

# **Council Communiqué** - May 1, 2014

*" the purpose of this communique is to highlight a number of items/events within our community"*

**Council has completed the 2014 operations budget process noting specific projects to be undertaken:**

- **Mawson roadway/drainage work**
- **Dust control / road surface enhancement for all roadways with completed drainage upgrades**
- **Staffing schedules - administration, maintenance, golf course**
- **Beach area enhancement**

**With focus on the following:**

## **Taxes:**

The Base tax has been increased by \$100. The mill rate has not changed - 2 mills. The 15% discount applies to municipal taxes only. The balance owing has been calculated at the bottom of the notice.

## **Office Hours:**

You are welcome to stop in and pay your taxes or utility bills, but please keep in mind that the village office is located within a private home. Office hours are part time - Monday to Friday between 9 am and 5 pm.

- *Please do not 'pop in' on Weekends or Evenings.*

A rural mailbox has been located at the 4 way stop on the grid road for placement of your envelopes.

- *Please avoid putting cash in the mail box, as it is not a secure site.*

The mail box is checked regularly, but if you would like to call & let Jessie know that you have left an envelope that is appreciated.

## **2013 Audited Financial Statement:**

A synopsis of the statement has been mailed with your tax notice. The complete statement is available on our website [shields@xplornet.ca](mailto:shields@xplornet.ca). If you have any questions, please contact Jessie.

## **Annual Information Meeting:**

Our Information Meeting will take place :

**10 a.m. - Saturday, May 17/14.**

**Breakfast will be served from 8 to 9:30.**

## **Village Cleanup:**

Council has arranged for large garbage bins to be brought into the village for clean up on the May long weekend.

**The first bin will arrive on Tuesday, May 13**

**"placed beside the recycling bin on Friendship Field"**

- **This is a service to assist with spring cleaning**
- **NOT for disposal of building materials or furniture.**

If the bin is full, please hold on to your debris until the next bin arrives. We have provided for 3 bins consecutively, please refrain from over filling the bins as it creates issues with Loraas Disposal, our contractor.

## **Volunteers Appreciated:**

Our community thrives from the strength of volunteers. If you are new to Shields, please take the time to consider joining your neighbours on one of our many Volunteer groups. Your interest may be trees, parks, beaches, golf or the Community Centre, we greatly value your dedication to our community spirit and life:

*EVOLVE - an enthusiastic endeavor for us in SHIELDS*

- E - energy
- V - vigor
- O - organize
- L - leadership
- V - volunteer
- E - enjoyment

## **Golf:**

The 2014 season opening date is dependant on Mother Nature. The 2014 rates are listed on the attached Golf information sheet.

Mark Your Calendars:

- Ladies night every Tuesday Evening - 6:00 pm
- Men's night Thursday Evenings 'to be confirmed' - 6:00 pm

**To take advantage of discount: purchase membership by June 1/14**

## **Zoning Bylaw Amendment:**

Enclosed with this Communiqué please find a Notice of Intent to Amend the Zoning Bylaw. The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 21/14 at 7 pm in the Shields Hall.

## **Summer Employment Opportunity:**

Shields is currently looking for someone to work 24 hours per week until the end of August. Work days will be Saturday, Sunday & Monday. The position will be at the Golf Course & Community Centre and will include, but is not limited to, green space and facility maintenance. The position pays \$13/hour. If you are interested please contact Jessie - 306 492 2259 or [shields@explornet.ca](mailto:shields@explornet.ca).

## **Speed Limit:**

**Speed is limited to 30 km/hr in our village**

As a Resort Village, our children and residents walk and ride on the roadways. For the safety of our children, friends, and visitors, please assist in the request to adhere to the posted limits. If a constant infraction is noticed, please record, vehicle license (if possible), description, date and time - report to RCMP or bylaw enforcement (Administration) for appropriate action.

## **Pets:**

The Animal Control Bylaw requires that pets be confined to owners' property or on a leash. The bylaw also requires that any droppings be cleaned up immediately. Fines will be issued to those who contravene the bylaw.

## **Docks:**

A reminder to all when installing your docks and/or lifts this spring/summer: We have had reports of docks, old boats, lifts and general JUNK not being used and sitting or being stored on the shore line area. This cannot happen and we ask that you contact Jessie and or Dwayne to report any of these situations so they can be dealt with ASAP.

We are also asking everyone, when you are down at the shoreline area to be watchful for any Boats or Docks that you think might not be from the Village so we can have them checked out to see if they do indeed belong to the Shields Residents and have permits to be in these areas.

## **Pleasant Properties:**

Efforts have been made to require all residents to maintain tidy properties. We thank those who take the time to create and enjoy their yard spaces. Please take a summer's moment to walk the village and observe the great landscaping efforts of our village residents.

## **Potluck Reminder:**

"50s" Potluck - Saturday, May 10  
Social hour 5-6; Supper 6  
Sock-hop to follow

## **Shields Community Centre**

Just a reminder to everyone, the Community Centre is available to rent. Find rental information at Shields website ([www.shields.ca](http://www.shields.ca)) and look under Amenities & Services / Facilities. Contact Judy Rathie at 492-4955 for more information.

## **Shields Celebration of Canada Day**

Reserve Saturday June 28, 2014 for the Celebration of Canada Day. This annual event will be loads of fun with a parade, family baseball games, closest to the pin golf contest, steak supper and refreshments, flotilla on Blackstrap Lake and evening fireworks. Watch for upcoming details on the events! Donations for fireworks are welcome and will cheerfully be accepted by Aimee Haynes 492-4914 or Jessie Williams 492-2259.

## **Bylaw reminder:**

Bylaws and policies are listed on the Shields website. If you are reporting a bylaw infraction please contact the village office during business hours if it is a municipal issue (ie dog at large), and the RCMP if it is a law enforcement issue (ie noise, misuse of ATV, etc).

Many issues are resolvable between involved parties. We ask that residents attempt to resolve issues prior to contacting outside assistance. Should you contact the Administrator or the RCMP a signed statement may be required in order to proceed any further.

When you live in a great Resort Village such as ours, there may tend to be more social gatherings in the summer months compared to other places. If you are planning to host a social gathering please be respectful of your neighbours and keep the noise at a reasonable level. Another polite thing to do is let your neighbours know that you will be having a social gathering so they can be prepared or maybe try inviting them!

## **Website:**

Remember to check out our website for ongoing activities throughout the summer. [www.shields.ca](http://www.shields.ca)

**Stay safe, play safe and have a great summer**