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Community Association Wayne Carpenter

<http://nordegg.ca>

We are quickly approaching December, which means the last month of activity for the Nordegg Community Association. I would like to say a big Thank You to everyone who has stepped up to make this a successful 2016. More and more people are becoming involved in helping to make every function a successful one and the future of the Nordegg Community Association looks very bright.

Many thanks to Tom and Jennifer Davidson who donated a very large Fridge/Freezer to the hall, it certainly will help in hosting the many functions up and coming.

The Annual General Meeting was held with 32 people attending. The following changes took place in our Executive. Hollen Sheldrake's position of Treasurer has been filled by Florrie Huckle. Dennis Vermette and Cheri Adolph have passed the position of Social Conveners to Pam Kristoff, Becky Warner and Cheryl Hobbs all sharing the position. Marla Zapach has passed the position of Director to Tom Davidson. Our hats are off to the outgoing executive and we welcome the new people that are taking over their positions, as elected by all the voting community members. Welcome to all the new members. We look forward to an even busier, successful year in 2017.

In December we have a Christmas Party with our special guest Santa Claus attending, on December 17th and our annual New Years Eve Gala on December 31st with the best Fireworks Display ever so don't miss it.

Chamber of Commerce Marla Zapach

<https://www.facebook.com/NordeggBusiness/>

It's been a solid 11 months of working with the County and the other Chambers to develop a tourism strategy and branding for the region. The working group hopes to have the final product ready to share soon. Our January 10th meeting will focus on a developing a 5-year strategic plan for the Chamber based on the new tourism strategy. The NCOC wishes you and yours a very Merry Christmas and happy holiday season.

News from Clearwater County Theresa Laing

<http://www.clearwatercounty.ca/>

Hello all.
At the October NCA meeting, I brought it to the attention of those who were in attendance about the County Services Feedback questionnaire. This is the first time that Council has reached out to the public in this way prior to budget discussions. As your Councillor, it is important that I hear your views and thoughts. We have received 247 replies back and I know that several Nordegg residents responded to the questionnaire. Thank you!

Administration will be summarizing the feedback and I believe we will get the summary at the next Council meeting. However, just yesterday all the feedback forms were emailed to the Councillors and I will be spending much time this week pouring over the results. I am sure they will all be a interesting read.

Also, I have some big news for you. The development that we've all been long awaiting for with crossed fingers is going through. The development permit is currently being advertised in the Mountaineer and we are now permitted to let the public know that a Shell gas station and a small grocery store will be coming to Nordegg.

This development has been a long time coming with lots of uncertainty but it now appears its actually becoming a reality. News such as this is very good for Nordegg and I

Meet a Neighbour

Name: Tyler Boruck,
Primary Care Paramedic
4 days on / 4 days off

In what way is Nordegg important to you?
Family friendly atmosphere.
Everyone is happy to help each other out.

What are your hopes and dreams for Nordegg?
A health care clinic! Grocery store!
More tourism or exposure in the winter time! People don't know how much there is to do in the winter time around Nordegg.

Social Events

Dennis Vermette (403 721 2032;
dennisvermette@gmail.com);
Cheri Adolph (info@coe.ca)

December 17 @ 5:30

Community Christmas Party

Turkey and ham provided by NCA
Potluck veg and desert
Activities for kids and Carolling for all

Dec 31st - 3rd Annual New Years Eve
Family Fun Night. Details on page 4.

Nordeg Days 2017 – volunteer at
nordegdays@gmail.com

am going to view this as a Christmas blessing.

With that I want to wish all the residents of Nordeg a wonderful Christmas, and a very blessed holiday season!

Education Centre

Hollen Sheldrake

nordeggeducation@gmail.com

Follow the Education Centre @
<https://www.facebook.com/NordegEducation>

Report to NCA AGM

Background

Committee was absorbed by the NCA in June 2015 and re-named the Nordeg Education Centre Committee, previously the Nordeg School Committee, in response to: Reframing of the Wild Rose School Division's proposal to Alberta Education for an Education Centre.

This developed through a partnership developed in March – May 2015 between the school division and the County to pursue other avenues of funding, such as corporate sponsorship, so that the Centre would not be reliant solely on student funding NECC broadened its focus beyond a school to a vision of providing life-long learning for the community

This new vision was applied to the Discovery Park. Preliminary planning of Park began April 2015.

Primary school established with a blended program September 2015

Place your advertisement here for \$10.00



Actions during the last year

- Supporting the primary program
- Suspension of primary program at end of school year

Challenges:

- Low student enrolment
- Too much reliance on parents/community to achieve educational outcomes/administration

Discovery Park

- Impressive community funding
- Partnerships with Clearwater County and West Fraser
- Award of Community Facility Enhancement Program grant

Parent Link trial run. They have funding to provide programming until April and will assess at that point and determine to continue or not *Adult tutor training* through the Rocky Learning Centre completed. Thank you to all the volunteers who participated!

NECC 2017 Priorities

Discovery Park

- Completion and Promotion
- Support and use – establish programming

Education Centre

- Continued advocacy for use of upper floors for educational programming
- Ongoing discussions with the school division

Support the Discovery Park project while you Christmas shop Use

www.shopandshare.ca and donate while you shop and no cost to you! Sign up and choose the Nordeg Education Fund as your non-profit of choice. Thank you to all who have been using this site, we've collected over \$100 in funding from people taking a few extra seconds to sign into this site prior to making online purchases. Every little bit counts, much thanks!

Programs

Family Literacy

Keep up to date with Parent Link programming offered in Nordegg <http://www.mcmancentral.ca/#/evergreen-parent-link-centre/abpcy/>

Adult Tutoring

Need GED tutoring or ELL tutoring?
Please sign up at the library

Next Meeting

January 25th at 6:45pm at the hall.

Culture and Recreation

Amanda Rodriguez

heritage@clearwatercounty.ca

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year
From Nordegg Heritage
Centre!

Health Services

Jason Millar

First Aid, CPR & AED training available this winter for Nordegg Community members. Please contact Jason [780-446-3334](tel:780-446-3334) if you are interested.

Remember Contact 9-1-1 for police, fire, or ambulance. Contact Health Link 8-1-1 for non-urgent general health questions.

Social Events Report

Compiled by Cheri Adolph and Dennis Vermette

2016 started out with a BANG quite literally as we hosted our 2nd annual New Years Family Fun night. We had a spectacular turnout, fire works were amazing. Lots of donations for food and fireworks.

March: Two events
Shrove Tuesday: 3rd annual Pancake "Bring your better batter" Flip off. Well attended, prizes given out for better, best, and bestest!
Annual Xcountry Ski/hike Afternoon. Beautiful spring like temperatures for the hike, which finished at the hostel for a hot dog roast!! Well attended this year.

September: Annual Corn Roast: Once again this is the main event at the end of the season. It is always well attended, over 200 people each year. October: 2nd annual Chili Cook-off contest and pot luck. 12 entries this year, and prizes awarded for the better, best, and bestest chili by taste voting!

December 19th is the Nordegg Family Christmas Party. Rich Hull is organizing it. Thanks Rich (with the help of some friends). More information here in the Squeek.

We have come full circle for the third year now. Dennis and Cheri are now stepping down from the Social Committee. We will do the Family Fun Night, this year, so no need to worry, unless someone wants to step in now. We have noticed that the meetings are having a larger attendance, which is so great for the Community and that means that there are new

fresh ideas about what to do for social activities in Nordegg. We will still be around to help out but we feel it's time for others to take the reins. It is the most fun job in the Association, and we are still having fun!!!

Here's to many more parties, cook offs and roasts in the future!

Environment and Recreation Compiled by Jane Drummond

Trails:

The trail map can be found at the end of the Nordegg Trail Plan. Use this url to find it.

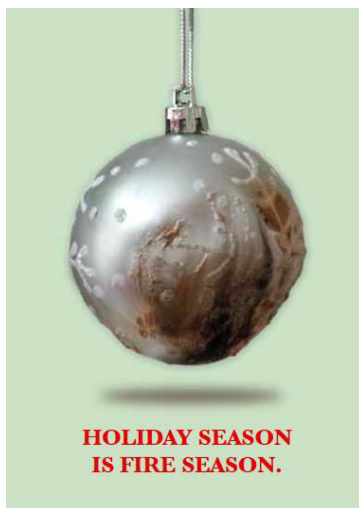
http://www.clearwatercounty.ca/ckfinder/userfiles/files/west_country/Nordegg%20Trail%20Concept%20Plan%20-%20FINAL%2005_26_2016%20no%20existing%20trails%20map.pdf .

Nordegg Bearsmart Program:

Bear bins available for Nordegg residents. Free delivery. Contact Simon at [587 873 3937](tel:587-873-3937) or simonjdyer@gmail.com

Fire and Safety Services

Ivan Dijkstra, Deputy Fire Chief



**HOLIDAY SEASON
IS FIRE SEASON.**

1. Check your smoke alarm this holiday season

- Test your smoke alarms once a month by pushing the test button.
- Install smoke alarms inside each room where people sleep.
- Replace smoke alarms over 10 years old.

2. Don't leave candles unattended

- When you go out, blow out!
- Keep lit candles safely away from

children and pets.

- Consider using safer, flameless candles, instead of real candles.

3. Keep your Christmas tree well watered.

- Water fresh trees daily.
- Keep the base of the trunk in water at all times.
- Keep your tree away from any ignition sources, such as the fireplace, heaters or candles

4. Check all lights before decorating

- Before you put up lights, check the cords closely.
- Discard any sets that are frayed or damaged.
- Never plug more than three strings of lights together.

5. Always stay in the kitchen while cooking.

- If a pan of food catches fire, slide a lid over it and turn off the burner.
- Don't cook if you are drowsy from alcohol or medication.

6. Use extension cords wisely.

- Be careful not to overload electrical outlets with lights, decorations and appliances. This can create overheating, that could result in fire.
- Never put cords under rugs.

7. Keep matches and lighters out of sight and in places your kids can't reach.

- Matches and lighters can be deadly in the hands of children.
- If you smoke, have one lighter or book of matches and keep it with you at all times.

8. Give space heaters space

- Don't run space heaters near curtains, furniture, or holiday decorations.
- Keep them at least three feet (one meter) away from anything that can burn – including you.
- Shut off and unplug heaters when you leave your home, or go to bed.

9. Stub your cigarettes out completely and dispose of them safely.

- Provide smokers with large, deep ashtrays. [Stub it Right, Don't Ignite](#)
- If you smoke on your balcony, be sure to install a safe, fire-proof ashtray.
- Never extinguish smoking materials in plant pots.

10. Have a home fire escape plan

- Make sure everyone knows how to get out safely.
- Create and practise a home fire escape plan for your family and guests.
- In case of fire, get out, stay out and call 911

Announcements and Information

Nordegg Community Church
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

a night of HOPE and JOY

December 24, 7PM

Holiday Library Hours

Closed Dec 24 to Jan 2
But if open sign is on, you can go in.

Good News on WiFi Access

Telus has launched new Smart Hub Data Plans for those living out of town.

Stop by or call ORAS Communications Ltd in Rocky Mountain House
403 845 4410
4120 45A St. RMH

If you have good cell phone service, this will work for you

- \$60.00 / month >> 50 GB
- \$75.00 / month >> 250 GB
- \$110.00 / month >> 500 GB



Nordegg's 3rd Annual New Years Eve FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

December 31st at the Hall

The Fun BEGINS at 5:00 pm.

(BRING YOUR TOBOGGANS AND SKATES if you like)

HAYRIDES for the kids courtesy of Chungo Creek Outfitters

BONFIRE and Pot Luck Dinner

(smokies/hotdogs and buns, ice cream bar for dessert provided)

Juice/coffee/tea provided

Cash Bar

COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR DINNER AND FIREWORKS
THANKS!

50/50 ticket sales throughout dinner!

5:00 pm. Bonfire Lit, Hayrides Begin

5:30 or so start cookin' yer smokies and dogs (bring wiener sticks if you can)

6:00 pm or thereabouts Dinner and Dessert

7:45 FIREWORKS Display

Mix and mingle til' time to go home!