



# Resort Village of Shields

## Winter Newsletter

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### Message from the Mayor

As we prepare this newsletter, we are very pleased to report that the final documentation for development of the South Property (32 residential lots) is at Community Planning, thus we are getting ready to announce the means by which we will market the lots.

Many of you have noticed, and called, about the drilling rig that was seen on the property . . . this was not for oil drilling! It was actually the geo technical drill rig for establishing security of soil conditions for excavation for roadways and for home construction in the area. Final map evaluation and negotiations are proceeding with regard to a new road that will become the R.V. of Shields access road. This roadway and new intersection is part of a requirement to establish a new zoning boundary that will define our municipal boundary limits. We are fortunate to be dealing with the Hillcrest Colony and the RM Council in our combined effort to create better and safer roadway access to our village. Work continues with Department of Highways in an effort to upgrade Highway 211.

Through an initiative started with your Shields Council; the R.V. of Thode, Town of Dundurn, and the R.M. of Dundurn are in agreement in the establishment of a Bylaw Enforcement Officer position for our region. Advertising for the position has been completed, interviews will take place in early March and necessary municipal bylaws will be introduced at March council meeting. The person for the position could be in place in April this year. Further information and introduction of the person selected for the position will be forthcoming soon.

There is a notice contained within this newsletter about an important information meeting regarding enforcement of various issues with communities, such as ours, that border lakes. Council representatives have met and have recommended this session be open to all residents of our village as it pertains to Ministry of Environment regulations and enforcement of the use and access to Blackstrap Lake.

Construction will resume on our waste water project within a couple of months. Lift stations will be installed and force mains will be completed. We'll have complete operational details, maps, etc. presented at our annual information meeting in May.

Your Council will be going into the annual budget process once the provincial budget is brought forward. We have a number of ongoing issues relating to roadways, drainage, parks and recreation allocations, etc. that require serious attention, thus our committees have been requested to present their planning statements and budget requests.

Please check our website [www.shields.ca](http://www.shields.ca). It is really coming along nicely. Thank you so much to Myra, Paulette, Alice, and all the others who have contributed documentation and photos. This is a self administered website brought to you by volunteers from our community.

2010 will be a year of much activity in and around our community. We ask for your cooperation with regard to safety and care around work sites and construction crews.

Sincerely,  
*Eldon Mackay*  
Mayor

## **Drinking Water Notice**

Please be advised that the 2009 Drinking Water Quality & Compliance notice has been prepared and is available for inspection at the municipal office or on our website at [www.shields.ca](http://www.shields.ca)

## **Parks & Beach Info**

(Submitted by Aileen Gust)

*"The beach is that-a-way" ... or it will be soon!*

North of Pioneer Point will soon be home to a Community Park and Beach Area. The site will include a sandy beach area large enough to house a volleyball court as well as space for sun tanning and sand castles. The plan also includes a walking trail with several different bushes, trees and groves to meander through as you make your way through. There will be a grassy area for Boche and Frisbee as well several picnic tables set out so that you can relax and bring your friends and family down to spend a great summer day.

This project is been made possible with the help and support of the Shields Council as well as our Beach Committee made up of Aileen Gust (Chair) Kendra Harrison (Secretary) Stacey Olson, John and Rose Hill, Pat Jarvis and Theresa Waldal.

Our most recent fundraiser was a great success as we teamed up with Playground Committee to host "Uncorked" a wine and spirits tasting event. Thanks to Al and Joan for donating some great wine stoppers from their studio. The event was a BLAST and we plan to make it an annual event. There are a few other fundraisers coming up as well. Be sure to come out and show your Shields spirit.

Keep your eyes and ears peeled in the spring as we have contractors ready to roll as soon as we can get a shovel in the ground! There is still a lot of work to do, so if you have some elbow grease to spare, please let the committee know and we can be sure to put you to work!

## **Thank You**

(Submitted by Murray and Lynn McArthur)

Thank you to all who contributed photos and purchased the first edition of the "Spirit of Shields" calendar.

It was a big hit as we had approximately 10 contributors and sold 83 copies. We saved a copy to hang in the community centre.

Thank you also to the Parks and Recreation Board for providing the unbiased photo selection. We have had some suggestions for next year, so watch for information to come in early fall.

**Upcoming Events.....**

**Pot Luck Suppers**

There are only two potluck suppers left for the season - 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. For more information please call Judy King 492-2258 or email [gj.king@sasktel.net](mailto:gj.king@sasktel.net)

**Public Reserve Meeting**

Please plan to attend the Public Reserve Meeting at the Shields Community Centre, Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Details enclosed.

**Volunteer Appreciation Night**

Mark your calendars for April 24 at 7:30 p.m. for our annual Shields Volunteer Appreciation night at the Shields Community Centre. Council would like to show their appreciation to all volunteers past, present and those who would like to volunteer in the future.

**Council Meetings**

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

**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 Pat Jarvis to book hall @ 492-2511 or [patjarvis@sasktel.net](mailto:patjarvis@sasktel.net)

**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