



Resort Village of Shields

2nd Spring Newsletter

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2011 Property Tax Notices

Tax notices are included with this mailing. A **15% discount** applies to all payments **received by May 31st**. As Jessie will be away from the Village Office enjoying the sights in Paris from May 28 to June 3rd, please bring your tax payments to her before then or mail them postmarked by May 31st. The postmark is the deciding factor to be eligible for the discount.

2011 Golf Season Pass – Early Bird Savings

Our Golf Course is open! Purchase your 2011 Golf Season pass prior to July 1st and receive a \$25 discount. Season passes purchased prior to July 1st are \$100, season passes purchased after July 1st are \$125. Passes are available from Jessie Williams, Village Administrator. Reminder of the Annual Shields Golf Tournament held the long week-end in August. Plan to come out and have a fun day of golf. More details will be provided in the next Newsletter.

2011 Annual Meeting

This year the Annual Meeting will be held on **Saturday, June 18th at 10:00 a.m.** in the Town Hall. Please note this is a change from previous years where the Annual Meeting was held on the long week-end in May. Watch your email for more information regarding the Annual Meeting. If you are not connected by email, please forward your email address to Jessie at shields@xplornet.ca. This email list is only used to forward municipal notices and newsletters.

Garbage Collection

Garbage bins will not be emptied by the service provider until the road bans are off. Please use the red bin located at the Maintenance Building for bagged household garbage only. This arrangement may continue for the next month.

Dock Owners

All dock owners are required to resubmit their dock site applications using the new form that includes a liability waiver and winter storage information which was not contained on the original form. This is not for re-approval, simply for acknowledgement of the waiver and winter storage information. Forms are available from Jessie. Failure to comply could result in your dock site being deemed vacant. If you have any questions, please contact Dwayne Heidt at 492-2218.

Fire Wood Available

Fire wood is available on the ball diamond on a first come first served basis. If you have a chain saw and can assist in the cutting, it would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Ron Evans at 492-4943.

Village Clean-up Day – May Long Week-end

The Village Office has been given several pictures depicting some unsightly yards throughout the village. The long weekend in May is marked as “Village Cleanup Day”. Please do your part and help make our community a more pleasant place to be. The village will be bringing in red bins to accommodate removal of debris from your yards and to collect all your household debris. Please do not deposit construction materials or furniture in these bins. Tree branches can be hauled to the landfill.

To celebrate the ‘cleanup’ of our village – Hot dogs will be served at the Maintenance Building from 9 – 12 on Saturday, May 21st. Plan to do your part and then come and join your neighbours for a coffee break or lunch – whatever fits into your schedule.

Parking in Alleys and Green Spaces

It has been identified that we have some parking of trailers & vehicles in our alleys. Alleys are not intended for parking and these items must be relocated to private property. Parking on our green spaces is also not permitted. Volunteers have worked hard to make our community a pleasant place to enjoy open areas. Encumbering the park areas with trailers and fishing huts is not acceptable. Please remember that any items located on municipal lands may be removed at the owner’s expense.

Space for Tree Nursery

We are looking for an area to locate a tree nursery for the village. If anyone has a vacant lot or land that could be used for this purpose, please contact Jessie at the Village Office.

Fire Fighting Fees – Are You Covered?

A reminder to everyone that fire fighting fees from our Fire Department in Dundurn are \$750 per hour should they be called. Please check your insurance policy to ensure you have coverage to cover these charges if needed.

EMO

The Resort Village of Shields has an Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) that prepares and operationalizes activities that may be required in the event of accident, war, forces of nature, or any other situation that may present harm to the safety or welfare of people, or widespread damage to property. Our EMO is governed by the provincial Emergency Planning Act 1989, and the Resort Village of Shields bylaw No. 2/04. Since 2004, our Coordinator has been Evelyn Campbell. Evelyn and her hard working group of local residents have been very involved with Cabin Watch over many years. The evolution of Cabin Watch into EMO is no small feat. The Village is very grateful for the years of work and watchfulness of Evelyn and EMO committee volunteers. Evelyn is now passing the reins for EMO to Deb Heidt, who will serve as EMO Coordinator, and Karen Powell, who will serve as EMO Assistant Coordinator. Local residents will hear much more in the coming weeks as we prepare the Shields inventory of residents, their emergency training and skills, and equipment that may be available as the need arises. Another dozen Shields residents have already come on board to provide much of the legwork that will be done. Watch your phone (we will be calling), the website (we will be posting), and your newsletter (we will be updating you) for developments. Many thanks to everyone for getting Shields ready for action !! - Kristine Larson, Councillor