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With summer 2020 upon us we can all agree, 2020 as been a roller coaster of emotions and changes. The Alberta government has currently moved into stage two of opening; however, the current regulations still limit the type and size of gathering. This combined with an abundance of safety has led the executive team to postpone Nordegg days till at least September. I would ask the readers of the Squeek to take this chance and reach out to a neighbor, a friend or family members and use this time to reconnect, and rebuild the connections lost during the early stages of the pandemic.

We ask anyone attending any event to utilize the Government of Alberta's self assessment tool should before attending. While Alberta cases have been relatively low the risk is still prevalent and is almost amplified with the amount of people flocking to the area from around Alberta.

We hope to host a Poker Rally in support of the Nordegg Community Association on Sunday September 6, 2020. If you would like to volunteer please contact me via email at n_frank@telus.net

I would also like to wish the Carins family best of luck on their new adventures as they move from away from the Nordegg area. Troy spent 4 years as an active fire fighter, responding to calls, and attending weekly training. Sonja was involved for numerous years in the kidlit program at the Nordegg Library reading and helping children develop positive literacy skills.

The new public garbage bins have been placed and are being utilized, beyond the original capacity. If you

notice the bins are overflowing or garbage collecting around the outside, please let me or Florrie know immediately. Nick – (403) 506 7744 or Florrie (780) 405 9681. The goal of this was to reduce the waste left in the backcountry and in the hamlet. If you see garbage and can help identify the people who did this, please phone the report a poacher line at 1-800-642-3800.

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Very recently, I spent an entire Sunday in Nordegg. It was great to meet up with many of you. I spent time in the Town site, took a look at the progress at the commercial core, toured the North side, stopped in and spoke with several residents, viewed property that had been negatively affected by flood rains, and checked a concern at the local waste transfer site and even found time to stop by The Miners Café.

As some of you may know, I have tried over the years to have the local transfer site become more accessible for the local residents. Finally, about a year ago, through the help of administration, a walk through gate was installed at the transfer site to allow the local residents access to the dump 24/7. Recently, I became aware, that there was no access as the gate was always locked. I investigated this situation and long story short - this problem is now resolved and the gate is now unlocked. I expect, as long as the gate is kept closed (and unlocked), there is no vandalism, and all rules followed the residents should be able to

Upcoming NCA social event

Updates will be provided
as COVID 19 policies change

have continued access during 'closed' hours. This is a service that is not offered anywhere else in the County. I lobbied for elevated service levels for Nordegg because of Nordegg's unique situation with part-time home owners and population spikes on weekends and summer months. Many of you may know that years ago Clearwater County's (CWC) transfer stations use to offer 24-hour access 7 days per week, but because of vandalism, access hours to these transfer stations became greatly restricted. I am really hoping that the locals will keep access knowledge as a 'little known secret' to themselves and do all they can to ensure this 'extra' service continues for our Nordegg folks.

While I'm on the topic of waste, just today a request came before Council, from the Nordegg Community Association (NCA) asking for matching funds to help pay for several bear proof garbage containers. While, I know this request came from good hearts, and the County does recognize there is a huge garbage problem in the west County and we do also recognize many more garbage receptacles are needed, Council did not approve this request for several reasons. The main reasons being:

1st. Garbage being brought to these bins is NOT local CWC resident nor CWC business garbage. CWC taxpayers should not have to pay for garbage that comes from tourists on provincial land. This is a provincial responsibility. Waste processing is costly! CWC residents already pay millions of tax dollars per year for processing, transporting, waste cell construction (costs a couple million) and cell closure (which is several millions of dollars) just for our own garbage. We do not believe our residents want their tax bill to go up to pay for 'other people's garbage'. The garbage from the bins NCA put out is being taken to our local Nordegg transfer station and our residents are paying for transporting and disposing of the solid waste. If the province put out their own bins the garbage would have to go to the Regional Waste site (just outside Rocky) and the Province would then be paying a tipping fee and covering costs. As it is now the garbage being taken from NCA bins is by-passing the provincial collection system and our residents are picking up the tab. This is not right and Council does not want to encourage further Provincial downloading.

It is worthy to note at this point, it was brought to Councils attention yesterday that certain provincial personal do not view garbage as an issue and in-fact promote tourists to take their garbage home. This is not the view that Clearwater County has taken. We have lobbied for years for the Province to step up to the plate and deal with their issues, garbage, washrooms, and policing of the West Country. Approximately, two weeks ago, our Council also met with Mr. Nixon, minister of Environment and Parks and stressed to him the negative outcomes of many visitors to the area. He seemed to have an understanding of the needs, but what the outcome of the visit will be – I do not know.

2nd. Another reason for Council's decision to deny NCA's request is because of the fact that NCA (just like all the other halls in the County) receives monthly financial support from the County and so in a sense the County is already supporting the NCA desire to place bins in the community.

-3rd. reason for denial of the request, is because Council endeavours to treat all areas fairly and it was recognized that if Council granted this request similar requests from other areas of the County would come in and Council would be placed in a position where we would have to say yes to all or pick winners and losers. If we said 'yes' to future requests, provincial downloading would increase exponentially, and County taxpayers would bear further increased tax hikes just to deal with non CWC garbage.

Having said all this, Council recognizes tourism in the west Country is growing rapidly and with that the garbage problem is also growing. We will be following up our meeting with Jason Nixon with a letter to once again lobby for adequate waste collection receptacles.

Council is still wanting to meet with the Nordegg Community folks regarding Nordegg Development Plans but Covid-19 has put a spin on things. My understanding is the Planning Department (administration team) is hoping to meet with Council next month to discuss proposed updates to the plan. After that, my understanding is administration will set up a public participation opportunity that may include a meeting (Covid permitting) or other means of gathering input from the community, including property owners in Nordegg that may not reside there.

Council knows there have been numerous challenges, in regard to the high amount of precipitation not only to Nordegg, but throughout the County. The result has been road washouts, bridge repairs, gravel road complaints, etc. The 'water' problem is intensified because of the previous year's



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excessive precipitation the ground became overly saturated. Starting this years season with excessive ground moisture only added to aggravate this year's rain falls and has resulted in unprecedented flooding problems. Nordegg was hit hard and I want the residents to know that Clearwater County has dedicated engineers, two surveyor crews and in-house resources that are working hard to find a resolution that doesn't just take surface water from one neighbour and pass it to the next; but instead, design a drainage plan that assists in mitigating the water issues while not diverting from the natural flow (as that is legislated).

I understand that CWC Public Works department is pleased that the information so far is painting a positive picture for a drainage strategy in the North Subdivision. However, sadly, this drainage strategy project 'fix' will take some time.

Other news:

- The installation of a new Bulk Water Station, within the Hamlet of Nordegg, has been Complete.
- Nordegg Commercial Core development is coming along. A.I.C. has placed pit run on Center St., Tillie Ave, and Cherie Ave. Concrete is scheduled to be poured on Monday July 20th. Catch basins and culvers have been installed.

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

The Family Resource Network returns to the Discovery Park. They will be at the Park to offer programming the 7th and the 21st of August.

August Calendar of Family Resource Network activities is available on page 5.

Join our community boardwalk at the Discovery Park. See page 5 for view of boards. Form can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2Zx480u>

Social Committee

Cheryl Hobbs

The Social Committee is still restricted from holding our regularly planned events. As soon as things change we will advise everyone! Updates will be done through this email, on Facebook and Twitter, as well as the Nordegg News highway sign. #StayWell

Nordegg Community Church Rich Hull

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The church is meeting together again! We have made some changes to the church service based on the recommendations from AHS. Also there is some construction going on near the church so it may be a little mudding in the parking lot.

Church is Sunday at 10am, see you there.

Nordegg Historic Golf Course Cheryl Hobbs

It's our 100th Anniversary



Summer has finally arrived and the golfing season is in full swing!

This year at the clubhouse we'd like to welcome Preston back as our summer student; he's always busy on the mower and doing lots of ground maintenance with Tom and Lyle. We also welcome our two new employees, Karyn and Kelly who are equally as busy painting, doing yard work and taking care of all our customers.

We have seen a big increase in the number of people coming through the clubhouse so far this summer. There's lots of families golfing and people stopping by to enjoy a burger on our licensed patio.

Membership numbers are up and the course is in fantastic condition! We invite everyone to stop by and check it out!

As this edition of the Squeek goes to print we'll be making final preparations for our 29th Annual Tournament on Saturday, July 25th. This follows and precedes several private tournaments taking place over summer! It's a wonderful year at the Nordegg Historical Golf Course!

Health Services and Public Safety

Jason Millar

Health Services

Remember

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

Nordegg Public Library

Borrowing and Returns:

- We are encouraging a Curb-side service. Request your materials in advance either by placing holds or calling ahead and staff will retrieve them for you. If you place a hold on an item, please wait for notification from us that your item is available for pick-up before coming in.
- Loan periods will be extended for your convenience.
- All materials returned to the library will be quarantined for 4 days before being checked in. Any fines that accrue during this time will be waived until further notice.
- As of June 12th, libraries have been given government permissions to open to the public and the government has provided [guidelines for maintaining a safe and healthy library](#). In response to this and the feedback during the June 15th PLC meeting, Parkland will be reverting all patron notifications to the pre-COVID default messaging starting June 16th.

Facilities:

- Number of patrons in the building will be limited. Please be patient.
- We would like to encourage patrons to do their best to limit their time in the library to 15 minutes.
- Exams by appointment only.
- Please check out our new temporary hours.

Computers and Photocopying:

- Three computers will be available to the public.
- Time on computers may be limited.
- Photocopying and scanning services are available.

Miscellaneous:

- Donations will be accepted by appointment only at this time.
- Book sale items are unavailable until further notice.
- We will continue to accept donations for the Little Free Pantry. These items will be quarantined for 72 hours before being placed in the public area.

Celebrating Our Community Supporters

Readers please send content for this section.

Hours:

Sunday 11am -2pm
Monday 1pm-4pm
Tuesday 1pm-4pm
Wednesday 4pm-7pm
Thursday 12pm-3pm

Environment and Recreation Compiled by Jane Drummond

Trails:

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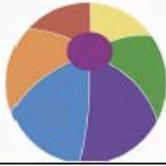
Aaron Archibald
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To report a poacher or land use violations use:

Wildfire Information:

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For Rocky Mountain House Area Updates check:
<http://srd.web.alberta.ca/rocky-mountain-house-area-update>

Nordegg Community Association Meetings for 2010

- August 26 (Wednesday @ 7pm)
Management Meeting
- September 26 (Saturday @ 7pm)
Community Information Meeting
- October 28 (Wednesday @ 7pm)
Management Meeting
- November 28 (Saturday @ 7pm)
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**Rocky Mountain House Family Resource Network
August 2020**

**Please note:
All outdoor programs
are weather dependent.
We post updates to
schedule changes on
our Family Resource
Network Facebook
page!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 Closed for Civic Holiday	4 Caroline Teddy Bear Picnic Edna Topp Park 10-12 1-2:30	5 Staff Training	6 Leslieville Teddy Bear Picnic School playground 10-12	7 Nordegg Teddy Bear Picnic Discovery park 10-12	1/8
9	10 *Stay, Play & Learn 10-11:30 Skateboard Park RMH 1:30-3	11 Caroline Little Green Park 10-12	12 Condor Teddy Bear Picnic 10-12 1:30-3	13 *Paper Mache Creations Ages 7-12yrs 1-3pm	14 Walk and Talk RMH Big Rock 10-12	15
16	17 Staff Training	18 Caroline School Playground Mazes 10-12	19 *Art in the Park Mazes 1:30-3	20 Leslieville School Mazes 10-12	21 *Nordegg Discovery park Mazes 10-12	22
23	24 *Stay, Play & Learn 10-11:30 Park Play Day Park 1-2:30	25 *Art in the Park Sea Creatures Kinsman Park 1-3:30	26 *Condor School PG Mazes 10-12	27 Caroline Edna Topp Playground 10-12 *	28 Walk and Talk RMH Big Rock 10-12	29
30	31 *Stay, Play & Learn 10-11:30 *Stay, Play & Learn 1-2:30					

Rocky Mountain House Family Resource Network is located at: 4917 52 Street
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 **See us on Facebook



Fire and Safety Services

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Remember:

If you spot a wildfire, call 310-FIRE(3473)

For other fires call 911

Clearwater County's Community Peace Officers will be increasing patrols in Nordegg and West Country region in coming weeks in and around the August long weekend. Residents and visitors are reminded that parking along primary highways (paved or gravel shoulder or in ditch right-of-ways) is not only an offence under the provincial *Traffic Safety Act*, but also poses a life safety risk for those choosing to park along the highway. Please use designated parking areas when visiting provincial parks, recreation areas and within the municipal hamlet.

As of July 14, 2020, the provincial Fire Advisory in the Forest Protection Area was lifted. *The wildfire danger rating for the Rocky Mountain House Forest Area is MODERATE. There are currently no wildfires burning in the area. Since March 1, there have been 31 wildfires in the Rocky Mountain House Forest Area, burning 14.23 hectares. All of these wildfires have been extinguished.*

Clearwater Regional Fire Rescue Services (CRFRS) reminds residents about the importance of water safety and recently released a public service announcement video in partnership with Rocky Mountain House Search and Rescue and Paddle Alberta/Alberta Whitewater Association representatives. The video related to water safety and specifically safety on Abraham Lake can be accessed at this [link](#).

CRFRS' advancement ceremony took place on June 19. The ceremony recognizes firefighter recruits who have completed their 1001 Level 1 training. They received a black helmet at the ceremony which signifies advancing from recruit to a firefighter. From the Nordegg Fire Station 50, congratulations goes out to Allyssa Benum, Shiloh Fischer and Kayley Warawa - after more than a year of training and hard work they all advanced to firefighter. (pictured below). For complete details on CRFRS advancement across all five stations in the regional fire service, please see the upcoming issue of the County Highlights newsletter (June/July) coming soon at this [link](#).

The April/May issue of the County Highlights newsletter also featured some great information about OHV use, the *Report an Impaired Boater* program, the provincial Fire Ban System and what type of burning is allowed during a fire ban, the importance of Burn Notifications, the CRFRS drone pilot program underway with the Wildland Urban Interface team to assist with Emergency Response strategies more emergency management and flooding-related info including the Alberta Rivers App. If you haven't already read the last County Highlights issue – Emergency and Legislative Services staff encourage you to view the additional information at this [link](#).

Lastly, with all the recent rainfall and snowmelt, the emergency preparedness surrounding flooding provides important reminders...

Floods are a frequent hazard in Canada and have devastated many areas of Alberta. High-risk flood zones are in low-lying areas along riverbanks, called flood plains. These areas naturally flood when water levels rise.

Flooding can occur at any time of year and can result from: heavy rainfall, particularly when the ground is still frozen or already wet; ice jams; rapid melting of glaciers or snow packs; and, natural or man-made dam failures.

Low-lying areas along rivers or in ravines have a high risk of flooding. Heavy rainfall or dam failures can cause flash floods, which happen quickly and with no warning. Follow the steps below to be flood ready:

STEP 1: KNOW THE RISKS AND GET PREPARED

To get prepared for a flood, you should know the risks specific to your community and your region to help you better prepare. To find out what the hazards are in your region, visit the "Know the risks" section of the www.GetPrepared.ca website.

STEP 2: MAKE AN EMERGENCY PLAN

Every Canadian household needs an emergency plan. It will help you and your family to know what to do in case of an emergency. Remember, your family may not be together when a flood or other emergency occurs.

STEP 3: GET AN EMERGENCY KIT

In an emergency you will need some basic supplies. You may need to get by without power or tap water. Be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours.

You may have some of the items already, such as a flashlight, battery-operated radio, food and water. The key is to make sure they are organized and easy to find. Would you be able to find your flashlight in the dark?

Make sure your kit is easy to carry. Keep it in a backpack, duffel bag or suitcase with wheels, in an easy-to-reach, accessible place, such as your front hall closet. Make sure everyone in the household knows where the emergency kit is.

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Highlighted Attractions:
 - Rocky Mountain House Museum
 - Brazeau Collieries Mine Site & Sawdust Heritage Centre
 - Caroline Wheeler of Time Museum
 - Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site
 - Silver Falls Trail Head
 - Te-Ha Trails Park

Waterfalls:
 - Ribbon Falls
 - Crescent Falls
 - East Falls
 - Sulfur Falls
 - Trenchless Falls
 - Thompson Creek Falls
 - Whangpoo Falls

Lakes and Rivers:
 - Abraham Lake
 - Big Horn River
 - Buzzsaw Lake
 - Cow Lake
 - Crissom Lake
 - Golden Lake
 - Jericho Lake
 - Peppers Lake
 - Ram River
 - Shusda Lake
 - Twin Lakes

Other locations:
 - NORDEGG
 - CLEARWATER COUNTY
 - ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE
 - CAROLINE
 - CALGARY

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Heritage

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Did you know; there is an access gate at the Nordegg Transfer Site. (The access gate is to the right, just around corner from main front gate.) This access gate was installed and is intended for Nordegg residents so that you may dispose of your household garbage in the bin at your own convenience 24/7. We ask that you are conscious of wildlife in the area by ensuring that all lids and the gate is closed when you have finished putting your garbage in the correct place within the compound. We need the community to understand that we will only be permitted to provide this access if the site is used respectfully. If you have larger items that require vehicle access, or visitors are asking, the hours of operation are as follows:

Sunday 12:00 am – 5:00 pm (6:00 pm Summer)

Monday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Wednesday 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm (6:00 pm Summer)

For visitors services:

We are happy to be able to provide visitor services every day at the Nordegg Discovery Centre this summer. Unfortunately, the Brazeau Collieries Mine Site Tours are cancelled for 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and decreased staffing. We are looking forward to the future and preparing for new programs and services.