



TOWN NEWSLETTER

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The Town's **audited financial statement** for the year ending December 31, 2023.

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Community Policing Report

for the period October 1 – December 31, 2023. The report provides a snapshot of human resources, financial data, and crime stats for the area. To view these stats, refer to the March 11, 2024 council agenda, business item 5.2 on the town website.

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Forms are available online or by contacting the town office at 403-641-3788 or town@bassano.ca. When you receive paper free utility bills with the town, the ECO fee is waived. Sign up for savings and convenience.

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Regular Council Meeting
May 13 at 6:30 p.m.

PROPOSED SOLAR FARM DEVELOPMENT

PACE Canada LP has proposed the construction of a 15MW solar farm within the town's corporate limits on private land (SE ¼ 18-21-18 W4M). The project was initially introduced to council at their November 20, 2023 meeting. With the provincial government recently lifting the moratorium on renewable energy projects, PACE is taking steps to advance the solar farm project in Bassano.

To keep current on the solar farm developments, information about the proposed project will be updated on the town website under Public Notices. Additional project information can be found at info.pathfinderce.com and there is a list of fast facts available for pick-up at the town office.

Residents are encouraged to attend a town hall meeting with PACE representatives to learn about the proposed project, to ask questions, and to share ideas. Be advised, no decision has been made regarding the proposed solar farm development.

**PROPOSED SOLAR FARM
BASSANO, ALBERTA**

BASSANO SOLAR FARM TOWN HALL
Wed. May 15, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Bassano Community Hall
610 2 Ave.

Attend in person or virtually.
Visit info.pathfinderce.com to register.

**If you would like a personal consultation,
please contact us by phone or email.**

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 587.869.0772
 info.pathfinderce.com

Shout Out to the **Bassano Memorial Library** for **winning two of six Shorty Awards** from Shortgrass Library Systems out of 14 libraries. **Programming Excellence and Mandy Galarneau receiving Library Manager of the Year!**

The FCSS Board welcomes two new members, **Skye Chartrand, and Matt Kelly** bringing new ideas to support social programs in Bassano.

2024 BUILD Bassano Development Projects

The purpose of the projects is to create different development options in Bassano making our community even more attractive for investment. Project planning continues to determine the feasibility of each development. Below is an update for each project.

PART I - Demolition, site remediation and servicing of 822 – 5A Avenue (old water pump house and cistern that was decommissioned around 2015).

- One lot will be created to accommodate Medium Density Residential (R2) build options.
- Rezoning was passed following a public hearing on April 8 for Land Use Bylaw Amendment 937/24.
- Site surveying has been completed.

PART II - 5A Avenue Triangle

- Four lots can be developed at this location, with a large green space area to the west.
- A subdivision application was submitted and will be considered by the Municipal Planning Commission on May 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. to create three lots between 2,800 and 3,800 square feet and one 9,900 square foot lot.

The three small lots are intended for homes <1,000 square feet. The one larger lot is intended for Medium Density Residential (R2).

PART III - Large Lot Subdivision – South of the Tracks in Zone 1

- Water modeling was completed by MPE Engineering, and this area can be serviced for large lot residential. The next step is land suitability assessments which includes Geotech, stormwater management, septic, and environmental.

PART IV - Airport Subdivision –

- 12 lots will be developed, and surveying has been completed.

Council approved a financial contribution of \$1.00 per capita to STARS for the 2024 calendar year = \$1,216

We want to take a moment to recognize the work of our winter volunteer groups, clubs, and organizations. As we transition to Spring activities in our community, we extend a huge thank you to the volunteers that kept programs and facilities running during the winter at the arena, curling club, bowling club, and library.

We were dazzled by skaters during at the year end Carnival, cheered on players during Hockey Day in Bassano, and laughed together at several curling bonspiels. **The contribution of volunteers and participants creates lasting memories for everyone.** Thank you for keeping Bassano active.

Residents are Encouraged to Practice Water Smarts

With dryer conditions expected again this year, residents are encouraged to practice water smarts. Here are simple ways to participate:

1. GRASS - fertilizers with a higher percentage of phosphorus encourages root growth. This increases root depths and allows for longer periods between watering.
2. GRASS – fertilize while grass is growing in the spring, hold off on applying while the grass is struggling during drought conditions.
3. GRASS - most lawns need 1.5 inches (4cm) of water per week which is about one-hour of sprinkler time. The best time to water is between 5:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m.
4. LEAK CHECKS – using your water meter to check for leaks inside and outside your home will help conserve water. Quick steps a) turn off all taps and water appliances and washing machines; b) locate the face of your water meter and watch the flow register (red triangle and gear); c) if the triangle/gear keeps turning you have a leak and can begin your internal investigation.

BASSANO OUTDOOR POOL

Opens June 1, 2024

249-253 6 Avenue, Bassano

Join us this season for swimming lessons, lane swim, Aqua fit, public swim and more! Full season schedules will be posted on the Town's website. (bassano.ca/bassano-outdoor-pool/)

For regular updates and reminders, follow us on Facebook! (www.facebook.com/BassanoSwimmingPool)



PROJECT COMPLETE!

The Bassano Outdoor Pool Liner Replacement Project is now complete, just in time for the 2024 season!

Thank you to the County of Newell and the Bassano Community Enhancement Society for supporting the longevity and quality of recreation in our community.

April 17, 2024





DONT MISS OUT!

AMATEUR STEAK COOK-OFF

JUNE 8, 2024 10:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

COMMUNITY HALL AND HOMECOMING CAMPGROUND
(602 2 AVENUE, BASSANO)

BE SURE TO REGISTER AT BASSANO.CA/STSD-BBQ-COMPETITION/
AND COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM.

\$40.00 ENTRY PER TEAM. STEAKS PROVIDED.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT SYDNEY SMITH AT
ASSISTANT@BASSANO.CA OR 403-641-3788.



WANNA GET IN ON THE REST OF THE ACTION?
SCAN THE QR CODE TO SEE THE FULL EVENT SCHEDULE.

April 17, 2024



BASSANO RODEO

The Bassano Pro Rodeo takes place June 21-23, 2024, at the Ag Grounds. Friday kicks off at 1:00 p.m. with slack (contestants that ride early, outside of regular performance times) and kid's events. The rodeo parade begins at 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning followed by the first set of pro rodeo events. The second set will begin at noon on Sunday.

Beer Gardens will be open throughout the weekend with live music on Friday and Saturday evenings starting at 8:00 p.m.

If anyone has questions or would like to be involved, they can contact Shawna by emailing bassanorodeo@gmail.com.



BASSANO AND COUNTY OF NEWELL COUNCILS
PRESENT THE

RODEO

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

PANCAKES - SAUSAGES - COFFEE - JUICE



Come on down for a free Rodeo Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., at the Bassano Community Hall (610 2 Avenue).

See you there!

Spring is Sprung... Community Clean up Ahead!

The Winter chill has finally subsided, the sights, smells and adventure of springtime await. As part of our commitment to the Beautify Bassano Initiative we will once again be running our Spring Clean up efforts. If you would like to volunteer to pick up garbage in a section of town please call Amanda at (403)641-3788 for details. We truly appreciate the investment of local volunteerism and the impact created by many hands working together toward common goals. If you have large appliances and/or inoperable vehicles for pick up please have them registered with FCSS by calling (403)641-3788 before May 22 as pick up will occur between May 23- 27.

Babysitters and Home Alone Courses

We will be running both Babysitters and Home Alone Courses this May to help prepare families for the summer months. Many families experience a loss of child care once school break begins, we have your back. In preparing your children and training future babysitters with Red Cross certified training sessions.

Babysitters Course - ages 11 up at cost per participant of \$70

Home Alone - ages 9 and up at cost per participant of \$40

Please register in advance to secure a space, course minimum of 8 participants to run each class.

To register call (403)641-3788

Rural Pop Up/ Parents and Tots

FREE unstructured developmental play and social skill building opportunity, 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.

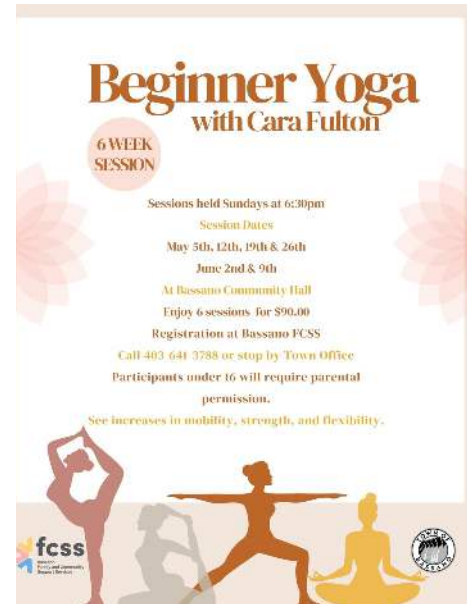
Upcoming Sessions : May 21

June 18 - Carseat Clinic

Bike Safety Rodeo

Along with Brooks Safe Communities the annual Bike Safety Rodeo will be held at Bassano School on May 21. Please ensure students in Grades 1-4 take their bikes and helmets, extra will be available.

Volunteer Driver Schedule is available online at bassano.ca under FCSS Upcoming Programs



Beginner Yoga

Calling all yoga lovers and individuals who would like to try something new. As a part of our community journey in enhancing the whole body wellness of our community, we are offering this six week introductory yoga class. Originating in India, yoga has been practiced for over 5, 000 years.

This ancient practice involves movement, meditation, and breathing techniques to promote mental and physical well-being.

According to a 2012 survey, 94% of adults who practice yoga do so for wellness reasons.

Yoga has many physical and mental benefits, including,

- building muscle strength
- enhancing flexibility
- promoting better breathing
- supporting heart health
- helping with treatment for addiction
- reducing stress, anxiety, depression, and chronic pain
- improving sleep
- enhancing overall well-being and quality of life

Call (403)641-3788 to register. Session starts May 5 Sessions run Sunday at 6:30 in the Community Hall

Stay updated to Bassano FCSS programs on Facebook @ Bassano Family and Community Support Services