



Resort Village of Shields Spring Newsletter

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Message from the Mayor

On April 17 the RM of Dundurn marked the occasion of their 100th Anniversary in addition to the official opening of their new maintenance facility. Cynthia Block, a Shields resident, was the emcee for the event which featured local talent, the 'whistling' mayor of Dundurn, the Prairie Spirit School Band, and special guests Hon. Lynne Yelich, Hon. Don Morgan, and MLA Greg Brkich. They were led into the event by the bagpipes of Grant Mackay, a Shields resident.

RM of Dundurn : Congratulations on your 100th Anniversary



On behalf of the R.V. of Shields, we presented Reeve Fred Wilson with a limited edition statue of an 'early days' trapper. From the mud banks of the Blackstrap Valley some 42 years ago, our community has prospered within the common framework of the rural municipality. Our continued growth as an urban municipality (Resort Village) in cooperation with the RM of Dundurn will ultimately add to the appeal of our homes in the Blackstrap Region.

As this spring has come upon us quite rapidly, we are fast forwarding a lot of our plans; our 2010 Budget was approved by Council at our April 19th meeting, thus we will begin to implement the improvements. Of particular note, Ministry of Environment will be enforcing some issues dealing with storage of property on Crown Land, particularly on/near the lake shore. Our municipality will require development permits for approved property between the property line and the Crown land, which will be surveyed this spring. We know that this will cause concern for many of us, however please become aware of these issues through this newsletter, our web site, or by calls to our Administrator. We have introduced a new position. Along with the RM, Town and Thode, we have hired a Bylaw Enforcement Officer. We encourage you to come out to our Annual Information meeting to meet Melanie Hinse.

We are pleased to announce that the South Property has officially been granted to us for development through community planning. Council will be meeting soon to make the official plans known, individual titles prepared so that the lots can be 'pinned' and ready for sale.

Please plan to attend our Annual Information Meeting . . . get up to date news and views from your Council and community. There are always a lot of good things happening in and for our community . . . let's have a ball . . . speaking of ball " join Dwayne Heidt and the crew for some fun 'slow pitch' this summer. See you on the May long weekend!

Sincerely,
Eldon Mackay, Mayor

Golf Course

(Submitted by Teresa Waldal)

The Pitts golf course welcomes previous and new season pass holders. The 2010 season is underway and this year the rates are staying the same. There will be benefits for having a season pass. More information will be available at the Annual Information meeting on May 22..



Shields Ball Team

(submitted by Dwayne Heidt)

We are trying to put together a ball team for a few games this year. We will soon announce practice times and then arrange some games against Thode (if they are up to it and can even field a team) and Dundurn (not sure if they even have any good players) Hanley (not sure if they know how to play ball) and Dundurn Base (if they are not too busy training and we know it is not for playing ball)!!

Please keep your ears open for the time when we call "Let's Play Ball". We will make sure everyone who wants to can be involved. Murray McArther has said he wants to coach (not sure about that). We are looking for a sponsor. Approximately \$500 will cover the cost to get approx 30 to 35 T-Shirts with Shields ????? on them.

Please call Dwayne at 492-2218 for information regarding the team and/or sponsoring. Thanks and we will soon see you on the Ball Diamond

Garbage Bins

Over the past few months many garbage bins have been left on the road side of the Village streets. This makes it hard for road grading and general maintenance to the streets. It is also very unsightly to the Village and for your neighbours. Please move garbage bins back to your own property after garbage pickup on Mondays. If they are left on the street after Monday they will be removed and you will loose your garbage bin. Let's keep our Village looking beautiful at all times.

We will have a huge red garbage bin placed at the old Village garage on the May long weekend for residents to use to get rid of household waste that you have collected over the winter.

Please Note: do not put trees, branches, leaves or grass in this bin. Leaves and grass go to the compost site and the trees and branches can go to the dump in Dundurn - free for the residents of the Village. The red bin is *only* for items too big for your own garbage bin. If you are going to put cardboard boxes in the Red Bin please flatten them or, better yet, take them to Dundurn to the recycle bins by the Fire Hall across from the Post Office. We appreciate your co-operation.

A Note from our Village Administrator

Tax Bills

If your tax balance is too much to handle all at once because of the local improvement levy, please feel free to make a partial payment and take advantage of the discount on the municipal & school taxes. The local improvement levy has its own interest built in and as such does not get the discount applied to it. Monthly payments are also acceptable. If you do on line banking, you can send email money transfers directly to shields@xplornet.ca.

Please do not put cheques in my mailbox at the road without calling to advise me.

There's a new Sherriff in town...

Okay, she's actually a Bylaw Enforcement Officer & her name is Melanie Hinse.

Council has engaged her to enforce our municipal bylaws. A sample of what she will be dealing with includes but is not limited to:

- Dog issues - at large, defecation on public lands, barking, etc
- Traffic issues - angle parking on roadways. (Unless your driveway is more than 10 feet in depth from your property line chances are you are illegally parking.
- Noise issues - keep in mind when that late night party gets a little rowdy.
- Nuisance Properties - You can be fined for having a property which requires attention.
- ATV & Golf Cart misuse. You must be 16 with a valid drivers license to operate on our roads.
- Plumbing Code infractions - in conjunction with Public Health, Council may ask her to report any grey water or seasonal line issues.

If you are in compliance with our bylaws you have nothing to worry about. If you see yourself in any of the scenarios listed above - expect a visit.

Summer Irrigation System

The summer irrigation system will be on mid May. It is not in optimal running condition and may not always be available. Please remember that is it NOT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

Annual Information Meeting

Please join us for the Annual Information Meeting on Saturday, May 22. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. The meeting will begin at 10:30. Stay informed on all the “happenings” in your community.

Cell Phone Service Suggestion

(Submitted by Murray & Lynn McArthur)

As many of you know, a new tower was built at Allan in Feb of 2009 and since then we have been picking up that tower instead of the one on the highway, thereby making our cell phone calls long distance. In a recent conversation with Sasktel they suggested we call Sasktel Trouble at 611, select option 4 and ask them to turn the dish on the Dundurn tower towards Shields. If enough of us do that they will redirect the dish for us. They told me if they turn the dish slightly more towards Shields it will no longer be long distance. It's worth a try.

A Note of Thanks...

(submitted by Cheryl Robson)

I think that spring is here and guess what **So Am I!** Yes that's right ! My treatment for my cancer didn't require me to go to Seattle for a transplant after all. After much extensive testing and research done by the doctors in Seattle, their conclusion was not to transplant at this time. I want to let everyone know that the fundraising that was done for the Seattle trip will be put away for a bit in case I still need to go sometime down the road. Thank you so much for your support and well wishes. I will see you around the village this spring and summer for sure!!!

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 Cheryl Robson to book hall @ 492-2250 or email crobson@yourlink.ca

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

Have a safe and happy spring!

