



# Resort Village of Shields Summer Newsletter

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## The Mayor's Office

Summer in Shields 2011 is witness to **great spirit** and **excitement** as families come back to 'the Lake':

*the kids are growing, the numbers are increasing, the laughter and enthusiasm are contagious!*

*Thus, "welcome" to those who are new to Shields, and*

*"welcome back" to those who are with us this summer.*

Our annual information meeting (moved to June 18 this year) was highlighted by the introduction of Doreen Thiessen as a new council member, as well as an update on the infrastructure changes and growth that our village is currently experiencing. We noted that property taxes will not increase in 2011; however a slight increase in potable water charge was necessary due to capital reserve requirements. In addition, Nelson Martell, a summer student, has been hired to assist Ken Klassen with some of the maintenance duties within our growing community.

**"Our irrigation system is getting older and less predictable"** – this seasonal feature is used for watering the golf course greens, watering of the various shelter belts, parks trees and shrubs, and for use to irrigate trees, lawns and flower gardens for residents.

***Please be reminded that this system is an "OUTSIDE" connection to your property – we have four systems which remain connected in or under homes/cottages. Each of these four systems has cost the village a "call out expense" for maintenance personnel due to improper access to home/cottage.***

Council is currently debating the rational for the ongoing provision of the irrigation system – there is no doubt that increased expenditure will result in an increase funding requirement.

**"The ground water table is higher than ever."** With increased rainfall, flooding has resulted from natural waterways and from various manmade dams and water resource projects. Not surprisingly, we have the same phenomena in our village. Thus, we have tabled a report which outlines some of the drainage issues that plague our properties, and that report will be the basis upon which we will continue to define drainage swales, and roadway swales and culverts. We will require strict observance to keep off, and not to obstruct, the drainage swale areas. There will be changes to some roadways in order for us to incorporate the necessary swales. These swales will be on village roadway property. Once swales are in place there will be a bylaw that enforces "no tolerance" to the obstruction of a drainage swale.

Development of the Sunterra Project adjacent to our golf course and the South Shields project are going well as roadways, water and sewer systems are being installed.

**Please keep clear of the construction crews and equipment.**

***"A special notice to those operating ATV's and Dirt Bikes that Bylaw Enforcement will apply to these areas."***

**Have a safe and happy summer at Shields on Blackstrap.**

*Eldon Mackay, Mayor*

## **Shields Annual Golf Tournament**



**Saturday July 30, 2011**

**Texas Scramble**

(Enter a team or we can team you up)

Cost is \$25.00 Per Person

This includes:

- ✓ 18 holes of golf
- ✓ A hot dog or hamburger
- ✓ A beverage

(food and beverages can be purchased even if you are not in the tournament)

**Lots of Prizes, Lots of Fun**

**Closest to the pin competition at 4:30 p.m.**

**TO BOOK A TEE TIME CALL**

**Murray McArthur 492-2171 or Garry Hovland 492-2600**

## **Bylaw Enforcement**

**PARKING OF VEHICLES OR TRAILERS IS NOT PERMITTED ON / IN PARKS**

***“Bylaw enforcement personnel WILL TICKET this infraction”***

**UNSIGHTLY PROPERTIES WILL RECEIVE BYLAW ENFORCEMENT NOTICES**

***“please keep properties trim and tidy “***

## **Did You Know?**

### **Shields Statistics** *(a new newsletter feature)*

# of properties - 200 + 15 Boat Lots      # residences = 179  
# gallons potable water used in 2011, to end of June = 918,060  
# gallons irrigation water delivered June 3 to 30, 2011 = 572,660  
# of development permits to end of June, 2011 = 12  
# of building permits to end of June, 2011 = 9

*Watch for more on this feature in the future*

## **Generations Park Project**



### **Tax-Deductible donations needed for Inter-Generation Park**

The Playground Committee respectfully asks for your assistance in soliciting funds to build a new playground surrounded by a walking path with adult fitness circuit stations. Our community is in desperate need of a new, safe, challenging playground that will lay the foundation for the physical and mental development of our children and encourage adult well-being.

The Inter-Generation concept will provide recreation to promote development of healthy bodies and community spirit. It will be located in the Generations Park.

Monetary donations are needed quickly to help make this play area and walking path with fitness stations a reality this October.

### **How can you help?**

1. Please assess potential funding organizations or personal supporters - organizations or people you are familiar with.
2. Provide them the Inter-Generation Park Funding Solicitation information online ([www.shields.ca](http://www.shields.ca)<<http://www.shields.ca>> - Shields Inter-Generation Park - Sponsorship Information) or request an email or paper information package.
3. It's that easy. Just let us know when you're done so we mark the organization off the list to manage requests.

Contact / Questions are welcome:

[intergenerationpark@shields.ca](mailto:intergenerationpark@shields.ca)<<mailto:intergenerationpark@shields.ca>> or 220-9855.

Ruth Glatt, Project Mgr.

## **Rental Spots**

Attention to all residents who have a RENTED spot in the Boat House Area. Please remember it is and was part of the agreement to keep all the grass and weeds cut in your own leased spot/lot area. This must be done so please have this taken care of as soon as possible. Please call Dwayne at 492-2218 if you have any questions at all. Thanks.



### **Webpage – Technical Assistant**

The Village is looking for a volunteer to act as a Technical Assistant for the Shields Webpage. If you have some background in webpages and would be interested in assisting, please contact Jessie Williams at 492-2259.

### **Emergency Measures Planning**

Shields is currently updating their Emergency Response Plan (EMO) and is looking for volunteers to act as 'Block Captain's. The role of a Block Captain would firstly be an integral part of the EMO program in the event of a disaster – they would be the notification/co-ordination system for the village residents. Secondly they would offer moral support and assistance while waiting for first responders. They would also be the network to assist with minor emergencies. Also in this role, they would be responsible to assist in gathering information from the residents in their 'block area'. The information that is gathered would be critical in an emergency situation should it arise in our Village. Block Captains would also assist in sharing the 'Emergency Plan' with the residents in their area – ensuring that everyone knows what the plan is and the actions that are to be taken if an emergency arises.

We require 12 Block Captains as well as 12 'Deputies' or back-ups should the Captain be away but also to assist in the responsibilities. We have a few volunteers already but need more to cover the Village. If you are interested in playing a key role to ensure our community is safe should an emergency arise, please contact Karen Powell @ 492-4866 (Block Captain Coordinator) or Debbie Heidt @ 492-2218 (EMO Co-ordinator).