

Town of Bassano

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The Outdoor Pool is Open

For July and August. Cool off on a hot sunny day. Enjoy a lane swim, take swimming lessons, or join in an Aquafit class.

The full pool schedule, swimming lesson schedule, along with safety procedures are posted on the town website(www.bassano.ca/bassano-joint-use-facility).

Swimming lessons are filling up quickly. Registration can be done online or at the pool during regular business hours.

The pool will be open most days from 6:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. to serve you.

For more information call 403-641-4025.

Recognition goes out to all the lifeguards – thanks to you we will enjoy a fun summer at the pool.

Council proclaimed July 18-24 as **National Drowning Prevention Week** in Bassano. Education and awareness help keep everyone safe. Remember to supervise your children in and around the water, wear a lifejacket when boating

or enjoying water sports, and never play around the water when under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Volunteer Recognition

It is no secret that volunteers play an important role in our community – we all appreciate what you do. Lately, we have seen many volunteers out working. Thank you to Stew and Lorraine Heron and the crew for taking care of the Cenotaph grounds– it looks wonderful, the hedge is returning nicely. A shout out to Phillis Riley for cleaning the flowerbeds at the campground and planting perennials.

You all make a difference in our community.

Let us not forget all the volunteers that made Community Clean-up Project a successful event.

Business owners and residents did a town-wide garbage pick-up, back-alley clean-up, steel/battery pick-up, abandoned car removal, and appliance/large item removal during the month of May. Over \$900 was raised from the scrap metal/vehicle/battery clean-up. These funds will be donated to the Bassano Curling Club for the condenser upgrade. Well done!

Hundreds of trees were planted on 9th Avenue by volunteers and the 4H Club. Finishing features to follow.

Unightly Properties

Collectively, we have made so much progress over the past few years cleaning up properties in Bassano – there is much more to do and we rely on everyone to do their part.

- Cut your grass and trim weeds around your property
- Keep your back alley clean and free from piles of yard waste, garbage and debris

Maintaining your property attracts customers, improves property values, and increases pride within our community.

Traffic Enforcement

The Bassano RCMP have received lots of complaints regarding speed in town including back-alleys. Please be aware that enforcement is underway and to watch your speed – stay within the limits posted to keep yourself and others safe.

- In-town speed limit is 40km/h (unless otherwise posted); back alley speed limit 15km/h
- Playground/school zone is 30km/h



Election Year

As a reminder, **2021 is an election year**. If you are interested in running for officer, there are five (5) positions available in Bassano. The mayoral position is appointed internally by the council each year at the organization meeting. The **term of office is 4-years**.

If you have questions about the election, contact the Town Office at 403-641-3788.

Eligibility requirements can be found on the town website (bassano.ca/2021-municipal-election)

Property Taxes

2021 property taxes are due by July 31. To avoid a penalty of 18%, ensure your taxes are paid on time.

Call the tax department at 403-641-3788 with questions.

Recreation Grant Award

We are pleased to announce that recreation grants were awarded in partnership with the County of Newell:

- o Bassano Minor Hockey - \$5,000
- o Pioneer Drop-in Centre - \$1,500
- o Bassano Skating Club - \$300
- o Prairie Racers Riding Club - \$600
- o Bassano Golf Club - \$22,000
- o Bassano Curling Club - \$10,000
- o Bassano Arena Management Board - \$20,000



Fire Advisory in Effect



A fire advisory is in effect in town limits as of June 28.

An advisory allows for pleasure pits when used with extreme caution. Always saturate the ground around your fire pit before using it; have water nearby; never leave the fire unattended; keep the fire contained in an approved pit; and ensure the fire is completely out. Stir, pour, stir.

Curling Club Condenser Upgrade

The Curling Club raised over \$78,000 for the project. The Town and the County have agreed to provide matching funds up to \$25,000 each for the condenser upgrade as the project aligns with the Recreation and Leisure Master Plan objectives to lower operating costs and maximize facility usage.

Main Street Beautification

Blade Sign Update

Keep an eye out on main street for the new blade signs that will be installed in the coming months. 17 applications were submitted to the Brooks Region and over half have already been approved.

Blade signs support business promotion and are intended to help attract pedestrians in to the store.

The was a great collaboration – we are excited to see the new look.

Former Stiles Building (413 – 2nd Ave.)

The Town obtained a structural assessment, hazardous material survey, and Class D estimated to determine what to do with the property. As a next step, council has elected to proceed with a hazardous materials abatement.

A Request for Proposals is being prepared. After the hazardous materials are removed from the building, council will evaluate a course of action to either repurpose or demolish the building.

Hazardous abatement costs will be determined once a contract has been awarded.

Free Wood Chips

Wood chips are available for free at 317 – 2nd Ave. (the vacant lot beside the Pioneer Damsiters). Help yourself.

Summer Music

Outdoor concerts are happening again this summer. Live music in the greenspace at the Community Hall. Stay tuned!!

Building Fire Update

Earlier this year, a building was lost on main street (425 – 2nd Ave.) due to a property fire and we recognize that this is unsightly. The Town has been advised by the property owner that the matter remains with the insurance company. Insurance investigations can be timely. The Town and other stakeholders continue to seek results to have this site cleaned up and to hopefully welcome a new development. We do not have a date for clean-up and hope for a resolution as soon as possible.

The golf course is open! Book your tee time 403-641-4016

Grab a book at the library and enjoy the sun! 403-641-4065

Lagoon Project Update

This lagoon project is progressing well and continues to remain on target and within budget.

Some project highlights include:

- The pipeline and all tie-ins to the irrigation pivot are complete.
- The irrigation pivot has been constructed and is onsite.
- The anerobic cells have been cleaned.
- Highway road bore is nearly complete.
- Earthwork is well underway for the 7-month storage cell.

Lagoon Project Site Visit Invitation

This is a significant project for our community, and we have arranged to host an educational site visit on July 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

Town administration and White Fox Group will facilitate the educational tour. Those that wish to attend **must** wear a reflective vest and have closed toed footwear. **This is an active work site. A safety orientation will take place and you will be required to sign a liability waiver.**

As a reminder, this is an invitation to learn about the project. After the site visit, you will not be permitted to be onsite and must leave immediately following the event.

Who: everyone welcome

What: Lagoon Project Site Visit Educational Session Event

When: July 16 at 10:00 a.m. sharp

Where: Meet us on the side of Range Road 183. **Do NOT enter the site without being escorted by Town Administration and White Fox Group.**

Why: take this opportunity to learn about how the sanitary system works and see the project in action.

For more information contact Amanda Davis at 403-641-3788 or cao@bassano.ca.

Sewer Line Education

If you are experiencing issues with the sewer line at your property, two calls need to be made:

1. Contact the Town's public works department and advise them that you are having issues with your sewer line. The public works department will check the sanitary main and municipal infrastructure to ensure there are no blockages.
2. Contact a plumber to have them assess the sewer issue on your property.

By working together and following these steps, it is likely that the situation can be resolved quicker and with less cost.

Branch Pick-up

Each year between May 1 – September 30 the public works department provides bi-weekly branch pick-up.

We aim to pick the branches up every second Tuesday and there are occasions when the Tuesday pick-up is postponed until later in the week because of conflicting projects.

There is no need to worry about this or to call the public works department, your branches will be picked up pending they are in small tidy piles.

Please be reminded that as a property owner, it is your responsibility to maintain the boulevard of your property and the back alley (less the roadway). If your trees are overgrown in the back-alley, ensure they are trimmed back.

Do you love your dog, and would you like to see a community off-leash dog park?



Over the past few years, people have inquired about an off-leash dog park. Council advised that that an off-leash dog park must be community driven. It must be led, organized, and planned by volunteers.

If you are interested in leading this project or being a member of the research and possible implementation task force, contact the Town Office. If there is volunteer interest, we will help to organize the working group.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES SUMMER PROGRAMS



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CRAFT KITS

This summer we are excited to offer family craft kits. A science experiment themed craft kit will be available for July and a Cultural Recognition themed craft kit will be available for August. Limited kits available, please contact FCSS to register for your kits today. Craft kits are suggested for those ages 4 - 9 years.

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BIKE RODEO

We are excited to invite you and your children to our bike safety rodeo. While at the event children will be given bike safety tips from RCMP members, have the opportunity to learn about tuning their bikes and more! This event is suggested for children 5 - 11 years of age. Parental supervision is required while at the event.

ACTIVE AUGUST

Stay updated through our facebook page with our solo challenges to help you get out and active over the month of August!

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Stop in at the Bassano Community Hall green space for an ice cream and grab a brochure for the Parade of Garage Sales! This is a free event and all ages are welcome. Outdoor games will be set up for you to enjoy with your family and friends as part of our Active August program!

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PARADE OF GARAGE SALES

Join us for a community wide event designed to help you get out and active this August as you stroll the streets of Bassano searching for garage sale treasures and deals! Registration for the Parade of Garage Sales opens July 26th and brochures for the event will be available at the Town Office or online starting August 12th.

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ARM CHAIR TRAVEL

We invite those 50+ to join us for an afternoon adventure "travelling" to a distant location right from the comfort of your home town! You will get to experience the sights, sounds, scents, tastes and feelings or being somewhere far from home! Registration is required for this event, please contact FCSS.