



Resort Village of Shields Fall Newsletter

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From the Mayor's desk

2014 has been a year of challenge and change as our country, province, community, children and our grandchildren grow . . .

What a beautiful year for the care and appearance of our municipal grounds, parks and golf course thanks to our staff and student dedication. The addition of dust control to the majority of our streets has brought about a renewed sense of pride. We will be maintaining this initiative as it has proven to be very helpful in the maintenance of our roadway assets. We look forward to defining the drainage plan on Mawson Drive once the regulators have granted their comments and ultimate approval. Thus, our goal is to have all streets in our community treated with the road surface enhancement.

It has become necessary to inform or remind residents about how SGI is now implementing a more strict adherence to issues of golf cart usage.

“golf carts are to be used to go directly to and from the golf course only and are to be driven by only those who have a valid drivers license”.

Please check the following website:

<https://www.sgi.sk.ca/individuals/registration/guidelines/golfcarts-faq.html>

The liability is your responsibility – please take it seriously – because we care.

There is an Act in Saskatchewan that covers ATV, UTV, motor bikes, etc. – please refer to this should you require further information. In our village: www.shields.ca – bylaws – ATV.

The Dundurn and Area Waste Water Utility is currently engaged in the resolution of the waste water dump site in the Resort Village of Shields. The Board is diligently negotiating a solution with its partners, engineers, and government regulators to restore this essential component. Progress has now entered a phase whereby decisions will soon be forthcoming. Representation to the Board has been assisted by a committee in addition to the Board Chair to bring this action to a conclusion.

The resort villages of Thode and Shields are cooperating in an arrangement whereby we will employ a full time maintenance foreman under which operational aspects of the two villages will be coordinated. The intention of this collaboration is to streamline the maintenance activity within operational and capital requirements of the villages. This will not affect the seasonal and/or student staff requirements of either village, however management of staffing requirements will be coordinated under the new position.

We have new construction beginning in the South Subdivision, interest in home building continues in and around our village.

Eldon Mackay, Mayor

Shields Celebrates Canada "Our Multicultural Heritage"

Saturday June 28th Shields Celebrates Canada "Our Multicultural Heritage" was held. The day began with a charming parade; spectators were showered with candy as the procession made its rounds. The Cove hosted breakfast, energizing the participants of baseball games and golf contests. Supper was served to 130 people in the Community Centre. A flotilla took place on Blackstrap Lake, and the day came to a close with a spectacular fireworks display. Shields would like to thank everybody for the donations that made this breathtaking display of pyrotechnics possible.

Aimee Haynes Event Committee Chair says: "I would like to thank everyone!!!! Thanks to all the committee members who handled all the details prior to the event, and who ensured everything that day occurred without a hitch. Thanks to Dallas and George King for the fireworks display. Thank you to the Village of Shields for your support and attendance and making it a wonderful day!!!!

Council and residents would like to acknowledge the support of the Department of Canadian Heritage for providing a grant for the event. Support from Mackay Equipment Sales Ltd. and P&H Milling Group was also appreciated.

It was a great day to celebrate our multicultural heritage, and our home and native land.

Contributed by: Aimee Haynes and Lexi Edmunds



Shields Volunteer Celebration

Reminder Shields "Our Volunteers Make a World of Difference" celebration is happening on Sunday September 14th from 2:00-4:00 pm at the Community Centre.

Council will say thank you to our volunteers by hosting a High Tea with a short program at 3:00 pm. Special guests are Bill and Pat Jarvis.

See you there!

A graphic featuring a hand pointing directly at the viewer through a hole in a piece of white paper. The background is a light gray. The text "YOUR VILLAGE" is arched above the hand, and "NEEDS YOU!" is arched below it, both in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

**YOUR VILLAGE
NEEDS YOU!**

**Volunteerism is the foundation of many of our village assets.
Become involved in your wonderful community!**

Whatever your strength, expertise, or commitment level,
we have a position for you!

Positions of interest at this time are:

- Parks Committee Member (Playground/Beach/Parks) - contact Renee 306-221-3038
- Environmental Committee Member (Trees/Recycle) - contact Cheryl 306-492-2250
- Potluck Coordinator - contact Kendra 306-500-3345
- Dundurn and Area Waste Water Utility Representative - contact Kendra 306-500-3345

First Shields Club Championship Golf Tournament

Shields first annual Men's and Women's CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP Golf Tournament will be held on:

Saturday September 20, 2014

Registration (payment due) deadline Saturday, Sept 13/2014

YOU MUST HOLD A 2014 SEASON PASS TO PLAY/REGISTER

Please make cheques payable to the Resort Village of Shields.

The cost is \$20 per person (\$10 goes direct to the Hall & Golf Committees)

The remaining \$10 goes to purchase the food for the tournament

(Burgers and wieners and chips - all you can eat)

This will be a SHOTGUN start

1st round - Women start time at 900 am / Men at 1100 am

2nd round - Women at 100 pm / Men at 300 pm

The Committee will pick the teams in a draw format. Teams will consist of 3 or 4 members per team depending on the amount of members registered. TWO trophies are being donated – one for the Women Champion and one for the Men Champion.

If you have any further questions please contact RYAN 306-612-2624 or Todd 306-260-8872 or Dwayne 306-230-2026

PLEASE REMEMBER TO REGISTER BEFORE SEPT 13th AS NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THAT DATE

Hall Rentals

Council and the hall committee are making changes to procedures for hall rentals and the cost of rentals. Changes will be reviewed at the September 15 Council meeting. Once approved by resolution, all residents will be emailed/mailed a summary of the changes and the updated Community Centre Rental Agreement will be available on the Shields website.

Message from the Recycling Committee

Thanks to all you who donate their refundable pop and beer cans, Tetra packs, beer and wine bottles. Please remove all lids from juice and water bottles, as SARCAN requires this from us. All items such as margarine and yogurt containers, glass spaghetti sauce and jam jars, plastic shampoo bottles, plastic or cardboard milk cartons, soup tins etc. that do not have a deposit fee can go straight into the large blue LORAAS bin along with cardboard, paper, newspapers, and plastics numbered 1 to 7. Please do not leave any garbage or items not found on the list above at this recycling site, as this is not what this program is intended for.

Submitted by Judy Rathie and Lynn McArthur

Speeding in the Village

As the RCMP Liaison for our community, I would like to remind people that speeding is a serious issue that many communities are struggling with. If you see an offence you are encouraged to report it to the RCMP with the time, date, location, licence plate information (if applicable), and as many other details as you can offer. In addition, the Village has recently purchased a speed sign (jointly with the RV of Thode). This sign will have the speed limit posted, as well as flash the current speed to the drivers on the road (much like the ones in construction zones). This piece of equipment will have a program, which will collect data for the Village and RCMP use.

We are fortunate to be able to attend quarterly meetings with the RCMP to communicate concerns and/or commendations. The next meeting is in October. Please contact me by the end of September if you have anything you would like me to bring forward.

Submitted by: Kendra Bessey (306-500-3345)

Potlucks

Please note that there will be no regular scheduled potlucks until further notice.

Year-Round Access to Water Curb Stop

Fall and winter are around the corner and this is a reminder that 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. Please ensure that you are prepared for the winter and curb stops are protected and will be free of snow, ice and debris and readily available for the Town Maintenance to shut off at any time of the year if needed.

SASK-TEL Services

As our community is getting larger with almost 200 houses, it is felt that if community members contacted Sask-Tel to request services such as high speed internet and other services like Max it would help to get these services to our community. If you are interested, please go to their website -
– www.sasktel.ca and select contact us at very bottom of the page, then select concerns & compliments and fill out the form.

Critter Comforts

Are you inadvertently or unknowingly providing a habitat for some of Mother Natures' "Cute Critters"? Living in a rural area, such as we do here in our Village, we often see or encounter various forms of wildlife. In as much as we enjoy observing and learning about these "critters" we do not want to turn our homes or outbuildings into their "Winter Resorts"!

Here are just a few helpful hints, to try and ensure that they and we maintain our natural habitats during the cooler months. For raccoons or any wild animal, denying them access to attractants, which can be food or shelter, is the best way to prevent problems!

1. Keep all garbage and composters in secure containers.
2. Sandboxes should be covered, prevents raccoons especially, from using it as their bathroom!
3. Do not leave pet food or garbage outdoors.
4. Clean up acorns or fruit that falls from trees, as well as any branches or other plant materials that may be lying around, on or near your property. This is perfect material for mice, and other vermin to use as "housing".
5. Block even the "smallest" access to attics, sheds, chimneys, or other potential dens.
6. Remove overhanging branches to restrict access to rooftops.
7. If you have ever had a raccoon take up residence in your home, you should take steps to disinfect or otherwise remove their odor, as this lingers and attracts other raccoons to visit.

Let's keep our homes for ourselves and let the "critters" house themselves as Nature intended.

Submitted by: Linda-Anne Klassen

Unpaid Taxes

If you haven't sent in your 2014 taxes, please remember that penalties are accumulating monthly.