



TOWN NEWSLETTER

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We have a new website! Stay up to date on town business

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The **Bassano RCMP Detachment** is under new leadership, welcome to Sgt. Joe Schmidt.

Sgt. Schmidt believes in open and transparent communication with citizens. On the homepage of the www.bassano.ca under Town News find regular updates regarding police activity in Bassano called **Monthly MOUNTIE MEMO**.

Mountie Memos will also be posted on the Town's Facebook page.

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Join paper free billing and save. 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.

BUILDING, DEVELOPMENT, AND CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

BUILD Bassano - Residential Vacant Land Development Incentive

The Town offered for sale land under fair market value to promote residential development in Bassano. Anyone that purchased the land has 6 months to submit their development plans for approval. Failure to do this would result in forfeiting the lands back to the Town.

Five lots are being recovered. Four lots due to a failure to submit required development plans, and one because of an appeal regarding the proposed development of a 4-plex. With opposition to the 4-plex, investors could justify the capital costs of a single unit dwelling regardless of an approved development permit. All remaining lots sold under this program have approved development permits.

- 317 – 9th Avenue
- 505 – 9th Avenue
- 527 – 9th Avenue
- 531 – 9th Avenue
- 826 – 4th Avenue

There is a waitlist for some of the lots being recovered.

BUILD Bassano 2024 Development Project Update

The four part project has publicly tendered and awarded to the lowest bidder, Bullin Construction Co. Ltd. at \$1,153,500.59 (including GST) at the July 29, 2024 council meeting as recommended by MPE Engineering. The project includes

1. PART 1 – Demolition and Site Remediation of 822 – 5A Avenue
2. PART 2 – 5A Avenue Triangle – servicing 4 infill lots
3. PART 3 – Large Lot Subdivision (South of Tracks) – 12 lots
4. PART 4 – Airport Subdivision – 11 lots

The Town is awaiting final approval on aspects of the project from Alberta Environment and Protected Areas. Upon receipt of approvals construction will begin. The project is fully funded by reserves providing varied types/sizes of lots for residential growth in Bassano. A Request for Proposals (RFP) is being sought for realtor services. The RFP closed on September 3, 2024. Submissions will be considered by council at the September 18, 2024 meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. in the chambers.

Reports were received that the **Bassano Off-leash Dog Park** has been well used so far this summer. A lot of volunteer time has gone into this park and cleaning up the underutilized greenspace. Be sure to get out and enjoy this space with your furry friend!



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PACE Canada - Bassano Solar Farm Project Update

Representatives from PACE Canada will be attending the September 18, 2024 council meeting as delegates to share their public consultation insights at which point they intend to start an application for rezoning of the lands SE ¼ 18-21-18 W4M.

Another Virtual Public Consultation session will be held by PACE. Follow their links to register for the session.



BASSANO SOLAR FARM PROPOSAL

Virtual Public Consultation
Wed. Sept 25, 2024 6-7:30 pm

To register...

- <https://meet.zoho.com/LWyJVacpTs>
- Find the link on our project website
- Email or call us

Haven't received a stakeholder notification package? Interested in a personal consultation? Contact us.

contact@pathfinderce.com
587-869-0772
info.pathfinderce.com

PACE CANADA LP

The poster features a blue background with a yellow circular graphic on the right containing an image of solar panels in a field. The text is in white and yellow, providing details for a virtual public consultation on September 25, 2024, from 6-7:30 pm. It includes registration instructions, contact information, and a call to action for those who haven't received a stakeholder notification package.

RECYCLING IN BASSANO

You may have noticed in change at the recycling depot located at 702 - 1 Avenue. A new partnership was formed with Newell Regional Landfill and Newell Recycling that supported the retirement of the BARRA and a more cost effective way to recycle.

Cardboard and paper will remain at this location. Electronics and tin will be relocated to the Bassano Transfer Station.

Large commercial cardboard users must make alternate arrangement with Newell Regional Landfill for their recycling needs.

REMEXX Remediation Services Inc. (Application No. 001-500888)

RemedX has applied to Alberta Environment & Protected Areas for an approval to construct and operate a new Class II Industrial Landfill north of Bassano within the County of Newell SW 4-23-18W4M. A directly affected person may provide input into certain regulatory decision as allowed by Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (section 73). A person(s) who is directly affected by the application may submit a written statement of concern within 30 days of the date of notice (originally posted on August 15, 2024) to:

Alberta Environment & Protected Areas

Regulatory Assurance Section, Approvals Unit
5th Floor, South Petroleum Plaza
9915 - 108 Street
Edmonton, AB T5K 2G8
aep.epeapplications@gov.ab.ca

Copies of the application and additional information can be obtained from:

RemedX Remediation Services Inc.

Attention: Barrie Flood
910 715 - 5 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2P 2X6
Ph. 403-209-0004 or email bflood@remedx.net

What are the localized impacts of a new Class II Industrial Landfill?

Newell Regional Landfill (NRL) (the regional and municipally owned facility in Brooks) is a Class II landfill and accepts industrial waste. The construction of a new, privately owned Class II landfill has the potential to divert industrial waste away from the NRL. The diverted material (mainly contaminated soils) is revenue producing for NRL. It is also used for approved landfill operations. A change in industrial revenues may impact solid waste rates for municipal partners. Industrial waste revenues are currently allocated to lower the municipal waste requisitions.

The possible quantity of industrial waste diversion has not been confirmed but it is anticipated by the NRL board and its management.

Looking to the future, 2025 is the municipal election. A great way to prepare is to attend council meetings to learn about current projects and initiatives.

That's a wrap! The Bassano Outdoor Pool had a great 2024 season! Here are a few highlights!

Bassano School swimming lessons were fully funded by the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta grant. During the month of June, 101 students, grades 1 to 6, were offered a full two weeks of swimming lessons and a couple of extra days just for fun!

Seven fun days were held throughout the season including Rodeo Day, Lifesaver Sundae (partnership with FCSS), Beach Day, Disney Day, Pool Olympics, Hawaiian Day, and the Last Day Bash. The staff had so much fun planning and hosting these events.



Image 1: Lifesaver Sundae hosted by FCSS.

The Bassano Outdoor Pool offered 6 lifeguarding courses to support our existing staff and train future lifeguards.

62 sets of swimming lessons were offered throughout the season. Programmers and participants enjoyed using the new pool liner designs to further engage students and teach new skills.

A big thank you goes out to the Western Communities Foundation, Bassano Royal Purple, and the Bassano Rural Fire Protection Association for their generous donations to our facility. These donations funded 3 free swims, 3 fun days, new youth lifejackets, a sunshade for patrons lounging in the grassy area, new white lounge chairs, lifeguarding weights, and a new pool basketball net!



Very busy summer! A total of 6476 patrons attended our facility from June 1st to August 28th. That is 1000 more patrons than last year!

Thank you to everyone who joined us this season! We wish our staff the best for their upcoming school year!

WELCOME BACK BASSANO SCHOOL STUDENTS!

UPCOMING RECREATION AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES!

The Sage and Thistle Golf course has a tentative closing date of Sept. 30th. Call 403-641-4016 for more info. Hours have been adjusted due to later sunrise and sunset times.

Golf Curl Bowl will be taking place Oct. 11-13th. To register call Kim Douglass at 403-793-7237.

Bowling League Registration will take place at the Bassano Bowling Alley on Sept. 16.

Did you know? Disc golf baskets will be left up year-round! Call the Bassano Memorial Library at 403-64-4065 to inquire about disk rentals.

Bassano Royal Purple is hosting its poker run on Sept. 29. Stay tuned for more details!

Elks Cornhole Tournament and Spaghetti Dinner is taking place on Oct. 5. from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Bassano Arts Council is hosting the Creedence Clearwater Remembers band at the Community Hall on Oct. 22. Get your tickets at the Town Office.

Bassano Fire Rapid Response Society fundraised and purchased an outdoor rink to be set up in the Kinsmen Park sports court (622 2 Avenue). Keep an eye on the weather!

The Arena Management Board is accepting proposals to operate the kitchen from Oct. 1, 2024 or Mar./Apr. 2025. Proposals and questions can be submitted via email to derek.gibeau@gmail.com or by calling 403-633-3614. The Bassano Arena season is set to open mid-Oct.

FCSS Summer Wrap- Up

What a hot and fun summer we have had at Bassano FCSS. Over the summer we have held Open Sport Days, made some miles Strolling town with the seniors at Bassano Playfair Lodge, spent time developing skills with the Summer Social and made a few appearance's at Bassano Outdoor Pool providing art opportunities. With the support of the town we opened the Community Hall on extreme heat days as a Cooling Center for individuals needing a space to find a reprieve from the heat. The summer Craft Kits were a hit again this year with 40 kits being distributed to local children available at no cost. All 20 Community Garden boxes were rented out this season. We are thankful for our Community Garden patrons patience as we worked alongside the Dog Park Committee ensuring accessibility for each were maintained. Huge thanks to the community for supporting our Build a Backpack program enabling us to deliver donations of much needed school supplies to the students at Bassano School.

What are we up to next?

DELETE HATE Program at Bassano School on September 19th. Focusing on the issues of diversity, inclusion and hate/bias to provide valuable skill development and tools to equip students to deal with the issues they face.

Mental Health First Aid Training for those working with Seniors is on September 10 & 11 at Bassano Community Hall. Offered as a free training by the Imagine Institute to help encourage mental health education within Alberta.

Registration and details call us at 403-641-3788.

Manifestation Journals will be available locally for free pickup this September rounding out our journaling series supporting whole body wellness. Get your at Town office, Bassano Pharmacy, or Connect First Credit Union.

Fall Yoga registration is open for a six week session hosted Wednesday's at 7:30 at Bassano Community Hall with instructor Cara Fulton beginning on September 11th. Call 403-641-3788 to register.

Halloween is coming soon so don't forget to come and see us at the annual *Trunk or Treat*. All community members are welcome to join us for some good Halloween fun at Homecoming Campground.



Bassano Community Gardens

Garden Boxes are rented out seasonally and maintained by those whom have purchased a box.

Please be kind.

Pick only the plants **YOU** have grown.



Bassano Arts Council Presents Bassano Damfest and Culture Days September 13-14th



Cooking Classes

The Joy of Cooking with Jolene!
Friday, Sept 13th 9am – 11am
Shifa's Savoury Delights
Friday, Sept 13th 4pm – 6pm
10 Participants maximum
Cook and then take your creations home with you to share!
Pre-Register by calling
Amanda Barron 403-641-3788
Bassano Community Hall Kitchen

Children's Watercolour Painting

Friday, Sept 13th, 1pm – 3pm
Canvasses and Paints Supplied
By Bassano FCSS
Instruction and Coaching by
Bank Creative
Bassano Community Hall

Canadiana Storytime and Craft

Children 11 and Under
Friday, Sept 13th, 7pm – 8pm
Come for stories and make a Moun tie!
Bassano Memorial Library

Craft Time for Youth and Teens

12 and older
Friday, Sept 13th, 8pm – 9pm
Canada-themed Sock Gnomes!
Bassano Memorial Library

Meet the Artists at Work

Come for coffee and treats and an interactive night and visits with 16 local artists!
Friday, Sept 13th 7pm – 9pm
Some artists will have items for sale.
Jewelry, Digital Art, Photography Oil and Watercolour
Painting, Graphite and Silverpoint Art,
Beading, Pottery, Acrylic and Glazes,
Stained Glass, Chainsaw Carving, Knitting,
Sewing, Painting on Skulls,
Fluid Paint Pouring
Bassano Community Hall

AlbertaCultureDays.ca
September 2024
Discover • Experience • Celebrate

Country Two-Step Lessons for Beginners

Instruction by Andres and Armstrongs
Saturday, Sept 14th 10am – 10:30am
Bassano Community Hall

Country Line Dancing

Saturday, Sept 14th 10:30am – 11:30am
Bassano Community Hall

Children's Entertainer:

Singing with Sylvia (Calgary)
Sing and dance with Sylvia!
for younger children (baby to grade 3)
Saturday, Sept 14th 11am-12pm
Bassano Memorial Library

Indigenous Kairos Blanket Exercise

Hosted by Bassano FCSS
For ages 14 and older
Reconciliation Through Education
And Understanding
Facilitated by Indigenous Elders
and Knowledge Keepers
Saturday, Sept 14th 1pm – 4pm
Bassano Community Hall

Bassano Indoor DamFest and Beer Gardens

Saturday, Sept 14th 4:30pm – 9pm
5pm Double Rider (Siksika) Rock 'n' Roll
6:30pm The Combiners (Calgary) Roots/Folk
8pm Greg Vardy Band (Calgary) Classic Rock

Hot food will be sold! Come for supper & entertainment!
Bassano Community Hall

We are thankful for government grants and donations from a number of local individuals and businesses to bring all of these events to you and your family for FREE! We will publish sponsor names in the near future!

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