



TOWN NEWSLETTER

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SOLD – 1002 – 2nd

Avenue This property was sold at the list price, and fair market value of \$150,000. A business expansion and 6,500ft² shop will be built.

\$70,000 Grant

Awarded under the Alberta Collaboration Program to the County of Newell, Town of Bassano, and Villages of Duchess and Rosemary. This project is of strategic priority and will see to the development of a regional emergency management plan.

The grant will cover the full cost of the project.

Valuable Public

Safety Stats – local RCMP statistics are posted on our website. For details view the June 12, 2023 council agenda, see item 9.6.

WEEDS, they are a problem - we

appreciate the efforts made by businesses and residents to spray and control weeds. If yours are out of control, please spray them, or pull them out to keep a clean and welcoming town.

DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES – NEW & UPDATED

The BUILD Bassano – Residential Vacant Land Development Incentive Policy was amended.

No public petitions were received regarding the termed development incentive policy to sell vacant residential land under fair market value. After much deliberation, council amended this policy to exclude mobile home developments from the incentive. All other sections of the policy remain unchanged.

BUILD Bassano – COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE

The incentive is aimed at **new** commercial and industrial developments and is intended to:

1. To stimulate commercial development in Bassano.
2. To support business expansion that leads to job growth in Bassano.
3. To create stability within the local economy and business community.
4. To support local businesses.
5. To encourage investments that will grow Bassano.

This is a termed development incentive. The total valuation of the incentive is \$150,000 in overall municipal tax credits. The term began on June 12, 2023, and runs until December 31, 2025, or until that total valuation of the municipal tax credits has been allocated, whichever comes first.

1. A municipal tax credit is applied to the Commercial Development (at occupancy) based on an improved property assessment. The property assessment is determined by the Town’s assessor. Property assessment is not fair market value.
2. To be eligible for the municipal tax credit, the property’s assessment must reach a minimum of 250,000 for a Commercial Development (land and improvements) as shown below. This is for **new** builds only.

Property Assessment	Tax Credit Applied
250,000 to 350,000	\$10,000
351,000 to 550,000	\$20,000
551,000 to 750,000	\$25,000

Any commercial development that exceeds an assessed value of 750,000 shall be looked at independent of this incentive by the Town.

The development incentive does not apply to any approved developments, or previously started projects (e.g. South Country Co-op or 1002 – 2nd Avenue).

For more information contact Amanda Davis, CAO at cao@bassano.ca or 403-641-3788. Information is also available at bassano.ca.

WATER CONSERVATION

The Eastern Irrigation District (EID) reported a significant drop in river levels, six to eight weeks earlier than normal this year due to low snowpack and early snowmelt in the region. With drought like conditions, the EID has asked that communities take measures to reduce water usage to support conservation efforts as we all rely on the same water source.

Town council supports the request from the EID and will lead by example. While we appreciate lush green grass, it is time to appreciate a more natural brown landscape. The town will reduce the watering of public lands by 1/3 in addition to assessing where we can limit water draw for public works operations.

We ask that all residents and businesses join us to make a conscious effort to conserve water and limit usage. Here are ways you can help conserve water:



amazinghometips.com

18 SUPERB WAYS TO SAVE WATER IN YOUR HOME

Share, Repin, Print Out

1.7% of the world's water is frozen

In the United States, 400 billion gallons of water are used per day

- 1 Monitor your monthly water bill
- 2 Regularly check hoses and faucets for leaks
- 3 Learn how to check water meter for water leaks
- 4 Insulate hot water pipes
- 5 Take 5-minute showers instead of a full bath
- 6 Install water-saving showerheads
- 7 Do not leave running water while brushing your teeth or shaving
- 8 Convert to dual-flush toilet
- 9 Do not flush trash or cigarette butts in the toilet
- 10 Turn off the faucet when lathering hands
- 11 Use a pan of water when cleaning vegetables instead of running water
- 12 Run the dishwasher only when it is full
- 13 Soak pots and pans in water. Don't let water run while scraping them clean.
- 14 Use clothes washer only on full loads
- 15 Use eco setting when using the washing machine
- 16 Use buckets instead of hose for cleaning floors, windows, and cars
- 17 Install greywater collection tank (water collected can be used in gardening and toilet)
- 18 Water the garden early in the morning & late in the evening (less evaporation)



The **Bassano Fire Department** is acutely **aware of the hot and dry conditions** expected this summer and wish to remind all residents to be fire smart.

- ✓ If you are having a backyard fire in an approved pit, ensure the area around the fire pit has been watered. Always keep the fire arresstor (screen) on top of the fire pit. Keep your fires small to help limit sparks. **ALWAYS put your fire out**, stir the ash, water, and stir again. Do not leave fires unattended. Keep a fire extinguisher nearby.
- ✓ Do not toss your cigarettes. Ensure they are fully put out before disposal.
- ✓ If you are outside recreating, do not park a hot vehicle in tall grass. The heat from the exhaust can start a fire.

Thank you, from Fire Chief Cochrane.

OUR REMINDERS

Do not park **unhooked** trailers on public roadways.



Do not block intersections or restrict corner visibility with vehicles and trailers.

Save together, sign up for paper free tax and utility bills. For this year only, save on the \$5.00 monthly processing fee.

Forms are available online or at the office. Contact Christine Petkau, Finance and Legislative Services Coordinator at 403-641-3788 or town@bassano.ca for more.

When **placing your garbage bin** for weekly pick-up, ensure it is accessible on the roadway, and not overflowing. Overflowing bins will not be picked-up.



Do you have adequate **fire insurance**? This is not something we commonly think about but is important.

Keep and eye out for the pop-up Veterinary clinic coming to Town this summer.

Remember to get your fire pit permit to ensure public safety at the town office.



RECOGNITIONS

Bassano Fire Dept.

A huge thank-you to the **32 volunteer firefighters** that worked rotational shifts to assist our neighbors to the north battle fires over the past few months. All crews and equipment returned home safely at the end of June.

Crews and equipment will remain in Bassano and the County during the hot and dry summer months for localized fire protection.

On behalf of the entire community, we are proud of your actions and how you represented us.

Welcome home!

Small-Town Smoke Down BBQ Update

We had over **200 volunteers** assist with the BBQ competition this year, and what a success it was! More than **1,000** people attended the event over the weekend. We will have a tally of the surplus funds from the event by next month. All surplus funds are allocated to the **outdoor pool liner** upgrade. The capital liner replacement is estimated at \$315,000.

Thank you everyone!

Hey, TELUS CREW, You Rock!

Our local Telus operators were a big help, volunteering to hang 75% of the new street identification signs, doing garbage pick-up, and delivering mental health guides to all homes in Town as part of an FCSS wellness initiative.

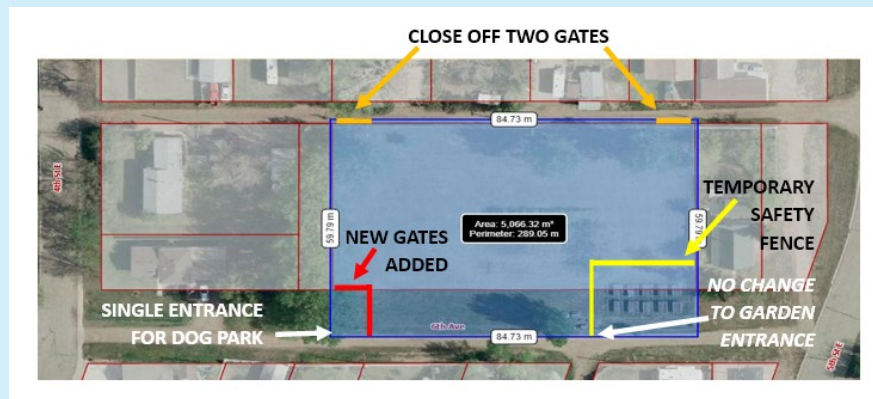


Fairwell to Bradley Redding – he is off to start an entrepreneurial venture. We wish him well!

The Bassano Off-leash Dog Park Advances...

Community driven initiatives are a great thing. A group of volunteers and dog owners approached the town in late 2022 to discuss the potential of an off-leash dog park. They were directed to prepare a business plan. Having completed a business plan, a PILOT PROJECT will be considered within the underutilized greenspace at the Kinette Park (514 – 6th Avenue).

To begin, volunteers, led by Grant McCargar will engage with residents that live adjacent to the park and provide them with a letter explaining the project. With 70% acceptance, the pilot project will proceed at this location.



This is a low-cost pilot project, that can be built by volunteers. It is expected that this park will be operated through an Ambassador Program. Off-leash areas allow owners to exercise their dogs, and they create a place for socialization and wellbeing. Stay tuned for more information. Contact Grant via email with questions about the off-leash dog park (grantmcc1@shaw.ca).

The Bassano Professional Rodeo, parade, beer gardens, and free pancake breakfast were a great success thanks to volunteers, competitors, sponsors, and patrons.
Yippee!

BASSANO OUTDOOR POOL SCHEDULE...GET IT WHILE IT'S HOT OUT!

July Pool Schedule

1
Public Swim 1pm-8pm

8
Public Swim 1pm-8pm

15
Public Swim 1pm-8pm

22
Public Swim 1pm-8pm

29
Public Swim 1pm-8pm

30
Public Swim 1pm-8pm

31
Swimming Lessons 9am-1pm
Public Swim 1pm-7pm
AquaFit 7pm-8pm

2
Public Swim 1pm-8pm

3
Swimming Lessons 9am-1pm
Public Swim 1pm-7pm
AquaFit 7pm-8pm

4
Swimming Lessons 9am-1pm
Public Swim 1pm-7pm
Lane Swim 7pm-8pm

5
Swimming Lessons 9am-1pm
Public Swim 1pm-7pm
AquaFit 7pm-8pm

6
Swimming Lessons 9am-1pm
Public Swim 1pm-7pm
Lane Swim 7pm-8pm

7
Swimming Lessons 9am-1pm
Public Swim 1pm-7pm

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Public Swim 1pm-8pm

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Swimming Lessons 9am-1pm
Public Swim 1pm-7pm
AquaFit 7pm-8pm

11
Swimming Lessons 9am-1pm
Public Swim 1pm-7pm
Lane Swim 7pm-8pm

12
Swimming Lessons 9am-1pm
Public Swim 1pm-7pm
Games Day 2pm-4pm
AquaFit 7pm-8pm

13
Swimming Lessons 9am-1pm
Public Swim 1pm-7pm
Lane Swim 7pm-8pm

14
Swimming Lessons 9am-1pm
Public Swim 1pm-7pm

16
Public Swim 1pm-8pm

17
Swimming Lessons 9am-1pm
Public Swim 1pm-7pm
AquaFit 7pm-8pm

18
Swimming Lessons 9am-1pm
Public Swim 1pm-7pm
Lane Swim 7pm-8pm

19
Swimming Lessons 9am-1pm
Public Swim 1pm-7pm
AquaFit 7pm-8pm

20
Swimming Lessons 9am-1pm
Public Swim 1pm-7pm
Lane Swim 7pm-8pm

21
Swimming Lessons 9am-1pm
Public Swim 1pm-7pm

23
Public Swim 1pm-8pm

24
Swimming Lessons 9am-1pm
Public Swim 1pm-7pm
AquaFit 7pm-8pm

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Swimming Lessons 9am-1pm
Public Swim 1pm-7pm
Lane Swim 7pm-8pm

26
Swimming Lessons 9am-1pm
Public Swim 1pm-7pm
AquaFit 7pm-8pm

27
Swimming Lessons 9am-1pm
Public Swim 1pm-7pm
Pool Olympics 2pm-4pm
Lane Swim 7pm-8pm

28
Swimming Lessons 9am-1pm
Public Swim 1pm-7pm

Contact Our Excellent Pool Staff for More Information

403-641-4025 | pool@bassano.ca | www.facebook.com/BassanoSwimmingPool

2023 TAX NOTICES

2023 Property Tax Notices have been sent out to residents through the mail or by email (If you are signed up for paperless billing) on June 14th, 2023. If you have not received a copy of your tax notice, contact the Town Office immediately.

To avoid penalties, your property taxes must be paid by July 31st, 2023. Payment is accepted by cash, cheque, interact e-transfer and at most financial institutions.



FCSS PROGRAMS

A STRONG PARTNER IN A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Craft and Activity Packs

If your heading out camping or looking for some home activities for the children we can help. FCSS has 40 craft& activity kits for children 5 and up, designed to help build gross and fine motor skills. Call us at 403 641-3788 to reserve one for pick up at Town Office. Limited quantities, Kits will be available beginning July, 3, 2023

Social Skills for Kids

Bassano FCSS has registration open for the Summer Social Skills group it is designed to help build confidence and positive social connections in children aged 6-12 as they learn new skills in conversation and problem solving. Program runs July 24-28 and August 14-18 from 1:30 - 2:30 pm daily. Limited spaces available. Call FCSS at 403 641- 3788 for program details, and registrations.

Parade of Garage Sales

Back by popular demand the annual Parade of Garage Sales is set to begin on August 12th in Bassano. To register your sale please contact Amanda B at fcss@bassano.ca or call 403-641-3788. This year will have some stops providing food and refreshments as well. A great afternoon for the whole family to enjoy.



Healthy Active Community Calendars

Pick up you activity calendars featuring small ways to contribute to your social, emotional physical and mental wellness each month. Snap some pictures along the way and you could win a prize courtesy of Bassano FCSS.

Rural Pop Up

FCSS in collaboration with SPEC welcomes Rural Pop Up, formerly known as the Parents and Tots program. Offered the third Thursday of each month from 10:00-11:30 am at the Community Hall for parents and guardians of children aged 0-6.

Upcoming Sessions :July 18th
August 15th, and September 19th



Lifesaver Sundae - Drowning Prevention Week

Join us on July 23rd from 1-3 pm for a sweet Sunday at Bassano Outdoor Pool, water safety courtesy of pool staff and order your Lifesaver Sundae provided by Bassano FCSS. Many hands working together to build a safe and happy community.



Kick it to the Curb

We encourage people to put their unwanted/free items on their curbs the week following the garage sales for locals to pick up. All remaining items can be donated to the various donation bins. These are located in both Brooks and Strathmore.

- Brooks Safeway parking lot.
 - Brooks Peavy Mart/Dollarama parking lot.
 - Strathmore No Frills parking lot
- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!**

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Bassano FCSS would like to offer Mental Health First Aid. This course will help you understand what a Mental Health Crisis is and how to support persons in need. Just as a medical emergency requires First Aid, Mental Health Crisis does too. Call 403 641-3788 for information and to express interest. Programming would begin in the Fall.

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