



# Resort Village of Shields Spring Newsletter

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## Message from the Mayor

*The tarps are off the greens, the lake ice begins to take on the gray hue, the birds are singing; indeed the winter clean up has begun. The Spirit of Spring has arrived at our village.*

- Our annual budget is ready for presentation at our May Information meeting. The effort of community Councils and direction of the Provincial Government has given considerable return to local governments for infrastructure investment. The reduction in the school tax portion of our property tax has also contributed to much needed funds required to operate communities. **2009 will be another year of holding the mill rate and base tax without change, and also keeping the 15% discount for early payment.**
- Our provincial infrastructure grant will contribute significantly to the construction of a maintenance building for our community.
- Work with the RM of Dundurn on dust control of the main road (junction Waters to South McCrimmon exit/entrance) will begin late May or early June.
- Negotiations are almost complete and soon the development work will begin on the annexed property West of the Golf Course, 27 lots will soon be released from community planning.
- Community planning is in the final approval stage for the 32 lots on the property South of the current village.
- The Dundurn & Area Waste Water Utility has begun the geotechnical work and surveys for the lagoon, force mains, and lift stations. Grant money is approved, financing is approved and tender advertisement will be sent out within days. This project provides a solution to Shields waste water issues.
- The Dundurn Rural Water Utility has a grant application in place which will assist Hanley, Dundurn, CFB Dundurn, Provincial Park, and all South Corman Park communities in obtaining a potable water source, as we currently enjoy. This project, with or without grant funding is ready to go to detailed design stage and tendering process.
- Shields development permit applications thus far this year indicate to us that residents in this community have active building plans.
- A grant application is in place for upgrade of our South Access road, this project is grant sensitive, we remain hopeful.
- ATV trespass and abuse of local farmers' fields has become an issue, we support police and the RM in suggesting in a TIPS/Crime Stoppers program.

We hope to see as many as possible for breakfast on May 16 from 8:30 to 10:30. Our annual information meeting will begin at 11:00 am.

Have a safe and healthy Spring.

*Eldon Mackay*

## Annual Information Meeting

The Annual Information Meeting will be held in the Shields Community Center on Saturday, May 16. A pancake breakfast will take place from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. The meeting will follow at 11:00 sharp. Please plan to attend.

## Boating Safety Course

New laws require **all** operators of powerboats to have a Pleasure Craft Operator (PCO) Card as of September 15, 2009. The Council of Shields is hosting a Boating Safety Course at:

Shields Community Centre  
Wednesday, May 27 from  
6:30 – 10:00 p.m.

The cost is \$55 per person. To register please contact Myra Potter at 492-2283 or email at [mpotter@yourlink.ca](mailto:mpotter@yourlink.ca)

## Important Reminders from Council

**ATVs** - In the Resort Village of Shields you must be at least 16 years old, have a valid driver's licence and be wearing a helmet in order to drive an ATV. It has been reported that we have had young children driving ATVs in the Village and on the land around the Village. If you have children under age 16 driving ATV's please ensure that this does not continue. All incidents will be reported to the RCMP. Thank you for your cooperation in this very serious matter.

**Parks and Trees** - Please note that all trees not on your property are under the jurisdiction of the Resort Village. If you have a tree/bush that you want to remove and you are not sure if it is on your property, please contact someone from the Parks and Tree Committee and/or Jessie. All tree branches and related products can be hauled to the dump in Dundurn at no charge. We **do not** have a dumping area in the Village. If you have bigger trees there is always someone who will take the wood for their fire pit – you just have to ask around.

**Pets** - Please make sure you are picking up after your pets and that your dog is under your care and control at all times. Not everyone knows how friendly "Fido" is and some people may get nervous. Everyone has the right to walk around our beautiful Village and feel safe. Thank you all.

**Trailer Storage:** There are two hardtop Bonair trailers parked in the Boat House lots area; one has no plates and one has plates from 2004. This is not a long term storage area – it is a seasonal only storage area.

Both these trailers must be removed immediately or the RCMP will be contacted and they will be towed away at the owners expense. If you have any questions and or concerns about appropriate parking in this area please feel free to call Dwayne Heidt at 492-2218.

Thank you for your attention to the above matters.

## Golf Committee

(Submitted by Murray McArthur)

**Survey:** Your golf committee would like to know where you would like to see improvements made to the golf course. Watch for the survey to be passed out at the annual information meeting.



### The “Spirit of Shields” Calendar Contest:

Send in your favorite past or present photo taken within the town site of Shields (one entry per person please). The Parks and Recreation Board will choose their favorite twelve which will be made into the "Spirit of Shields" calendar for 2010. Calendars will be ready for sale for Christmas gift giving. Please email your photo to [mgmcarthur@hotmail.com](mailto:mgmcarthur@hotmail.com) anytime before October 15/09. Order forms to purchase calendars will be available before then. Please contact Lynn McArthur for more information at 492-2171. With your “Spirit of Shields” participation we can look forward to this being an annual contest.

### Golf Fees:

- Adult Pass (age 16 & over): \$100
  - Child Pass (age 10 - 15): \$25
  - Family Pass: \$225
  - Day Adult: \$10
  - Day Child: \$5
  - 5 pack day pass: \$35
- Annual Passes will be available at the Information Meeting on May 16.*

### “Spirit of Shields” Clothing (Playground Committee Fundraiser)

If you haven't already purchased your Shields fleece, t-shirt, or golf shirt get them while they last. *Sales days:*

- Sunday, May 3 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Community Center
- Wednesday, May 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Community Center
- Saturday, May 16 at the Breakfast / Information Meeting from 8:30 am to 11:00 am

## Election Year

This is an election Year. Nominations will take place in June with the election in July. Nomination forms are available from Jessie.

## Community 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)

## **Learn How to Line Dance with Susan Hiller**

(Submitted by Susan Hiller)

Starting May 5th at Shields Community Centre:

All ages, any sex  
Tuesday nights and Thursday mornings  
Tuesdays: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Thursdays: 10 - 11 a.m.  
Donation at the door

Everyone will be a beginner so come out and have fun

## **Blackstrap Art Studio Tour**

(Submitted by Norma Edmunds)

The annual Blackstrap Art Studio Tour is slated for Saturday, May 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 31 from 12 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. You are invited to stop at the Dundurn Museum or Agar's Corner to pick up a brochure or check the listings posted, then follow the Orange Wagon Wheel signs that depict the self-drive tour of Art and Craft studios in the Blackstrap area. At numerous locations along the way you will discover glass blowers, metal sculptors, writers, painters, wildlife artists, potters, photographers and much, much more. For further information contact Joan at 492-4665 or Harry at 492-4747.

### **Council Members**

Mayor: Eldon Mackay – 492-4639  
Deputy Mayor: Dwayne Heidt – 492-2218  
Councillor: Phil Sarich – 492-4660  
Councillor: Pat Jarvis – 492-2511  
Councillor: Myra Potter – 492-2283