



Resort Village of Shields Fall Newsletter

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Message from the Mayor's Office

Shaping our future – the future of our community – how do we care?

Do we care for our neighbours? Do we participate in decision-making? Do we support those who volunteer? Do we go forward with positive perspective? Do we enjoy our community, its natural beauty, the compelling attraction of being by a lake? Do we enjoy and support our region, the Blackstrap Region?

At this time of year we pause to give thanks – the season of Thanksgiving.

As our community grows, participation in positive reinforcement and dialogue becomes increasingly important. There is no doubt that making decisions often outside of our comfort zone is difficult, however the realization that those who are willing to 'step out' or 'step up', do so at the risk of facing controversy. We therefore appreciate Kendra Bessey, Grace Strasser and Cheryl Robson for "stepping forward" as new council representatives.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the wellbeing of our community and our regional community. As the list is long, we look forward to sharing the stories, the evidence of volunteerism and contribution at our Volunteer Event to be announced.

We are appreciative of the innovation in the upcoming Christmas Tree Light campaign in support of our First Responders and Fire Department – a regional, heart-warming project that is an inspiration to be a part of The Blackstrap Emergency Services Team (BEST) is an of example regional strength.

Our regional infrastructure projects, the Dundurn Rural Water Utility and the Dundurn and Area Waste Water Utility are in the final stages of completion through the Building Canada Fund – Communities Component. The final wrap up for both is early 2013. The challenge before the representation on these utilities will be the ongoing operational efficiencies of delivering the respective services.

Council representatives from both urban municipalities and rural municipalities are being challenged for future planning within the region. In particular, we look toward health and eco sustainability of our lake as development continues. Roadway infrastructure, drainage of surface water, recreational aspects within the region and commercial aspects that may harmonize within the region are only a few intriguing concerns. Thus, there are more than issues of dust, barking dogs, missing gravel, ground water, old poplars, grading roads, etc. that are important to us all. Our ability to deliver an economic level of services will always be our local governance emphasis.

Did you know?

Our average water billing for July, August and September was \$102.94 = 1.14 dollars per day.

A large coffee at Tim Horton's is \$1.67.

Happy Thanksgiving ... *Eldon Mackay*, Mayor

**PLEASE NOTE: The October Council Meeting will be held on THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 25 at 7:30 pm.**

Parks, Culture, and Recreation Board Update

Your Parks and Recreation Board which represents your Playground, Beach, Golf Course, Parks and Trees, Recycling and the Hall would like to express their gratitude for the unselfish commitment of the volunteers in this very special community. Please think and look back at what has been accomplished this year in all of these areas as it speaks volumes to the kind of people we have here in Shields. Special mention must be made of the Playground Committee as to their organizational skills which have produced a walking path, adult fitness stations as well as state of the art playground equipment for our children and grandchildren. Thanks be to all.

Murray McArthur, Rec Board Committee

**OCTOBERFEST 2012 AT SHIELDS****HOSTED BY: THE 50+ CLUB**

When – Saturday, October 20th, 2012

**Where – Shields Community Centre
Doors Open 5 p.m.**

“Live Music”

Bring your Beer Steins and Enjoy Good Food and Drink!

Pre-sale tickets only \$15.00 each

Call Cheryl Robson @492-2250

Irrigation Summer Water Shutdown – October 9th

The irrigation water will be shut down on **Tuesday, October 9th** after the long week-end. Just a reminder to everyone with outside irrigation taps, once the water has been shut-off, please open your taps so that the water can drain properly back to the pump house to avoid freeze ups and waterline breaks in the spring. But remember to close them before the irrigation water starts up again next year!

Part-time Residents – Potable Water Shutdown

To make arrangements to have your meters removed for the winter, please contact Ken Klassen, Maintenance (380-0266) to arrange an appointment for removal before freeze-up.

Christmas Memory Tree 2012

The Dundurn Emergency Response Team, in conjunction with community partners is launching a new fund-raising campaign. All proceeds from this project will be directed to a reserve to be used toward building a new fire hall in the Town of Dundurn.



The Dundurn Emergency Response Team provides fire protection services and medical responses to the Town of Dundurn, the R.M. of Dundurn #314 and the Resort Villages of Thode and Shields. All members of this department serve as volunteers and some with more than 30 years' service.

The plan is to dedicate a pine tree located outside the Dundurn Community Hall as the CHRISTMAS MEMORY TREE 2012. From mid-November until January the tree will be lit with Christmas bulbs in memory of loved ones. A memory bulb may be purchased for \$20 for this season by contacting Glenn H. Cline at 492-4712 or Laura Friesen at 492-2109 or any other member of the Dundurn Emergency Response Team. Income tax receipts will be available upon request for any purchases.

The Team will be holding a Tree lighting night in mid November at the Dundurn Hall with a presentation of all the names of the persons honored on the Memory Tree. Advance notice will be provided.

Shields' Residents Memory Bulbs – Dwayne Heidt (492-2218) and Ron Evans (492-4943) are collecting from the residents of Shields and will forward to Dundurn Emergency Response Team to record and submit tax receipts. If you wish to participate in this worthwhile cause please contact Dwayne or Ron with your donation and the names of the love ones you wish to purchase a memory bulb for.

A Note From Jessie (Town Administrator):

- The audited financial statement for 2011 is finally completed. A synopsis is included with this newsletter. If you would like a complete copy, please let me know.
- Unpaid taxes are accumulating penalties – reminder notices will be sent to those with outstanding accounts in November.
- We have only 44 property owners who are receiving these newsletters by mail. There are many residents that are missing out on the frequent notices that are sent only by email. If you would like to be added to our email list, please forward your email address to Jessie at shields@xplornet.ca

A Big Thank-you from Al and Joan Hiebert

Al and I would like to extend a big thank you to Aileen Martin and all those who participated in the Art in the Park event on August 4, 2012. Your thoughts about us and the great joint picture with messages was a huge boost to our morale. We were feeling in need of a hug once in awhile this summer. The picture will hang on the wall in the entrance of the shop. That wall actually got framed on September 21st and we are so glad to be moving forward again.

Cheers Joan Hiebert

News from the Golf Committee

Your Golf Committee would like to thank all golfers for a great season at our golf course. We had a record number of season passes this year but would like to mention that next years rates will be increased as we want to continue to make improvements to make your play safer and more enjoyable. For those with a volunteer spirit we are tarping the greens on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 2:00 p.m. and could use your help.

Through the Dakota Dunes grant we were able to give golf lessons and free golf to over 40 kids this summer. We were also able to purchase 2 sets of good kids golf clubs. If you are thinking that you want to get your child (age 3 to 15) into golf, please give Kam Barteski a call (260-1789) as we can lend these clubs out to any child without clubs.

We have also arranged for new benches for the golf course that will be ready for the 2013 season. We are currently selling each bench for a \$150 donation to the golf course; each bench will have a plaque with the donors' name on it. Please contact Kam Barteski (260-1789) for more information or to secure your bench.

Recycling

If the Village is to continue with the Recycling Program we need everyone's assistance. At present the recycling program makes a profit of \$1,000 - \$1,100 a year. Not a lot of money but it does represent our efforts at conservation and concern for the environment.

While the system works fairly well there is one problem: a few residents who do not, for whatever reasons, sort their material. The result is that various kinds of containers are dumped and have to be sorted. Of particular concern are the glass bottles that on occasion break, creating a mess to clean up, not to mention being a health risk. We cannot expect volunteers here in the Village or the staff at Sarcan to contend with this kind of problem, which, with very little effort, can be solved.

With this in mind here are some guidelines if you are delivering items to the recycle shed:

1. Sort your material and place the items in the designated container. Do not dump bags of various cans and bottles,
2. Remove all tops.
3. All milk cartons, plastic and cardboard, all tin cans, and all glass jars go in the Lorass bin.
4. Aluminum cans in the marked barrel
5. All other plastic beverage containers – juice, water, tetra paks go into the big white bag.
6. Wine and liquor bottles go in the crates.

Within the next month there will be a new signage put up which will help mark the containers and make sorting easier. Finally, if it is too difficult to sort your material and place it in the containers then we would ask that you not deliver material to the recycling site. Put your material directly into the Lorass bin.

To the people who are sorting their material, crushing and folding it at times, and placing it where it belongs, a word of appreciation and thanks.

Ron Evans, Recycling Program

South End Tree Pit (Hutterite Land) - CLOSED

The tree pit at the south end that was opened after the storm this summer to allow for disposal of the trees is NOW CLOSED. From now on, please take any branches and trees you have to the Dundurn Land Fill, which is free of charge. The Land Fill is opened Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Shields' Potluck Suppers Restart in November

Another great Shields summer is in the record books. We hope your summer was filled with family and friends visiting and enjoying what we love so much about Shields.....beautiful sunrises, long summer afternoons on the water, fabulous sunsets and campfires!!!! Lets get together and share our stories with our neighbors at the next Potluck.

This year is the same as other years; potlucks will be every third Saturday starting in November. The dates are November 17th, December 15th, January 19th, February 16th, March 16th and April 20th – Please mark your calendars!! If you would like to host a Potluck, please contact Judy King at 492-2258 or 227-1164.

Racoons in the Village!

We have raccoons in the Village again, and they are looking for a home for the winter. To discourage their existence in our Village it is very important that we all manage our garbage disposal appropriately so that they do not have access to a food supply. Also it is important to ensure that all properties are secure and properly sealed up so that they are not able to make a home under or in your home/cottage. If you are experiencing problems with raccoons, please contact Ken Klassen (Town Maintenance) and arrange to pick up the trap to assist in their capture.

Your Council Members Are:

- Mayor Eldon Mackay: 492-4639**
- Deputy Mayor Dwayne Heidt: 492-2218**
- Councillor Grace Strasser: 492-3665**
- Councillor Cheryl Robson: 492-2250**
- Councillor Kendra Bessey: 281-3345**

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