



Resort Village of Shields Fall Newsletter

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Message from the Mayor:

As we introduce this Thanksgiving newsletter, we want to highlight the Volunteer Event just passed. This particular evening featured a tribute to Ron and Norma Evans for their volunteer leadership within our community over the past number of years. We were able to enjoy an evening with many of our Shields Heroes in recognition of all the volunteer activities that take place throughout the year. Thank you.



Thus far in 2015 our community has grown.....

- ✓ 25 development permits issued
- ✓ 10 building permits for a total of \$1,106,523
- ✓ We had 43 children under the age of 5 that participated in our first soccer lessons!
- ✓ As at September - 2,006,840 gallons of water were distributed to 190 connections
Ave. of 10,562 / connection or an average of 1,173 gallons per month/ connection

In an ongoing effort to create awareness of speed on our streets, you've likely noticed our radar device that has untold features to assist us in maintaining safety and security on our roadways. We will share details of the information we collect with this device.

Our joint maintenance agreement and Operations Manager that serve both Thode and Shields has proven to be beneficial to both communities. As we move forward with our maintenance activities, resources will be required, thus much planning and development will continue through the winter months ahead.

As we move ever closer to resolving some roadway and drainage issues on many of the streets, we look forward to significant benefits to all. This has been a daunting process, however with the input of residents, contractors and financial resources we will achieve the desired results.

It's that time of year that we put our boats, docks, and lifts away for the winter months. Please assist our maintenance crews by ensuring that all equipment left on the shoreline has been properly identified with your name and contact information on each item stored.

Have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving

Eldon MacKay

Parks, Culture and Recreation Board (Rec Board)

The Board would like to announce the following upcoming activities:

1. Autumn is here - Pot Luck Supper - Saturday October 17, 2015
At the Shields' Community Centre
Happy Hour 5 – 6 p.m.
Dinner at 6 p.m.
Please bring your own plates and utensils and your smile.
2. Fall E-mail asking for expression of interest for Spring 2016 programs such as:
Ladies, Men or Youth Golf Lessons,
Kayak Lessons, Sailing Lessons
Once interest is known, the Board can determine grant subsidy amount and how many sessions are required.
We look forward to your input into what can be some great activities for our residents.
3. Canada 150 Anniversary Celebration Planning for 2017
The Board invites everyone to attend an information and idea session to be held on November 2 at 7:30 pm at Community Centre. Your participation at this meeting will determine what Shields does to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. This will assist the Board with the event description needed for requests to sponsors for this event.
4. Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday December 13 at Community Centre.

Family Night

Starts in November - the 3rd Friday of each Month.

Doors open at 6:30 and Entertainment at 7.

Cost is \$2 per child includes movie, juice box and popcorn

Playground/Beach Work Bee September 20, 2015

Thanks to all who organized and volunteered! "Have rake! Happy to help!"

- ✓ Playground sand was weeded and cleaned up.
- ✓ ¼ km of walking path 'topped up' as well as under benches and beach path.



Golf Committee Update

We are winding up another successful year with the golf course. Our annual Texas Scramble golf tournament was held on August 1, 2015. Entries were down from last year but we had great weather, good golfing and lots of fun!

The Men and Ladies Membership Championship was held on Sept. 26, 2015. There were 14 women golfers and 26 men golfers signed. Congratulations go out to Linda Ellerington and Les Wintringham as champions for 2015.

We also still have room for more bench plaques for sale, if you are interested please contact Garry. The cost of a plaque is \$150.00.

Saturday, October 18, 2015 has been tentatively scheduled for tarping the greens. An email will be sent out once date and time have been confirmed. We are also planning another work "B" this fall to trim and clean out more trees. Another email will be sent out once date and time has been confirmed.

A big Thank you goes out to Linda for keeping the course in excellent condition all year as always, and looking forward to next year.

We have Shields logo golf towels for sale at \$15.00 each which would make great stocking stuffers for Christmas. Please see Linda, Murray McArthur or Garry Hovland for more details.



Irrigation Water Shut Off

The irrigation system will be shut down as of October 14th, weather permitting.

Fire Insurance Rider

Reminder to all residents to ensure you have the proper coverage in case of a fire. The cost to call out the Fire Department is \$1,000 and \$1,000 for every hour at the site. This cost is charged to the homeowner so it is important to ensure that your insurance coverage has the appropriate rider to cover these Fire Department charges.

Storing Boat Docks and Lifts

Please remember that when removing your docks & lifts from the lake you may not impede the area for foot traffic. In order to be stored on municipal reserve all docks & lifts must have the name of the owner on the dock or lift with a tag or visibly written on the item. A 30-foot walking access must be left along the lake. If possible docks should be stored on your own property. Any items that are blocking this area will be moved.

Please ensure that you park your boat trailers (with or without boats) on your own property. These items when left on municipal land – green spaces or road allowances can be subject to a fine.

Thanks for keeping our streets clutter free.

Building Permits

Building permits are required before any new construction, demolition or major renovation begins. The National Building Code is the standard. Building and Zoning Bylaws apply. The permit fee will triple if a project is started prior to a permit being obtained. Development Permits are required for most work done on your property. Contact Jessie if you are in doubt.

Pets

There have been a lot of complaints about animal feces in our parks & playgrounds. Pets are not allowed in our playgrounds & swim areas. If you walk your dog, please ensure that anything it leaves behind is picked up. There is a \$50 fine for the first offence.

Recycling Committee Update

Please do not use the recycling centre (refundable items) as a drop off for odd things. Items that have been dropped off in the last few months have included: a television, an umbrella, vases, canning jars and books. This is not the intent of the beverage recycling centre.

Cellular Service Information Meeting



Can you hear me now?

Blackstrap Cellular Service Needs Improvement

- ❖ We lose signal
- ❖ Calls drop
- ❖ Have to drive to send an email
- ❖ Dial long distance to call next door
- ❖ Concerned for our emergency calls



The lack of cellular signal affects all residents in the Blackstrap area. Even those higher in elevation or have bought in-building signal boosters, lose coverage when they walk out their door.

Cellular Signal Information Session

Sunday, November 8th @ 2pm

Shields Community Hall

Attend for more information

We need your help

Questions? Call Murray 306-492-2171

or Ruth 306-220-985