



TALK OF THE TOWN

Balgonie's Newsletter



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Town Council Meetings

Town Council Meetings are held regularly on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month. They are held in the Administration Building at 6:15 pm.

Balgonie Pickleball Club

The Balgonie Pickleball Club plays at the Balgonie Elementary school every Thursday from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

Stick & Puck / Public Skating at Stardome

Stick & Puck is every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3:30 – 4:45 pm. Public Skating is every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 – 4:45 pm and Sundays from 12:30 – 1:45 pm. Mom & Tot Skating is every Wednesday from 9:00 – 11:00 am.

Indoor Walking at Stardome

The Arena is open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 – 11:00 am.

Balgonie Curling Club

Friday night curling is 7:00 – 9:00 pm for a small fee. The curling rink is also available to rent on weekends.

50+ Activities

The 50+ Club has exercise classes every Monday and Thursday at 9:00 am. There are also cards or dice games every Friday afternoon at 1:00 pm.



FROM THE TOWN



2025 Tax Information & Reminders

Did you know?

- Tax notices are sent in June, but the total amount owing is for the entire calendar year.
- You may make monthly payments toward your outstanding balance rather than paying the total in one lump sum. Since taxes are not levied until June, a good way to determine the total amount to start paying in January is to take last year's total and divide it by 12. Once you receive your current year's notice, you can then adjust your monthly payments as necessary.
- Taxes are due, in full, by December 31st. If they remain unpaid, a 1.5% interest penalty will be applied to your account monthly until paid in full.
- Any tax amounts paid before August 31st will receive a 5% discount on the municipal portion.

Utility Bills

Utility bills that were sent out in January are due February 14th, 2025. If you did not receive your bill, please call the Town Office at 306-771-2284.

A reminder that utility bills are due, in full, 30 days after the notice is sent out.



ATV Reminder

Vehicles that fall under the definition of All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) are not allowed on any street within town limits, except for the purpose of crossing to get to the closest point of exit. Stunting and driving on walking paths is not permitted, as it is a major safety concern for those who are walking on the path. Please keep our community safe by following ATV legislation.



Paying Tax & Utility Bills Online

Utility and tax bills may be paid through your online banking service. Please use **Balgonie (Town of) Taxes** for your taxes and **Balgonie (Town of) Utilities** for your water/sewer bills. If you are unsure of your account number, please contact the Town Office to obtain your account number.

When making an online payment, allow 2-3 business days before any due date so that your payment is receipted prior to any penalties being applied to your account.

Snow Removal Reminder

The Town of Balgonie would like to remind residents that, to provide the best snow removal services, all unused vehicles are to be removed from Town streets, boulevards, and alleyways. This includes trailers, campers, boats or other vehicles and equipment not used regularly.

The Public Works Staff work hard to remove the snow. Piling snow or blowing your driveway onto the Town's roadways is not permitted. The extra snow also makes it hard for vehicles to pass. If you have private work done, the excess snow can be dumped in Westview, west of Greenall Street or in the Sports Grounds. A reminder that the use of quads to push snow to the other side of the street is not permitted.

To view the Town's Snow Removal Policy, go to: www.townofbalgonie.ca → Government → Policies.



FROM THE TOWN



Plastiq Payments

How to pay with Plastiq:

1. Go to www.townofbalgonie.ca
2. Scroll down to the right hand side of the screen.
3. Sign up - create a free account, add who you are paying, and enter your card info.
4. Plastiq will process your payment and the funds will be transferred to the Town of Balgonie.

Fees associated with Plastiq are as follows:

- Standard credit card rate of 2.9%
- Debit cards are discounted to 1%

Voyent Alert



Receive critical alerts and day-to-day notifications directly to your cell phone, email, or your home phone.

Signing up is easy!

Download the Voyent Alert app to receive alerts on your phone via the app or scan the QR code.



Preventing Frozen Pipes

The pipes in your home can freeze in cold weather. This can leave you with no water or cause your pipes and/or your water meter to burst, leading to expensive property damage. Take steps to protect your pipes and water meter from freezing. Preventing pipes and the meter from freezing is easier than trying to thaw them. Below are some tips to prevent pipes freezing:

- Heat areas of your home containing water pipes so that warm air will prevent them from freezing.
- Set the thermostat no lower than 12°C (55°F) at night and when you are away. Ensure the area where pipes are near exterior walls and the area near your water meter does not fall below 5°C (41°F).
- Keep the garage door closed if there are water pipes inside.
- Open kitchen, bathroom and laundry cabinet doors to allow warm air to circulate around the plumbing.
- If a pipe freezes and bursts, turn off the water shut-off valve immediately.
- If leaving for longer than a 24-hour period, turn off the water at the main shut-off valve and open the taps to drain the water from your plumbing lines. Have someone check your home daily to ensure the heat is working.

Reminder to Pet Owners

To be a Responsible Pet Owner, follow these 4 easy steps!

Step 1. Walk your pet on a leash.

Step 2. Pick up after your pet. There are multiple garbage cans located throughout the town for you to use.

Step 3. Spay/Neuter your pet.

Step 4. License your pet at the Town Office. Fines are \$40 if a dog is found "at large".



The Dog Control Bylaw can be viewed on-line at www.townofbalgonie.ca. Thank you for keeping our Town safe and clean for ALL to enjoy!



WHAT'S GOING ON?



Submitting to the Talk of the Town

Have a thank you, congratulation, or an announcement to make? Send an email to amy.weslowski@balgonie.ca by the 20th of the month to get into next month's newsletter! Local programs and announcements are not charged, but they must have a Balgonie post office box.

Newsletter E-mail Subscriptions

Sign up to receive a link to the Talk of the Town newsletter every month! Go to www.townofbalgonie.ca to sign up for Talk of the Town! You will receive an e-mail when it's available!



Paper copies will be available at the Town Office, Post Office and Library.

If you'd like to receive a paper copy in the mail, please call us at 306.771.4748 to be added to our mailing list.



Monthly Cribbage Tournament

Cribbage tournaments will be held at the 50+ Club on the second Saturday of every month at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$10 and includes a lunch. The next tournament is February 8th. For more information, please call Bart Eliasson at 306-771-0024.

Indoor Walking at the Arena

The Balgonie Arena will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 - 11:00 am every week for indoor walking. Meet a friend and get some steps in!



Follow us on Facebook!



Scan the QR code!

Loraas Disposal Bin at the Transfer Station

The red Loraas bin at the Transfer Station is delivered on the first and third Friday of every month. There is no specific time as to when the bin will arrive on these days.

If a red bin is NOT available or is full, do NOT leave any items where the bin is normally located or add more to it. Residents have been fined (up to \$500) and their cards have been suspended.

Be courteous of others! Large items and multiple loads take up the entirety of the bin, making it unusable for other residents. If you have multiple large items, please take them to the Regina Landfill.

Home builders/developers are not permitted to use the red Loraas bin.

For a complete list of what can be left at the Transfer Station, see the end of the newsletter.



WHAT'S GOING ON?



BALGONIE SOCCER CLUB



As indoor soccer enters its last full month, we are busy preparing for the upcoming outdoor season. Registration for 2025 Outdoor Soccer will open up mid-February, so be sure to check www.balgoniesoccer.com for updates. We encourage all indoor and outdoor members to join our Balgonie Soccer Facebook page for updates and reminders.

Save the Date! February 27th, 2025
Balgonie Soccer Club's Annual General Meeting
7:00 pm at the Balgonie Multiplex

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

All members (parents of players) are encouraged to attend to learn more about operations and offer feedback to improve our program. We will also be welcoming new board members and parent volunteers to come forward at the AGM. We hope to see you there!

Balgonie 50+ Club

Greetings! There is no meeting in February but there will be a lunch for members on February 19th, 2025. The 50+ Club continues to have cards or dice games every Friday afternoon and exercise classes every Monday and Thursday at 9:00 am for anyone. Please feel free to drop-in if you can!



If you have any questions about the Balgonie 50+ Club, please contact Wendy at 306-541-8229 or Margaret at 306-771-2242.

For facility bookings, please contact Margaret at 306-771-4230.

BALGONIE PICKLEBALL CLUB



The Pickleball Club resumed in January. It was great to get back on the court after the Christmas break. We invite anyone who is wanting to try this sport to play on Thursdays at the Balgonie Elementary School from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. The fee is \$20 for the rest of the season, which ends in May. Paddles and a tutorial will be available for you.

Please note there the Pickleball Club will not be meeting on February 20th for the February school break. Look forward to seeing you on the court!

For any further information please contact
Monti at 306-771-4393 or Margaret at 306-771-2242



RECREATION NEWS

The outdoor skating rink is open! The Zamboni will flood the ice once a week. There is no set day for this. The lights will turn on around 5:30 pm and turn off at 9:30 pm. Time permitting the town staff will shovel off the ice surface periodically throughout the week. If the weather is above zero for a few days, please refrain from using. The gate will be locked so the ice does not get damaged. Please be courteous to others who are also using the facility.

The new pool change rooms and office are coming along nicely! By the end of February the interior should be 90% complete. The pool contractors should be back on site to install all the filters and pumps along with boiler in the pump house. Once Spring rolls around, the rest of the cement work will be complete.

Below are some pictures of the progress of the change rooms:

By Shaun McBain



**UNDER
CONSTRUCTION**



STICK & PUCK / PUBLIC SKATING TIMES!

CANCELLED

The following stick & puck and public skating times are cancelled: February 14, 15, 16 & 28, March 1 & 2 2025.



STICK & PUCK

Monday 3:30 - 4:45 PM
Wednesday 3:30 - 4:45 PM
Friday 3:30 - 4:45 PM

MOM & TOT

Wednesday 9:00 - 11:00 AM

PUBLIC SKATING

Tuesday 3:30 - 4:45 PM
Thursday 3:30 - 4:45 PM
Sunday 12:30 - 1:45 PM

Reminder: Please refrain from wearing outside footwear and bringing strollers/ sleds onto the ice. This tracks dirt and debris onto the ice surface making it unsafe for users.

* All dates and times may be subject to change. Visit the Events Calendar on the Town's website to confirm if the arena is open.

* Helmuts must be worn at all times for ALL SHINNY PLAYERS!



Balgonie Volunteer Fire Department

2024 Year in Review

128 calls:

- 56 Medical First Responder
- 33 Motor Vehicle Collision Rescue
- 23 Fire Calls (includes inspections)
- 15 False Alarms
- 1 RM South Qu'Appelle No. 157 Mutual Aid



The BVFD is made up of 28 volunteers, one which is a junior member! Interested becoming a member? Contact Fire Chief Doug Lapchuk at 306-570-7791 or firechief.lapchuk@balgonie.ca

Are you ready to BATTLE?

Ladies Night Presents

50/50
Raffles

Grand Prize for
Winning Table

COLOR WARS

WHEN

May 3 2025

Doors open @ 7pm
Battle begins @ 8 pm

WHERE

BALGONIE MULTI-PLEX

\$50
Tickets

ALL PROCEEDS to the NEW BALGONIE SWIMMING POOL-OPENING SUMMER OF 2025

★ Cash bar ★ NO ATM on site ★ Last call 1:00 am ★ Midnight Lunch ★
Tables will pick a color, battle for prizes, and decorate their table. Max 12pp/table.

For tickets/tables or other inquiries, please contact: Laura Stevens, Wanda Pillipow, Kelly Kessel, Robin Yanko or Kristin Frombach @ 306-533-7969/kristinfrombach@outlook.com

★ Please do not drink & drive, plan a safe ride home ★

Kindergarten Registration – Balgonie Elementary School



We are now accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2025-2026 school year.

To register, please call the school at 306-771-2345 or drop by the office to pick up a Kindergarten Application package.

NOTE: Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2025 in order to be eligible for Kindergarten start-up in the fall of 2025.

The **Balgonie Barons Broomball** team are excited to announce that they will be hosting the **2025 Senior Broomball Provincial Championships** at home!

February 28th to March 2nd, 2025

Balgonie Stardome

Come on out with your family and friends to enjoy some exciting broomball all weekend long!
Admission is FREE!



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PIONEER



WE HAVE A WINNER!

Congratulations to **David & Shirley Riddle**! Their name was drawn for the Customer Portal incentive draw! They received a credit on their January Utility account!



If you are interested in receiving your utility and tax notices via email, please call the Town Office at 306-771-2284.

Town of
Balgonie

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Kelly Kessel



What groups do you volunteer with?

Balgonie Dance & Twirl, Balgonie Swimming Pool, Balgonie Dinner Theatre, Balgonie Elementary Munch a Lunch, I also help out at the Balgonie Curling Club with my family.

How long have you been volunteering with these groups?

I have been volunteering with many of them for 15+ years, since my children were small and started with their activities.

What do you enjoy most about volunteering?

I am going to say creating new volunteers, working with our youth and helping them to see that volunteering can be both fun and rewarding. Showing them that many events and activities that they both attend and participate in, wouldn't happen without volunteers. I enjoy working with members of our communities and seeing the results of projects and productions. Meeting new people who have moved to our area.

What are some of your best moments in your capacity as a volunteer?

Tough question, it's hard to pick one. I would say being part of many groups, with people working towards the same goal. Seeing programs and facilities being able to operate year after year. Balgonie is lucky enough to have many groups and facilities that others do not. Knowing that my time as a volunteer will help ensure that these activities and venues will be around for others to be a part of.

What have you learned through volunteering?

One of the biggest things in the last couple of years I have learned is our town is filled with wonderful people that are willing to support and help in many ways. Just ask and if they can't help you, they probably have a lead on someone who can. Our residents both in town and surrounding areas have many talents that they are willing to share.

Note: Volunteer Spotlight is a new feature to highlight Balgonie and area volunteers. The Town of Balgonie appreciates all the volunteers and their dedication. Stay tuned for the next volunteer spotlight next month!

ARE YOU OUR NEXT *Committee Member?*



Have a love for historic buildings and helping the community? The Town of Balgonie is looking to reignite the current Heritage Place Museum/Building Committee!



The Balgonie United Church or Heritage Church is one of the oldest remaining buildings in Balgonie. This building was used as a church until 1973, when it was converted to a senior's centre, and later a playschool. Most recently this stone building is our community's museum and heritage centre.

**We are planning to have the committee in place by March 2025.
Contact Shaun McBain at shaun.mcbain@balgonie.ca or call
306-771-2284 for more information.**

BALGONIE CURLING CLUB

2-6-4

2 PEOPLE, 6 ROCKS, 4 ENDS

NO SWEEPING

\$25 per person

8
FEB

18 TEAM
MAX

1ST GAME
2PM

20
25

TEXT JACKIE @306-533-8079 TO REGISTER

RENTALS FOR THE BALGONIE CURLING CLUB

Ice Rates:

\$20 / hour / 1 sheet

\$300 / 6 hours / 3 sheets

\$350 / all day / 3 sheets

All rentals include sliders, grippers, &
brooms

Lounge Rates:

\$20/ hour

\$100 / day

Rink will Supply a Bar Tender for:

\$50/ night

\$100/ day

BOOK NOW!

FOR BOOKINGS PLEASE EMAIL BALGONIECC@HOTMAIL.COM

BALGONIE CURLING CLUB

WING NIGHT



FEBRUARY 8, 2025

STARTS @ 4PM

WHILE SUPPLYS LAST

JOIN US AT THE RINK FOR WINGS &
THE 2-6-4



Friday Night Curling

\$10.00 PER ADULT

\$5.00 PER STUDENT

EVERY FRIDAY

BAR OPEN

@ 7:00PM- 9:00PM

The Balgonie Curling Club would
like to thank Sask Lotteries for
their support in grants that we
receive as a club!

Thank You



For your Support



Balgonie Dance & Twirl

Dates to Remember:

Competitions

Ogema - March 8th, 2025

Weyburn - March 13th - 16th, 2025

Regina - March 26th - 30th, 2025

Year End Recital

April 12th, 2025

Greenall High School, Balgonie

If you have any questions,
please reach us at

balgoniedancetwirl@gmail.com

or find us Facebook.

February 2025



Balgone Public Library Program & Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Library Hours: Monday 2:30 - 7:00 Tuesday 2:30 - 7:00 Wednesday 9:00 - 12:30; 1:00 - 5:00		Thursday 2:30 - 7:00 Friday 1:00 - 5:00 Sat & Sun Closed			Saskatchewan Indigenous Storytelling Month Begins	
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Preschool Story Time and Mom & Tot

Wednesdays @ 10:00 AM
February 5, 12, 19 & 26

Join us for a story, a craft and some games! A great way to meet other children and care givers in the community!

Puzzles & Tea

Wednesdays @ 2:00 PM
February 5, 12, 19 & 26

Join us every Wednesday afternoon to work on some puzzles in the library! Tea and coffee will be on!

Games Club

Wednesdays @ 3:30 PM
February 5, 12, 19 & 26

Love games? We've got them! Bring a friend or family member and play a game or two!

Lego STEM Club

Mondays @ 3:45 PM
February 3, 10 & 24

Join us for a new Lego challenge every Monday from 3:45 - 4:45 PM! Lego Club is geared for kids ages 5-12. We ask that kids under 7 be accompanied by an adult.

Adult Lego

Thursdays @ 6:00 PM
February 6, 13, 20 & 27

Legos aren't just for kids! Join us every Thursday evening to build and create with Lego!



Can't visit us in person? Check out these great eResources, all FREE with your library card!



SILS App - Digital barcode, catalogue search, place holds, and more



Libby - eBooks, audiobooks, & magazines



Hoopla - Movies, music, TV shows, audiobooks, eBooks, & comics



AudioBookCloud - Stream audiobooks



TumbleBooks - Interactive children's books



Creativebug - Thousands of online arts & craft classes



PressReader - Newspapers & magazines



Kanopy - Stream movies via mobile devices & TVs

For more information on these programs, call 306.771.2332.

WWW.SOUTHEASTLIBRARY.CA

SUPPORT OUR POOL WITH YOUR DONATION

HERE IS THE PLAN:

- 1 The proposed pool components.

Water slide! **Accessible change room!** Pelican toddler slide! **Outdoor showers!** Shaded areas! **Vortex!** Gazebo! **Picnic tables!** And more!

HERE IS THE GOAL:

- 2 \$500,000 in donations/
sponsorships on our
\$3,075,285 project.

A HUGE Thank-You to those who have already contributed to our pool project!!! But we aren't there yet... There's still a lot **more** to raise!

- 3 HERE IS WHERE WE
NEED YOUR HELP!!!

**BE A SPONSOR!!!
OR
DONATE!!!**

Do you want to contribute to a specific component of our pool project? Reach out to the Town Office to ask about contributing to specific components of the project!



Once we have our project fully funded, all eligible Sponsors will be permanently recognized on our Sponsorship Wall which will stand proudly near our pool.

Donate Now >>

Please contact us at general@balgonie.ca or 306-771-2284 for more information with regard to how you can donate!

All contributions made over \$20 will be eligible for a Charitable Donation Receipt.

TOWN OF BALGONIE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Date Prepared: January 30, 2025

Position: Pool Manager

Reports To: Town Superintendent

Hours of Work: 40 hours/week, including evenings and weekends

Location: Balgonie, Saskatchewan

Wage Range: \$22.00 - \$25.00 per hour

The Town of Balgonie is seeking a dynamic and enthusiastic individual as the Pool Manager for the Town of Balgonie's new swimming pool, scheduled to open July 1, 2025. The position is for a seasonal term opportunity, starting April 1 – September 5, 2025.

The Pool Manager is responsible for:

- Advertising for and hiring lifeguards.
- Managing and training staff on the online booking and receipting systems.
- Assisting with setting annual pool rates and creating policy and procedure manuals.
- Reconciling daily receivables.
- Ordering supplies/merchandise and managing inventory.
- Scheduling swimming lessons and facility hours.
- Assisting with planning and implementation of special events.
- Responding to inquiries.
- Social media posts.
- Supervising the head lifeguard and junior staff by assigning work schedules, duties and priorities, completing performance appraisals, and advising employees on how to accomplish good work performance.
- Providing lifeguard duties during public swim times by ensuring a safe swimming environment by being attentive to swimmers, enforcing safety rules and educating the public about water safety in and around the water.
- Assisting with daily maintenance of the pool facility, chemical testing and reporting, checking lifesaving equipment and providing input into improvements to the pool facility programs.
- Perform all work according to current OH&S policies and hold regular safety meetings with staff.

The successful candidate will have:

- Strong verbal and written communication skills.
- Knowledge and understanding of the principles, methods and equipment used in water-based recreation.
- Understanding of the methods and techniques for delivering Lifesaving swimming lessons and lifeguard procedures.
- Knowledge of pool operations including safety, cleaning and other pool maintenance.
- Knowledge of other aquatic-based activities, such as aqua-fit, would be an asset.

The ideal candidate will have experience working with children, adults and seniors either through instructing swimming lessons, senior programming, camp counselling, youth leader or other related volunteer or work positions. They will also be an excellent communicator who understands how to lead a team to success.

Lifesaving Society Water Safety Instructor (WSI) and LSS National Lifeguard – Pool Certification or other certifications, such as Aquatic Emergency Care, Aquatic Supervisor, Aquatic Manager, Pool Operations Course, would be an asset.

The ideal candidate will hold a valid Standard First-Aid and CPR-C Certification.

This full-time supervisory seasonal position will work various hours including evenings and weekends. The pool term will run from April 1 – September 5, 2025.

This posting will continue until a qualified person is found.

Please submit your cover letter, resume and references on or before February 28, 2025 stating experience, education, and qualifications to the address below.

Town of Balgonie
PO Box 310
129 Railway Street E.
Balgonie, SK S0G 0E0
Fax: 306-771-2899
E-mail: shaun.mcbain@balgonie.ca

All applications are appreciated; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

SAMA AND THE 2025 REVALUATION

The Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) is the leader and authority on property assessment, and Saskatchewan's service provider of choice. The Agency is responsible for assessment governance of the \$271 Billion property assessment base, and a \$2.33 Billion property tax base. The Agency provides assessment valuation services to 762 urban, northern and rural municipalities. It is directly responsible for the assessed values of approximately 876,000 properties in the province.

SAMA conducts revaluations based on a four-year cycle. 2021 was the year of the last revaluation, and the 2025 Revaluation will see assessed values updated to reflect a new valuation base date of January 1, 2023. The legislated base date means that 2025 values reflect a property's value as of January 1, 2023.

Assessments in Saskatchewan are historical. In other words, the date of valuation for a property is in the past. For 2025 to 2028, property values will reflect the market conditions as of a valuation date of January 1, 2023.

SAMA cannot consider sales from after January 1, 2023, when implementing new values with the 2025 Revaluation. SAMA will consider any sales from after the valuation date for the next revaluation.

The 2025 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 2025 Revaluation, all property types will have their values updated in relation to the January 1, 2023, valuation base date, regardless of being subject to a market valuation standard or a regulated property valuation standard.

The 2025 Revaluation continues SAMA's goal of stabilizing the assessment system from a governance perspective by not introducing any major changes to assessment policy.

QUESTIONS ON THE 2025 REVALUATION?

If you would like more information, please see the Revaluation 2025 section on our website at www.sama.sk.ca.

If you have further questions, comments or suggestions, please contact SAMA directly:

CONTACT INFORMATION

Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA)
200 - 2201-11th Avenue
Regina SK S4P 0J8
Telephone: 306-924-8000 or 800-667-7262
info.request@sama.sk.ca

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 306-924-8000) as it is the agency that performs Balgonie's assessments; however, there may be a charge for this service.

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 for an appeal. Only your property assessment can be appealed, not the property taxes or the mill rates.

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>

More information will follow in the March Talk of the Town newsletter and on the Town's website.



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Is the boil water advisory for my house?"*

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Utility Notices, Tax Notices & Receipts

CUSTOMER PORTAL



Step 1:
Scan QR Code, fill
out the Email
Consent Form and
send to the Town
Office.

Step 2:
Scan QR Code to
register your
Customer Portal
Account.



DID YOU KNOW?

Snow Removal Edition

The Town of Balgonie's Bylaw No. 444/2023 informs homeowners of what is permitted and not permitted in terms of snow removal in Balgonie.

PERMITTED:

- Placing snow and ice on the municipal setback adjacent to your property.
- If private work is done, the excess snow can be dumped in Westview (west of Greenall Street) or at the Sports Grounds.

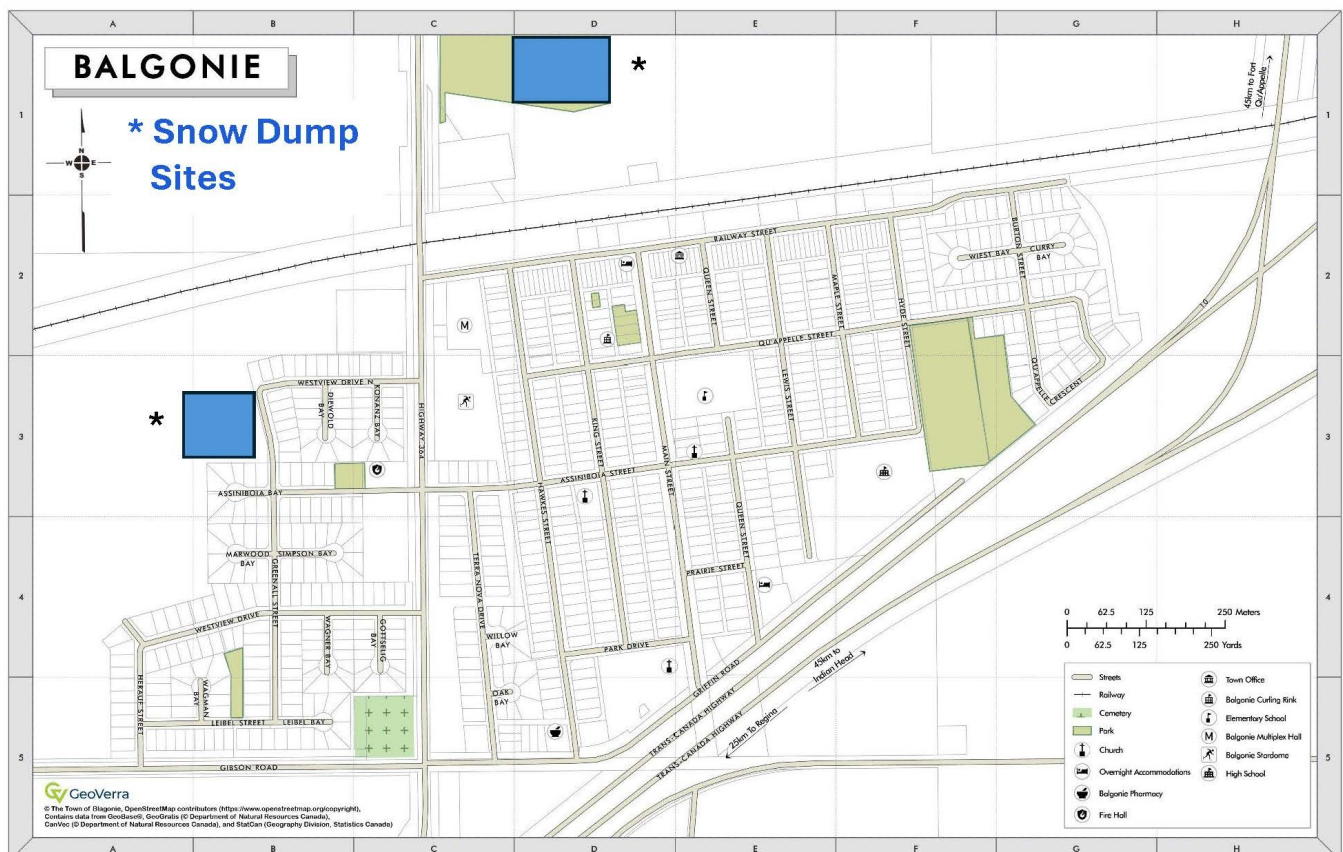
NOT PERMITTED:

- Moving snow from one property to another (ex. a bobcat or quad with blades moving snow across the street to a Town boulevard).
- Stockpiling snow on private property that makes it unsafe for motorists or pedestrians, or stockpiling snow within a sight triangle at intersections.

A reminder that the Town boulevard portion at the front of each property is approximately 12-20 feet (with the exception of the bays) therefore that is where snow is placed. Any soft landscaping, such as sprinklers, rocks, gardens, etc. are placed on the boulevard at your own risk.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in managing the excess snow to keep the Town safe for all residents!

Town of
Balgonie



DID YOU KNOW?

The Transfer Station is set up with an electronic card system which allows residents to access it 24/7.

On the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month, Loraas Disposal delivers a 40-yard bin to the Transfer Station. The purpose of the 40-yard bin is to allow residents to dispose of additional household waste that does not fit in their black roll-out bin.

Unaccepted items

- Shingles;
- Railway ties, telephone poles and creosote treated wood;
- Bulbs and Light Ballasts;
- Hazardous materials such as tires, propane tanks, car batteries, paint, oil and chemicals;
- Appliances containing Freon;
- Construction/renovation material;
- Waste from households outside of Balgonie.

Please note: the unaccepted items listed above pertain to the 40-yard bin only. There are designated areas at the transfer station where some items listed above are accepted.

Who can use your transfer station card?

- Members of your household can use it.
- Lending your card out to another person and/or disposing of waste from households outside of Balgonie is not permitted.
- The cardholder will be held accountable for all occurrences at the transfer station, such as illegal dumping.

Illegal dumping

The Town of Balgonie has the responsibility to ensure regulations are followed based on the Approval to Operate issued to the Town by the Ministry of Environment.

Public Works Staff inspect the Transfer Station every morning. If it is determined that an illegal dump has taken place and/or items are placed in the incorrect disposal area, an investigation will commence. The resident at fault will be fined and their access card will be suspended for up to 6 months.

Disposing of large items

When residents dispose of large items such as couches, mattresses, and box springs in the 40-yard bin:

- it limits another resident's ability to dispose of their items in the bin;
- the bin is removed from the Transfer Station quicker, creating a longer waiting period for when it is scheduled to return.

In addition to the inconvenience it causes others by placing large items in the bin, the Town of Balgonie is required to pay a burial surcharge to Loraas Disposal if there are more than 4 pieces of bedding per load (mattresses and box springs), wood or metal longer than 7' or coils of wire or banding.

Designated disposal areas

Cement Pile

- Cement free of other debris may be disposed of.

Metal Pile

- All appliances and metal are permitted. Ensure the Freon is removed from fridges/freezers.
- Propane tanks are permitted.

Grass/Leaves

- Bags and boxes are not permitted in this pile.

Trees, Branches and Untreated Wood Pile

- Treated wood, painted wood, cardboard, drywall etc. are not permitted in this pile.

Oil Recycling Centre

- Empty oil into the oil recycling bin.
- Place the oil containers and filters in the bin next to the oil recycling bin.

Diabetes Canada Clothing Bin

- Do not leave bags beside the bin if it is full.

What should I recycle at SARCAN?

- Beverage containers
- Batteries
- Electronics
- Household paint



COMMUNISKATE

(No free skating on Feb 19th)

Skate FREE
until March 26,
2025

Free Skating Wednesdays

Noon
to 1pm

Sponsored by the RM of Edenwold and Communiskate



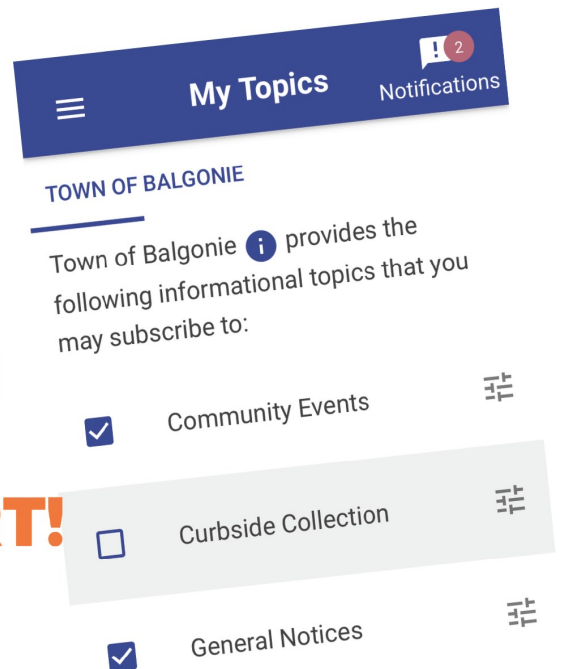
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Don't leave pet food
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outside.

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Greenall High School

2025

January Update

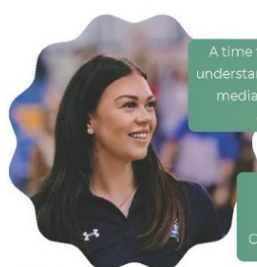


Parent Presentation from PVSD

Prairie Valley School Division is pleased to welcome Madison Cameron from the Centre for Trauma Informed Practices for two special presentations for parents and caregivers. All Prairie Valley families with students of any age who might use electronic devices or social media are invited. These parent/guardian-focused sessions will take place on February 10 and 11 at 7:00 p.m. The February 10 session is being offered in person and virtually at Bert Fox Community High School while the February 11 session is being offered virtually. There is no cost to attend either session. Further details will be made available through Prairie Valley schools.

Rethinking SOCIAL MEDIA

Date: February 10 (In person and virtual) and 11 (virtual only)
Presentation Time: 7:00 p.m.
Where: Bert Fox Community High School



A time for parents and caregivers to better understand how youth use and perceive social media and the ways you can strengthen connections with your child.

Madison Cameron
Youth Specialist
Center for Trauma Informed Practices

Greenall Parents: Check your EDSBY on Feb. 10th for the link to the presentation.

UPCOMING DATES:

- Jan.31- Non-Student Day
- Feb. 3rd-First Day Semester 2
- Feb. 4th-Report Cards are Posted
- Feb. 6th- Parent Meetings
6PM-Gr 11
7:15 PM-Gr 9/10
- Feb. 10-Course Registrations Due
- Feb. 11-Greenall Hosts Dwayne Peace (see next pg)

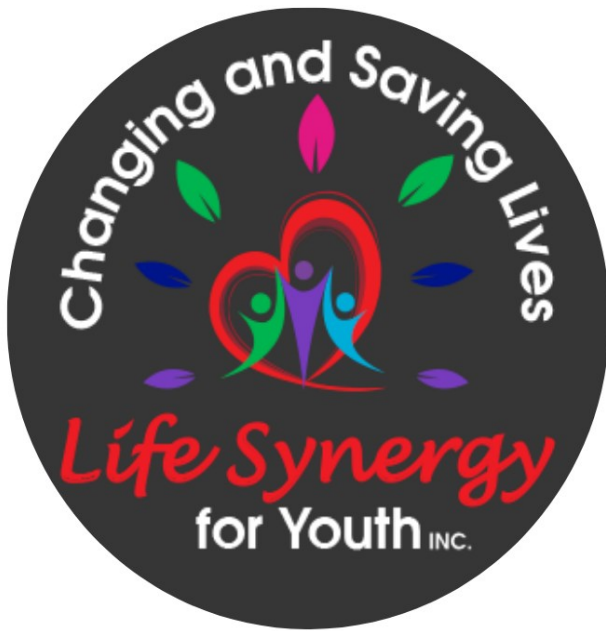


Greenall Hosts 1st Annual Pink Tournament

Greenall Girls Basketball is pleased to host the first annual Pink Tournament to raise money for Cancer. The Tournament runs Jan. 17-18 with exciting basketball action as well a raffle prizes and fun "half-time" games to fundraise for this worthy cause. Please come out to cheer on Greenall and show your support.

P	Mon. Jan. 27	Tues. Jan. 28	Wed. Jan. 29	Thurs. Jan. 30
1	PERIOD 1 EXAM	PERIOD 3 EXAM	PERIOD 6 EXAM	PERIOD 2 EXAM
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3				
4	LUNCH			
5	5th Period, classes as usual.	PERIOD 5 EXAM	Project Completion PAA	Credit Recovery Time
6	6th Period, classes as usual.		Presentation Based Assessments Credit Recovery Time	

All Gr. 9 Students will follow their regular schedule, not the exam schedule.



**Dwayne Peace presents
to Parents & caregivers to
assist youth to make
better choices.**

JOIN US:

Greenall High Library
Feb. 11th @ 7PM

"Don't attend this for yourself. Do it for your children and be amazed at what you did not know.

As insightful a parent I believed I was, Dwayne helped me to discover gaps in my approach.

It is a 'can't miss' opportunity for one to right the ship.

Every parent should come to this session".

~ Parent

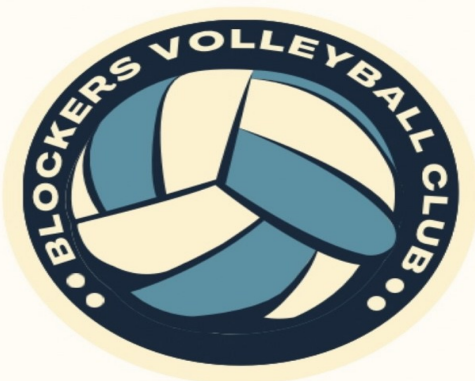


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PARENT
SESSION



Author of
Parenting with
Eyes Wide Open



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YOUR BALGONIE BLOCKERS
15U WOMANS CLUB
VOLLEYBALL TEAM**

WHEN: SATURDAY FEB. 22/25

**WHERE: BALGONIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
50/50**

RAFFLE PRIZES

FOOD, DRINKS & SNACKS

Join us for Club DJ!



An inter-denominational club designed for kids in kindergarten to Grade 6.

At Club DJ, kids participate in crafts, games, and a bible story time. Each week, children have many ways to earn "coins" which they can use to buy all sorts of fun stuff from the General Store.

We meet Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 at Balgonie Baptist Church, 102 Griffin Road.
Registration fee: \$50/child

Register online at www.balgoniebaptist.org or at the door. For more information, contact: clubdj@balgoniebaptist.org

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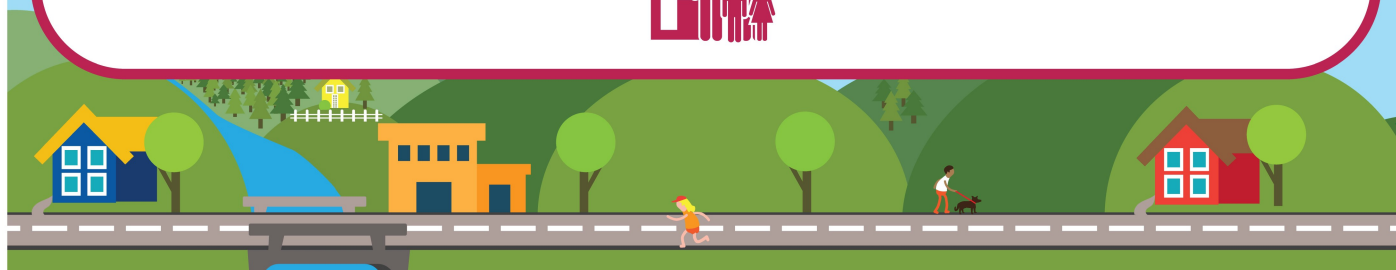
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Join us for Winter Art Classes!

Register at www.pilotbuttearts.ca

If there are other classes that you would like to have us organize, or if you teach classes, please contact us at: pilotbuttearts@gmail.com

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Arts

LET'S CREATE

Art Classes

Shibori and Indigo Workshop

Tuesday March 4
6:30pm - 9:00pm
Cost: \$112.50



Valentine Sticker Mosaic

Tuesday February 11
6:30pm - 8:00pm
Cost: \$18.00



Mitts with Betty

Sundays, March 9, 16 & 23
1:00pm - 5:00pm
Cost: \$162



Mini Chef Apron

Tuesday February 25
6:30pm - 8:00pm
Cost: \$18.00



The Art of Mandala Painting

Thursday March 6
6:30pm - 8:30pm
Cost: \$22.50



Introduction to Glass Fusing

Tuesday March 18
6:30pm - 9:30pm
Cost: \$54.00



Let's Make Pysanky

Beginner - April 1
Intermediate - April 3
7:00pm - 9:45pm
Cost: \$36.00



Call for Artists/Vendors

Register at www.pilotbuttearts.ca starting Feb 1, 2025



Crocus Art Show And Sale

May 31 & June 1, 2025
Pilot Butte Arena

Call For Artists



Join our Committee!

We are a group of arts minded individuals who want to share our love of creativity with our community!

We are looking for people who want to help program and promote classes and events - you don't have to be an artist, but if you love organizing events and are active on social media, we'd love to have you volunteer! Contact us at pilotbuttearts@gmail.com



Gardening Musical Chairs One Night, Six Gardening Topics

Come join us at the
White City Garden Club's
Gardening Musical Chairs.



Presenters will rotate through tables, and lead conversations and the sharing of common experience with fellow gardeners on:

- Growing and Caring for Dahlias
- The Benefits of WCGC New Website
- How to Plan Garden Rotations
- Gorilla Gardening (i.e. – gardening on the Town's / RM's property, like parks and boulevards)
- How to Handle Spruce Tree Fungus
- Bee Keeping

Wed. Feb.12th, 2025, at 7:00 pm

Ramada Emerald Park

Everyone Welcome

Visitors drop-in fee \$5.00

Info: <https://whitecitygardenclub.ca/events/>





**LORAAS
DISPOSAL**

IMPORTANT: Carts must be out by 7a.m. on collection days

2025 Balgonie Collection Calendar

Garbage ONLY Recycle ONLY Compost ONLY

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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



Diapers



Styrofoam and Plastic Utensils



Hoses and Rubber Items



Toys and Clothing



Food and Garbage

ACCEPTABLE ORGANICS

ALL ITEMS MUST BE UN-PACKAGED



Dairy Products



Soiled Cardboard



Un-bagged Leaves



Egg Shells and Bones



Breads, Rice & Pasta



Coffee Grounds, Filters & Tea



Dryer Lint & Vacuum Dust



Cut Flowers



Un-bagged Lawn Clippings



Fruits, Vegetables & Peelings

Not Accepted



- * Packaging
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- * Construction Waste
- * Rocks, Dirt or Soil
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- * Plastic Bags or Styrofoam



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	Yearly	Monthly
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1/4 Page	\$300	\$30
1/2 Page	\$600	\$60
Full Page	\$1,200	\$120

* the 1/9 page ad receives a full page ad during the year

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