



Resort Village of Shields Spring Newsletter

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Message from the Mayor:

Mother Nature has just reminded us that Spring is still 'just around the corner'. The heavy, wet snowfall received this past weekend will certainly give the needed moisture to get things in a great early May state.

The Operations Team has been at work in preparation for Spring with much of the Spring trimming and clean up already well underway. We have joined with the Resort Village of Thode in an agreement to pool our resources relating to equipment and personnel, thus are looking forward to the increasing benefits of this collaboration.

Our resort villages have also undertaken the initial steps in regional planning and development within our area. The R.M. of Dundurn, Resort Village of Thode, Resort Village of Shields, and the Whitecap First Nation have signed a memorandum of understanding to advance our region in land use planning, roadway infrastructure optimization, business development, tourism and other aspects of our dynamic region. The Town of Dundurn has yet to join in the agreement, however the benefits of the collective group suggest that the Town of Dundurn is to become the pivot point of this undertaking.

In our own village, we are committed to complete the drainage work and roadway improvements that have been underway for a few years now. The benefits of this endeavour are being noticed in the stability of the roadway surfaces, while recognizing that maintenance of the roadways will always be ongoing. We encourage that service vehicles, truck and trailers are mindful of the intersections with culverts...as it is noted that corners are often taken too tightly, thus causing damage to the culverts. We have a challenge before us in the maintenance of some back alley roadways, which we will tackle, however with a 20-foot right of way, and fairly low overhanging lines this task is not easy.

Various committees are working to initiate some new, exciting ideas relating to recreation, park facilities utilization and community events. Please stay tuned to requests for ideas and participation, as the goal is the creation and sustainment of fun activities for the increasing population of village children and youth. There is also an excited group that is discussing how to establish 'pickle ball'; so those who know this fun game are requested to share their ideas.

Issuing of Development Permits and Building Permits continue to demonstrate the increased residential improvement activity within Shields. As our community continues to grow, we welcome the opportunity to share the unique "*Spirit of Shields*".

On **May 16** please join us for **breakfast at 8:00 to 9:30 a.m.** and the **Information Meeting at 10:00 a.m.** in the Community Hall. Committee and Council reports are a good source of '**what's happening in our village**'.

Have a safe and fun summer.....

Sincerely,

Eldon MacKay

Resort Village of Shields ‘Operations Team’

You have probably noticed employee activity throughout the village regarding spring clean up and preparations for the summer season. We are proud of our community and the Operations Team (formally called maintenance) who keep our village services running and our green spaces looking great.

Operations Team members are:

Fred Fehr Operations Manager: Fred oversees the operation and maintenance of all municipal property, facilities and equipment within Resort Village of Shields as well as Resort Village of Thode. Fred can be contacted at 306 492-7922. (More information on the this unique staffing arrangement will be provided at the Annual Information Meeting.)

Linda Ellerington
Greens keeper Golf Course

Ken Klassen
Maintenance Operator

Rene Adam
Certified Water System Operator

Reid Dressler
Summer Student Green space

Spirit of Shields Award

Do you know of someone who has made an exceptional contribution to our community?

Council is seeking nominations for the Spirit of Shields Award to be presented to one of those special people from our community. Nominations open on May 15, 2015 and close July 1, 2015. The Spirit of Shields Award will be presented at the Volunteer Appreciation event held in September.

Description of the Award, eligibility criteria, nomination process and nomination form will be available on the website by May 15, 2015.

Parks, Culture and Recreation Board (Rec Board)

Summer is approaching and everyone in the village is thinking –it’s time to organize the Shields’ Canada Day Party! The celebration will be Wednesday July 1.

The Board would like your help to plan and hold this fun event. We will fit your involvement to your schedule, available time, and interests. Have a lot of company coming on July 1? No worries there are lots of activities to get done before the event so you don’t necessarily have to work at the event. We want you, your ideas and your enthusiasm.

Send an email or call Jessie to express an interest. Think about becoming involved and volunteer when Rec Board members ask!

Golf Committee Update

The Golf Course opened on April 11th, four weeks earlier than past years! The greens are being watered from south pond and are off to a good start. Activities to remember:

- Ladies night is every Tuesday starting at 6:00 p.m.
- Men's night is every Thursday starting at 5:30 p.m.
- Bench plaques are still available for \$150 per plaque
- Annual tournament is set for Saturday August 1, 2015
- Club championship date is to be determined
- Call Garry Hovland at 306-492-2600 for any private tournament bookings

If anyone is interested in joining the golf committee please contact Garry.

Shields Roadside Swap - Saturday May 16, 2015

Roadside Swaps help us find items to reuse that are in good condition, reduces our community's environmental footprint and keeps them out of the landfill.

How it works

Starting at 9:00 a.m. on the swap date, items to give away are placed on the curb, making sure they're clearly marked as "FREE." After that, all swap items are up for grabs by neighbours and other area residents. The swap ends by 6:00 p.m. when it's time to return any unclaimed items back to your home along with all your newfound treasures. Go to the Shields website to find out what items can be swapped, guidelines for setting up your swap area and what to do with items not collected during the swap.

Boat Docks

We are working hard to make sure everyone has a dock spot. To obtain a spot application is to be sent to the Village Office; applications forms are available on the website (www.shields.ca). Everyone will be required to share a spot if the need arises. If you know someone that has or is looking for a spot, please ask to share as it is so much easier to put in docks and lifts with help! If you know of any spots that are not being used or if you notice docks and/or lifts just sitting on the shore and not in water, please notify Jessie and /or Dwayne Heidt so the situation can be reviewed. Also, please note, you must be a resident of Shields to have the privilege of having a dock spot. If you know of a situation where someone is at a spot and they are not a resident, please advise Jessie and/or Dwayne.

Town Office Information

Mail out for the Annual Property Tax Notices is April 30th. A synopsis of the 2014 Financial Statement has been sent out with the Newsletter. The complete document will be available on the website at www.shields.ca.

Red Bins – Household Spring Clean Up

The Red Garbage Bins will soon be coming again (Jessie to advise date by email) and it is very important that everyone abide by the restrictions of acceptable material that can be placed in the bins. Please remember that NO whites (stoves & fridges) can be placed in the bins - there are locations in Saskatoon where they can be taken for free. Your own household garbage goes in your own garbage bin. Construction material of any kind is NOT ALLOWED in the red bins.

Tree Branches

All tree branches can be taken to Dundurn Landfill for free. Please Note – at no time can anyone throw anything including trees in the PIT on South Mawson, this is not village land. If anyone is caught, charges may be laid and offenders will be required to clean it up. Please report any offenders to the Village Office.

Community Centre

Council approved changes to procedures for rentals and to the charges for rentals effective January 2015. Please review the information on the website if you are interested in renting the hall and to obtain a copy of the Rental Agreement. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Rathie 306-492-4955 or Lynn McArthur 306-492-2171. 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

Recycling Committee Update

Thanks to all of you who donate your refundable pop/beer cans, tetra paks, beer and wine bottles. Please ensure to empty all containers and remove all lids from juice and water bottles, as SARCAN requires this from us.

All items such as margarine/yogurt containers, glass jars, plastic shampoo bottles, plastic or cardboard milk jugs, soup tins, etc. that do not have a deposit fee can go straight into the large Blue Lorass bin along with cardboard, newspaper and plastics numbered 1 to 7. Please do not leave any other garbage or items not identified above at the recycling site as this is not what the program is intended for.