

# Talk of the Town



## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

May 1st—Prairie Storm Online Registration.

May 3rd-5th—Street Sweeping, weather permitting.

May 14th — Mother's Day.

May 28th — Balgonie Play School AGM 7:00p.m. Elementary School.

June 14th — Play School Registration 6:30-7:30 Balgonie Elementary School.

## PROVINCIAL-WIDE PROPERTY REVALUATION FOR 2017

By now, you will have received your Assessment Notice for 2017. This year, all properties in Saskatchewan were reassessed. This adjustment is done every four years and this particular year is bringing the base values up to 2015 values; closer to the amount of what you would receive if you sold your home. SAMA (Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency) is the agency who assesses the Town of Balgonie's properties.

### **THIS IS NOT YOUR TAX NOTICE!**

During budget deliberations, Council took into account the higher assessments. They lowered the mill rate from 7 mills to 5 mills and kept the base tax the same as last year. Council budgeted with only a 1% higher municipal tax levy than 2016 - basically revenue neutral. Revenue neutral is a taxing procedure that allows the government (Council) to still receive the same amount of money in order to run the town efficiently, despite changes in tax laws.

The values on land for the 2017 revaluation changed dramatically, improvements to your property also will have increased your assessment and if your new home was not fully assessed in 2016, it may also have changed the assessment for 2017.

To calculate the property tax, the authority – in this case the Town of Balgonie – multiplies the taxable assessed value by the mill rate and then divides by 1,000. The base tax is then added to that amount and then the same calculation for the school division is added to that.

The Town is **ONLY** the collector of the school taxes for the division. The Town does not set their mill rate, but we are told by the Provincial Government what the school rate mill rate will be set at.

Please feel free to check out SAMAvue for more information on your own property or other residents' or call the Town office at (306) 771-2284 for any information.



## PRELIMINARY ASSESSED VALUES FOR 2017

Since the 2013 Revaluation and its base date of January 1, 2011, the province of Saskatchewan continued to experience substantial economic growth, and the value of property in the province is no exception.

The result of this active and strong real estate market in Saskatchewan will bring with it significant increases to property assessments that will be reported with the 2017 Revaluation.

Based on provincial averages, preliminary numbers indicate that **arable and non-arable agricultural** properties will, on average, be increasing approximately 2.1 to 2.2 times over their assessed values from the 2013 Revaluation. This reflects the change in agricultural land selling prices between January 1, 2011 (the base date for the 2013 revaluation) and January 1, 2015 (the base date for the 2017 revaluation).

For 2017, again based on provincial averages, residential properties are set to increase approximately 15%, and commercial properties approximately 30%. It is important to note that this is the anticipated increase to the provincial average for residential and commercial property. Specific local increases in property values between 2013 and 2017 may vary from this figure depending on the overall trend in market values between 2011 and 2015.

## REVENUE NEUTRALITY

While a revaluation updates property assessments, the overall impact on property tax is designed to be revenue neutral on a municipal basis.

Provided that a municipality's budget requirements remain the same in a revaluation year as in the previous year, changes in taxable assessments will only result in changes to tax levels if a property's assessment increases or decreases substantially, relative to the average for that jurisdiction.

Based on the current provincial government practice of establishing common provincial education mill rates, education revenue neutrality and potential education tax shifts will be based on how a specific assessment change relates to the overall provincial average increase in assessments for that same category of properties.





## SAMA AND THE 2017 REVALUATION

The Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) is the recognized leader of property assessments in Saskatchewan. The Agency is responsible for a \$173 Billion property assessment base, which is used by local governments to levy a \$1.83 Billion property tax base.

SAMA conducts revaluations based on a four-year cycle. 2013 was the year of the last revaluation, and the 2017 Revaluation will see assessed values updated to reflect a new base date of January 1, 2015. The legislated base date means that 2017 values reflect a property's value as of **January 1, 2015**.

The 2017 Revaluation will continue to use the market valuation standard for the assessment of residential and commercial properties. The regulated property assessment valuation standard will continue to be used for the assessment of agricultural land, heavy industrial property, railway roadway, pipelines and resource production equipment (mines and oil and gas wells).

For the 2017 Revaluation, all property types will have their values updated in relation to the **January 1, 2015** base date, regardless of being subject to a market valuation standard or a regulated property valuation standard.

The 2017 Revaluation will seek to stabilize the assessment system from a governance perspective by not introducing any major changes to assessment policy. However, SAMA has introduced a simplification of the cost approach for residential property to increase efficiency and reflect more of an industry standard approach.

## THREE PROPERTY VALUATION APPROACHES

There are three generally accepted appraisal techniques used to value property that falls within the market valuation standard: the cost approach, the sales comparison approach and the property income (rental) approach.

The **cost approach** estimates the replacement cost of a building, less depreciation, adding land value primarily based on sales. This approach is most useful when there are few comparable sales. The cost approach will continue to be used in smaller municipalities and for specific property types across Saskatchewan.

The **sales comparison approach** is based on the concept of valuing property based on what similar property in the same market area is selling for. This approach is appropriate for determining property assessments for areas and property types with active sales markets such as residential property in medium to large cities.

The **property income (rental) approach** to value is based on the premise that the value of a property is directly related to the rental income it will generate. The assessment appraiser analyzes the property's ability to produce a future income stream, and then estimates the property's value. The property income (rental) approach provides the most fair, reliable and accurate assessed values for commercial property and rental apartments in areas where there are active lease and rental markets.

To ensure assessed values are as accurate as possible, SAMA's professional assessment appraisers collect and analyze available cost, market and property rental income information and use the valuation approach that provides the best estimates of value for each property type, based on available information.

# QUESTIONS FREQUENTLY ASKED REGARDING APPEALING YOUR PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

(The following questions and answers are taken from the pamphlet "Understanding the Property Assessment Appeal Process" from the Saskatchewan Government Relations, Provincial Municipal Relations and Advisory Services)

## What is Property Assessment?

Property assessment is the process of determining a property's assessed value as of a specific date for property tax purposes. The assessment provides an estimate of the property's value that reflects typical market conditions.

Local governments use property assessments as a basis for the distribution of property taxes among property owners. **Property assessment is not the same as property tax.** The assessment of a property is the value assigned to it as the basis for allocating taxes among various classes of property.

## Who Can I Contact to Explain My Assessment?

You should start with your administrator of your municipality (Phone 306-771-2284). You can also call SAMA (Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency) (Phone 306-527-8395) as it is the agency that performs Balgonie's assessments.

## Preparing the Notice of Appeal Form

When making an assessment appeal, the notice of appeal form must be fully completed. You must provide specific grounds supporting the appeal. You are required to provide as many details as possible and all facts and evidence that an error has been made in the:

- ♦ valuation of the property;
- ♦ classification of the property;
- ♦ preparation of the relevant assessment roll or assessment notice; and/or
- ♦ content of the relevant assessment roll or assessment notice.

The grounds for the appeal must be detailed. Phrases such as "assessment too high" or "assessment too low" are **NOT** sufficient.

It is your responsibility to make a case to the board of revision. It may be as simple as proving that dimensions or measurements are wrong or that a classification is not correct, or as complex as proving that the value of a property is not fairly assessed compared to another property that is similar in nature.

## Regular Assessment Appeals or Simplified Assessment Appeals?

When making regular or simplified assessment appeals, the notice of appeal form must be fully completed. Regular appeal – the appellant must provide specific written grounds supporting the appeal when submitting it to the secretary before the hearing. Simplified appeal – the appellant is not required to submit detailed written grounds to the secretary before the hearing but must have detailed information ready to present to the appeal board.

## Can I Base My Appeal on the Fact that I Feel my Taxes are Too High?

**NO!** Legislation outlines the valid grounds of appeal. Only your property assessment can be appealed, not taxes or mill rates.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY OF THE PAMPHLET, PLEASE COME INTO THE TOWN OFFICE OR VISIT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE.**

[www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/Assessment/Revaluation/UnderstandingAssessmentAppeals](http://www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/Assessment/Revaluation/UnderstandingAssessmentAppeals)



## Notice of Preparation of Assessment Roll

### Town of Balgonie

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Town of Balgonie for the year of 2017 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the Office of the Assessor during normal business hours from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Monday to Friday, April 21-June 20, 2017.

A bylaw pursuant to section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal accompanied by a \$50.00 fee for each assessment being appealed, which will be returned if the appeal is successful, with: The Secretary of the Board of Revision, c/o Town of Balgonie, Box 310, Balgonie, SK S0G 0E0, by the 20th day of June, 2017.

Dated this 21st day of April, 2017.

**2017 property taxes will be set as part of the budget process for the Town Council.**

**Property taxes have not yet been determined for the 2017 year.**

#### PROPERTY ASSESSMENT DOES NOT EQUAL PROPERTY TAX

SAMA's role in determining assessed value for properties is just the first part of a process established by provincial legislation. The second part is application of provincial government established tax policy, such as property classes and percentage of value, and statutory exemptions. The third and final part of the process involves municipalities determining the local mill rate annually based on local budget needs. The province also sets the mill rate for the education sector. Municipalities then multiply the taxable assessment by the local mill rate\* to produce property tax levies, also known as your property tax bill.

(SAMA)		(Province)		(Municipalities and Government)		(Taxpayer)
ASSESSED VALUE	X	PERCENTAGE OF VALUE & EXEMPTIONS	X	MILL RATES*	=	PROPERTY TAXES

\*Municipalities have the authority to use a series of tax tools ranging from mill rate factors to minimum taxes. For more information on tax tools and exemptions see the Ministry of Government Relations website ([www.municipal.gov.sk.ca](http://www.municipal.gov.sk.ca)).

#### With SAMAVIEW you can:

- Verify your property assessment information.
- Compare your assessment to similar or neighbouring properties; and
- Get a general idea of assessed values in your municipality.

The SAMAVIEW website: [www.sama.sk.ca](http://www.sama.sk.ca)

Sunday May 14th



A COME AND GO TEA WILL BE  
HELD JUNE 3 RD.

FROM 2-4 P.M.

COME CELEBRATE

LORNA WAGMANN'S

90TH BIRTHDAY.

BALGONIE 50+ CENTRE.



## **Balgonie Playschool Needs YOU!!**



### **Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday, May 28, 2017 at 7:00pm**

**Balgonie Elementary School**

Balgonie Playschool is looking for new board members to fill open positions for the 2017/2018 school year. If you are interested in a position on the board or generally interested in the operations of Balgonie Playschool, please feel free to attend the AGM.

We're a group of parent volunteers who meet once a month. Joining the board is a great way to become involved in your child's education, meet new people and save money on fees!

We would love to have you!

Any questions please email [balgonieplayschool@gmail.com](mailto:balgonieplayschool@gmail.com).





**Balgonie Playschool wishes to offer a  
Special Thank You to all of the  
Organizers, Volunteers, Attendees and  
Sponsors of Ladies Night 2017!**



Amanda Brock  
Photography  
Balgonie Car Wash  
Bella Chic  
The Ice House  
Charlene Tumack  
Wild Beauty Salon  
Eyes on Hamilton  
Gunbarrel Consulting  
Kendra Coppicus  
Melissa Brown, Scentsy  
Sandra Martin  
Sherri Noels, Tiber River  
Balgonie Bisons  
Twilight Drive-In  
Wanda Phillipow  
Balgonie Agencies Ltd.

Darrie Lozinski, Steeped  
Tea  
Balgonie Pool  
Giggle Boutique  
Bronco's Pub & Grill  
CoreX Fitness  
Wasted Grain  
Flying J  
Brenda Jacksteit, Remax  
Lets Roll Painting  
Patty's Perogies  
Sarah Rotheisler  
Sherry's on Grand  
The Diner  
Touch of Glass  
Dairy Queen, Emerald  
Park

Amanda Diamond, Thirty-One  
Gifts & Norwex.  
Balgonie Tavern & Restaurant  
Jerry Konecni, Thirty-One Gifts  
Robin's Reflexology & Massage  
Balgonie Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Western Pizza, Emerald Park  
Boston Pizza, Emerald Park  
Jessica Lovich, Norwex  
Krista Krogsgaard, Tupperware  
Naomi Ray, Urban Hair Design  
Brittany Calhoon Photography  
Sleep Inn Regina East  
Brittany Lindenbach Photography  
Tim Horton's, Emerald Park  
Dr. Curtis Read, Warman  
Veterinary Services (Emerald Park)

Stephanie Galligher, Lunar  
Lash Studio  
Cross Country Foods  
Shades of Bliss  
Casino Regina  
Cuts Outback  
Elite Auto Body  
Green Acres Golf Course  
Kaylee Elford, Tiber River  
M. Kay Photography  
Canadian Linens  
Shear Escape Salon & Spa  
Smokin' Okies BBQ  
Tiffany Jones, Epicure  
Twisted Scissors Salon  
White Butte Pharmacy



**Your support is greatly appreciated!**



## **Balgonie Playschool 2017/2018** **Registration**

### **Registration Night**

Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Balgonie Elementary School

**Please come to the East Doors near  
the School's Playground**

**\*\*Choose one of the following Class Options  
for the 2017-2018 School Year:**

**3 Year Olds – Tuesday AM OR Thursday AM**

**4 Year Olds - Monday AND Wednesday AM  
Tuesday AND Thursday PM**

Please email: [balgonieplayschool@gmail.com](mailto:balgonieplayschool@gmail.com)



### **Registration Reminders:**

- First come first serve basis
- Need 3 post-dated cheques
- Bring your child's health card number

# Recreation News

## ARENA NEWS!

The winter season sports have come to an end. Congratulations to all teams who won league play and provincials. The arena has been busy with ball hockey. The indoor ball hockey season will run until mid July.

## SOCCER NEWS!

Outdoor soccer will be underway the beginning of May.



## SWIMMING POOL NEWS!

Swimming lesson registration will be held on Sunday June 4, 2017 at the Multiplex from 12:00-2:00 p.m.



## MINOR BALL NEWS!

Baseball, softball and slow pitch will be underway the beginning of May.



## LOTTERY GRANT 2017!

Lottery grant forms are attached for recreation groups. Please fill out the forms and return them to our office by September 1, 2017.



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: A HUGE THANK YOU GOES OUT TO ALL COACHES :  
: IN ALL SPORTS! VOLUNTEERS LIKE YOU, ARE VERY :  
: MUCH APPRECIATED! :  
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**Greenall class of '77 are planning a 40th reunion in September. If you're interested in attending, please contact Holly (Dovell) Matt at 306-539-7313.**



**BALGONIE PLAYSCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM**

Day Registered:

3 Year Olds – Tuesday OR Thursday AM  
4 Year Olds – Monday AND Wednesday AM  
Tuesday AND Thursday PM

September paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Type of payment: \_\_\_\_\_

Fundraising Cheque: \$ 75

February paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Type of payment: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Postdated cheque will not be cashed if parent participates in fundraisers.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
*please print month / day / year*

Parent(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Health Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Business #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

What number can we call to announce that school will be closed? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is at this number? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to volunteer? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

\*Criminal record check must be provided every two years.

Name of Friend or relative to be called if parents cannot be reached:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Daycare Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ (parent name)

- Understand that Balgonie Playschool shares contact and progress information with Balgonie Elementary School in order to provide for kindergarten planning and transitioning.
- Understand that Balgonie Playschool will be taking pictures throughout the year to be used in playschool lessons, celebrations and yearbook.
- Give consent for my child to leave the school on supervised outings/walks for play and exercise.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

**BALGONIE PLAYSCHOOL**  
**CHILD RELEASE FORM**

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of parents \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Business #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address : \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ give the Balgonie Playschool Permission to release my name, child's name and contact info by email to other parents in the class. This info will not be used for anything else except Playschool correspondence and will not be released for any other public use.

Please list the name(s) of anyone who is allowed to pick your child up from Playschool. If someone should attempt to pick up your child and they are not listed below, or you have not advised the instructor, **YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE RELEASED** until such time that we have contacted you and permission has been granted.

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Parent/Guardian*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**MEDICAL DECLARATION**

My child has severe allergies or medical condition: YES or NO

(If YES, please fill out the Balgonie Playschool Medical Form on registration night)

**In case of injury to my child(ren) while in the care, custody or control of the school, I hereby waive all claims against the Balgonie Playschool in excess of public liability insurance carried by the school.**

**I understand that, in the playroom and on the playground, the teacher has overall responsibility to programs, teaching methods, discipline and health and safety measures.**

**I hereby authorize the teacher to send my child(ren) home with a responsible adult if he/she appears ill; and in the case of emergency seek medical attention.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**



## BALGONIE ELKS LODGE #572

Backyard BBQ tickets are available from Elks members for the 2017 season. Draw date is June 20, 2017. Looking forward to your continued support of this fundraising project that helps us support programming the benefits children in our community.

A national focus of Elks Lodges is the screening of hearing in children. Balgonie Elks Lodge recently donated an audiometer based out of BES for hearing screening in the Prairie Valley School Division.

We are currently busy planning Canada Day Celebrations. We look forward to our community joining us in the fun to celebrate Canada's 150th. Start to plan your float for the parade with a Canada 150 theme, and gather your team lineups for the Bed Derby Races.

Watch for posters, in local newspapers and on Facebook for details regarding July 1, 2017 Family Fun Day and Canada 150 Celebrations.

Follow us on Facebook @balgonieelks572

Email: [Balgonie.elks@gmail.com](mailto:Balgonie.elks@gmail.com)

If you are new to our community or interested in joining our Lodge, please give Darren Kiel a call at (306) 591-3802.



A special thanks to all my family, friends and neighbours for the get-well wishes, gifts, prayers and visits I received while I was in the hospital.

-Elaine Wagman

## Permits

*The Town of Balgonie requires building permits for anyone building houses, accessory buildings, renovations and decks. Please ensure that you have completed the paperwork with the Town before starting construction.*

*Permits are also required if you will be moving a structure or demolishing a structure on your property.*

*Applications can be obtained at the Town Office and permits will be issued once they have been reviewed and approved by the Town and the Building Inspector. Please speak to staff at the Town Office to ensure that you have the information BEFORE moving, demolishing or constructing. The planned construction needs to comply with our Zoning Bylaw and be authorized for development. Please ensure that you have submitted these forms in advance of your project. There may be 2– 3 weeks after submission until a decision has been reached regarding your application.*

### **Current fees for permits are:**

*Accessory Building: \$200.00  
(non—insulated)*

*Addition: \$800*

*Deck: \$200*

*Garage detached: \$200.00  
(non– insulated)*

*Garage detached: \$400.00  
(insulated)*

*Demolition: \$200.00  
(\$500 refundable clean-up fee)*

*Moving a building: \$250.00  
(\$500.00 refundable clean -up fee)*

*These costs may change dependent on fees charged to the Town by Professional Building Inspections.*





**Register online for  
Prairie Storm Minor Hockey 2017-2018 Season**

**RETURNING PLAYERS – May 1 to 27, 2017**

**NEW PLAYERS – July 10, 2017**



**DON'T MISS IT!**

**Online registration for returning PSMHA players in the Novice to Midget divisions will begin May 1 to May 27<sup>th</sup>. Registration for new players in those divisions opens July 10, 2017.**

**Initiation registration opens in August.**

**Visit the Prairie Storm website [www.psmha.ca](http://www.psmha.ca) for all the details about online registration.**

**We are looking forward to another exciting year!**

Any questions or inquiries can be directed to our registrar:  
[registrar@psmha.ca](mailto:registrar@psmha.ca)

**JOIN US ON THE  
Balgonie  
Library  
Board!**

OUR AGM IS IN JANUARY  
AND WE MEET BI-  
MONTHLY FOR THE  
DURATION OF THE YEAR.  
HELP US CHOOSE NEW  
BOOKS, PLAN NEW  
PROGRAMS AND GIVE  
BACK TO OUR AMAZING  
COMMUNITY! CONTACT  
US FOR MORE DETAILS!

**Check us out  
on Facebook**



**Your Online Library Account**

Go to: <http://southeastlibrary.ca>

Click "Login" on the top right corner of the screen.

Type in barcode & pin number – click on login.

Once you have logged in you can:

- View & renew items you have currently checked out
- Learn the status of your requests
- Check if you have overdue fines
- View your personal information (name, address, etc.)
- Change your library PIN

You can also check the status of your account presenting you Library card at any Southeast Regional Library branch or phoning the toll free number 1-888-975-8165



**Balgonie  
Public  
Library**



1295 Railway Street  
Balgonie, SK  
306-771-2332  
[balgonie@southeast.lib.sk.ca](mailto:balgonie@southeast.lib.sk.ca)

**library hours**

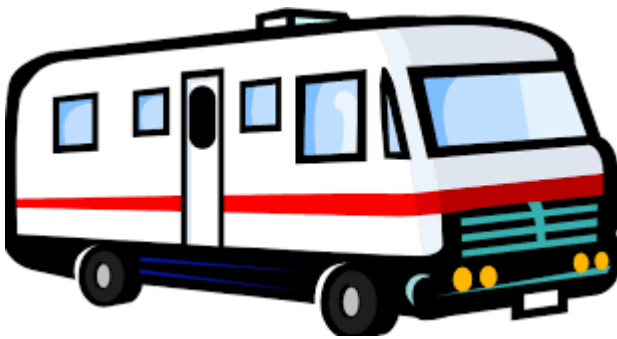
Tuesday 3:30pm – 8:00pm  
Wednesday 9:00am – 1:30pm  
Thursday 1:00pm – 8:00pm  
Friday 1:00pm – 5:30pm  
Saturday 10:00am – 2:00pm

## **Recreational Vehicle Parking**

**There are now seasonal restrictions on the parking and storage of recreational vehicles such as campers and motor homes which are used for travelling and recreational activities.**

No more than 2 recreational vehicles may be parked in the front, rear or side yards on a drive way on residential sites from April 1 to November 1 inclusive, and these vehicles can not be within 2 meters (6.57 feet) of the outside edge of the curb.

Council is concerned about the safety of other residents when these large recreational vehicles are parked on roads and driveways and could possibly be impeding on people's sight lines while walking, or driving.



### **Trimming and removing trees:**

**Before cutting down any trees, please note the following:**

- Residents must receive permission from the town to remove any trees which are on "Town Property".**
- depending on your lot, the first number of meters from the curb, is considered Town Property.**
- Elm trees must not be pruned between April 30th—August 31st.**
- SaskPower will trim trees in danger of coming into contact with power lines. You may submit a request for them to trim trees on line at [saskpower.com](http://saskpower.com) or by phoning them at 310-2120.**



# TRANSFER STATION

The Town Transfer Station will have spring clean up bins provided in the month of May. Garbage should only be placed in the red Loraas bins. If the bin has been removed to be emptied, please do not leave garbage behind.

The Transfer station is not a dump or a landfill. Larger loads from renovations and fence removals should be taken to the Regina landfill.

Tree branch pile— for pruned branches and untreated, unpainted wood only

Grass/Leaf Pile — please empty clippings from all bags

Metal pile

The costs of maintaining the Transfer Station is paid through your tax dollars,  
PLEASE DO NOT permit NON-RESIDENTS to use this service.

# STREET SWEEPING



**MAY 3rd, 4th & 5th.**

Please make sure all vehicles, campers and trailers are off the street to ensure proper street sweeping can be completed. Thank-you!



## "Growing Better Vegetable Gardens"

with

Master Gardener, Sheila Bonneteau,



Join Sheila for a discussion on growing a high yield organic vegetable garden. Learn the expert's secrets and techniques to garden smarter, not harder to boost your harvest. Get inspired with new vegetable varieties, tips and companion growing ideas.

7 PM Wed. MAY 10<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Ramada Emerald Park**

**Everyone Welcome**

\$5 Visitors    Members free

Info: [www.whitecitygardenclub.weebly.com/wcgc-upcoming-events](http://www.whitecitygardenclub.weebly.com/wcgc-upcoming-events)



## Did you know.....

the town has a Facebook page?  
For updates on what's happening  
in the community, checkout our  
page at

[https://www.facebook.com/  
Balgonies-Talk-of-the-Town.](https://www.facebook.com/Balgonies-Talk-of-the-Town)

If you would like to advertise local  
events, you can call us @  
306-771-2284 or email us  
at [townofbalgonie@sasktel.net](mailto:townofbalgonie@sasktel.net)  
or send us a Facebook message.



### TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

are open to the public. They are  
regularly scheduled on the  
2nd and 4th Mondays  
of every month starting  
at 6:15 p.m. in the  
Council Chambers of the  
Balgonie Administration Building.

**Council meetings are scheduled for  
May 8th & 22nd\*\*\***

**\*\*\*date subject to change\*\*\***

### REMINDER:

**Garbage and Recycling Carts  
are to be put out on the street  
at 7am, and brought in after  
garbage or recycling collection  
is complete. If carts are  
damaged before or after these  
hours,  
homeowners are responsible  
for the charges.**





Pat & George Kish

306-533-6787

Kishgreenhouse@sasktel.net

Like us on facebook

Located at 201 Great Plains RD

Emerald Park—Beside “Communiskate”

# Kish Greenhouse

Open May 6<sup>th</sup> — weather permitting

Monday to Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sundays 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Come see our great selection of plants, hanging baskets and containers.

**Like, share, comment on Facebook for a  
chance to win a 14” basket.**



Like us on  
Facebook



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Gas Fitting, Sheet Metal

**SALES - SERVICE  
INSTALLATIONS - REPAIRS**

**RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL**

Licensed Gas Contractor



- ★ Furnaces
- ★ Air Conditioners
- ★ Water Heaters
- ★ Boilers
- ★ Fireplaces
- ★ Plumbing Repairs
- ★ Furnace Filters
- ★ Unit Heaters
- ★ Radiant Tubes
- ★ In-Slab Heat
- ★ Water Treatment (softeners and reverse osmosis units)

**306-550-3319**

Terry Dovell, Owner/Operator

EMAIL: [armour@sasktel.net](mailto:armour@sasktel.net)

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# **50<sup>+</sup> CLUB**

- Next supper on May 17<sup>th</sup> with Judith Cayer's piano students as the entertainment

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- ❖ A CRIB TOURNAMENT will be held on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in participating contact Heather at 306-771-2891.

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***For information on bookings  
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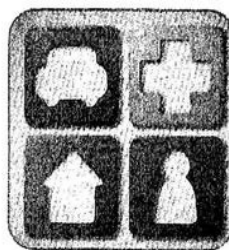
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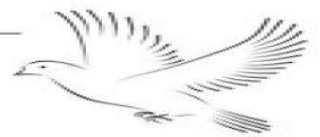
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YOU ARE INVITED to join us in prayer.

When: Thursday May 4th.

Where: St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Balgonie.

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- \* Vacuum Contents
- \* Egg Shells
- \* Un-bagged Leaves
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**LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUP  
FUNDING REQUEST FOR  
SASKATCHEWAN LOTTERIES  
COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDS**

Name of Community Group:

Contact Name:

Phone:

Project Description:

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Project Start Date:

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Proposed Expenditures:

Dollar Amount

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**Total Project Estimated Costs**

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**GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTED**

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Signature: 

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Contact Person

**Please return the completed form to the community contact person of the Town, Village, R.M. or Band Office you are applying through (do not return to the Community Grant Office).**

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Tumbleweed Theatre has been busy preparing for our next Dinner Theatre production. The play has been chosen and the scripts have been ordered. Watch the next paper for our Cast Call date. Be sure to mark November 3, 4, 10 and 11 on your calendar for our upcoming comedy, which is sure to please.



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## **A message from the RM of Edenwold**

### **Canada 150 events announced**



To celebrate Canada's birthday, and in the spirit of inter-municipal cooperation, the RM will sponsor and participate in a variety of neighbouring communities events. In May, the RM of Edenwold Canada 150 Legacy Tree project will see seedlings given out to every elementary school child in Balgonie, White City, Emerald Park, Pilot Butte and the Village of Edenwold.

"When you plant a tree, you're putting a bit of hope into the ground for the future," says Reeve Mitchell Huber. Trees will be sourced from Help International's Shelterbelt

Centre in Weyburn. A threshing bee is scheduled for August. "The bee honours the history of the RM, the pioneers who built our community and allows for people to reach into the past to learn about the level of effort once required to process crops," says Councillor Craig Strudwick.

RM staff and council will be hosting a lunch for William Albert House residents in Emerald Park in September and bringing along Dennis & Curtis Ficor to perform.

### **Pickle Ball coming to Emerald Park**

The Emerald Park tennis courts, at Emerald Park Road and South Plains Road, will be turning into a multi-use recreation space to accommodate both tennis and pickleball. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports, with three to four players using paddles to hit a perforated wiffle ball over a net. This request for pickleball was submitted by an Emerald Park resident and discussed at an Official Community Plan early engagement meeting. The Planning Department brought this request to Council and Division 3 Councillor Wayne Joyce did some research on the sport. Council approved the multi-use recreational space at the April 11 RM meeting.

### **Official Community Plan update**

Over 200 residents, landowners, business owners and their employees took the time to respond to the RM of Edenwold's call out to help update the Official Community Plan (OCP). "We received a wide response from rural and urban community members across the municipality," says Senior Municipal Planner Jana Jedlic. "We are thankful to everyone who contributed." Five early community engagement meetings were

held in March in Emerald Park. The RM promoted resident involvement and requests for completion of the OCP survey through their website, print advertisements, email campaigns, phone calls and portable signs. "Next steps are for us to go over the survey feedback, things shared at community meetings and other comments and communications we have received," explains Planner/Development Officer Paige Phillips. "We'll take that information, best planning practices, census information and planning trends data and start updating the Official Community Plan, our maps and the Zoning Bylaw." A draft OCP and Zoning Bylaw will be provided to the public for review and updates on the process will be posted on the RM of Edenwold website.



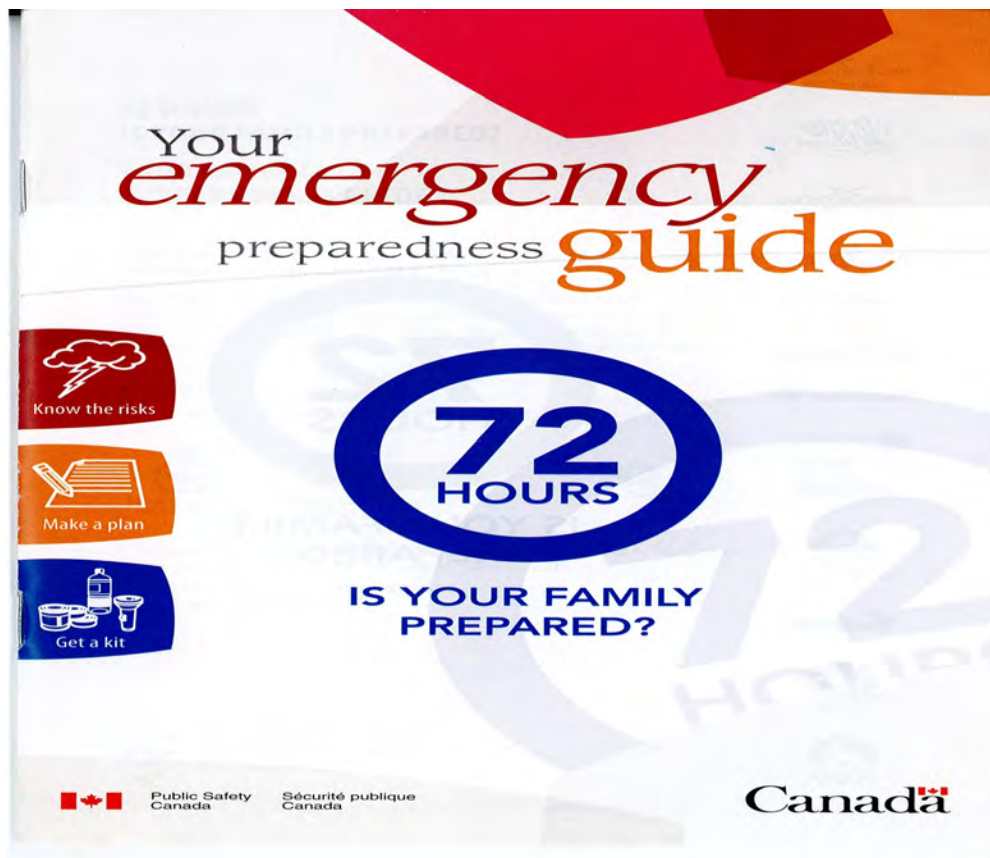
### **Easter Bunny makes stop in Emerald Park**

April 9 an Easter Egg Hunt was held at the Emerald Park Soccer Pitch. Emerald Park Home Hardware and IGA hosted the event while the RM of Edenwold provided the use of the park and candy for the kids (and some adults who may have snuck a few pieces, too). Photo courtesy Holly Hough.

**Contact us via email: [rm158@sasktel.net](mailto:rm158@sasktel.net) or phone 306-771-2522. Visit our website at: [rmedenwold.ca](http://rmedenwold.ca)**







## EMERGENCY KIT BASIC ITEMS



- ⚠ Water – at least two litres of water per person per day; include small bottles that can be carried easily in case of an evacuation order
- ⚠ Food that won't spoil, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods (replace food and water once a year)
- ⚠ Manual can-opener
- ⚠ Crank or battery-powered flashlight (and extra batteries)
- ⚠ Crank or battery-powered radio (and extra batteries)
- ⚠ First aid kit
- ⚠ Extra keys to your car and house
- ⚠ Some cash in smaller bills, such as \$10 bills and change for payphones
- ⚠ A copy of your emergency plan and contact information
- ⚠ If applicable, other items such as prescription medication, infant formula, equipment for people with disabilities, or food, water and medication for your pets or service animal (personalize according to your needs).

### Pre-packaged kits

Canadian Red Cross kits can be purchased at [www.redcross.ca](http://www.redcross.ca). St. John Ambulance and Salvation Army emergency kits can be purchased at [www.sja.ca](http://www.sja.ca).

### Emergency vehicle kit

Prepare a small kit and keep it in your vehicle.

The basic kit should include:

- △ Blanket
- △ Candle in a deep can and matches
- △ Extra clothing and shoes
- △ First aid kit with seatbelt cutter
- △ Flashlight (crank or battery-powered)
- △ Food that won't spoil (such as energy bars)
- △ List of contact numbers
- △ Radio (crank or battery-powered)
- △ Small shovel, scraper and snowbrush
- △ Warning light or road flares
- △ Water
- △ Whistle

### Recommended additional items to keep in your vehicle

- △ Antifreeze, windshield washer fluid
- △ Fire extinguisher
- △ Road maps
- △ Sand, salt or cat litter (non-clumping)
- △ Tow rope and jumper cables





## GET AN EMERGENCY KIT

In an emergency, you will need some basic supplies. You may need to get by without power or tap water. Be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours.

You may have some of the items already, such as food, water and a battery-operated or crank flashlight. The key is to make sure they are organized and easy to find. Would you be able to find your flashlight in the dark?

Make sure your kit is easy to carry and everyone in the household knows where it is. Keep it in a backpack, duffle bag or suitcase with wheels, in an easy-to-reach, accessible place, such as your front-hall closet. If you have many people in your household, your emergency kit could get heavy. It's a good idea to separate some of these supplies in backpacks. That way, your kit will be more portable and each person can personalize his or her own grab-and-go emergency kit.

### Basic emergency kit

- △ Water – at least two litres of water per person per day; include small bottles that can be carried easily in case of an evacuation order
- △ Food that won't spoil, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods (replace food and water once a year)
- △ Manual can-opener
- △ Crank or battery-powered flashlight (and extra batteries)
  - △ Crank or battery-powered radio (and extra batteries)
  - △ First aid kit
  - △ Extra keys to your car and house
  - △ Some cash in smaller bills, such as \$10 bills and change for payphones
  - △ A copy of your emergency plan and contact information

### TIP

Keep a corded phone in your home, as most cordless phones will not work during a power outage.

- △ If applicable, other items such as prescription medication, infant formula, equipment for people with disabilities, or food, water and medication for your pets or service animal (personalize according to your needs)

### Recommended additional items

- △ Two additional litres of water per person per day for cooking and cleaning
- △ Candles and matches or lighter (place candles in sturdy containers and do not burn unattended)
- △ Change of clothing and footwear for each household member
- △ Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each household member
- △ Toiletries
- △ Hand sanitizer
- △ Utensils
- △ Garbage bags
- △ Toilet paper
- △ Household chlorine bleach or water purifying tablets (see sidebar tip for details)
- △ Basic tools (hammer, pliers, wrench, screwdrivers, work gloves, dust mask, pocket knife)
- △ Small fuel operated stove and fuel (follow manufacturer's directions and store properly)
- △ A whistle (in case you need to attract attention)
- △ Duct tape (to tape up windows, doors, air vents, etc.)

### TIPS

Water can be purified by boiling, adding household bleach or using water purification tablets. The treatment and amount required can vary, depending on the kind of contamination. Check with your municipality for details. When in doubt, do not drink water you suspect may be contaminated.

Keep some cash on hand, as automated bank machines and their networks may not work during an emergency. You may have difficulty using debit or credit cards.



## KNOW THE RISKS

Although the consequences of various disasters can be similar, knowing the risks in your region can help you better prepare. Across Canada, we face a number of hazards, such as earthquakes in British Columbia, blizzards in Nunavut and tornadoes in Ontario. In addition to natural disasters, there are other types of risks, such as power outages and industrial or transportation accidents. Refer to the province/territory information section at the end of this guide to learn more about the specific risks and to find contact information.

Some of the risks below may be relevant to your community. Find out which ones by visiting [www.GetPrepared.gc.ca/risks/risks\\_e.asp](http://www.GetPrepared.gc.ca/risks/risks_e.asp). You may want to identify the most likely ones for easy reference.

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| △ Blizzards                  | △ Landslides or avalanches |
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| △ Earthquakes                | △ Winter storms            |
| △ Extreme cold or heat waves | △ Tornadoes                |
| △ Floods                     | △ Tsunamis or storm surges |
| △ Hurricanes                 | △ Wildfires                |
| △ Other:                     |                            |

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The two most common natural and human-caused risks and hazards that occur in Saskatchewan are floods and wild land fires. The province is also exposed to other risks and hazards, which are listed on Page 6 of this guide.

If you are not sure what risks and emergency plans exist in your area, contact your municipality or visit the Saskatchewan Corrections, Public Safety and Policing website at [www.cpsp.gov.sk.ca](http://www.cpsp.gov.sk.ca).

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