play



CURB SIDE GARBAGE:

MAKE SURE THAT YOUR BEAR PROOF LIDS ARE UNLOCKED

Putting out your bins for curbside garbage and recycling collection? Help our curbside collection team ensure your bins are collected efficiently and safely!

Curbside garbage and recycling bins must be placed at least one foot apart and at least three feet from surrounding vehicles to ensure the collection arm can reach them.

On streets with parking congestion, bins can be pulled away from the curb and into the roadway just past parked vehicles but no further than the side view mirrors on the vehicles (with at least one foot of clearance between the end of vehicles and the side of the bin).

Bins should not obstruct traffic. If your bins are collected with one of our new collection vehicles, your bin lid may be closed even though it has been collected.

In the winter months, bins should be placed in front of any snowbanks or windrows and the area around the bins should be cleared of snow and ice.

Thank you for helping us to ensure the smooth delivery of curbside garbage and recycling collection! For more information, visit rmwb.ca/garbage.



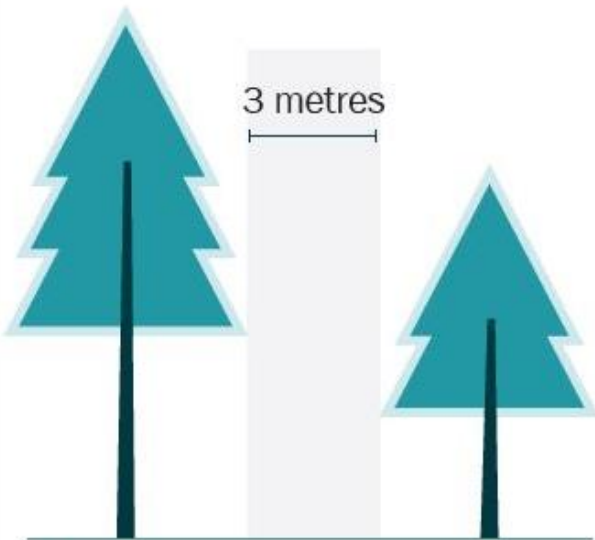
FIRESMART RULES OF THUMB

1 YARD SPACING

Changes within 10 metres of your home will have the biggest impact.



10 metres



2 TREE SPACING

Spacing trees at least 3 metres apart will help reduce the intensity of a wildfire.



3 PRUNE TREES

Prune all tree branches within 2 metres of the ground.



2018



FLOWER OF THE YEAR

SUNFLOWER

Wood Buffalo Communities in Bloom has selected the sunflower as the 2018 Flower of the Year. The committee chose the sunflower for its reputation of being a cheerful and easy-to-grow flower.

The sunflower is native to North America, but it has spread across the world through export. Native Americans planted wild varieties as a source of food, but modern breeding has emphasized petal size and count over seed production in many varieties.

As a symbol of adoration, longevity and loyalty, the sunflower plays a vital role in history including being a food source for animals, birds and people, as well as demonstrating faithful tendencies to follow the sun across the sky.

The sunflower can range in height from 10 centimetres to over four metres tall, depending on the variety. As a committee, we have chosen the shorter varieties so that each can be planted in either pots or gardens, allowing everyone to enjoy the bright, cheerful plant.

Look for the Wood Buffalo Communities in Bloom booth at various community events to get your free pack of sunflower seeds!

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

This free service allows residents 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.

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.

Residents are advised that commercial, construction and animal waste will not be accepted at these events.

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. These items will also be collected as part of the Heavy Item Pickup in early June with the same fee requirements. Additional fees will not be collected at the events, but with the proper ID, fees can be added to monthly utility bills.

BIG BIN EVENTS – SPRING 2018 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.		
COMMUNITY	LOCATION	DATE
Saprae Creek	Community Mail Boxes	Saturday, June 9
Anzac	Municipal Office	Sunday, June 10
Gregoire Lake Estates	Community Mail Boxes	Saturday, June 16
Fort McMurray	Brett Drive	Sunday, June 17

For more information on disposal of large items please call 780-743-7947. Additional information can also be found at rmwb.ca/bigbin.



Upcoming Art Opportunities

Mural Project

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo is looking for local artists to submit mural concepts for a retaining wall in the Parsons Creek neighbourhood of Fort McMurray.

The selected artist or artist group will also host two community workshops during the installation process.

For details on this Call to Artists, visit rmwb.ca/mural

Street Banner Program

Do you like to draw or paint? Submit your art for a chance to have it featured in the Street Banner Program!

Banners are hung from street posts in areas throughout the region.

For details on this Call to Artists, visit rmwb.ca/bannerprogram





**Family
SAFETY
Day**

20th Anniversary

**Saturday, May 26th
Holy Trinity High School
11am-3pm**

- *Interactive displays & activities
- *Car Seat Clinic
- *Kids encouraged to bring their bike & helmets for the bike rodeo
- *Dress as your favourite super hero
- *FREE Fun for the whole family!

 For more information contact 780-743-0006 coordinator@scwb.ca






Bylaw Services
Now at 140 Saprae Creek Trail

NEED TO REPORT A COMPLAINT? CALL THE NEW BYLAW COMPLAINT LINE!
Bylaw Services is all settled in at the South Operations Centre (SOC) with a new Bylaw Complaint Line number.

To file a Bylaw complaint, please contact **780-762-5858**. Phone lines operate daily from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information, visit rmwb.ca/bylaw.

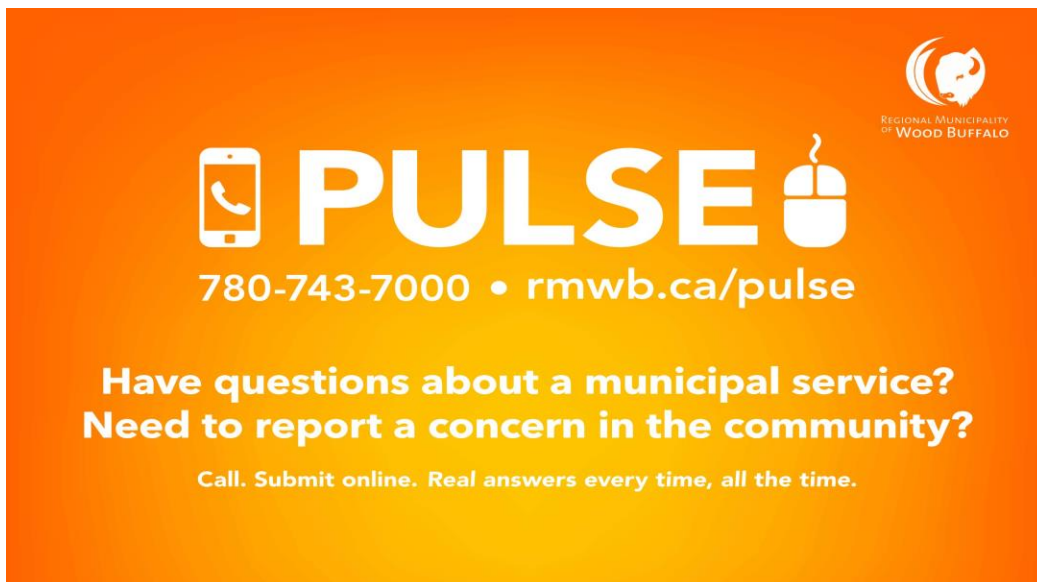
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RMWB ONLINE PAYMENTS

You can now pay your RWMB utility(water) bills, ambulance and general trade invoices online by CREDIT CARD.

To learn more or make a payment today.

Visit pay.rmwb.ca




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**Have questions about a municipal service?
Need to report a concern in the community?**

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Wellness Corner

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GRIEF: A Neglected and Misunderstood Emotion

Grief is one of the most misunderstood emotions, the assumption being that it is only connected with death. Grief is:

- A normal and natural reaction to a significant emotional loss of any kind.
- Conflicted feelings caused by the end of or a change in familiar patterns of behaviour.
- The feeling of reaching out for someone who has always been only to find when you need them again, they are no longer there.
- Not a pathological condition.

Common Symptoms/Reactions to Grief			
Feelings	Physical Sensations	Thoughts	Behaviour
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sadness • Anger • Helplessness • Shock • Relief • Yearning • Guilt • Frustration • Fear • Loneliness • Numbness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tightness in the throat and chest • Hollow feeling in the stomach • Shortness of breath • Dry mouth • Weakness • Lack of energy • Sensitivity to noise • Restlessness • Overactivity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disbelief • Preoccupation • Confusion • Poor concentration • Poor memory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disrupted sleeping pattern • Social withdrawal • Changes in eating habits • Restlessness • Self-neglect • Poor work performance • Misuse of drugs or alcohol • High-risk behaviour • Juvenile delinquency • Crying

For more information on grief and loss, please contact **FCSS Counselling Services** at (780) 743-7910.

Stay tuned for the next series on grief and loss.

Community Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 	12
13 MOTHER'S DAY	14	15	16 Board Meeting 7:30pm	17	18 	19
20	21 VICTORIA DAY	22	23	24	25 	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Saprae Creek's ON-GOING FUNCTIONS:

Mondays Nights: Saprae Creek Volunteer Fire Department Training

Wednesday Mornings: The HUB 10-11:30pm

*****BOARD MEETING May 16th 2018*****