




## *Talk of the Town*

### **Important Dates**

Monday, March 8—Council Meeting @ 50+ Club

Wednesday, March 17—St. Patrick's Day 

Monday, March 22—Council Meeting @ 50+ Club

### **infiNET**

In December, SaskTel announced its Rural Fibre Initiative. Balgonie was part of the first phase of the project, which introduced fibre Internet to the majority of residents in the community.

As with any construction project, there is clean-up that needs to be done now that the infiNET project is complete. The company responsible for the installation will be back in the Spring to finalize any clean-up that still needs to be done.

We thank you for your patience and understanding during this project!

### **Balgonie's Facebook Page**

For updates on what's happening in the community, please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/balgonies-talk-of-the-town>

If you would like to advertise local events, please call 306-771-2284 or e-mail [townofbalgonie@sasktel.net](mailto:townofbalgonie@sasktel.net)



### **FROM THE TOWN**

#### **Mailing and Civic Address:**

Box 310, 129 Railway St.

**Phone:** 306-771-2284

**Fax:** 306-771-2899

#### **Office E-mail:**

[townofbalgonie@sasktel.net](mailto:townofbalgonie@sasktel.net)

#### **Recreation E-mail:**

[balgonieparkrec@sasktel.net](mailto:balgonieparkrec@sasktel.net)

#### **Newsletter E-mail:**

[balgonienewsletter@sasktel.net](mailto:balgonienewsletter@sasktel.net)

#### **Emergency Number/After**

**Hours:** 306-535-4235

#### **REGULAR OFFICE HOURS**

9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

### **NEWSLETTER** **INFORMATION**

All information must be received by the 20th of each month in order for it to be included in the following issue of the Talk of the Town.

Prices for advertising a business:

\$10—Business Card Size

\$30—1/9 Page Advertisement

\$60—Half Page Advertisement

\$120—Full Page Advertisement

Local programs and announcements are not charged; however, you must have a Balgonie post office box.

Please send all items to:

[balgonienewsletter@sasktel.net](mailto:balgonienewsletter@sasktel.net)



## **Notice of Preparation of the Assessment Roll Town of Balgonie**

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Town of Balgonie for the year 2021 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. from Monday to Friday - March 12 to May 12, 2021.

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 \$75.00 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.  
Karen Craigie, Assessor.

# **ASSESSMENT 2021**

## ***WHAT IS PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT?***

Tax assessment, or assessment, is the job of **determining the value**, and sometimes **determining the use, of property**, usually to calculate a property tax. This is usually done by an office called the assessor or tax assessor. The Town of Balgonie hires S.A.M.A. (Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency) to perform our assessments each year. If you have made changes to your property i.e. a new home, a new deck, basement development, etc., your property will be reassessed.

## ***2021 IS A REVALUATION YEAR***

Every 4 years, Saskatchewan goes through a provincial-wide reassessment. The Provincial Government mandates S.A.M.A. to conduct periodic revaluations of all Saskatchewan properties every four years to coincide with the change to a new base date. The current revaluation is this year, 2021, using the 2019 base date. The next revaluation is to be done in 2025 using a 2023 base date.

When a revaluation is completed, S.A.M.A. provides new values to each of their client municipalities. Provincial legislation requires municipalities, the Town of Balgonie, to use these values when determining taxes.

## ***WHAT THE TOWN IS SENDING OUT TO YOU, AS THE HOMEOWNER***

In the mail, you will be receiving a Notice of Assessment. If you would like to see your Detailed Property Report, please call our office and we will send you the report along with the list of abbreviations you will need to navigate your way through the document. Check and make sure the document is accurate.

## ***PREPARING THE NOTICE OF APPEAL FORM***

If you see an error in your Detailed Property Report, the Notice of Appeal form (reverse side of your Assessment Notice) 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. For example, it may be as simple as proving that a “shed”, listed in the Detailed Property Report, is no longer standing, or proving that the dimensions or measurements are wrong for your deck, 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 for an appeal. Only your property assessment can be appealed, not the property taxes or the mill rates.

## **UNDERSTANDING ASSESSMENT-THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS AND ITS RELATION TO TAXES**

S.A.M.A.'s role in determining assessed values for properties is just the first part of a process established by Provincial Legislation. The second part is the application of Provincial Government established tax policy, such as property classes, percentage of value, and statutory exemptions. The third and final part of the process involves a Provincial education mill rate, and the Town's mill rate, which is determined annually by the Town of Balgonie based on the Town's budget needs for the current year. The Town then multiplies the taxable assessment by these mill rates to determine your property tax bill. Therefore, property tax assessment is not the same as property taxes.



In addition to determining mill rates, the Town of Balgonie has the authority to apply a series of tax tools, such as mill rate factors by local property class, minimum tax, and base tax. These tax tools further affect the specific tax bill received by a taxpayer.

## **WHO CAN I CONTACT TO EXPLAIN MY ASSESSMENT?**

You should start with your Administrator of your Municipality – (306) 771-2284. You can also call S.A.M.A. (Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency) – (306) 924-8000.

## **IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY OF THE PAMPHLET, VISIT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE:**

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/taxes-and-investments/property-taxes/appeal-your-property-assessment>



# Local Income Tax Preparation

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Balgonie

306-771-1222

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## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Located in the Village of Edenwold

The Annual General Meeting will be held on March 14, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. (via Zoom).

For information regarding the AGM & Services, please contact Janet at 306-771-2989.

*We're here for you!*



### **Can we pray for you?**

It is our privilege to pray for you!  
If you have a prayer request, please  
email us at: [office@balgoniebaptist.org](mailto:office@balgoniebaptist.org)

Join us on **Sunday, April 4** at 10:30 am for our **Special Easter Sunday Service!**

<b>2021 Garbage and Recycling Pickup</b>	
<b>Garbage Pickup</b>	<b>Recycling Pickup</b>
Tuesday, March 2, 2021	Tuesday, March 9, 2021
Tuesday, March 16, 2021	Tuesday, March 23, 2021
Tuesday, March 30, 2021	Tuesday, April 6, 2021
Tuesday, April 13, 2021	Tuesday, April 20, 2021
Tuesday, April 27, 2021	Tuesday, May 4, 2021
Tuesday, May 11, 2021	Tuesday, May 18, 2021
Tuesday, May 25, 2021	Tuesday, June 1, 2021
Tuesday, June 8, 2021	Tuesday, June 15, 2021
Tuesday, June 22, 2021	Tuesday, June 29, 2021
Tuesday, July 6, 2021	Tuesday, July 13, 2021
Tuesday, July 20, 2021	Tuesday, July 27, 2021
Tuesday, August 3, 2021	Tuesday, August 10, 2021
Tuesday, August 17, 2021	Tuesday, August 24, 2021
Tuesday, August 31, 2021	Tuesday, September 7, 2021
Tuesday, September 14, 2021	Tuesday, September 21, 2021
Tuesday, September 28, 2021	Tuesday, October 5, 2021
Tuesday, October 12, 2021	Tuesday, October 19, 2021
Tuesday, October 26, 2021	Tuesday, November 2, 2021
Tuesday, November 9, 2021	Tuesday, November 16, 2021
Tuesday, November 23, 2021	Tuesday, November 30, 2021
Tuesday, December 7, 2021	Tuesday, December 14, 2021
Tuesday, December 21, 2021	Tuesday, December 28, 2021
Starting Monday, April 5, compost will be picked up <u>every</u> Monday until November 1, 2021.	
<b>PLEASE REMEMBER TO HAVE YOUR BINS TO THE CURB BY 7:00 A.M.</b>	

# RECYCLING PAMPHLET

## CORRECTION



## SINGLE STREAM CURBSIDE RECYCLING



**Cardboard, Boxboard, Office Paper, Newsprint, Junk Mail, Magazines and Catalogues**

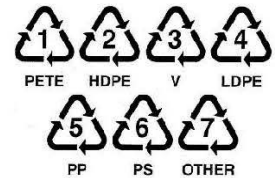


Shredded Paper  
in clear bags



**Plastic Containers, Plastic Milk Jugs, Milk and Juice Cartons**

(No "Clam Shell" Type Food Containers labelled #1) (No oil containers or chemical jugs)



Remove all lids and caps



**Tin, Aluminum and Glass** Rinse all items – labels can remain on



### ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED



Clamshell Containers



Lightbulbs



Plastic Bags and Stretch Wrap



Wood and Metal Scrap



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Hoses and Rubber Items



Toys and Clothing



Food and Garbage

[www.loraasdisposal.com](http://www.loraasdisposal.com)



# Balgonie Dance & Twirl



Our club is blessed with wonderfully talented and caring dance teachers. We would like to thank them for their commitment to our club and dancers. We are so lucky!



BALGONIE CURLING CLUB



## Miss Sam



"I started dancing at the age of 3 and danced for 15 years with Balgonie Dance and Twirl. I became a dance assistant with Balgonie Dance and Twirl in 2012 and started teaching my own dance classes in 2015. I have been teaching at Balgonie Dance and Twirl for 5 years now!

An interesting fact about me is that I am a grade 1/2 teacher in Regina and one of my childhood nicknames was "Samsung" when I was younger because I would sing everywhere and anywhere!"

*We would like to extend a sincere heartfelt thank you to all of our members and the community for your unwavering support through these unprecedented times.*

# Thank You!

*We look forward to seeing everyone again next season!!*

*Stay safe and healthy.*

For updates and information, follow us on [Facebook](#) or visit our website at [balgoniecurlingclub.com](http://balgoniecurlingclub.com)

## Miss Jalaine

"I danced for 18 years. I started off in White City (5 years), then moved to Ritenburg Dance Studio in Regina (2 years), then moved to Martin School of Dance in Regina (6 years). After my competitive dance year's, I danced and cheered with the Rider Cheer Team for 5 years. This is my 8th year teaching dance (a combination of the U of R Dance Team, Rider Cheer Team, and Balgonie Dance and Twirl.

One interesting fact about me is that I love animals! I currently have both a rescue cat and dog (Sophie and Duke), who love to cuddle, play and destroy my shoes."



### NOTICE

Annual General Meeting (Virtual)  
March 17, 2021  
7:00 PM

To join the virtual AGM please submit a request to [balgoniecc@hotmail.com](mailto:balgoniecc@hotmail.com) and you will be sent a link to connect.

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:** 2021-22 – Contact the school at [ecolewhitecityschool@pvsd.ca](mailto:ecolewhitecityschool@pvsd.ca) or 306-781-2115 if you have a child turning 5 by December 31, 2021.

**HOT LUNCH PROGRAM:** Permission Click links are now available on the school's website – main page.

**TRIVIA ANSWER:** The number 8,549,176,320 is a unique number. What two things make it so? It contains every digit, it is arranged in alphabetical order.

### SCC 2020-2021

NEXT MEETING MARCH 17, 2021

Virtual meetings held every third Wednesday of the month @ 6:30.

ALL PARENTS WELCOME

Please contact the school by email at [ecolewhitecityschool@pvsd.ca](mailto:ecolewhitecityschool@pvsd.ca) to pre-register!

Working Together For Success | Travaillons Ensemble Pour Réussir



"I have to change  
to stay the same."  
~ Willem de Kooning

### IMPORTANT DATES

March 8	Non-Student Day
March 11	Little Caesar's Pick Up
March 26	PTS Conference Day in Lieu No School



# RM of Edenwold No. 158

March 2021



100 Hutchence Road  
Emerald Park, SK  
S4L 1C6  
306-771-2522  
rm158@sasktel.net  
www.rmedenwold.ca

## Green Fund - Now Accepting Applications

Businesses owners, don't forget to take advantage of the grant money available from the RM for landscaping projects. Each business is eligible to have up to 50% of project costs reimbursed to a maximum of \$2000. Funds are available on a first come, first serve basis so get your applications in today! We appreciate everyone's contributions towards making our communities green and welcoming.

## The RM of Edenwold Welcomes Uber

We are excited to announce that Uber is now providing service throughout the RM of Edenwold! Spare yourself another morning scraping the ice off your windshield by booking a ride using the Uber app.

## Keep an eye out for Your Assessment Notice

Assessment notices will be mailed out to all properties in April. This is a revaluation year, so take a close look at the assessment values of your house, property, or business. Assessments can be appealed for 60 days after notices are mailed.



## Strategic Plan

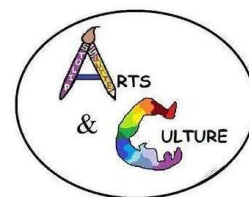
The RM of Edenwold Council is developing a five-year Strategic Plan to guide the future vision of the region, and we want to hear from you.

The Strategic Plan will identify a vision, goals, and initiatives to guide priorities and decisions within the RM over the next five years, ultimately helping advance its priorities. This process will bring together residents, Council members, and municipal staff to develop a shared vision for the community.

The RM is launching a public engagement program in March which will include a dedicated project webpage, a virtual/hard copy survey, and virtual coffee chat sessions to gather input from the community. Public feedback will help inform the final plan.




Please visit the RM's website at [rmedenwold.ca/administration/strategic-plan](http://rmedenwold.ca/administration/strategic-plan) in the coming weeks to learn more and stay tuned for future promotions.

# Pilot Butte Arts



## "GIVE ART A TRY"

Stay close to home, take classes in a safe environment in Pilot Butte!  
Click on photo or class title for more info if you are viewing this online!

	Class	Location	Cost
	<a href="#">Entrance Mats with All The Things YQR</a>  Wednesday, March 3rd 7:00 - 9:00pm  2 sizes to choose from.  All supplies included.	Pilot Butte Town Hall  Max 10 spots	\$50 - \$67.50  The initial cost of \$55 - \$75 is subsidized through a generous grant from Saskatchewan Lotteries.
	<a href="#">Mosaic Mirror with Kattail Acres</a>  Tuesdays, March 9, 16, 23 & 30, 6:30pm - 9:00pm  19" mirror. 3 designs to choose from.  All supplies included.	Pilot Butte Town Hall  Max 8 spots	\$150  The initial cost of \$175 is subsidized through a generous grant from Saskatchewan Lotteries.
	<a href="#">Wooden Welcome Sign with Tracy</a>  Tuesday, April 6th 7:00pm - 9:00pm  10" x 24" sign. 4 colours to choose from & your choice of stencil. All supplies included.	Pilot Butte Town Hall  Max 10 spots	\$45  The initial cost of \$50 is subsidized through a generous grant from Saskatchewan Lotteries.

Website [www.pilotbutte-arts.ca](http://www.pilotbutte-arts.ca) to register & to learn about our Covid-19 Safety Protocols.

Facebook [www.facebook.com/pilotbuttearts](https://www.facebook.com/pilotbuttearts)

Instagram [www.instagram.com/pilot\\_butte\\_arts\\_and\\_culture/](https://www.instagram.com/pilot_butte_arts_and_culture/)

Contact us at [pilotbuttearts@gmail.com](mailto:pilotbuttearts@gmail.com)

We would like to acknowledge the Town of Pilot Butte for the ongoing assistance they provide to our committee.

Special thanks to Sask Lotteries for generous grants allowing Pilot Butte Arts to present these classes at reduced rates.





# March 2021



## Balgonie Public Library Program & Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Craft in a Bag	2 Craft in a Bag	3 Craft in a Bag	4 Craft in a Bag	5 Craft in a Bag	6 Craft in a Bag
7	8 Craft in a Bag	9 Closed from 4:30 – 5:30 PM for Staff Meeting	10 Craft in a Bag	11 Craft in a Bag	12 Craft in a Bag	13 Craft in a Bag
14	15 7:00 PM Library Board Meeting	16 Craft in a Bag	17  Craft in a Bag	18 Craft in a Bag	19 Craft in a Bag	20 Craft in a Bag
21	22 Craft in a Bag	23 Craft in a Bag	24 Craft in a Bag	25 Craft in a Bag	26 Craft in a Bag	27 Craft in a Bag
28	29 Craft in a Bag	30 Craft in a Bag	31 Craft in a Bag			



### Craft in a Bag!

Each week we prepare a new themed craft for your little one(s) to take home and make! Pick-up a book and have your own story hour at home!

### One Book, One Province

In March 2021, come together with your local library and book-lovers across the province to read *Blanket Toss Under Midnight Sun* by Paul Seesequasis.



### Library Feature – DVD & Blu-ray Movies


Make some popcorn and have a movie night! We have over 500 movies to browse through!




### Library Hours


Monday	3:30 – 7:00
Tuesday	3:30 – 8:00
Wednesday	9:00 – 1:30
Thursday	3:30 – 8:00
Friday	1:00 – 5:30
Saturday	10:00 – 1:30
Sunday	Closed

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Contact us at 306.771.2332 or e-mail [balgonie@southeastlibrary.ca](mailto:balgonie@southeastlibrary.ca)

[WWW.SOUTHEASTLIBRARY.CA](http://WWW.SOUTHEASTLIBRARY.CA)    

**Balgonie**

**United**

**Church**

***You are invited to join us for Worship and  
Sunday School at 11:00 a.m. every  
Sunday.***

**Contact Information:**

**Located on Main Street, Balgonie**

**306-771-4303**



**Balgonie  
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Church**



**Jesus came to give us hope and a future!**

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as we seek to discover meaning and  
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**Sunday livestream [www.balgoniebaptist.org](http://www.balgoniebaptist.org)**

**(306) 771-2545**

*[office@balgoniebaptist.org](mailto:office@balgoniebaptist.org)*

**102 Griffin Road West, Balgonie**

**St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church**



**Regular Mass Times at St. Joseph**

**Saturday Evening 7:00 p.m.**

**Sunday 10:30 a.m.**

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*Come join in our celebrations  
with Fr. Ching our pastor*

*<https://stjosephbalgonie.ca>*

**306-771-2387**

*Contact us at [stjoseph1@sasktel.net](mailto:stjoseph1@sasktel.net)*



**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

**Located in the Village of Edenwold.**

**We are now meeting every second Sunday  
at 11:15 a.m.**

**There will be no services in  
January.**

**Contact Information:**

**Janet: 306-771-2989**





## Avonhurst



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Visit us in Avonhurst  
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1-888-757-6937

You may also visit:

<http://www.saskpower.com>

## SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

The Town of Balgonie will be accepting resumes for Summer Student positions in the Maintenance Department. University and High school students are welcome to apply.

Resumes will be accepted at the Town office by fax, email, mail, or in person.

A valid driver's license is a requirement of the position.

Fax: 306-771-2899

Email: [balgonieparkrec@sasktel.net](mailto:balgonieparkrec@sasktel.net)

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