



Resort Village of Shields

SPRING Newsletter

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Message from the Mayor's Office

“Friday – April 26 has brought out an enthusiasm and joyous celebration from the majority”

The temperatures have risen at last, thus signalling the transition from a very long winter to a much-desired Spring season. There is no doubt that all of us in the Saskatoon area have experienced the problems associated with a long winter and more snowfall than we have had for many years. Thus it is not surprising that people (equipment operators, infrastructure managers and elected officials) in charge of roadways, drainage systems, etc. have been challenged by both ‘mother nature’ and by residents unwilling to recognize the significant challenges. Our staff and Council wish to thank those in our community for your patience and assistance to minimize the inconvenience of the challenges. As the roads begin to dry we will be attending to the restoration of the streets and alleys to allow better passage. We were fortunate this year to have had the operator and repair skills, in addition to the additional equipment access from John Koch. This association will continue as we tend to the grading and gravelling of the roadways, in addition to more work relating to our drainage systems.

Councillor Robson, with the assistance of many others, has our www.shields.ca web page up and running after an unfortunate invasion of the former site. Please take the time to view and comment on the site. Councillor Bessey, our newest Mom in the village, is working with the golf committee in terms of longer range planning and further development of the Shields Golf Course. Councillor Strasser is working, on our behalf, with Jordan Bird (Realtor) on the marketing of the lots in the South subdivision. We can report that we have significant activity that will be more visible as the snow disappears from the featured lots. Many may have already heard the radio commercials that feature the Shields Advantage. A new, large billboard will soon appear on the “Billboard Alley” North of Dundurn along Highway 11. Councillor Heidt continues his work with BEST (fire department, first responders) in addition to maintenance activity within the village. As the ice disappears from the Lake, he also supervises the boat dock activity and allocation.

As a Council we continue our work with our regional partners in current and future planning. The regional plans regarding the Provincial Park, land use planning around the Lake, the Dundurn Rural Water Utility, the Dundurn and Area Waste Water Utility, the Brightenview Development, etc..

This year we have many activities in planning stages regarding tree planting and irrigation in the South subdivision, Generations Park maintenance and improvements, Beach Area maintenance and improvements, Waterworks /Maintenance building landscaping and improvements to name but a few. We request that if you have an interest in volunteering to help with any of these projects, please contact Jessie or any one of the Councillors for more information.

Eldon Mackay, Mayor

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Shields website is up and running again and very current. Please take the time to check it out!

NEWS FROM THE GOLF COMMITTEE



We are all anxiously waiting for the weather to start cooperating so we can begin to start lifting tarps off the greens and get the 2013 season underway. Other courses in the area are facing the same conditions as we all await warmer weather.

Our committee is working on various fund raising initiatives to cover the cost of course improvements, please watch for updates on this. The Committee is also working on a rental agreement for tournament bookings to be filled out and sent back along with a deposit. For more information on tournament bookings please contact Judy Rathie at 492-4955 or Garry Hovland at 492-2600.

The **Annual Golf Tournament** will be held on **Saturday, August 3rd**; so keep that date in mind as we greatly appreciate your commitment in supporting our community golf course.

2013 GOLF RATES

Yearly Membership 2013

Daily Rates 2013

Adult 16 years plus	\$125
After June 30, 2013	\$150
Children 10 – 15 Years	\$ 25
Under 10 Years	Free
Family	\$275
Season Cart Trackage Fee	\$ 25

Adult	\$12
Children 10-15	\$ 5
Guest Day Pass (5 Passes)	\$40
Daily Cart Trackage Fee	\$ 5

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual meeting will be held on Saturday, May 18 at 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. Come join us first for Breakfast, which will be available from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m..

LARGE RED GARBAGE BIN

The Village will be bringing out the red bin for spring cleaning – location to be determined. The first one to be in the Village on May 14th. Please remember as before, **NO household furniture, construction materials, shingles, garden sheds.** Bins cost about \$350 each, so please break down large articles.

TAX NOTICES

Tax Notices – base tax & municipal mill rate have not changed for the 2013 year. School mill rate is lower. Discounts only apply to municipal taxes so please use the schedule at the bottom of the tax notice for the amount to remit. If in doubt, please call Jessie.

CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS

**Shields Western Roundup
Monday, July 1st**

12:30 – Parade (Start and End at Community Centre)
Enter your Western Theme Float

1:30 – Flag Raising/Singing National Anthem (North End of Community Centre)

2:00-5:00 – Games/Bouncy Choo Choo for Children/Canoe Races/Beach Volleyball
(Pioneer Point Beach Park)
Enter your Volleyball team with John Hill

5:00–6:00 – Closest to the Pin (North End of Community Centre)

6:00–7:00 – Supper
BBQ Hamburgers/Hot dogs/Baked beans/Coleslaw/Canada Cake/Ice Cream - \$5.00/person



5:00–8:00 – Bar (Beer for sale)

8:00-9:30 – Floatilla on Blackstrap
Boats of all kinds welcome to participate and decorated boats welcome

9:30 – Fireworks
Donations welcome to make this a spectacular display
Contact John Hill / Pat Jarvis for donations.

COME AND JOIN US IN THE FUN

AT THE SHIELDS CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS!!



FIREWORDS FOR JULY 1 CELEBRATION

Thank you to everyone that donated to last year's fireworks. It was a fantastic display. The committee would like to see even bigger community fireworks this July 1. Let's celebrate with one BIG BANG. Donations will be cheerfully accepted by Dwayne Heidt at 492-2218 or Pat Jarvis at 492-2511. Thank you!

POTLUCK SUPPERS

Our Potluck Supper Co-ordinator, Judy King has resigned. A big THANK YOU Judy for seven years of dedication to this important social function in our community. Judy welcomed everyone - newcomers and old friends with a cheery greeting and a smile. Many good friendships have developed over a shared meal, shared recipe and a joke or two. Thanks again Judy!!!!

YEAR-ROUND ACCESS TO WATER 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 the stop. In the past year we have had three houses that have flooded, so please ensure that your curb stops are free of snow, ice and debris and are readily available for the Town Maintenance to shut off at any time of the year.

We have had a few issues with the connections to the meter/check valve assembly failing. The meter and double check valve are owned by the municipality, but it is the property owners responsibility to monitor the equipment in your homes/cottages. If you notice oxidation (green marks) on the assembly, please address the issue as failure to could result in a flood. If the meter or check valve is damage by freezing, the property owner will be billed for the replacement cost.

PROVINCE WIDE ELM TREE PRUNING BAN

The annual province-wide ban on pruning elm trees is now in place for Saskatchewan. The ban runs every year April 1 to August 31 as a way to stop the spread of Dutch Elm Disease as elm bark beetles are attracted to freshly pruned trees.

POND FISHERMAN

We believe Spring has sprung – at least someone thinks so. The other night this fisherman was frozen in the water! Not too much fishing done in this pond, which is on the way into the Village. The Lake definitely doesn't look like this, no flowing water there! Wondering when will the ice be off this year??????



***Have a wonderful
Spring***

***And an amazing
Summer***

“we deserve it”

