



July, 2012

Sanatan Mandir Cultural Society of Fort McMurray
Attn: Vipul Patel
165 Bluejay Road
Fort McMurray, AB T9K 0L7

Dear Vipul,

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo would like to **THANK YOU** for your participation in the annual Spring Community Clean Up campaign. This spring, over 10,000 individuals participated in various clean up programs and events throughout the region.

Your involvement has made a difference by increasing community awareness, enhancing beautification, and building community pride. Numerous comments have been received on the tremendous support and effort of the volunteers in beautifying our region, thank you!

The Communities in Bloom national judges will be visiting our region on August 13 and 14, and will be evaluating the community on the following six criteria: Tidiness, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Urban Forestry, Landscape, and Floral Displays. The Spring Clean Up campaign encompasses a majority of these categories and will assist us to achieve another successful year in the national Communities in Bloom program.

A gift voucher has been included in appreciation of your volunteer efforts with community clean up that can be redeemed for one of the following four items; a backpack, cooler, first aid kit or a gift card to Tim Hortons. Your group is also invited to attend the annual Party in the Park – volunteer recognition event on August 14. There will be children's activities, entertainment, prize giveaways, and a free BBQ sponsored by Waste Management. RSVP's can be made to cib@woodbuffalo.ab.ca or call 780.588.3717 by August 7, 2012. The first 100 individuals to RSVP will receive a limited edition Communities in Bloom t-shirt.

Returning Picker Sticks

If you haven't already done so, please return or schedule for pick up of the litter picking sticks. Each stick is labelled with an ID tag and was assigned to the main contact of the group. The litter picking sticks were a costly new addition to the clean up program and must be returned following each season.

Thank you again for taking the time to help maintain our beautiful region. Please provide us with your feedback on the community clean up program by filling out the survey at www.woodbuffalo.ab.ca (Living > Beautification > Community Clean Up). We look forward to your continued support and anticipate a growing group of volunteers next season.

Sincerely,

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PICK AND CLICK PHOTO CONTEST

Volunteers of Spring Community clean up took part in the annual Pick and Click Photo Contest to capture highlights of their clean up efforts.

Over 70 photo submissions were reviewed by a panel of judges. Winners of each category won a \$400 prize package, sponsored by the Fort McMurray Public Library and the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Best Team Photo
Heggie Family



Best Clean Up Action Shot
Westwood Community High School
Eco Club



Best Before and After Photos
The Browns



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The Browns



Thank you to all the participants of the 2012 Pick and Click Photo contest.



THANK YOU





THANK YOU FOR PITCHING-IN WITH COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION!

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo would like to THANK YOU for dedicating your time and effort to the 2012 Spring Community Clean Up Campaign.

This year, over 10,000 volunteers from schools, organizations, businesses and families took part in various clean up events to help tidy up our community. Your contributions in beautifying our region is greatly appreciated.