



Resort Village of Shields Winter Newsletter

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Message from the Mayor:

As Christmas draws near there is a sense of rush and hurry as we prepare for travel near or far or just getting things ready around the house for family or friends that may drop in over the holiday season. In any event, we wish everyone safe travels and good health, especially during this holiday season.

We are inspired by the thoughts, energy, and actions of new residents and young parents with growing families in our community. The Spirit within our Village fosters enthusiasm and encourages involvement, creativity and responsiveness.

This year we are bringing the Memory Tree campaign closer to our community by having the evergreens in front of our community center “lite up” by those who make donations to our Blackstrap Emergency Services Team. Thus, after the evening of December 6, please drop by the community center to share in the marvel of the Christmas light display in remembrance of loved ones, past and present. While at the center, you may get a glimpse of activity as we introduce a skating area on the pond and perhaps even a warm glow from a warming spot! As a reminder, we have a groomed ski trail at the golf course again this year – thanks to another volunteering endeavour.

The communities of Thode and Shields have added an attachment to our town truck to speed up snow clearing within our communities. As our maintenance foreman provides this service, we would appreciate your cooperation in keeping garbage bins and vehicles well off the roadways so that we can do as good a job as possible in clearing roadways.

Most of our streets in the R.V. of Shields are named after various veterans of our Canadian Forces. May our Christmas prayers and greetings include recognition of men and women, past and present, dedicated to the preservation of ideals that define our Country.

We wish all a very Merry Christmas and very best wishes for the holiday season extending into 2015.

“ lang mae yar lum reek” - a *Gaelic expression* ‘ long may your chimney smoke !’

Happy Holidays Eldon & Alice Mackay



Children’s Christmas Party Dec. 14, 2014

The 2014 Children’s Christmas Party will be held on Sunday December 14 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Community Centre.

Bring your children or grandchildren for a fun afternoon. There will be games and crafts from 1:00- 2:00 pm with entertainment beginning at 2:00 pm. This should allow for naptime for little ones and grandparents (?). See you there!

Shields Volunteer Celebration

Every year Shields celebrates and thanks volunteers for their time and commitment to the Resort Village of Shields. This year the celebration, held in September, was a tea. The Community Centre was decorated to create the atmosphere of an elegant tearoom with fine linens, silver serving pieces, and a variety of tea sandwiches and dainties. It was a come and go event – but like any tea room people came and stayed the afternoon to socialize with neighbours and friends. It was a wonderful opportunity to show volunteers they are “special”.

The event was also an opportunity to award the first “Spirit of Shields Award “ to Patricia (Pat) Jarvis. Pat reflects the “Spirit of Shields” through her significant number of years of service to the community, her volunteering, her leadership and her personal interactions within the community. Thank you, Pat.

*Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy.
For every day that you volunteer, you create the kind of community you want to live in.*

Thank you for your time and commitment to the Resort Village of Shields!



Councillor Christmas Wishes

*Christmas wishes from Councillor Grace and Ernie Strasser:
To you and all whom you hold dear: A joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

*Wishing you the Joy of Family, the Happiness of Friends, and the Love of Christmas!
Happy Holidays From Councillor Cheryl and Dennis Robson*

*Councillor Dwayne and Debbie Heidt wish all the best to our friends and families of this special community
and a very Merry Christmas as well as a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!*

Merry Christmas from Councillor Kendra, Kurt and Natalie Bessie. All the best in the New Year!

From the Golf Committee

2015 season passes make great Christmas Gifts at only \$150 each and are available by contacting Jessie at the Town Office. Also, there are still bench plaques available that would make a nice Christmas gift at \$150 each. If you are interested please contact Garry Hovland at 492-2600 or Jessie.

A big thank you to everyone that came out for our work B on October 25th. We look forward to seeing everyone again in 2015!

Parks, Recreation and Culture Board

Objectives of the Board are to manage operations of municipal parks, culture and recreation facilities and to encourage and develop parks, culture and recreation activities in Shields. Members of the Board are volunteers who work with other volunteers to identify and to deliver the various activities and events within the village.

Work in Progress

- Winter Shuffleboard
- Outdoor Rink
 - December 2 meeting, Board and interested residents determined a temporary rink should be established on the ponds by the golf course.
 - Work group established to complete activities to create and to maintain outdoor rink during winter.
 - At the end of the season, use of the outdoor rink and feedback on the rink will be collected. This feedback will determine if it is worthwhile to look at establishing a permanent rink or four seasons facility for winter and summer activities.

Activities for 2015

- WinterFest
- July 1st Celebration

Members of the Board encourage you to become active in your Village and help the Board with your ideas, skills, time and enthusiasm to deliver activities. We will work with you to match your interests and available time with an activity.

Have a question or want to find out more about getting involved? Contact a member of the Board.

<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Community Centre	Judy Rathie 492-4955
Environmental Action (trees, recycling, compost)	Lindy Klassen 341-6455
Golf	Garry Hovland 492-2600
Parks (parks, playground, beach)	Rene Adam 221-3038
Grants and Fundraising	John Hill 373-0582
Parks, Culture and Recreation Board	Cheryl Robson 492-2250 Grace Strasser 492-3665

Community Centre

Council approved changes to procedures for rentals and to the charges for rentals. The changes are effective January 1, 2015. Rates for 2015 are as follows:

<i>Rental Fee</i>	<i>Resident</i>	<i>Non-Resident</i>
Hall rental	\$150/day	\$300/day
Meeting less than 3hours duration	\$50	\$135
B.B.Q. rental with hall	\$15/day	\$15/day
B.B.Q. rental only (no hall)	\$50/day plus \$50 cleaning damage deposit	\$50/day plus \$50 cleaning damage deposit

Watch for a summary of the changes in your email/mail and the updated Community Centre Rental Agreement on Shields website.

Shields Environmental Committee

In the New Year the Environmental Committee will be looking for interested residents to participate in developing a 5, 10, 15 year plan for the future look of our green spaces in the Village. If you are interested in providing your input, please contact Councilor Cheryl Robson at 306-492-2250 or by email at cherbear_19@hotmail.com. We look forward to your support to continue to beautify our Village.

Shields Family Night

Reminder - The third Friday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Community Centre is Family Night.

First Shields Golf Club Members Championship a Success

Shields first Men and Women Club Championship Golf Tournament was held on Saturday September 20th which was a great success. There were 30 members that participated in the day of golf and socializing. Congratulations to Murray McArthur the winner of the Men's Championship and Linda Ellerington as the winner of the Women's Championship. We look forward to the event in 2015 with even more members attending the event.

BEST Looking for Old Bed Sheets

The local volunteer fire department is looking for donations of old bed sheets. If you have some to donate contact Jessie regarding where to drop them off.

Garbage Fee Changes for 2015

There are 2 pick-up options for Shields – year round garbage pick-up and summer only – May to October. The new 2015 rates for garbage pick-up will be \$20.00 per month and for seasonal users \$1.25 per month during winter months. If you do not require collection in winter, you are required to store your garbage bin and will be assessed a \$1.25 per month fee for the unused bin.

If your status (full-time or seasonal) has changed, please let Jessie know.

Outstanding Accounts

If you have outstanding accounts – utility or taxes, a notice will be sent to you soon. Payment for outstanding accounts is appreciated before year end. Outstanding taxes as of January 1 will be subject to a 10% penalty. As of January 1 all outstanding utility accounts will be transferred to the tax roll for collection.

Please note: Penalties for outstanding accounts are added by the computer. Payments must be received by month end to be processed for that month. If the month end books are closed the penalty will not be reversed and your payment will be processed in the next month with penalties applied.

Payments can be sent by mail to Box 81, Dundurn, S0K 1K0; by email money transfer to shields@xplomet.ca ; or left in the mail box at the grid road (cheques only - cash must be brought to the house).



Have a Fire-Safety Holiday Season. – Information is courtesy of the Saskatchewan Government Relations – Emergency Management and Fire Safety.

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These Seasonal Fire Safety Tips come from your Local Fire Department

Christmas Trees

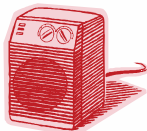
- Select a dark green, fresh-cut tree with a strong evergreen smell.



- Make sure the base of the tree is immersed in water at all times—check the reservoir frequently.
- Use only CSA approved lighting strings—throw damaged light strings away.
- If the tree starts to turn brown—remove it immediately.
- Don't leave the tree up too long—safely dispose of trees right after the holiday.

Space Heaters

- Place all space heaters at least 1 meter (3 feet) away from anything that can burn - wallpaper, bedding and clothing.
- Turn off/unplug space heaters when you leave the room or go to sleep.



- Don't leave children/pets unattended with space heaters.
- Check electric space heaters for frayed cords or overheating.
- Use only the recommended fuel for liquid fuelled heaters. Never use gasoline. Always turn off the heater and let it cool before refueling.
- An un-vented fuel-fired heater can produce deadly amounts of carbon monoxide. Ensure combustion gases are vented outdoors.

Fireplace Safety

- Burn small amounts of wood at frequent intervals.
- Don't burn paper, wrapping paper or pine boughs. This can cause sparks to drift out of your chimney and ignite your roof.



- Have your chimney checked and cleaned by a professional each winter.
- Use a screen in front of the fireplace to keep sparks in.
- Never use gasoline or other flammable liquids to light a fire. The vapours will explode.

- Dispose of ashes in a metal container, stored outside away from combustibles.

Using Candles

- Never use lit candles to decorate a Christmas tree.



- Keep lit candles away from paper decorations and other flammable materials.
- Do not leave candles within reach of children or pets.
- Put candles in non-tip candleholders and place them on a firm surface where they won't be knocked over.
- Snuff candles out when the festivities are over. Never let the candles burn down to the bottom.

Supervise Children

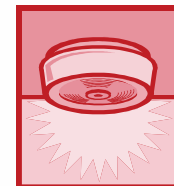
- Fascination and curiosity about fire can lead a child to play with matches, lighters or flames within easy reach.



- This holiday season protect your children from fire:
- Keep matches and lighters out of sight and reach of children.
- Supervise children at all times when they are in a room with a fireplace, a Christmas tree, lit candles, space heater or other open flame or hot surfaces.

Test your Smoke Alarms

- Test your smoke alarms monthly.
- Never remove the batteries from your smoke alarms for another purpose.
- Clean your smoke alarms by



vacuuming the cover.

- Smoke alarms don't last forever. Replace detectors that are more than 10 years old.

Plan Your Escape

- Plan and practice a fire escape with your family. Plan two ways out of every room.
- Have a family meeting place outside.

**In Case of Fire:
Get Out & Stay Out**

**Keep This 911 Information Sheet
Close to the Phone**
(Hint: Leave this out for the Babysitter)

**Then Call 911
From a Safe Location**

Our Home Address is:

Our Home Phone # is:

Directions to our Home: