



# Resort Village of Shields Winter Newsletter

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*Message from the Mayor:*

## SEASONS GREETINGS

The Christmas Season is fast approaching even though the weatherman is allowing us to enjoy some seasonally higher temperatures and little inconvenience of what we may consider normal! Nonetheless, there are many signs of family get-togethers, travel plans, and activities of this time of year.

Current activity in our village is highlighted by the construction work at the truck dump site, thus hopefully operational in a short time. The finishing touches of fencing, signage, berm construction and tree planting will be scheduled for Spring.

We welcome home owners of newly constructed houses in Shields and certainly the new owners of homes within the core of the village; 2015 has seen a lot of development in our community. As mentioned in our last newsletter, the value of the building permits has risen considerably in the past couple of years, in addition to the increased number of approved development permit applications.

Infrastructure improvements within our village are ongoing as we move forward in coordination with communities around us. Challenges of roadways, drainage, storage, traffic, recreation facilities, and community enhancement require much input. To this end we are currently developing a strategic planning questionnaire to be sent out in early 2016. This is an extension of the planning questionnaire that we circulated approximately 9 years ago, resulting in the various action projects being undertaken since that time.

Preparation of plans for the next round of infrastructure programs will be completed within the coming months as we want to be “shovel ready” for when the intake dates are announced by our senior governments.

We have a vacancy on our Council since the departure of Kendra Bessey, who has moved with her family to an acreage close by. Announcement of a by-election is included with this newsletter, please note the closing date for nominations. This will be a short term position on our Council, as we will have our regular Council election process in mid 2016. This provides an excellent opportunity to those who may wish to provide this level of community service – please consider allowing your name to stand for nomination.

On behalf of Alice and I, we wish everyone a safe and joyful holiday season and our very best wishes for a prosperous and healthy New Year.

*Happy Holidays . . . . Eldon & Alice Mackay*



• • • • • LET'S BEGIN THE CELEBRATION • • • • •

*It's The Most Wonderful  
Time Of The Year!*

Join us for a  
**Christmas Potluck!**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 2015 SHIELDS' COMMUNITY CENTRE 5:00 PM

Wear your "BEST"  
Christmas Sweater!

Fellowship  
5 PM - 6 PM  
**Dinner**  
**6:00 PM**

Please bring your own  
plates and utensils.

SUNDAY  
December  
**6** 2015

Non Perishable Food Items Are  
Welcomed and Will be  
Donated on Behalf of Shields'  
Residents to the Food Bank

Memory Tree  
Presentation  
And Fireworks  
To Follow!



**CELEBRATE**



FELLOWSHIP 5-6 PM



DINNER 6 PM



TO FOLLOW:  
MEMORY TREE & FIREWORKS

**Don't forget your "BEST" (ugly) Christmas Sweater!**

**PLEASE NOTE POTLUCK IS SUNDAY**



## **Children's Christmas Party**

Date: Sunday December 13, 2015  
Time: 1:00 – 4:00 pm  
Place: Shields Community Centre

Please join us at the Children's Christmas Party! There will be crafts, games, face painting, food and refreshments and, of course, a visit with Santa. Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend.

*RSVP to contact below by December 7<sup>th</sup> with the number of children who will attend and their age(s).*

Grace Strasser,      Email: [g.strasser@sasktel.net](mailto:g.strasser@sasktel.net)      Phone: 306 492-3665

## **Councillor Christmas Wishes**

*Christmas wishes from Councillor Grace and Ernie Strasser:*

*We wish you a Merry Christmas filled with family, friends, fun and a very joyous New Year.*

*We Wish you and your families a Very Peaceful and Joyous Holiday  
From Councillor Cheryl and Dennis Robson*

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

## **Shields 2015 Memory Tree Campaign Reminder**

This year we are again celebrating the Season by participating in the Memory Tree Campaign which ultimately serves as a symbol of remembering loved ones, family or special pets. Proceeds of your donation go directly and 100% to our Blackstrap Emergency Services Team (BEST). Illuminating the Evergreens at our Community Centre recognizes your donation.

The donation structure is as follows:

1 illuminated tree \$200.00

'donate as a block group, group of neighbors, group of friends or as a single family or families

OR

1 bulb in a string of lights \$10.00 each

Please remit donation and information to Village Office by December 4<sup>th</sup>. The Memory Tree lighting and remembering loved ones will be held at the Pot Luck on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. A form to complete the information was sent out via email a few weeks ago or else it is available from the Village Office.

### **From the Community Centre Committee**

There has been a major change in the way hall rental bookings are handled. To book the hall, please contact the Village Administrator, Jessie Williams at 306-492-2259. Jessie will handle the booking and then Crystal Reschny will look after the rental arrangement. Crystal will be the contact person for keys and procedures dealing with the rental.

As of November 2015, at the request of residents, we have an additional rental rate for the Hall. It is a three hour daytime rate (until 4:00 p.m.) for property owners at a cost of \$100 plus damage deposit.

Renovations to the Hall will be taking place from February through to April 2016. There will be limited access to the Hall and for any rentals. The renovations will be mainly in the kitchen area with a refreshment bar and moveable island being installed as well as minor repairs throughout.

A **special thank you** goes out to the **Shields 50+ Club** for their generous donation to the Hall renovation project.

*Judy Rathie, Chair, Hall Committee*

### **From the Golf Committee**

A work-bee was held on Nov. 7 to clean up dead and diseased trees west of the Hall. Thank you to the volunteers who helped and to Fred Fehr for coordinating.

Some Christmas gift ideas to consider

- Personalized bench plaques are available for \$150 each
- 2016 Golf season passes make great Christmas gifts. Call the Village Office to inquire about the 2016 rates and obtain your 2016 season passes.

For more information contact Garry Hovland at 492-2600 or anyone on the golf committee or Jessie at the Village Office.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
Gary Hovland, Chair, Golf Committee*



**Information from the Resort Village Office****2016 Water Rates**

The Water Rates for 2016 are increasing - notice was sent a few weeks ago.  
Council has abated the \$200 sewer infrastructure levy for 2015

**By Election – January 23, 2016**

A by election has been called for Jan 23, 2016. Call for Nominations is included with this newsletter.  
Nomination forms are available from Jessie.

**New Bylaws in 2015**

A couple new bylaws have been adopted in 2015:

- traffic - more detailed bylaw is available on line or by calling the office
- animal control - pets not allowed in play areas

**Leaking Holding Tanks**

We suspect that there are some leaking holding tanks. Saskatoon District Health will be asked to assist the municipality in identifying these tanks next spring.

**Illegal Use of Non-Potable Water**

It appears that there may be some residents who are using the seasonal irrigation system for household use. If this is the case you are putting the municipal potable water system at risk of cross contamination and this could cause the Village to loose access to the lake water for irrigation purposes. It is prohibited to use non potable water in any dwelling in Shields. All dwellings are to be serviced only by the potable distribution system.

**December Council Meeting Date Change to December 14, 2015**

**Outstanding Account notices** for utilities or taxes will be sent out before year-end.

**Use it Properly or Lose It**

It has been brought to the attention of the Environmental Action Committee that the "Recycling Depot" has been used for inappropriate "donations" on a few occasions over the Summer. When this occurs, it creates a lot of extra and totally unnecessary work for our Volunteers who must sort through all the recycling and make sure nothing that does not fit the "stated recycling categories" is taken to the Sarcan Depot. If you have articles, ie: Televisions, other Electronic Equipment or basic household garbage, please ensure you dispose of these things in a proper manner. The articles acceptable for recycling are clearly posted. There is a risk of the Depot not being available at all if non-compliance continues. If we all adhere to the "rules" it will only benefit our Village and reflect a positive image to others.

*Thank-you, EAC, Resort Village of Shields.*

Please note: If you have electronics to recycle you must take them to a SARCAN Depot in Saskatoon yourself. The Shields recycling facility is not a SARCAN Depot and as such does not want your electronics.

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

## Have a Fire-Safety Holiday Season

***These Seasonal Fire Safety Tips come from  
your Local Fire Department***

### **Christmas Trees**

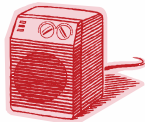
- Select a dark green, fresh-cut tree with a strong evergreen smell.



- 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.

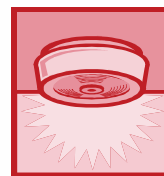


- This holiday season protect your children from fire:

- 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:**