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Message from the Mayor's Office

Wishing you a warm and happy holiday season ...

It would appear that we will gain a snow cover this winter that we have not been accustomed to for a few years, however with that comes the frolicking of children playing in the snow covered parks and hills, including reminders of childhood years that many of us have of the past.

In our community we have been able to gain some progress from our past experiences in terms of bringing some change(s) that may enhance our daily lives. A goal amid change is to add value to the lives of our children and grand children, indeed to our future. For example, our Generations Park is an example of leadership by some and the focus of many to bring joy and pride to the future of our community. Thus, this is an opportunity that we take a moment to give thanks. Our composting and recycling projects, our Pioneer Beach, our Community Center, our Golf Course, our trees and parks volunteers the list goes on and on.

Of course there are challenges with change – your leadership group is always confronted with decisions and discussion that require research of both soul and fact. Decisions that affect the greater majority rather than the narrow minority . . . not an easy task. Thus, it may be useful to give credit to those who have taken the step forward to put themselves "in harm's way – that they will be challenged for taking a position".

We live in a beautiful area within Saskatchewan. Our region has attracted many from near and far in order to explore the opportunities that are currently here, in addition to those opportunities that are before us in terms of recreational and business proposals. It is a goal of our community to be an active advocate of 'getting it right' in terms of achieving a balance of lifestyle and opportunity. Thus, we will attempt to have input from interested property owners on specific issues that affect our daily lives and our future plans - a special notice will be forthcoming such that we may invite some who have expressed views, to explore and research materials in order to bring forth a presentation to an open opportunity at a Council meeting. Topics from sewer rates to aspects of strategic community planning – please watch for newsletters or email correspondence that will announce this unique plan.

We have a special request to those who must park on the streets in Shields - please keep vehicles, trailers and garbage bins well off the street as our snow removal efforts are often hampered by the restricted road surface. Yellow tags will be placed on doorways of those who may not have read this newsletter.

From our family, we wish you and your families a safe and Happy Christmas Season.

Eldon Mackay, Mayor

COMMUNITY HALL BOOKINGS

During the months of January to March please contact Pat Jarvis at 492-2511 if you wish to book the Hall for a 2013 Function.



News from the Golf Committee



The Shields Golf Course has proposed a rate increase for 2013, in order to lock in your 2013 golf passes at 2012 rates we encourage you to puchase your 2013 Golf Passes before December 31st, 2012. Call Jessie today to get your passes 492-2259

2012 Rates Single Membership \$100 Family Membership \$225 2013 Rates \$125 \$275 GREAT FOR STOCKING STUFFERS AT CHRISTMAS LOCK IN YOUR SAVINGS TODAY

CHRISTMAS WISHES

I would like to take this time to say that I have enjoyed my short time on council and am looking forward to the New Year. We have many exciting things happening in our Village and, as a community, should be proud of those accomplishments. Wishing everyone a most joyous holiday season *Councilor Kendra Bessey and Family*

From our house to yours, we wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year! Councilor Cheryl Robson and Denis Robson

This is a time to celebrate our family, friends and the wonderful Community that we live in. To everyone in Shields I would like to express our sincerest best wishes at this special time of year – Merry Christmas and a very healthy, joyous and prosperous New Year to all.

Councilor Dwayne Heidt and Family

All the best to the residents of Shields, have a safe and wonderful Holiday Season and all the best in 2013! Councilor Grace Strasser and Family

INTERESTING FACTS!

A Speed spy was set up in Shields at the south end of the park for 2 days this summer (July 24 - 26th). The posted speed is 30 km/hour. Here are the results of that test:

Total number of vehicles – 355 Average speed – 43 km/h Highest speed – 101 km/h 50% of vehicles – 42 km/h 85% of vehicles – 61 km/h

It appears like almost everyone speeds going down this road! Lets all of us make a change speed limits are for our own safety Lets keep our community safe for everyone – especially our children!

Dial Before You Dig – "There's an Economic Impact"

From Town Administration

Irrigation System:

If a call out is required without advance notice, a \$45 fee per event will be charged.

With Notice: - if a line is cut such that a call out is required Shut Off Fee - \$45.00 Start Up Fee - \$65.00

The above fees do not include excavation or repair costs which will be billed to the property owner.

Without Notice / Emergency: if a line is cut and no prior notice is given to the R.V. and a call out is required:

Shut Off Fee - \$ 60.00 Start Up Fee - \$ 90.00 Fine of \$500

The above fees do not include excavation or repair costs which will be billed to the property owner.

Potable System: (does not apply to annual on/off service)

If a curb stop shut off/on is requested a \$10 fee per event as per Bylaw #6/07 will be charged.

If a call out is required without advance notice, a \$45 fee per event will be charged.

Should unauthorized excavation at or near the potable water line and/or near a curb stop result in a water break, the following fee will apply:

Shutting Down of the System – Isolation of Break (if possible)	\$1,000.00
Re commissioning of the system – water testing, etc.	\$5,000.00

These charges do not include any excavation or repair to original condition of the area at or adjacent to the infraction which will be billed to the property owner.

PLEASE NOTE: Access to Curb Stops

All curb stops must be accessible to municipal staff and marked for easy access. If a situation results where municipal staff cannot determine the location of your curb stop, you will be invoiced for the time spent locating same.