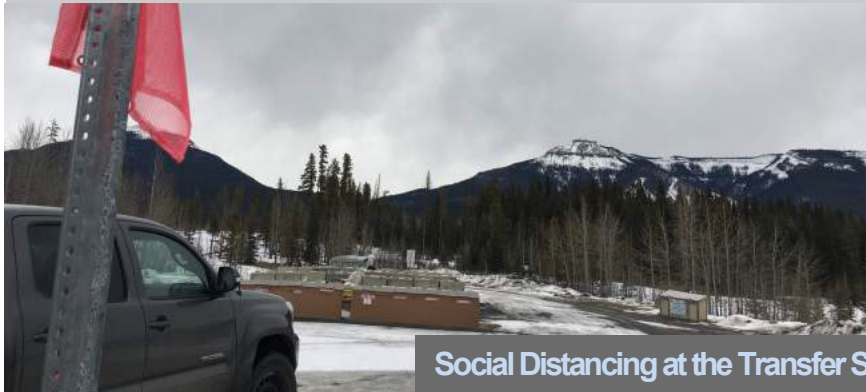


Nordegg Squeek:

March 2020



Social Distancing at the Transfer Station

Published by: the Nordegg Community Association

Publication Dates: March, May, July, September, and December

Edited by: Jane Drummond

Content received by second Wednesday of the publication month will be included.

To contact the Nordegg Squeek email:
NordeggSqueek@gmail.com

Paper Version Administered by the Nordegg Library

Nordegg Community Association (NCA)

<http://nordegg.ca>

Nick Frank, president

N_frank@telus.net

403-506-7744

The Nordegg Community Association is taking the COVID-19 pandemic seriously. The executive has issued a communication that is reprinted below. Going forward, we will be using our email list and social media accounts to keep people up to date. We will be exploring alternative methods to in-person hosting meetings.

April 19 to 25, 2020 is national volunteer week, and I would like to take this time to recognize some of the many volunteers that have kept the NCA going over the past two months; Cheryl Hobbs, Tom Jordan, Wayne Carpenter, Florrie Huckle, Rolf Adolf, Jane Drummond, Nancy Vermette. To others not listed at this opportunity, please know that your ongoing volunteership is vital to our community.

Regarding the commitment to rebuild the outdoor recreation area around the community hall, we have submitted 2 grants and are prepared to write 3 more as they become available through the year. When we are successful we will be asking community members to volunteer in-kind labour as proposed in the grants. More updates to come.

We continue to plan for our April meeting. Should social distancing requirements be relaxed it will be held on Saturday April 25th, 2020 at 7 pm. It will be potluck style, please bring a dish to share. We hope to see as many people attending as possible. Terri Miller with Clearwater County Highway Patrol will be attending and speaking about OHV's, county bylaws, traffic, backcountry safety and help develop a better understanding of their role in protecting citizens and

Reprint of NCA Covid-19 communication:

To all the Nordegg Community Association members and members in the Nordegg community in general, please be advised due to COVID-19 precautions being taken by the province of Alberta the NCA will no longer be hosting in person meeting and access to the community will suspended until the ban is lifted. The province has also closed recreation facilities, which in our case would be the outdoor rink we ask people to refrain from the use of the rink. For more information or up to date information please go to <https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus>

We have also received an email from Parkland Regional Library that the Nordegg Library must also suspend programs and access until the provincial ban is lifted. For Elibrary please use the attached link <https://www.prl.ab.ca/elibrary>

Highway Clean Up and Bottle Collection

Wayne Carpenter, past president

Welcome to Spring. It's just around the corner. The highway clean up is scheduled for May 2nd with the County cleanup the following weekend on May 9th. We will meet at the Community Center and break into groups to cover the different areas. If you have any questions please call me at 403-844-1965.

I am still collecting bottles and cans for the Community Association. Many thanks to all who donated as it has become a very lucrative project that earns money for the Association. The bottles can be dropped off at #12 Willow Way. If no one is there, please put them in the yellow tent in our yard.

Upcoming NCA social event

Check here in the May

Clearwater County Theresa Laing

Division 5
403-895-3215 cell
403-845-7120 home
tlaing@clearwatercounty.ca
<http://www.clearwatercounty.ca/>

Before I get into the upcoming happenings and work plans of the County, I wish to convey the steps the municipality is undertaking in regards to the COVID-19 virus pandemic. At the time of this writing, March 16th, the County is following Alberta Health provincial guidelines in response to the viral outbreak. County staff that have travelled out-of-country are required to self-isolate for 14 days and all non-essential meetings have been cancelled. All committee meetings that I am aware of have also been cancelled.

At this time, it appears the only meetings will be Council meetings, but with the rapid spread of the virus that could change at a moments notice. I encourage everyone to keep abreast of the pandemic and what we can do to minimize its spread at www.albertahealthservices.ca. Information can also be found on the County's website at www.clearwatercounty.ca.

Planning Department: The review of the Municipal Development Plan is currently underway. I want to encourage people to participate in the review process by going to the County's website. There is a link called, MDP Review Underway, where opportunities for input are identified. I am aware of some concerns regarding the cabin lots on the north side and have mentioned them to Council and the Planning Department, but I really want as many home-owners as possible to send in your comments so good changes can be made to the MDP. As the process moves forward there is to be four public meetings/open houses with one of those meetings to be held in Nordegg. The meeting is expected to take place in June.

I just became aware of an upcoming Strategic Planning meeting in April. Apparently, Council will have a chance to discuss the finalization of lot prices for the new manufactured home sub-division. I also

understand there will be a discussion to develop a strategy/timeline for the existing mobile home-owners. Thank you to those who have wrote letters and came in as a delegation to sit before Council and express your concerns. Please feel free to write me and or Council more letters.

Public Works: The County along with MPE engineering has submitted a development application to Alberta Transportation for the installation of more streetlights. The Heritage Center has been undergoing renovations to the main floor. On Feb 18th, brushing operations started on the historic core. Operations are expected to start again closer to spring. Test results on the Bighorn Store have identified that there is the presence of hazardous material. This material has been identified and remediated. Public Works received quotes for the demolition and removal of the building and M. Umscheid Construction was the successful bidder. The Request for Proposal for the 4-person self-contained staff accommodation unit was posted at the end of January. This staffing unit is to replace the old staff houses and is to be located at the new operations lot located in the Nordegg Industrial Subdivision. Construction for the staffing unit is expected to be complete by April 2020.

Broadband: Progress seems so slow regarding broadband but at the last Council meeting on March 10th a motion was put forward and passed. The motion reads, "That Council directs administration to develop a Request for Proposal to enhance broadband connectivity in Nordegg". Also, the County is now in the process of hiring a Broadband Technologist.

If anyone has any questions regarding anything in the letter or non-related issues please contact me at tlaing@clearwatercounty.ca or I can be reached by phone 403-895-3215. Thank you to those who have contacted me regarding Nordegg development.

Education Centre Hollen Sheldrake

nordeggeducation@gmail.com
403-863-9744

Follow the Education Centre at
<https://www.facebook.com/NordeggEducation>

Check here next month



Our core purpose: To inspire people to experience and know the goodness of God.

If anyone needs help with things like food or transportation, contact Frontier Lodge and we'll do what we can to lend a hand.

(403) 721 2202

Frontier@frontierlodge.ca

Social Committee

Cheryl Hobbs

New Year's Eve

We had another wonderful New Years Eve Family Fun Night at the Hall. There were lots of people on the toboggan hill and at the rink all afternoon and we had a great turn out for our 2nd Annual New Years Eve Shiny Hockey game! The firepit was its usual awesome gathering spot, being lit at 2pm and going past midnight! The pot luck dishes were delicious and in great abundance this year which was nice to see!

Community involvement makes this event the success that it is! As usual, the thank you list is long starting with a great big shout out to Tom J for his relentless work on the rink. The start of flooding was a tad problematic with year due to staff shortage at Station 50, but Cody helped out whenever he could, as did Garry and Helen who answered the online call for assistance and then continued to help for the next few days as we got things ready for the 31st! Thanks also to Wayne for manning the ticket/donation table once again; to Sharon, Jeff, Jason and Jennifer for your help with everything from Christmas trees to decorating to restoring our wifi signal; to Shawna & Darrel, Elaine & Ken and Florrie & Jeff for covering the bar; to Nancy and Jackie for taking control of the food tables and keeping everything in order; to Evan for making sure the s'mores and smokies were under control; to Alicia for making sure we had music; to Brent and his firewood gathering team for once again making sure we had an awesome fire pit throughout the day and evening; to Nordegg Shell for their donation of additional fireworks; to Sunbelt Light Rentals for lighting up the toboggan hill; to Becky for picking up the fireworks and Tom J and Darrel for putting off an awesome display!! We had planned for a second display of fireworks at midnight, however low attendance prompted us to do it earlier!

I would like to send out a great big Thank You to everyone for attending and I would like to personally thank the members of the Social Committee for all your help in the planning and preparation of this

awesome community event! See montage of pics below.

Light up for Christmas

The Social Committee put out a call to our local businesses to Light up for Christmas and we weren't disappointed. Thank you to those who participated - it made for a festive mode in Nordegg!! See the montage of pictures on page following.

Spring Hike

The Social Committee held its annual Spring Hike on March the 7th under pleasant, sunny skies! We had a fantastic turn out of approximately 50 humans and 6 pooches...woof woof! A good time was had by all!! FYI.... we held this before #SocialDistancing was the term of the week...here's hoping the outdoors gathering was safe and that we all stay well!

This year we started at the Hall and headed to the Hostel where participants enjoyed a warm and wonderful firepit and were served Smokies, pie & ice cream and hot chocolate!

A great big Thank You to Jennifer and Roy of Shunda Creek Hostel for opening their doors to the community, once again! I would also like to thank committee members Sharon, Jennifer, Linda and Nancy for all their help; Scott for being our highway crossing guard; Elaine and Deb for cooking the smokies and Tom J for setting the track, once again!

Nordegg Community Church

Rich Hull

nordeggcommunitychurch@gmail.com

The Nordegg Community church would like to invite you to join us Sunday mornings at 10:00 in the Nordegg historic church. We meet together to learn from the Holy Bible and worship together. Join us every 3rd Sunday of the month to share a meal together after the church service.

Nordegg Historic Golf Course

Cheryl Hobbs

Check here next spring

Health Services and Public Safety

Jason Millar

Remember

Contact 9-1-1 for police, fire, or ambulance.

Contact Health Link 8-1-1 for non-urgent general health questions.

Check here next month

Environment and Recreation Compiled by Jane Drummond

Trails:

Derry Armstrong
derryarmstrong@gmail.com.

Fish and Wildlife:

Aaron Archibald
District Fish and Wildlife Officer
Email: Aaron.Archibald@gov.ab.ca
To report a poacher or land use violations use:

Wildfire Information:

Derek Gagnon
Wildfire Information Officer
email: derek.gagnon@gov.ab.ca
For Rocky Mountain House Area Updates check:
<http://srd.web.alberta.ca/rocky-mountain-house-area-update>

Fire and Safety Services Sheldon Mehlhaff, Battalion Chief, Station 50

Remember:

*If you spot a wildfire, call 310-FIRE(3473)
For other fires call 911*

Check here next month

Celebrating Our Community Supporters

Tom Jordon has invested enormous personal resources in managing the ice rink. He is also heading up the team that is committed to renewing the recreation area around the community hall.

We celebrate his participation in our community. And now . . . we find that he also spends his early winter months preparing for and competing in the Canadian Motorcycle Associations Oval Ice Racing Series.

This year he won the Open Expert National Championship!

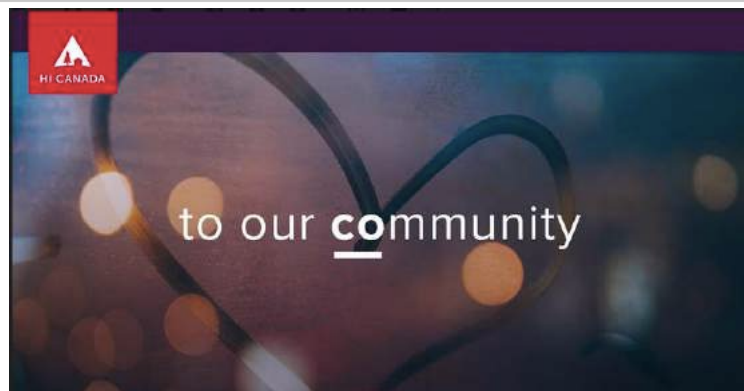


Congratulations to Tom Jordon (#21) on his great accomplishment!

The HI Nordegg Shunda Creek Hostel has temporarily ceased operations until further notice.

Monthly Craft Nights and Potlucks will be postponed until such time as it is deemed safe to resume Community Gatherings. Maintaining the health, safety and well-being of our Guests, Staff and the Nordegg Community is our top priority in these difficult times.

JENNIFER HARNETT
HI Nordegg Hostel Manager



Light up for Christmas



New Year's Eve

Nordegg Community Association Meetings for 2010

April 25 (Saturday @ 7pm) Community Information Meeting

May 27 (Wednesday @ 7pm) Management Meeting

June 27 (Saturday @ 7pm) Community Information Meeting

July 22 (Wednesday @ 7pm) Management Meeting

August 26 (Wednesday @ 7pm) Management Meeting

September 26 (Saturday @ 7pm) Community Information Meeting

October 28 (Wednesday @ 7pm) Management Meeting

November 28 (Saturday @ 7pm) AGM

Spring Hike

