

Resort Village of Shields Summer Newsletter

July 2010

Message from the Mayor

"**Congratulations**" and "Welcome" to the owners of the first lots sold in our South Property. On July 14 we had our initial lot draw for those people who advised that we ought to give first opportunity to local residents. Councils past and present were advised of this wish and it has now been accomplished. The next lot draw, as advertised in the Star Phoenix, will be on July 25th at 4:00 pm. We also welcome the new residents to our community that have recently purchased and moved in.

The first 'village tour' of our Bylaw Enforcement contractor has just occurred. Some of the issues that will receive tickets on the next round include:

Parking on the roadway clearance requirements as previously advertised. Vehicles, trailers (licensed and unlicensed) parked on roadways in excess of 72 hours Angle or 'nose in' parking on streets – bylaw is clear relating to "parallel parking only" Parking on the "wrong" side of the street. Parking in the middle of the road to obstruct the flow of traffic.

The lakeside parks have seen an increase of activity, however vehicle traffic on these and our other parks is injurious to the native grass. Furthermore, the area within 10 meters of the shoreline is "soggy' with all the rain. **Please keep off the parks with your vehicles.**

Nominations for two Council positions are now open. We encourage anyone with an interest in "the Spirit of Shields" to obtain nomination papers from Jessie (Administrator) and file them prior to the By-election deadline.

Infrastructure improvements, proposed in our budget, are slow in taking place due to the extremely wet weather, as all are aware. As conditions permit, we will be proceeding with the planned work. The waste water system, part of the Dundurn & Area Waste Water Utility, is running slightly behind schedule, however the equipment will be seen shortly in the construction of the forcemain on the West boundary and to the Sunterra subdivision.

We thank all of those who have assisted with various tasks in the village to maintain the wonderful assets of our community. The volunteer angels are busy recognizing and fixing the 'little things' that get missed when the weather grants us so little time to get things done.

We appreciate your continued cooperation and assistance.

If you are not aware of the initial work at the Beach Area, please visit the site in order to become familiar with the recreation development area that is evolving at the North end. The beautiful golf course, the community center, and now the beach area are all part of the recreation vision for the future.

On behalf of Council, I wish all a safe and memorable summer – your presence and participation are all part of "The Spirit of Shields".

Sincerely,

Eldon Mackay Mayor

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CANADA DAY

A HUGE Thank you to Pat Jarvis and her team for the fantastic Canada Day Celebration. It was a day of Fun, Food, and Fellowship! Thanks again Pat!

A Note From Pat:

A special note of Thanks to the following for all their help to put on our Canada Day Celebration. Dwayne and Debbie Heidt, Dennis and Cheryl Robson, Ron and Norma Evans, Kendra Harrison, Renee Adams, John Hill, Murray and Lyn McArthur, Jessie Williams, Wayne and Judy Rathie, Kathy and Garry Hovland, Bill Jarvis, Bev Hellman, Noel and Linda Tomlenovich, Joan and Gerry Paproski, Charlotte Garrett, Janette Clarke, Brian Cooke, Aileen and Aaron Martin, Paulette Boehm, and Eldon Mackay.

No big event is possible without many hours of planning and preparation. Our Canada Day was no exception. I so appreciated all of you for willingly stepping up to the plate and saying "Yes, I can". For all the parents and grandparents who supported our efforts by putting a float in the parade and bringing the kids and participating in the games, you made our day. It was great fun! Come again next year to a bigger and better celebration.

** This event was sponsor by your Council and a Grant from Heritage Canada of \$860.

Hazel Campbell & family would like to thank everyone from Shields for all the acts of kindness, words of comfort and sympathy. Your attendance at John's memorial service helped make a difficult time easier.

Thanks dear friends.

Recycle Bin info: We now have a paper/cardboard /tin can bin located beside the recycling depot.

" **A reminder**: Driving is not allowed in Park Areas or Lake Front Areas with Quads or All Terrain Equipment as tires on this equipment rip up the grass. Please remember that these are native grass areas and are sensitive to compaction and root disturbance." Your cooperation is appreciated in advance of Bylaw Enforcement action.

"Dial Before Dig" - We have been having issues this year caused by folks digging without regard for the location of our irrigation water lines. The irrigation system has been shut down due to these actions. Please contact the village office to let us know that you will be digging and perhaps we can avoid an irrigation water shut down and you can avoid a repair bill.

Council has started the process to get our Public Reserves cleaned up. Although we are still waiting for Environment to mark the "take line", we have begun entering into agreements with residents for maintaining their shore lands and appreciate the cooperation from those involved. If you have noticed that a neighbour has moved a shed or other personal property from the Public Reserve, say thanks and do the same. Please remember any action to address the shore areas in front of your property may require a permit for the Ministry of Environment and definitely requires permission from the Resort Village of Shields.