



# Resort Village of Shields Fall Newsletter

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## Message from the Mayor

Autumn has come upon us in a most unusual way this year – we have shared the event together, perhaps with the same query: “what happened?”. Alas, the hot, dry weather was a welcome finale to a cool summer; reports of a bountiful harvest, record breaking heat and no Federal Election, at least for the moment!

2009 is a record year for our community – building permits, value of construction, infrastructure improvements, new families/ owners . . . the Spirit of Shields continues to grow. Congratulations to those creative people doing wonderful work to accent their property. Welcome to those of you who are new to our village and please accept this as an invitation to attend Pot Lucks and other social events that take place here.

Soon we will have our new maintenance shed located near the pump house, and with that completed, we will be making improvements to the shelter belt in the same area.

The South property development is in the final stage of approval. We are anxious to have the lot pins in place so that the interested future owners will begin to select their choices. The roadway will be developed as weather and approvals permit. Council will then assess the final cost estimates for this area and determine the lot prices and means by which the lots will be sold. The North property, Thiessen annexation is awaiting community planning approvals as well.

There are issues that require property owner attention in this newsletter:

- our roadways – for safety and for drainage requirements
- our lake front – MOE Compliance officials will enforce shoreline infractions
- waste water disposal records and inspections – apparently there are gray lines

Our Golf Course, Community Center and Playground committee groups have had a very good year. ***By the way have you purchased your ‘Spirit of Shields’ clothing items yet?*** The Beach Committee has been very active and has a report contained herein. Mr. Evans has acquired assistance with his recycling and compost projects.

I trust that the good will and intentions of your Council will be met with understanding and patience, as we move forward with solid growth and cooperation.

Please enjoy this Thanksgiving Season and rejoice in our good friends and community.

Sincerely,

*Eldon Mackay*  
Mayor

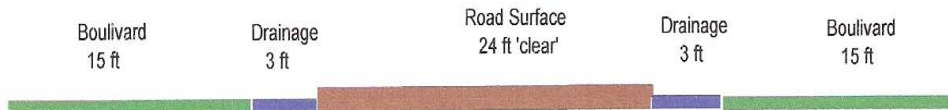
## Roadway Clearance Requirements

### Roadway Clearance Requirements - R.V. of Shields

- \* there is a need to maintain 24 feet of clear road surface at all times
  - \* no parking on this surface in a way that impedes traffic
  - \* drainage area (ditch) must be kept clear at all times
  - \* boulevard area is an area for off street parking
  - \* boulevard area 'encroachment' requires a development permit- approved by Council
- \* there will be noted 'exceptions' particularly with second row properties where the embankment needs to be secure however, any exceptions, in this case, must not extend beyond 15 feet from property line.
- \* in the case of the above noted exceptions - there can not be parking allowed along such 'encroachment'

The Council, or appointee, will assume the duties of communicating the need for this requirement, as it is for the safety and security of property owners in the village. Enforcement of this requirement is necessary to maintain right of access for public use and, more importantly, for the rapid, unobstructed passage of emergency vehicles, school buses, and other service/emergency requirements.

If there are questions with regard to location of property pins along the main roadways of the village, please contact 492 2259.



This schematic may help in the visualization of the intent of our concern.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in protecting our roadways.

The roadways within the village have attracted our attention with extremes regarding encroachment. The schematic included above describes what we must insist to be a minimum requirement. The encroachment upon the roadways has created drainage issues which affect the structure and soundness of the roadway and furthermore, safety issues have arisen wherein passage is severely reduced. Long term parking of trailers, recreational vehicles, and other items is not allowed on the roadways. Strict adherence to our bylaws will become more evident.

## Special Request Regarding Water Meter Reader Pads

We have too many reader pads that are not yet installed. Robert will identify the owners and we will send individual reminders that these are necessary to have installed. Failure to have these in place by next reading will result in a maintenance fee charge.

### **Irrigation Water & Seasonal Meters**

The irrigation water will be turned off Saturday, October 10 at 5:00 p.m. Seasonal meters will be removed on October 15. Please call Robert if you are done with your seasonal meter and would like it removed prior to that.

### **Gray Water Lines**

If you currently have gray water lines please deal with them promptly as SaskHealth will be checking in the near future. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Shoreline Protection**

The Ministry of Environment (MOE) will be actively starting to address shoreline protection on Blackstrap Lake.

They have started the process this fall with a picture inventory and will be following up in the spring with a physical inventory. At that time they will be contacting any folks who have articles on the foreshore that are not permitted, as well as more carefully monitoring of shoreline alterations.

The area MOE is responsible for is the area from the edge of the public or municipal reserve to the water. The areas above this are the public and municipal reserves and are administered by local municipal authorities.

The Village of Shields will be taking similar action on the lands that they administer.

### **A Note from our Village Administrator**

Please note the water bills for consumptions and garbage collection from April to October are included with this mailing. If you have not received a bill, please read your meter & forward the number to Jessie at 492-2259.

Also please note that tax penalties are being incurred at 1%/month. If you have outstanding taxes please consult your tax notice for the amount due or call Jessie to confirm. Reminders of all outstanding accounts will be sent out in November.

If you would like to receive your newsletter electronically, please forward your email address to Jessie at [r.v.of.thodeandshields@sasktel.net](mailto:r.v.of.thodeandshields@sasktel.net).

### **Beach Committee Update**

(Submitted by Aileen Gust)

Our hopes of having a beach have finally coming true, thanks to the efforts of the Beach Committee, the Parks and Recreation Board and the Resort Village Councillors. We now have approvals from the Saskatchewan Environment and Rural Municipalities, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and Transport Canada's Navigable Water Protection Program.

We will be hosting a Green space/ Beach information night in the near future- keep your eyes open for signs and dates. In the mean time if you have any questions, please email Aileen at [gustaileen@yahoo.ca](mailto:gustaileen@yahoo.ca) if you have any questions.

## Recycling

(Submitted by Ron Evans)

There are two aspects to our recycling program, cardboard and paper collection and the collection of other material.

Together with the Resort Village of Thode, the R.M. of Dundurn and the Village of Dundurn we provide the cardboard/paper recycling program. Cardboard and paper are to be taken to Dundurn and deposited in the bins north of the fire hall.

Our recycling project here in Shields continues to do well with an increasing amount of material being gathered at the site at the town garage. Between seven and eight hundred dollars is raised in a year from the materials delivered to SARCAN. This covers the cost of recycling, including the cost of handling cardboard and paper.

One problem continues to cause difficulty, one that can easily be solved.

Plastic bags containing a variety of material -bottles, cans, cartons -are left at the site or dumped in one of the containers. The result is that we have a variety of material that must be sorted. Not only does this mean extra work for volunteers it creates the problem of handling broken glass and at times junk that should be in the garbage bin.

We ask, therefore, that you sort your material before you come to the site and place the material in the allotted containers.

- As a reminder we **do** recycle:
  - beer bottles and similar beverage containers
  - plastic beverage and water containers
  - tetra pacs and other juice cartons
  - wine and liquor bottles
  - milk cartons, both and plastic and cardboard

We **do not** recycle:

- household glass-pickle jars, fruit jars, cheese whiz containers
- plastic bags and other plastic containers such as margarine and yogurt containers.

I am pleased to announce that Judy Rathie has become involved with our recycling program. Thank you Judy.

## **Trees & Parks Committee**

(Submitted by *Catherine Penner*)

We have a new committee in place and are looking ahead to continuing to improve the overall appearance of our Village. If you have any concerns or suggestions, we are happy to hear from you. If anyone has trees (movable size) that you wish to donate to trees & parks, please contact Catherine @ 492-2077.

Committee: Jeanette & Daryl Clarke, Rose & John Hill, Judy & Wayne Rathie, Greg & Stacey Olson, John & Catherine Penner  
Advisory Members: Ron & Norma Evans  
Councillor: Denis Robson

## **Pot Luck Suppers**

(Submitted by Judy King)

As we welcome in our beautiful fall season in Saskatchewan our Shields Potluck Suppers are back. The dates are as follows: Oct.17, Nov 21, Dec 12, Jan 16, Feb 20, March 20, and April 17.

Come out and greet your new and old neighbors and enjoy the warm fellowship this great community has to offer. We are looking for your help in making our Saturday night socials a success by taking a turn to host. It's easy and fun - just set up tables and chairs, receive the food and enjoy. You are never alone to clean up, everyone pitches in. Please call Judy King 492-2258 or email [gj.king@sasktel.net](mailto:gj.king@sasktel.net)

## **UNCORKED - Inaugural Wine Festival**

November 28<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 pm Shields Hall  
Advance Tickets - \$20  
Business Casual

Your Chance to Support local recreation initiatives and sample a variety of wines, spirits, and liquors.

Contact Kendra 492-2423 / Rene 221-3038 / Aileen 492-4707 or [shields\\_wine\\_fundraiser@yahoo.ca](mailto:shields_wine_fundraiser@yahoo.ca) for tickets and information.

Proceeds to the Beach/Park Committee and Playground Committee LIMITED TICKET AVAILABLE

Sample Tokens - 50 cents each.

## **Increase In Fire Calls Charges**

Fire calls have increased to \$750 per hour. Please check your home insurance policy to ensure that you have adequate fire fighter coverage.

## **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)

## **Line Dancing**

(Submitted by Susan Hiller)

Line Dancing with Susan Hiller resumes on Wednesdays, 10 - 11am, starting Sept. 30th. Everyone is a beginner, so come down and enjoy yourself.

## **HALLOWEEN DANCE**

Friday October 30, 2009

Shields Hall 8pm

Tickets \$20 advance---25 at the door.

Great music, food and prizes for costumes

All proceeds to the Playground.

Tickets - Judy King..492-2258,

or email [gj.king@sasktel.net](mailto:gj.king@sasktel.net)

### **Change of Time - Council Meetings**

Please note that starting in October, Council meetings will begin at 7:30 pm.

### **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

### **Council Assignments**

#### **Eldon MacKay**

- Finance
- Building Inspector Liaison
- Land Acquisition/Strategic Planning
- DRWU/DAWWU
- Water Systems (2)

#### **Dwayne Heidt**

- Roads/Snow Removal
- Parks & Recreation Board
- Dock Review
- Maintenance Supervision
- BEST (Fire Protection)

#### **Dennis Robson**

- Community Centre
- EMO/Cabin Watch
- Tree Committee
- Unsightly Properties
- Garbage/Recycling

#### **Myra Potter**

- Personnel/Human Resources
- Grant Procurement
- Website
- Newsletter/Public Relations
- RCMP Liaison

#### **Teresa Waldal**

- Parks & Recreation Board
- Golf Committee
- Beach Committee
- Dogs – Animal Control

