



# Resort Village of Shields Newsletter

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## Message from the Mayor

It seems strange, in a way, to reflect on 2009 at this time. All of us relate the passing of time with nature; however nature has played some tricks on us this year! But, alas, the yard work got done, lawns got cut in November, boats, docks and lifts were retrieved from the Lake, snow fences are up, the Blackstrap Lakers hockey team is back in action . . . Shields is ready for another winter.

Our community is a reflection of the changing environment. Perhaps a little bit through the global warming theory, but more by the changing climate of the economic world around us. As we know, the economic balance is always somewhat 'dizzy'; however change is an uncontrollable evolution, as it always has been. Sometimes we live in a "snap shot of time", however reality dictates that those same snap shots fade with time. I am no different when it comes to remembering 'the good old days'! And we should . . . remember the good old days . . . our learning experience is based upon history, tradition, and mostly curiosity. However, the realization of change, and the ability to see opportunity in change, is the true ability to move forward with the same inherent optimism and vigour that has brought us to where we are today.

This year we welcomed two new members to our Shields' Council. Our neighbours at Thode have an 'all new' Council; Dundurn has three new members on their Council. We work closely with the R.M. Council and the associated Utility Boards for city water supply and waste water management. We have become a regional identity that hosts rural and urban residential development, recreational and cultural development, and provides for shared emergency services (fire, first responders, EMO).

Our maintenance shed will be complete in the coming weeks with the boiler installation for hot water heating, and the remainder of the electrical work. This heated facility will be an asset for equipment storage and a repair site, in addition to having a warm storage space for sand/crusher dust to assist with winter street sanding operations. This major project was funded through the infrastructure grants for 2009, as well as a contribution from an estate fund and the investment of time by many volunteers.

As our old Dodge truck has 'broken down', we have purchased the former Dundurn Town truck. With care, the Ford with larger box and better seats will serve us for many years to come. We have an offer on the old Dodge, so the impact of this change will be minimal.

Construction of the Dundurn & Area Waste Water Utility project is closed for the winter, however completion of the force mains and lift stations are scheduled for Spring. The current property owners in Shields will continue to have the septic truck service; however a local dump station will be located close to the South Lift Pump station. The new sub divisions, to the North and South of Shields will have integrated lines to the waste water infrastructure, with no need for septic truck service.

## Message from the Mayor (Continued)

Upon completion of the project a cost formula will be announced, however positive circumstances indicate that current residents of Shields may see very modest tax increase to cover our costs of this essential service. Our current structure includes \$12,400.00 to Hanley for lagoon access fee, in addition to the hauling costs to get it there. Thus this funding will be re allocated to our new project. Hauling fees should reduce due to the close proximity of the discharge location.

Through regulation from various provincial and federal agencies, we have challenges before us such as Lake access, environmental and public reserve management, bylaw enforcement, zoning regulation, public health policy and adherence (grey lines and drinking water). The administrative challenges are ever changing and most certainly will come back to local governance responsibility and liability.

Whatever the changes and challenges, we live in a community of great spirit and cooperation. We will continue to develop our Parks, Recreation and Culture Board as an important entity in the provision of services to our community. We will continue to work with regional, provincial and federal governments to assist with infrastructure requirements such as a major access road to the South.

As we wrap up 2009, we thank all of the volunteers for their spirit, compassion, energy, and above all, their “care for our community”. If you are able, we invite you to share with us in an “Old Fashion Christmas”

- details in this newsletter.

With true sincerity of the Season – have a warm, safe and healthy Christmas.

*Eldon Mackay*  
*Mayor*

## Christmas Potluck

Come out and join your neighbours  
In celebrating  
Shields Old Fashioned Christmas  
at the December potluck  
Saturday, December 12, 2009



Shields Community Centre  
5:00 Fellowship  
6:00 Pot Luck Supper  
7:00 Santa and his Elves visit with  
Entertainment  
8:00 Hay Ride and Carolling around  
town  
Return to the hall for hot chocolate,  
cider and cookies afterward

*Bring your family and their families and  
grandchildren for this fun evening of  
the way it was back in the day...*

***“Family, Friends, Food, Fun”***

Please email or call Cheryl at  
[crobson@yourlink.ca](mailto:crobson@yourlink.ca) or 492-2250 to  
let her know how many children will be  
attending so Santa has enough treats  
for everyone!!

## A Reminder From Your Administrator

If you have unpaid tax & utility accounts, a  
statement is enclosed.

Please ensure that payment reaches the  
office by Dec 31, 2009 - post dated cheques  
are accepted.

## Electronic Communications

Currently about 40% of the village is  
registered to receive updates and info by  
email. If you would like to be added to this  
list, please contact Jessie @  
[r.v.of.thodeandshields@sasktel.net](mailto:r.v.of.thodeandshields@sasktel.net).

## Grey Water Lines

We have records that show both water  
consumption and septic volumes. During the  
winter months, these two numbers should be  
similar. It is apparent that we have some  
grey water lines in Shields. This practice is  
harmful to the lake and is prohibited by  
legislation. Council would appreciate your  
cooperation in addressing this issue. Failure  
to do so could result in fines under the Public  
Health Act.

## Shields Shuffleboard League January-April 2010

(Submitted by Cheryl Robson)

Anyone interested in organizing the league  
for this coming season please contact  
Dennis or Cheryl asap @ 492-2250 or email  
[crobson@yourlink.ca](mailto:crobson@yourlink.ca).

## Tree Committee Report

(Submitted by Catherine Penner)

The Tree Committee has had 2 very successful work bees this fall, and would like to thank all the volunteers that came out to help. A special thank you to Ron Evans & John Hill for your organizational help, and to Dwayne Douglas & Les Wintringham, without your chain saws we could not have accomplished these jobs. Thank you also to Robert for your help in bringing the Town truck out and hauling away all the wood. We have cleaned up the Hedge along the Western boundary of the playground, with a bit of brush clearing in the Spring, the Town mower should be able to keep the grass cut right back to the original tree line, thus removing a large "Tic Haven".

We also have a good start on the cleanup of the ravine in Outlaw's Ravine, this will be an on-going project for next year, and will take a lot of volunteer hours to accomplish. We look forward to this area becoming a new area of enjoyment in the future.

If you have any areas of concern or suggestions related to Trees and Parks, please let Jesse know and we will try to address them.

## Loraas Disposal Services Ltd. Prohibited Items Advisory

Loraas Disposal Services wishes to advise all our valued customers that, due to landfill engineering considerations and Ministry of Environment regulations, certain items are not permitted in waste containers we service. Prohibited items include (but are not limited to):

- Hazardous wastes of any kind: pesticides, chemicals which are radioactive, reactive, toxic, ignitable, corrosive, pathological, acidic, etc., or any waste which is otherwise listed as hazardous or toxic substance (as defined by Municipal, Provincial or Federal laws or regulations)
- Any liquid paints and solvents (dried material and empty cans are ok)
- Used oil, liquid wastes and sludges generally
- Acid filled automotive batteries
- Propane tanks
- Refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment (refrigerant must be properly removed and item tagged)
- Rubber tires (these can be recycled at Sher-com industries)
- Any wood products treated with creosote (telephone poles, wooden pilings, Railroad ties, etc.)

For some other items (eg. Animal carcasses, roofing material, wire, waste asbestos) special handling procedures and landfill rates apply – if in doubt please contact us for a quotation.

Our hope is that by reminding you of these restrictions in advance we can avoid inconvenience to our customers.

## FOUND

A two piece wind suit was found in the area of the recycling shed. If it is yours please contact Norma Evans at 492-4943.

## MANY THANKS....

(Submitted by Dennis Robson)

A huge **Thank you** goes out to all those "Busy Bee's" that helped with Cleaning B at the hall on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The Hall is ready to go for another year.

(Submitted by Dennis & Cheryl Robson)

Dennis and I, and our families would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone who participated in the recent fundraiser to help us with expenses for the upcoming Stem Cell Transplant that I require in Seattle, Washington. We find comfort in knowing that our family, friends and community are supportive at a time like this. Also I would like to send out a *Special* thank you to my daughter Vanessa, Alice Mackay and Pat Jarvis for their love and support helping us through this difficult time.

## Hall Rates

*Resident* - \$125.00

Booking fee of \$60.00 (non-refundable and will be applied to rental) with a \$125.00 damage deposit.

*Non-Resident* - \$200.00

Booking fee of 100.00 (non-refundable and will be applied to rental) with a \$200.00 damage deposit.

The booking fee has to be paid at time of booking to hold the date. We are getting very busy already, so book early!

Contact Cheryl Robson to book hall @ 492-2250 or [crobson@yourlink.ca](mailto:crobson@yourlink.ca)

## Council Meetings

Regular Council Meeting will continue to take place on the third Monday of each month beginning at 7:30 pm in 2010.

## Council Members

Mayor: Eldon Mackay – 492-4639

Deputy Mayor: Dwayne Heidt – 492-2218

Councillor: Myra Potter – 492-2283

Councillor: Dennis R. Robson – 492-2250

Councillor: Teresa Waldal – 492-4989

## Village Administrator

Jessie Williams - 492-2259

*Mayor Eldon Mackay, Councillors Dwayne Heidt, Myra Potter, Dennis Robson, Teresa Waldal and Village Administrator Jessie Williams extend their best wishes to you and yours for a Warm and Wonderful Holiday Season and a Prosperous and Happy New Year!*



*May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through!*