



Resort Village of Shields

Fall Newsletter

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2011 Seasons Greetings to All from The Mayor's Office

This 2011 year has been an active one in our village, although a wet start to the year, we did finish off with a good Fall, which allowed for noticeable completion of our waste water project, South property development, and the Sunterra Development. There is no doubt that we have had challenges with high ground water table, this was very evident, not only in our community but for many farms and communities in the Prairies. The continuation of our planned drainage project has been delayed, not only due to the wet Spring, but more due to availability of contactors to do the work. Thus, this project will go into our 2012 plan.

Our community has been blessed with a very significant feature – Generations Park - see it – believe it – thanks to the dedication and work of the Playground Committee and the Glatt Family – once again, on behalf of the community – **“Thank You”**.

The waste water project, as it relates to Shields, is virtually completed with two items left to finish up; one being the programming of our lift station pump and the other being the finishing touches to our truck dump site. The contractor has given the assurance that this will be complete within 10 days of writing this message – final testing done. The cost for Shields to access the facilities of the Waste Water Utility will be \$444,617.00. The proposal was for these funds to be realized from lot sales in the south subdivision. As it has taken longer to complete the subdivision development than planned, we will need to borrow \$400,000 to cover our outstanding share of this project. The first payment will be due next fall however we are both optimistic and confident that there will be lot sales achieved during the first part of 2012 to cover this expense before it is necessary to bill our property owners the proposed \$200 annual capital cost charge. That being said, there will be an infrastructure charge associated with this facility. The capital cost of the project will be amortized and it is our intent to fund our replacement reserves. These amortization costs will be determined upon completion of the project, and residents of Shields will be required to contribute to this fund depending on your location in Shields i.e.) the original part of the village will not help fund the replacement cost of the collection lines in the new subdivisions, but there will be a fee to contribute to the replacement cost of the truck dump site and the overall contribution to the amortization of the greater lagoon/forcemain and lift stations. Annual operating fees for this project are currently being determined and Council will be considering a bylaw for rates early in the New Year.

As of today, the water delivery systems for the South property lots and the Sunterra lots are filled and flushed, thus ready for new home hook up. You will note that there are four (4) new homes currently being constructed and we are optimistic that more will start in Spring.

Unfortunately, four of the seven lots sold in the early draw for lots in our South Subdivision have relinquished their non-refundable deposit. This has caused Council to review the development plan for the south access road. This road will be discussed with the RM in January and plans will be in place to proceed as soon as lot sales provide the necessary funds to do so. The total cost to develop the subdivision would have been covered by the finalization of these seven (7) lots sales, including funding for our commitment to the waste water project – plan B has been put in place.

To assist with the marketing of the lots, we have engaged Reg Kotlar, of Sutton Realty in order to broaden our exposure to potential markets for this favored lake front property offering. This marketing option, in addition to

our advertisement in Homes and Land Magazine, will greatly assist in the needed sale of four (4) lots which will cover the project cost as stated above. Sask Power has just informed us that the installation of the power system to the lots will begin January 16/12 – this had originally been scheduled for November 28/11. Sask Energy is to confirm their start date for the installation of gas lines.

We are favored with Dave Duff operating the snow plow duties for us again this year, as many of you know, Dave has already been out with the plow. Ken Klassen has been kept very busy with sanding of the icy streets – we have stored a significant amount of gravel in the maintenance shed to make this job easier and quicker. The maintenance duties continue with tree trimming, equipment servicing and potable water testing. A January meeting has been tentatively set up with Sask Water regarding improvements to our irrigation system intake – as many are aware, we have been challenged by the current system for a few years. We will be reviewing the School Bus routing through our community with the new completion of Short Road; Prairie Spirit School Division will be setting this up in the near future.

There are many more ‘Blackstrap Region’ developments that are taking place, and we hope to communicate these in the near future. Additionally, the strategic planning for our village needs to be reviewed, thus suggestions pertaining to your view of the future of our village will be called upon.

On behalf of your Council, I wish to thank the volunteers for their involvement within our community. And on behalf of Council, I invite you to come to the gallery during our regular Council meetings – there is a lot going on, in and around our village, for which your Council must discuss and seek input.

Alice and I wish each and every one a joyous and safe Christmas Season...

Sincerely, *Eldon Mackay*



Shields Annual Christmas Pot Luck

Will be held on Saturday, December 17th at Shields Community Center

Drop your children off at the Community Center at **4:30** for a **Christmas Carnival of Fun**

and then join them @ **5:30** for a regular **Potluck Supper @ 6:00**

Sing a Long and visit from **Santa** to follow

This year we would greatly appreciate donations to our door prize table – please bring them along when you come for the evening.

RVSP by December 10th with number of children able to attend

to **Cheryl** @492-2250 or email cherbear_19@hotmail.com

Wilson Museum 2011 Christmas Social – Dundurn

Monday December 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Local Artists Ted & Sharon Lehn Music and Songs
Santa Clause – With a BAG OF GOODIES

Coffee Hot Cider Dainties

Join us for an evening of entertainment and reminiscing
BRING YOUR FRIENDS and TOUR THE MUSEUM

Shields Golf Committee Greetings

Merry Christmas from your golf committee and speaking of which don't forget golf season passes and daily passes make great Christmas gifts. Call Jessie at 492-2259 to order yours today.

Your Golf Committee would like to take this time to sincerely thank all who supported the golf course this past year and especially all who when asked to help, pitched in and made the task at hand an easy one. Next year will be the first year we have an early source of water for the golf course, so look forward to even better greens and tee boxes in 2012! See you on the first tee box.

Your Golf Committee

Unpaid Accounts

2011 is coming to a close and all unpaid accounts are due. If you have any unpaid account with the Village of Shields, a reminder notice will be provided with the December mail out.

Rental Spots

The leased boat lots are full, however, if you are interested in renting one of the spaces in the future should a spot become available, please advise Jessie at 492-2259 so you can get on the waiting list.

At this time I would like to extend from my family to yours a very special Christmas and a very safe, healthy and prosperous 2012.

Dwayne Heidt

Recycling

We have been advised that our "paper" bin can now accept all recyclables including glass & plastics. A list of acceptable items is included on the back of this newsletter – Please ignore the reference to the "blue" container.

Wild Animal Safety Precautions

Putting meat scraps in your freezer this winter? Well, it's not that bizarre. It is actually a safe practice in small communities such as the Resort Village of Shields, which want to keep racoons, skunks, cougars, and other local wildlife OUT OF TOWN !

Which animals do you want in your yard? A neighbour that leaves a pet outside endangers everyone in the community. A cougar attracted by a family pet may end up injuring someone. Be sure to keep your dog on a leash. Pets running free may provoke wild animals. Skunks and racoons are pretty happy to find that your dog food is stored in an unsecured shed or garage. If you find a racoon den in your neighbourhood, please call the Village Administrator, who will arrange for the occupants to be safely relocated.

Be cautious at dusk and dawn. Cougars are active at dusk and dawn. If you see a cougar, **make lots of noise and pick up your children or pets. Walking alone in bushed areas is ill advised.** Cougars will retreat if given the opportunity. Walking in large groups, and making noise will give the animal the chance to retreat and will reduce the likelihood of a sudden encounter.

Make sure you don't leave food or garbage outside. The strong smell of food or garbage may attract a skunk, racoon, or cougar into your yard. Feed your pets indoors and keep your garbage securely stored. Residents of resort villages usually leave meat and table scraps in their indoor freezers, only to be taken out on the day of garbage pickup. Double bag disposable diapers and food scraps, and keep your garbage containers clean. Wild animals have plenty of natural food sources outside our village limits.

Report any sighting of a cougar to the Resort Village Administrator and the Ministry of the Environment. Cougars are a protected species and steps are taken to discourage their travel into inhabited areas.

GREETINGS FROM COUNCILLOR ROBSON

As the year passes by quickly ,it's time to reflect on the many improvements to our village. We have a first class playground, lights at the Community Center and many improvements to our parks and beach. Developments at South Shields and Sunterra also have begun. Wow, what will the next year bring?

*We are truly blessed to live in such a great community as **Shields***

*From our home to yours, Cheryl and I would like to send **Warm Wishes** to your families and friends over the **Holiday Season***

Councillor Dennis Robson

Emergency Measures Planning Update

We are pleased to advise that we have a core group of volunteers that have agreed to act as Block Captains to support Shields Emergency Measures Planning. The group had their first meeting in November and have been charged with a key element of the overall plan – to gather information from the residents of Shields (full-time and part-time) which will provide us with the following:

- Individual household information – names, number of occupants, contact information, special needs and special skills, training that our residents may have to assist in an emergency
- Resource information – listing of special equipment in the village that may be leveraged in an emergency situation

The goal is to gather this data over the next few months. Each household in Shields will be contacted by the assigned Block Captain to gather the information for the sole purpose of the Emergency Measures Plan. It is important that the Block and Co-Captains have a good understanding of the residents in their area of responsibility and if there are any special needs in an emergency situation. The gathering of this type of information is in accordance with the recommended approach for the Municipal Emergency Measures Plan that is supplied by the Office of the Fire Commissioner of the Saskatchewan Government.

The following is a list of our Block Captains and Co-Captains and we would like to thank them at this time for volunteering to be part of Shields Emergency Planning.

Block Captain Co-ordinator – Karen Powell (492-4866)

Block #	Captain and Co-Caption	Area
Block 1:	Garry Hovland and Judy Rathie	#1-45 Proctor Drive
Block 2:	Aimee Haynes and Lynn McArthur	#18-42 Proctor Drive
Block 3:	Kendra Bessey and Carrie Hart	#3-21 McCordick, 1,3,5,7 Waters, #4-20 Hordern
Block 4:	Stan Holcomb & Kendra Bessey	#44-62 Proctor, #1-21 Hordern
Block 5:	Joe and Sharon Hader	#47-67 Proctor Drive
Block 6:	Gerry & Joan Paproski & Ron and Norma Evans	#69-91 Proctor Drive
Block 7:	Cheryl Robson and Rose Hill	#1-19 McCrimmon Cres
Block 8:	Renee Adam	#1-33 McMillan Cres
Block 9:	Cheryl Robson & John & Catherine Penner	#18-52 McCrimmon Cres
Block 10:	Judy King and Cheryl Robson	#21-55 McCrimmon Cres
Block 11:	Joan & Al Hiebert & Carol Sarich & Angie Larson	#1-37 Mawson Drive
Block 12:	Noel & Linda Tomlenovich	#2-36 Mawson Drive

Every resident of Shields can expect to be contacted by one of their Block Captains. If you do not hear from your Block Captain over the next number of months, we would ask that you contact them. If the team is not able to contact residents directly, they will be relying on public phone listings to determine contact information - if you are not listed we will not have the information to contact you.

We have a good core team, however we are still looking for a few more volunteers. If you are interested, please contact *Karen Powell (492-4866)* or *Debbie Heidt, EMO Co-ordinate (492-2218)*.