



# Resort Village of Shields

## Autumn Newsletter

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### **An Autumn Message from the Mayor**

What a fantastic Fall . . . not often does Agriculture benefit from very good crops, very good harvest weather, and most of all, good commodity prices!

At Blackstrap, good fishin' in 2011 and great summer 'lake' weather . . . we have a lot to be thankful for. It is not news that our community was very active this year and will continue to be an area of optimism, excitement, and energy. Speaking of energy . . . the weekend just past saw the old playground equipment removed and the new, extensive, and wonderful equipment installed AND a 500M walking path put in place, with room for adult fitness stations, AND a shelter for all to enjoy the rejuvenated Generations Park. A very special thank you to the Playground committee, Ruth Glatt family and friends, as well as the many donations that have made this playground a reality. Special recognition will be presented at the opening this weekend and will also be noted on the signage at the Park. A special, memorial tribute to Aden Glatt, for whom you see his name on the equipment.

Our community has come forth to meet yet another challenge; and there are more to come as we grow into the future of our community and region, guided by "the Spirit of Shields".

If weather continues to permit, we will be doing more drainage work this Fall. Of course, the irrigation system will be receiving consideration in order to have it operational in a more dependable way for 2012 and beyond. The construction at the South end of the village continues as we will soon have our waste water lift station operational, complete with the local sanitary dump site.

We are grateful to those folks who have assisted in cleaning up the lakefront, it has made a huge difference when we no longer have old stuff stored in the bushes along the Lake. It is a pleasure to have residents and visitors comment on how good it looks. This year we had a summer student assist Ken Klassen with trees and parks clean up, we are very pleased with the work and energy that Nelson Martell brought to our community. Additionally, the organization that has been added to the storage area near the boat docks has been a real asset.

As the summer of 2011 has past, we note that the golf course has had an exceptional year, blessed by early rains and higher than ever season's passes, and manicured by good greens keeping. The Beach area continues to develop; this facility has the future of great recreation and park type leisure.

As this October will see the geese, ducks and other snow birds head South, we wish all a safe journey, a healthy winter and we will change gears to deal with another Saskatchewan winter.

*Eldon Mackay, Mayor*

### **Fall Shut Downs:**

The irrigation system will be shut down on Oct 11. Please contact Ken Klassen (380-0266) to arrange to have your seasonal water meter removed for the year on or after October 11th.

**INTERGENERATION PARK BUILD SEPT 24/25, 2011**



**A HUGE THANK YOU  
TO ALL WHO CAME OUT TO HELP**

**Intergeneration Park Top 10**

1. A playground committee that Rocks!
  - Renee Adams
  - Ruth Glatt
  - Aimee Haynes
  - Judy King
  - Alice Mackay
  - Cindy Sjoberg
  - Judy Rathie
2. 50 volunteers showing up Saturday morning and close to 1000 volunteer hours in one weekend.
3. Incredible non-stoppable volunteers who didn't let 32 degree heat stop them and the work team leads who showed the way.
4. Volunteers who worked night shift and showed up to help on Sunday morning who aren't even from Shields.
5. Delicious donations of snacks, lunches, supper and cold refreshments for the end of the day.
6. Bobcats going non-stop (300 loads of sand alone)
7. Refurbished toddler play structure and benches
8. A beautiful picnic shelter to be enjoyed by families & friends
9. Sod removed from the walking path relocated to the beach area
10. A 500m walking path meandering around the park with locations set up for future adult fitness stations.



**Opening Celebration Oct 8<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.**

**We hope you can join us.**

Bring your lawn chair, your meat, a salad or dessert to share and beverage of choice.

Bar BQs will be onsite and available for cooking.

Plates, cutlery and serving utensils will be provided.

Rain location will be at the Community Hall.



## **Great News From Your Golf Committee**

Thanks to your support we are able to hold the current rates for the 2012 golf season and they make great Christmas Gifts – both season passes and guest day passes.

A big thank you to all golfers for supporting our community golf course as we had a record number of season pass holders this year. Please call Jessie at 492-2259 to get your 2012 passes for Christmas today.



## **Beach Update**

The weather has definitely been in our favor this year! It's great to see people down there using the docks and playing in the sand! If you are still in the mood for volleyball contact Aileen (492-4707 or email [aileen.martin01@yahoo.ca](mailto:aileen.martin01@yahoo.ca)) to get the net and ball.

A big thanks to all the volunteers in the Generations Park Project - the Beach was able to take advantage of all the helping hands and machinery and transplant a large area of sod! This got our beach bums in gear and we decided to sod the rest of the area. Thanks also to Gary and Doreen Thiessen at Sunterra for donating topsoil for the sod to be planted.

We also had a few large rocks delivered to block vehicle traffic from the beach area. If you see anyone down there on quads, ATV's or snowmobiles please ask them to stay out of the area.

There are a few more projects planned for next summer; shade structure for sandbox, arbor for the entrance, filler shrubs and plants, and possibly continue the walking trail through town up to Sunterra!

Thanks for the great summer!

## **Snow Fences**

In preparation for winter, snow fences will soon be placed in areas where needed. If you know of a spot that needs a fence, please contact Ken (380-0266) or Dwayne (492-2218) to have it looked at.

## **Fundraiser – Dundurn Fire Department & First Responders**

Help to support our Fire Department and First Responders

*Saturday, October 22, 2011 at Dundurn Community Hall*

Cocktails @ 6

Supper – catered by Doc Hollandaise @7 (1/ rack of ribs, salad and potato)

Entertainment / Social to follow / Silent Auction / Door Prizes

Tickets Available Now - \$30 per person

Contact the Dundurn Town Office or call Annette @ 492-2233 or Cassy @ 230-6672 to purchase your tickets by **October 15, 2011.**

**Rental Spots**

All rental spots in the Boat House area have been taken. However, if you wish to get your name on a waiting for future spots should they come open, please contact Jessie Williams at 492-2259 to have your name added to the waiting list. 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.



**Christmas Pot Luck**

Christmas is just around the corner – Mark your calendars for December 17th for Shields Annual Christmas Potluck – hosted by the Hall Committee. More information to follow soon – let’s celebrate this special time of year as a community!

**Emergency Measures Planning**

We are still looking for volunteers to act as Block Captains as well as back-ups to assist in the duties. 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) An EMO planning meeting will be held in October with volunteers to date.

**Sunterra Ridge Update:**

Construction has begun on the first new home in Sunterra Ridge! The 2011 summer weather allowed earth works to move forward towards completion of building sites. Natural gas, residential sewer and potable water lines have been installed for all the building sites and are ready for individual home connections. Power and Sasktel services are to follow shortly.

Sunterra Ridge has transferred ownership of 2.63 acres of land to the Resort Village of Shields. It has been designated as Municipal Reserve. The existing golf course is currently on this land, and through this donation the golf course will not need to be restructured.

We respectfully request that no snowmobiles, ATVs or dirt bikes ride on the Sunterra Ridge property. There are fire hydrants; water curb stops and manholes in place, and these could cause injury and /or damage to individuals, vehicles or infrastructure. We thank you for your patience and consideration during this construction season.