Balgonie



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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

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.

Plastiq Payments

How to pay with Plastiq:

- 1. Go to <u>www.townofbalgonie.ca</u>
- 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%

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.

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: <u>www.townofbalgonie.ca</u> \rightarrow Government \rightarrow Policies.

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.





FROM THE TOWN

Burnt Out Streetlight?

To report burnt out streetlights, please contact SaskPower at 1-888-757-6937. You may also go to: www.saskpower.com

Loraas Bin Reminder

Garbage, Recycling and Compost bins are to be put out on the street by 7:00 am and brought in by 5:00 pm. If carts are damaged

before or after these hours, homeowners are responsible for the charges.



Community Safety Reminders

We can help with local law enforcement! Report any all suspicious activity, break-ins and erratic driving to the RCMP by phone or fill in an incident report form. Reporting these incidents to the RMCP helps track where the RCMP need to have their staff monitoring. To report incidents:

- Fill out an Incident Report Form on-line at www.townofbalgonie.ca.
- Call the White Butte Detachment at 306-781-5050.
- If an incident involves a student's behaviour during the school day, the report should also be made to Greenall High School at 306-771-2566.

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".

Reminder to Pet Owners

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

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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 OR code.



Elm Tree Pruning

The annual ban on pruning elm trees in Saskatchewan begins April 1. The ban helps slow down the spread of Dutch Elm Disease (DED). DED is a fungus spread by elm bark beetles. Pruning your trees before the ban keeps them healthy and better to resist all kinds of diseases.

Remember: It is illegal to use, transport, store or sell elm wood.





WHAT'S GOING ON?

Newsletter E-mail Subscriptions

Sign up to receive a link to the Talk of the Town newsletter every month! Go to <u>www.townofbalgonie.ca</u> 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 **United Church** on the second Saturday of every month at 10:00 am. The cost is \$10 and includes a lunch. The next tournament is March 8th. For more information, please call Bart Eliasson at 306-771-0024.

Bottle Pick-up

The Balgonie Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are always looking for cans and bottles! If you have recycling, please call Larry at 306-771-7830.



Submitting to the Talk of the Town

Have a thank you, congratulation, or an announcement to make? Send an email to <u>amy.weslowski@balgonie.ca</u> 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.

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 spring approaches, Balgonie Soccer is experiencing another change of seasons as we move from indoor soccer to outdoor soccer!

Registration for the 2025 Outdoor Season is NOW OPEN! Go to <u>balgoniesoccer.com</u> and click on the registration link to sign up! The season runs from late April to mid-June. We are also looking for coaches, parent helpers and refs, so be sure to spread the word. Registration closes on March 15th.

The 2024-25 Indoor Season will be wrapping up on March 15th with our annual Year-End Tournament hosted by Pilot Butte. It's been a great season! Thanks to our volunteer coaches, team players and supportive fans!

Balgonie Soccer is run by a board of local soccer parents and we are looking for a few new members to fill soon-to-be vacant positions. Please contact us at <u>balgoniesoccer@gmail.com</u> if you are interested in volunteering on the Balgonie Soccer Board.

Balgonie 50+ Club

Greetings! There is a meeting for members on March 3rd and a member supper on March 19th. 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 306-539-5447.

To book the 50+ Club, please contact Margaret at 306-771-4230.

BALGONIE PICKLEBALL CLUB

WHO? Balgonie and area residents (18 and up)

WHAT? The most popular court activity for adults in Saskatchewan

WHERE? Balgonie Elementary School

WHEN? Thursdays - 7:00 to 9:00 pm

WHY? Because it is a lot of FUN, and a great way to make new friends!

For any information, contact Monti at 306-771-4393.



REGISTER NOW

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RECREATION NEWS

BALGONIE CURLING CLUB!

The curling season is coming to a close and the rink will be closing after the first weekend in April. The club has held some great bonspiels and have put on some successful fundraisers! Their windup is on April 5th!

HOCKEY NEWS!

POOL NEWS!

floor of the pool!

With winter coming to an end, this means playoffs for hockey and ringette is in full swing. This time of year is what all sports players work hard for to try and win championships. Good luck to all players - play hard, and let's bring home some banners!

ARENA NEWS!

Sask Hockey will be hosting female U18 Sask 1st tournament at the Balgonie Arena on Friday April 11th, 12th and 13th. The months of April, May, June and July the arena will be in full use with the Regina Ball Hockey League.

Be sure to check out Men's and Ladies Provincial Broomball at the arena February 28th, March 1st and 2nd.

The new pool is coming along nicely with all of the filters and pumps now installed. All lockers have been installed. Flooring epoxy and stalls for washrooms are next on the list. Here's hoping for an early spring so the contractors can complete the cement work and the



* 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!



By Shaun McBain



Are you ready to BATTLE? Ladies Night Presents

WHEN May 3 2025 Doors open @ 7pm Battle begins @ 8 pm

WHERE BALGONIE MULTI-PLEX

TARA

\$50 Tickets

Grand Prize for Winning Table

ALL PROCEEDS to the NEW BALGONIE SWIMMING POOL-OPENING SUMMER OF 202

Cash bar X NO ATM on site X 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

🔭 <u>Please do not drink & drive, plan a safe ride home</u>





Online Service Requests

The Town of Balgonie is now offering the option to submit an "Online Service Request" for our Staff to attend to at their earliest convenience.



Here are some examples of the Service Requests you can submit online.



Broken Garbage Bin

Request to have your Garbage, Recycling or Compost bin replaced.



Water Meter Reading

Submit your Water Meter Reading.



Water Leak

Notice a water leak within your home, property or streets.



Interested in building a house, garage, or shed on your property.



Why Choose Online?

The Town of Balgonie encourages residents to submit requests to ensure we are serving our community to the best of our ability.

- Easy to submit
- Easy to track progress

Reminders are sent to the Town Office, so a request is never missed.

www.townofbalgonie.ca



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Town of Balgonie

WE ARE **HIRING**

3 Summer Student Positions in the Maintenance Department

- High School and University students are welcome to apply
- Must have a valid driver's license
- Deadline to apply is March 28th, 2025

If interested, send your resume to :

PO Box 310



shaun.mcbain@balgonie.ca



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TO THE ORDER OF TOWN of Balgonie

Twenty-Five Thousand



THANK YOU

Replace outdoor pool

The Town of Balgonie Council and Staff would like to thank Richardson Pioneer for their generous donation toward our new Swimming Pool!

January 1, 2025

\$25,000

This project is extremely important to Balgonie and our surrounding communities, and without donations like this, this project would not be possible!

L-R: Heidi Lang, Karen Craigie, Terry McMillan, Shaun McBain, Brody Beckstrand & Shari Hudon



Town of Balgonie

WE ARE HIRING!

Lifeguards & Instructors!

Applications are now being accepted by the Town of Balgonie for full-time and part-time lifeguard and instructor positions.

QUALIFICATIONS

- National Lifeguard
- Bronze Cross
- First Aid and CPR-C
- Swim for Life Instructor

Other beneficial certifications:

- Pool Operator's Certificate
- Lifesaving Instructor

DUTIES

- General Lifeguarding duties (supervision and safety of all pool patrons)
- Administer emergency procedures, enforce aquatic safety policies and facility operating policies
- Instruct Lifesaving Society's Swim for Life Swimming Lesson Program
- Maintain a positive attitude with public and staff
- Pool maintenance and cleaning

Deadline to apply is March 28th, 2025.

If interested, send a resume, cover letter and copies of all current qualifications to:

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poolmanager@balgonie.ca



Town of Balgonie Box 310

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT Margaret Kiel

What groups do you currently volunteer with?

I currently volunteer with the 50+ Club, St. Joseph Cemetery, Balgonie Elementary, St. Joseph Parish and Finance Councils.

What groups have you volunteered with previously?

I have volunteered with the Balgonie Dinner Theatre, Balgonie Community Club, Balgonie History Book, Girl Guides, Bed Derby, Winter Festival, Blooming Balgonie, Greenall High School, Multiplex, Skating and Curling Rinks.

How long have you been volunteering?

I have been volunteering for over 60 years and look forward to many more!

What do you enjoy most about your volunteer work?

The opportunity to lend a hand and to use my knowledge, experience, time and skills to make a positive difference. And getting to enjoy friends and meet new ones along the way.

What motivates you to stay involved?

I believe volunteering contributes to a strong and vibrant community. And I like being able to be a person who has a positive influence on the community of Balgonie and its residents by sharing generosity, a caring attitude and service.

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

Enjoying the trees and landscapes in our community – over the decades I have had a hand in in the process of planning, planting and caring for a great many of them.

How do you inspire others to give of themselves?

To show an appreciation for one another. My parents raised us by example to reach out and care for others in whatever way possible. Doing so is extremely important to me and volunteering is a key part of my lifetime achievements.

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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!

BALGONIE CURLING CLUB Windup Spiel + Festivities

WINDUP - APRIL 5 2025 @ 7PM

Join us in the lounge to celebrate another season of curling!

League winners will be announced along with Raffle prizes!

SPIEL - APRIL 4-5 2025

SPIEL WILL BE PLAYED IN A SKINS FORMAT

- \$160 per team
- 4 person teams
- 6 end
- 3 game guarantee

Text or Call Blake @ 306-540-9699 to register

IRONMAN TO START AROUND 7:45 ON APRIL 5

- \$20 per team
- Single person teams
- 4 rocks, 4 ends, no sweeping

Text or Call Blake @ 306-540-9699to register



Join us all weekend to clean out the cooler and play the last games of the season!

We hope to see you there!





Saturday April 12, 2025

Greenall High School Gym

Solo & Duet Performances: 10:00am-11:30am

Group Performances:

1:00pm-3:00pm

No pre-purchased tickets required. Cash admission at the door for the group recital (solo & duet recital is free of charge). Doors open up 45 minutes before the show starts. Flowers for purchase for your favorite dancer!



SUPPORT OUR POOL WITH YOUR DONATION



HERE IS THE PLAN: The proposed pool components.

HERE IS THE GOAL:

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

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HERE IS WHERE WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

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.



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

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!

> BE A SPONSOR!!! OR DONATE!!!

regard to how you can donate! All contributions made over \$20 will be eligible for a Charitable Donation Receipt.

Please contact us at general@balgonie.ca or 306-771-2284 for more information with

March 2025

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL LIBRARY IOT THE LIBRARY YOU REMEMBER

Balgonie Public Library Program & Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Library Hours: Monday 2:30 - Tuesday 2:30 - Wednesday 9:00 -	- 7:00 Fri	ursday 2:30 - 7:00 day I:00 - 5:00 & Sun Closed				
2	3 Lego STEM Club 3:45 - 4:45 PM	4	5 Preschool Story Time 10:00 AM Puzzles & Tea 2:00 PM Games Club 3:30 PM	6 Adult Lego 6:00 - 7:00 PM	7	8
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Preschool Story Time and Mom & Tot

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



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

For more information on these programs, call 306.771.2332. Ø 🕜 🖸 WWW.SOUTHEASTLIBRARY.CA



Lego STEM Club

Mondays @ 3:45 PM March 3, 10, 17 & 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 March 6, 13, 20 & 27

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







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



PressReader Newspapers & magazines

Kanopy - Stream movies via mobile devices & TVs

This service is FREE and easy to use! Sign up for the notifications that matter to YOU!

Voyent Alert sends out reminders for:

- Waste/Compost/Recycling bin pick up
- Loraas Disposal Bin delivery at the Transfer Station

Voyent Alert sends out notices for:

- When utility bills and tax notices are sent out
- Interruptions to Town Facilities
- Public Hearings

Voyent Alert sends out URGENT notices for:

- Road closures/updates
- Water or Sewer disruptions/updates
- Fire Bans

Town of

Balgonie



Download and install the Voyent Alert! app from the Apple or Google Play app store on your phone.

Email, Phone or SMS Users: Register online to receive email, voice or text-based alerts: https://voyent-alert.com/community/#registration

The residents of Heritage Court would like to extend sincere thanks to the following people for their kindness and gifts throughout the past year:

- Lisa Yanko and family for the numerous goodie bags
- Meegan Halwas for the jars of homemade soup
- Sheldon Forseth for the many times he shoveled out our cars
- Matt McDonald for snow blowing
- Grades 1 and 5 from Balgonie Elementary School for coming to sing Christmas carols even though it was very cold!

Your kindness to us is so very much appreciated. Thank you

Many thanks!

A big thank you to the Balgonie Volunteer Fire Department for their quick and efficient response in February when I slipped and fell on my driveway. Their aid is very much appreciated and I am thankful for them in our community.

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Thanks also to my family who helped that day and in my recovery since then and to my neighbors for taking care of my dogs.

- Barb Wilson

Town of Balgonie

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 2025 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 – February 28 to April 29, 2025.

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 the property assessment is required to file a Notice of Appeal, accompanied by a fee of \$250.00 for each assessment being appealed, which amount will be returned if the appeal is successful, with:

The Secretary of the Board of Revision c/o Jeannie Devers, Town of Pilot Butte, Box 275, Pilot Butte, SK S0G 3Z0 by the 29th day of April, 2025.

Dated this February 28, 2025. Karen Craigie, Assessor Town of Balgonie Box 310 Balgonie, Sask. SOG 0E0

REVALUATION 2025

Provincial legislation requires all properties in Saskatchewan to be revalued once every four years. For this 2025 Revaluation, the base date used for assessment values is January 1, 2023. This ensures assessed values are more current, as property values change over time.

One of the key considerations in a revaluation is the province-wide property classes and percentages of value that are applied to assessed values in order to calculate taxable assessments.

WHAT IS PROPERTY ASSESSMENT?

Assessment is the value placed on a property. This value is used to determine how much property tax you pay. Tax assessment, or assessment, is the job of **determining the value**, and sometimes **determining the use of property**, usually to calculate a property tax. The Town of Balgonie hires S.A.M.A. (Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency) to perform the assessments each year. If you have made changes to your property on any given year, i.e., a new home, a new deck, new basement development, or building a new accessory building, your property will be reassessed.

OPEN ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Assessment Roll is a document that lists the assessments for all properties in Balgonie. It can be viewed at the Town office when the roll is open or you can sign up for SAMAView (instructions to sign up for SAMAView are also enclosed). This method will allow you, the property owner, to view your own property assessment or properties in and around your area. The Town of Balgonie's Assessment Roll will be open from February 28, 2025 until April 29, 2025. During a revaluation year, the Roll stays open for 60 days.

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT

The Detailed Property Profile sheet enclosed, breaks down how your property was assessed. Please look at the Profile sheet and ensure there are no errors in the information. See the list of Abbreviations for the Profile Report on the back of the SAMAView instruction sheets.

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		SFR1		1930	1943	954	36.0 X 21 12.0	.0 + 8.0 X	12.0 + 2.5 X 12.0 + 6.0 X		
		SFR1		1988	1943	288	12.0 X 24	.0			
		BMT		1953	1943	852	36.0 X 21	.0 + 8.0 X	12.0		
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Does thi	s shed still exist? 🔪	SHED		1930	1943	280	14.0 X 20	.0			
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See the sample excerpt from a Detailed Property Profile on the next page:

PREPARING THE NOTICE OF APPEAL FORM

If you see an error in your Property Report, 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. So, in the <u>sample</u> excerpt above, you have noticed that the Shed built in 1930 should be removed from the assessment. The appeal form should state that "the shed from 1930 must be removed". Appeals can be as simple as proving that the dimensions or measurements on a deck or building are incorrect, 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. It is your responsibility to make a case to the Board of Revision. Phrases such as "assessment is too high" or "assessment is too low" are **NOT** sufficient.

REGULAR ASSESSMENT APPEALS OR SIMPLIFIED ASSESSMENT APPEALS?

When making regular or simplified assessment appeals, the Notice of Appeal form must be fully completed. <u>Regular appeal</u> – the appellant must provide specific written grounds supporting the appeal when submitting it to the Secretary before the hearing. <u>Simplified appeal</u> - 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.

Assessment appeals fees are \$250.00 per appeal. If the appellant is successful in their appeal, the \$250.00 appeal fee will be refunded.

CAN I BASE MY APPEAL ON THE FACT THAT I FEEL MY <u>TAXES</u> 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 the Town of Balgonie - phone 306-771-2284. You can also call S.A.M.A. (Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency) - phone 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-yourproperty-assessment

Detailed Property Report Abbreviations

MN – Maintenance – The time in which can change the municipal roll as director by the administrator.

RS - Reinspection - When we re-inspect all properties an entire municipality.

RV – Revaluation – Market Analysis is completed once every four years in an attempt to maintain valuations at market value.

AP – Appeal – When an individual has an issue with the valuation of their property.

SOV – Support of Value – New term for an appeal.

AFO - Assessed From Outside - When a property is assessed from the exterior of the building.

T - Taxable

E – Exempt – A property is assessed but the owner is exempt from paying taxes.

P-Provincial Grant In-Lieu – A property is assessed but the Province is exempt from paying taxes.

F - Federal Grant In-Lieu – A property is assessed but the federal government is exempt from paying taxes.

V5 – Inspection Report – Even though the name has changed it is still commonly called a V5.

M&S - Marshall & Swift - The valuation guide we use to determine value for commercial properties.

OFD - One Family Dwelling - A typical house in which one family can reside.

SFR - Single Family Residence - A typical house in which one family can reside.

BSMTRM - Basement Finish - The area in a basement that has two of the following three things completed:

(1) Floors (2) Ceiling (3) Walls

Assumed to be 75% if you are unable to physically inspect property.

ATT_GAR – Attached Garage – A garage that is physically attached to the house.

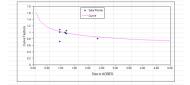
DET_GAR - Detached Garage - A garage that is not physically attached to the house.

BINGAR – Built-In Garage – A garage that is built into the house. Usually has living space above.

MAF – Market Adjustment Factor – A factor determined by market analysis to offset the cost of construction to reflect current market value for an area.

LSM – Land Size Multiplier – The decreasing amount an individual is willing to pay per additional sq.ft. as a parcel gets larger.

Adjusted LSM - All properties above and below the standard size have an adjustment made to their \$/sq.ft.



Non-Adjusted LSM - Only properties above the standard size have an adjustment to their \$/sq.ft.

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ISC – Information Services Company – The company in Saskatchewan in charge of maintaining property ownership records. (commonly referred to as the old name for Land Titles)

MF – Multi-Family Dwelling – A property built to house more than one family.

SC - Summer Cottage - A property located at a summer resort community. Generally built lower in quality.

MH – Mobile Home

MHPOR – Mobile Home Porch

MHEXT – Mobile Home Extension **CP** - Carport

L-T – Lean-To

BZWY - Breezeway

OV – Open Veranda

DUP - Duplex

ROWHSE - Rowhouse

SPENC – Swimming Pool Enclosure

ELEBMT – Elevated Basement – A basement that is set partially out of the ground.

POR_CV – Porch or Closed Veranda

SOL - Solarium

SAMAView – Creating a Public User Account

- 1. Enter https://mysama.ca/account/login in your browser address bar.
- 2. Click on "Don't have an account? Sign up now", located below Sign Up.
- 3. Click on Public User. Commercial users (Private appraisers, banks, businesses, and realtors) must sign up for an Organization account.
- 4. Complete all Sign Up fields, click on I'm Not A Robot, then click the button "✓ Sign up."
- 5. You will immediately receive a verification email from Portal Notification.
- 6. Click "Please click here" to verify your email address.
- 7. You will be taken to the Public User Log In page. Re-enter your email and password, and you are all set to use MySAMA.

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SAMAView for Public Users

- The public user has to signup for a SAMAView account. The account is free.
- The public user receives 25 free credits per revaluation cycle. Credits are only used when requesting a property report.
- SAMAView can be used on mobile devices & computers. Chrome is the recommended browser.
- As with MySAMA, start typing in what you are searching for & *then select it from the drop-down that will appear.*
- Users can search by
 - Assessment id (9 digit number, might be called alternate number on the user's assessment notice).
 - Legal land description, basic & advanced.
 - Condo legal land description.
 - Civic address (not available for all properties).
 - o ISC parcel number.
 - Original quarter (most useful to people whose property was subdivided from a quarter section).
- Users can zoom in or out to view values for neighbouring properties.
- Once the user has selected the property and it appears under Property Results, they can click on General Property Overview to summarize the property's land and/or main buildings. This uses no credits.
- For more information, the user can click on Property Report. This uses a credit.

On the next page are screenshots.

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BALGONIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN!

WILL YOUR CHILD BE 5 YEARS OLD AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025?

Kindergarten is based on the principles of early learning

We believe:

- Children are capable and competent
- Learning and development is holistic
- Environments are stimulating and dynamic
- Relationships are opportunities for learning







CONTACT US TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION Jason Weitzel Principal

jason.weitzel@pvsd.ca

Andrea Moroz Kindergarten Learning Support Teacher

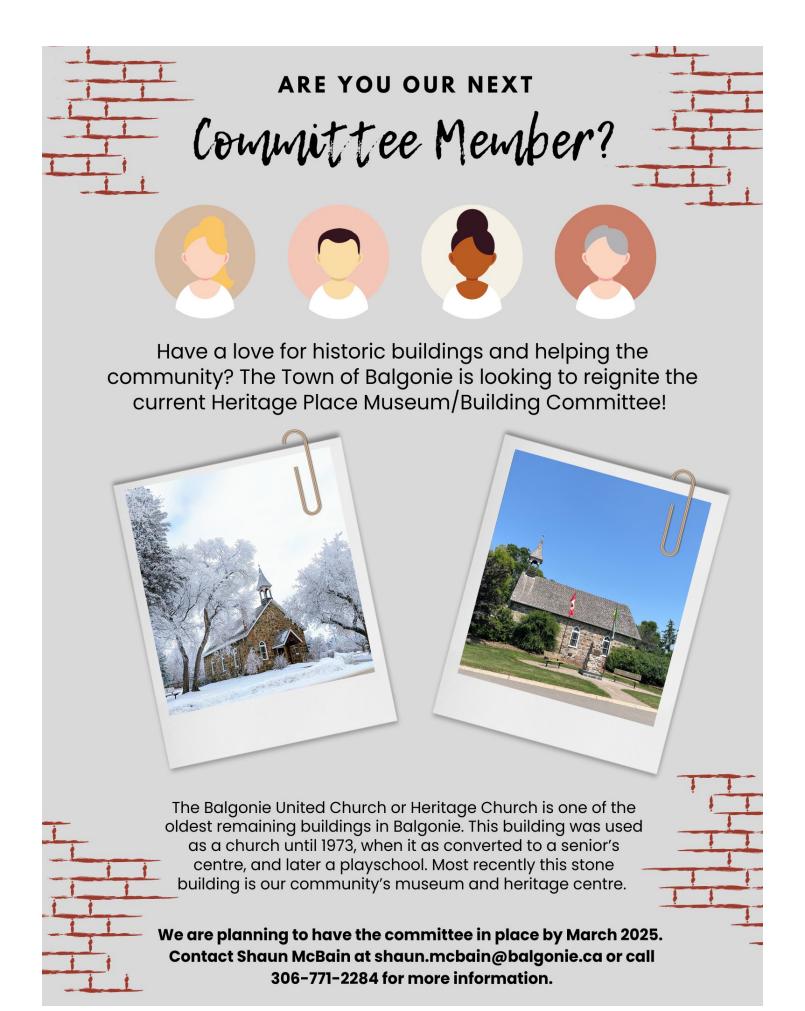
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Balgonie Elementary School Office (for registration forms)

306-771-2345

See You Soon!

Kindergarten student and family orientration will be held in early June. Date and times to be announced.



Join us for Club DJ!

SCHOOL REUNION



ATTENTION! Did you graduate from Greenall in 1975, attend school with the Class of 1975 from Grade 9 through 12 or were you a staff member during this time? If you did, you are cordially invited to gather on May 9th and 10th in Balgonie to celebrate our 50th Reunion!

Please be sure to reach out and share this invitation with former classmates. We will post details on the **Greenall School Students - Where are you now?** Facebook page.

Please contact either Randy Vollman at <u>rvbeleafs@sasktel.net</u>, or Mike Little at <u>lynn.little@sasktel.net</u> or Glenda Hubbard for further details or to assist with our event.

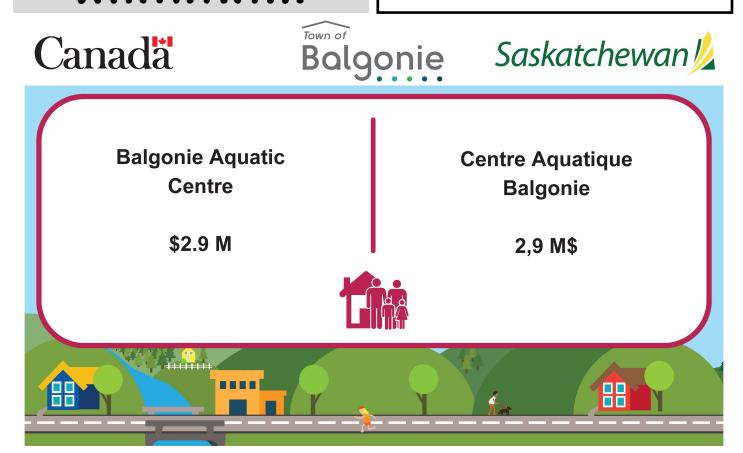


An inter-denominational club designed for kids in kindergarten to Grade 6.

At Club DJ, kids participate in crafts, games, and a bible story time. Each week, children have many way 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 <u>www.balgoniebaptist.org</u> or at the door. For more information, contact: <u>clubdj@balgoniebaptist.org</u>



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

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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 <u>not</u> 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





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Provincial Champs Ready to Defend

Curling has returned to Greenall. This season, the Sr Boys team is looking defend their title as Provincial Champions. We are looking to begin our defense at Regionals at the end of February in Estevan. We have kicked off this season with some great practices already. We would also like to welcome our new players to the team, some who are curling for the first time. It is looking to be a great season of learning and building our skills on the ice. Go Griffins. GreenALL Equity Team & "The Coldest Night of the Year"

Greenall's Equity Team (GreenALL) is participating in the YWCA's Coldest Night of the Year on Saturday, February 22. Together with thousands of Canadians across the country, our team is walking and fundraising to support and serve people and families experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness in our community. If you'd like to help our team reach our goal, please donate using the QR code here.

UPCOMING DATES:

- Feb. 9-16 Staff Appreciation Week
- Feb. 17-21 Winter Break
- April 15-16 PTI





Greenall Hosts "Hoops for Change" The Jr. Boys and Sr. Boys Basketball teams are hosting a fundraiser on Feb. 13th. All the proceeds will go to "Lincoln's Life Mattered Foundation". Attendees were asked to wear a jersey or their mental health T-shirts for support.



Congratulations to Ty Gorniak and Jake Ramm on their commitment to the U of R Rams Football team. Your Greenall Griffin family is proud and excited to watch you continue your football careers!







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Sponsored by the RM of Edenwold and Communiskate



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Skate FRFF until March 26, 2025

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Growing a Cut Flower Garden Paperwhite Flower House Amie Lindenbach

I'll discuss:

- the best varieties for cut flowers,
- where to get them,
- how to grow them including which ones can be direct seeded and which should be started inside early.
- How I start seeds, light requirements and soil blocking, and
- plant spacing and harvesting.

My family and I own a dairy farm by Balgonie. While helping my mom run Vollman Gardens greenhouse through my teens I learned all about growing plants. I now use that knowledge to grow flowers!



Paperwhite Flower House is a u-pick flower farm, offering various flower related workshops throughout the season as well as wedding flower services.

Wed. Mar.12th, 2025, at 7:00 pm Ramada Emerald Park

Everyone Welcome

Visitors drop-in fee \$5.00

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





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:



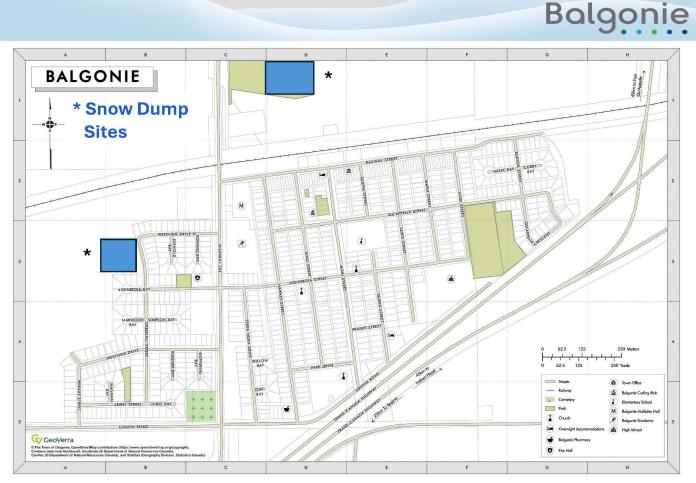
Moving snow from one property to another (ex. a bobcat or guad with blades moving snow across the street to a Town boulevard).

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!

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Join us for 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: <u>pilotbuttearts@gmail.com</u>

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LET'S CREATE

	Art Cl	asses
Bath Bomb Make & Take Session Thursday March 20 6:30pm - 7:45pm Cost: \$49.50		Let's Make Pysanky Beginner - April 1 Intermediate - April 3 7:00pm - 9:45pm Cost: \$36.00
Mitts with Betty Sundays, March 9, 16 & 23 1:00pm - 5:0pm Cost: \$162		Scratch Art Flowers Tuesdays April 8 & 15 6:30pm - 8:00pm Cost: \$36.00
Gemstone Bracelet Tuesday March 25 6:30pm - 8:00pm Cost: \$22.50		Hooking the Prairie's - Intro to Rug Hooking Thursdays, May 15 & 22 6:30pm - 9:00pm Cost: \$72.00
Basket Weaving		Call for Artists/Vendors
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IMPORTANT:Carts must be out by 7a.m. on collection days **2025 Balgonie Collection Calendar**

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