



Resort Village of Shields

Fall Newsletter

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Message from the Mayor

At long last – the sun and warmth, a reprieve from the unaccustomed amount of rainfall and cool. We have been told that we are to accept those things which we cannot change . . . well, not without a battle or a word of profound disdain!

As for the budget plans that Council put in place this past March . . . we may see near completion by . . . ? Well, let's work toward that!

The beginnings of our beach project are in place, albeit without the once planted tree that has fallen victim to perhaps, a careless action by someone being where they ought not to have been. Slowly, but surely, the realization of further recreational development in the area will happen as our Parks & Recreation Board will finalize plans and grant opportunities.

How about that golf course! . . . it has never looked so good . . . a record number of golfers and seasons passes . . . great job !

Seven of the lots in the South Property development are now sold. Due to the extremely wet spring and summer, contractors have been delayed in their schedules; thus the wastewater system installation, potable water installation and roadway will be delayed until the Spring of 2011. As many have noticed, the Sales Office is set up on the property which has created a lot of attention and information distribution. A suggestion has come forward with regard to signage on #11 highway to indicate just where the Resort Village of Shields is . . . watch for the development of this very important image advertising effort that will assist in the community lot marketing profile.

Thanks to the excellent cooperation from Ken Klassen, Les Wintringham, Rene Adam and many volunteers, the advancement of the work required within the village has been achieved. Ken will soon assume the fulltime position as maintenance operations employee. Later this Fall there will be additional upgrades to the maintenance shed in order to provide better storage and service maintenance on village equipment.

As many are aware, there have been a lot of interruptions with our aging irrigation system. More 'preventative' maintenance will be happening this Fall in an attempt to minimize the line breaks experienced. The system will be shut down on Saturday , October 9 – please have your hydrant valves open after the shut down so that lines can be thoroughly evacuated with air pressure.

There is a need to have roadways kept clear for the ongoing grading work. The requirement is for a 24 foot clear passage way – unfortunately, if this is not maintained, bylaw enforcement personnel will issue tickets. Notification will be forthcoming to property owners with regard to unauthorized encroachments affecting our roadways. This is a necessity due to drainage and proper grading. Your cooperation with this request is sincerely appreciated in the interest of keeping our community safe.

Thanks to the 50+ Club for organizing an Octoberfest evening on October 2nd. These types of events give the community the opportunity to get together and celebrate the Spirit of Shields.

Eldon Mackay
Mayor

Council Member Assignments

Each Council member sits on or acts as liaison with the various committees which operate within Shields. The appointments are as follows:

Bev Hellman:

Bylaw Enforcement/Animal Control
Garbage/Recycling
Newsletter
RCMP

Dennis Robson:

Community Center
Golf Committee
Parks and Recreation Board
Tree Committee /Unightly Properties

Kristin Larson:

Personnel / Human Resources
Youth & Family
Community Relations/Strategic Planning
EMO/Cabin Watch
Website

Dwayne Heidt:

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

Eldon MacKay:

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

Thanks to the many volunteers that are on the various committees that support and work with the council members. Your dedication and hard work is very much appreciated and what makes our village so special!

The Spirit of Shields

Water Meter Removal

It is that time of year again when our seasonal friends and neighbours leave for the winter. When you want and need your meter removed for winter storage please call Jessie at 492-2259 or our Village Maintenance man – Ken Klassen at 380-0266 to set up an appointment for meter removal. Please note that Ken will be working the following Saturdays October 2nd, 9th and 16th to make these removals easier for all involved. After these dates Ken will only be available during the week from Monday to Friday – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Seasonal Water (non-potable)

The Village will be turning off the SEASONAL water on Saturday October 9, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. (noon). If the weather turns colder it may be sooner. Once the water has been turned off, please if you can, make sure to leave your turnoff tap in the OPEN position so the water can BACK FLOW to the pump house and hopefully the water will not stay in the lines and we have less freeze ups next spring. (Be sure to turn them off again before the water is turned on next spring☺) If you have any questions please call Dwayne at 492-2218.

Storage Spots

Please note we only have 6 – 8 spots remaining at the Boat House Lot area for people wishing to rent a storage spot for seasonal storage in a gated and locked area at a cost of \$100 annually. The only people with access to this area will be the owners of the boat house lots (no charge to them) and the people who are renting a spot for seasonal storage. All people who own or rent will be given a KEY for entrance to this area. For those renting - this is a storage spot for IN and OUT ITEMS ONLY. i.e. boats, trailers, fish huts - NO PERMANENT storage will be allowed for rental spots. The Village is not responsible for any stolen items and or damage to anything stored in this area. Please call Jessie at 492-2259 to arrange a spot if you are interested. All ITEMS (trailers, fish huts, boats) that do not have a rental spot **MUST be REMOVED by OCTOBER 16, 2010**. If you have any questions please call Dwayne at 492-2218.

Thanks Everyone. Dwayne Heidt

Thank You from the Golf Committee

We would be remiss if we didn't first recognize the work and effort our golf course manager Linda Ellerington puts into our golf course. She seems to have unlimited energy and a passion to make it the best it can be (*the rain gods helped this year*). We would also like to thank all of you who have bought season passes as this has been a record year for these and it makes it much easier to marshal as well as makes the accounting procedure much easier. It also has been a tremendous year for tournaments as ours was a great success as well as we had a record number of others booking our golf course for their tournaments. This is great utilization of this wonderful self sufficient asset the residences of the Resort Village of Shields own. We look forward to another great year next year with your valued participation in one of the best golf deals anywhere.

On behalf of your golf committee a great big thank you to all of you.

Murray McArthur (Golf Committee Chairman)

New to Shields – Youth & Family Committee

The Resort Village of Shields is leading again!! We are going to have a number of Youth and Family initiatives in our community. Members of the Resort Village are asked to talk with their families and neighbours about ideas for activities and ideas for projects. We also need youth and adults to be part of the working group. How about a Mothers' Day Tea, and a Fathers' Day BBQ at the Community Center? Is anyone interested in Shields hosting a babysitting course for our young people? One resident requested a Water Safety seminar (on the shoreline) every May long weekend. Another suggestion is that we sponsor a youth leadership series, including a certificate for those participating. There are so many great things that we can do in Shields - let's get our youth involved! Send me your ideas to k.m.larson@sasktel.net and we'll get going soon.

Kristine Larson, Village Council

Beach Committee Update

Be sure to stop by the beach on your next walk. There has been lots of activity lately! Aside from the sand and the volleyball nets, we now have two dock structures built in place to protect the lakes natural berm as well as ease entry into the lake without stepping on thistles! A HUGE thanks to Aaron Martin and Brook Davis for building this for the community.

Finances pending, we still have a lot planned for this year!

- We hope to bring in topsoil to plant a variety of trees and shrubs
- Plant trees and shrubs
- Create a base for a walking trail
- Smooth out a few rough patches in the dirt so we can plant grass in the future

Just a reminder to PLEASE **STAY OFF** the beach area with all vehicles and ATV's. This area is meant to be a public green space, so please respect it!

Please email Aileen Martin if you have any questions or would like to help out with the project in any way - aileen.martin01@yahoo.ca

Aileen Martin, Beach Committee

Bylaw Enforcement Officer

The bylaw enforcement officer has been out and has handed out warnings and as soon as we can establish who can access license plate information from the RCMP, they will be back to handout tickets where needed. Remember some of the issues that will receive tickets 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.
- Driving in Park Areas or Lake Front Areas with Quads or All Terrain Equipment

Permits Required for Chemicals by the Lake

Environment Protection & Management Act (EMPA) requires that a permit is required to apply any insecticides, herbicides and pesticides within 50 meters of the water's edge. The application form is available on line at the Government of Sask. Website – Ministry of Environment.

Going out on a Limb

Please take your tree branches to the Dundurn refuse site. Do not put branches in the compost area as this is for leaves and grass only.

Save a Tree – Provide Email

To be added to Shields email list to receive notices and the newsletters from the village, please forward your request to shields@xplornet.ca. Let's reduce paper and make a difference!

Congratulations Pat Jarvis!

Pat Jarvis has been nominated for the first Sask Senior Volunteer Award. Congratulations on the nomination Pat. Good Luck!!!!

Shields 50+ Club Generosity

I thought I would write today to tell u of the generosity of the 50+Club at Shields. In August, the house in which my son was renting a basement suite was burnt. He lost everything. A wonderful friend and neighbour, Pat Jarvis, wanted to help out. She organized a garage sale with the help of the 50+ Club. My son was asked to go through the items collected for the sale and pick out whatever he needed to set up his home. In addition the proceeds from the sale went directly to him to help him get a fresh start. The generosity of the people of Shields was amazing. I am so grateful for all they have done.

Mars Fox-Reid

Shields Clothing Fall Sale

The Playground Committee would like you to know that we have lots of Shields wear for fall. Buy one get the second at half price. Men and women's fleece jackets, golf shirts and t-shirts. We are taking orders for hoodies with a deposit of \$20.00.

All on display at the Scoop – 35 McCrimmon Crescent. Please call 492-2258 to view clothing on week-ends.

Judy King, Playground Committee

Pot Luck Suppers Begin Again

Potluck suppers are held at the Community Hall every 3rd Saturday from October to April. Please mark those dates on your calendars – next one is Oct 16th. It is a great social time with your neighbours and friends. Hosts are needed for set up and receiving of food. Please email Judy King at g.j.king@sasktel.net or call 492-2258 on weekends if you wish to host.