



Resort Village of Shields Winter Newsletter

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Message from the Mayor:

To:

All that share

‘the Spirit of Shields’



May this season bring joy and happiness to your household. A time for family and friends to gather, share memories, laughter, and fond experiences of this past year and years previous.

This greeting is a wish of warm thoughts, of counting our blessings, of time to offer our thanks to those whom we have encountered through the year.

This is a wish for good fishing this winter, for safe snow mobile operation, and for safe travels to and from work or holiday destinations with family and friends.

We take time to thank our village and regional operations, administrative, permanent and seasonal staff for the good work they do.

Sincerely . . .

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from our house to yours . . .

Eldon & Alice Mackay

Children's Christmas Party and Memory Tree "Let the Lights Shine" Event on December 4

The annual celebration of the holiday season with the children was combined to lighting of the trees at the Community Centre for the Memory Tree Campaign. The children had a fun filled afternoon with entertainment, games and crafts. There were squeals of delight when Santa arrived for his visit. All the adults were moved when the children went outside to hang ornaments they had made on the trees when the Christmas lights were turned on. Make sure you go by the Community Centre to admire the lights.



**Councillor Christmas Wishes**

*May your life be full of laughter shared with family, friends and acquaintances
during the holiday season and throughout 2017.*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Grace and Ernie Strasser

Warm wishes to you and your family this Holiday Season

Angie and Dave Larson

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

Ryan and Terri-Lyn Pasitney and family

*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!*

Golf Committee

We would like to thank all the golfers and volunteers that helped us with work projects, tree planting/trimming, clean up, tarping/removal, and tournaments in 2016. Also thank you to Fred Fehr for always being there when we have needed assistance with the various ongoing projects. As always, Linda Ellerington continues to make our course better and better every year and her continued dedication to the course is greatly appreciated. Men's and Ladies golf nights continue to grow with new golfers showing up every year. Special thanks to Wayne Rathie for cooking for Men's night and The Cove for Cove specials.

The golf committee would like to remind everyone that season passes make excellent gifts for Christmas. We also still have some spots left on our benches for bench plaques. For more information on season passes or bench plaques, please contact Jessie or myself.

I would like to thank all committee members for their support over the past year, including, Ernie Strasser, Murray McArthur, Scott Coulson, Todd MacEwan, Beryl Steen and Kurtis Bessey, as well as our council liaison Angela Larson.

Happy Holidays

Gary Hovland, Chair, Golf Committee

Parks Culture and Recreation Board

As 2016 draws to a close, a great big thank you must be sent to all the volunteers (past and present) who through their efforts have made Shields the special community that it is. The skills and abilities of our volunteers and their willingness to be part of the projects and activities within the village are a huge contribution to life in our community.

Please consider volunteering during 2017 because you will:

- Help us create the kind of community you want to live in
- Have fun, and meet people
- Feel good about giving back to the community
- Share your skills and experience
- Learn some new skills (something for your resume?)
- Contribute based on your availability and interests

Members of the Recreation Board encourage you to become more involved in our community and to share your ideas. Want to find out more contact:

Parks, Culture and Recreation Board

Council Representatives: Angie Larson (306 492-4632) or Grace Strasser (306 492-3665)

Golf Committee: Chair Garry Hovland (306 492-2600)

Community Centre Committee: Chair Judy Rathie (306 492-4955)

Parks, Beach, Playground and Ball Diamond Committee:

Chair Amanda Thiessen (306 361-7478)

Greenspaces: Council Representative Ryan Pasitney (306 716-0987)

Volunteers Needed for:

Winter Rink on the Pond

Volunteers are needed to be part of a schedule to clean and maintain the rink on the pond. Please contact Ryan Pasitney at 306 716-0987.

Parks, Culture and Recreation Board, Greenspaces and Community Centre Committees require some committee volunteers. Please contact the Committee Chair or Council Representative if you are interested.

Information from Town Office

2017 Water Rates

The Resort Village of Shields has been advised that the Dundurn Rural Water Utility will receive a rate increase which they will be passing on to the Resort Village of Shields.

Please be advised that effective January 1, 2017 the rate for water consumption will increase from \$6.00 per cubic meter to \$6.30 per cubic meter.

Amended Bylaw

The Bylaw to Regulate and Control the Use & Consumption of Water has been amended to provide for an additional charge if your curb stop needs to be shut off and it is not easily accessible.

The new charges will be:

- request for water on/off – \$10
- request for meter removal/install if other than a seasonal installation – \$25
- if the location of the curb stop is not easily detected, a minimum \$50 fee will apply + an additional \$50/hour of time expended to locate same.

It is very important that your curb stop is easy to locate. Please mark it to avoid a delay if your water needs to be shut off. There have been instances where the outside shut off was required to prevent flooding.

Winter Parking Issues

We have been fortunate so far with the amount of snow that has fallen, but this is Saskatchewan and it will soon change. In order to facilitate snow removal it is very important that residents respect the Traffic Bylaw.

- Only parallel parking is allowed on our streets where permitted – \$250 fine
- Parking for more than 72 hours in the same location is not allowed – \$250 fine
- All trailer (boats, campers) must not be parked on the streets unless they are attached to a vehicle – \$250 fine
- Parking in alleys is not allowed – \$250 fine.

Several residents have been contacted regarding items that are parked contrary to our Traffic Bylaw. Thank you to those who have addressed the issue.

Council is currently considering contracting a Bylaw Enforcement Officer to address the situations where the residents have ignored the request to relocate items parked illegally on the streets. These Bylaw Enforcement Officers will issue tickets and may cause the item to be towed.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

False Alarms – Notification from our Fire Department

Notification to the Residents of the Town of Dundurn, RM 314 Dundurn, Resort Village of Shields and the Resort Village of Thode

There has been a marked increase in the incidence of Fire Alarm dispatch calls to our service through the summer months of 2016. Most of these calls have been false alarms that have resulted from smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monitored by external alarm companies. There have been various reasons for these calls including: cooking, construction, faulty alarms and non-updated contact information with the homeowners.

It is important to remember that these alarm systems, while installed to give the homeowners peace of mind and ultimately an early alert for 1st responders, must be updated and maintained. Your contact information should be checked and updated. You should inquire about the protocols of the alarm company and check if they are responsible for costs related to multiple false alarms.

False alarms are stressful for the homeowners and the 1st Responders. The Alarm company will contact dispatch agencies before trying to contact the homeowner so when you are not available by phone or whatever contact information your company uses, our 1st Responder Team is mobilized and gathers information and equipment required for the reported emergency.

With this in mind, the Fire Board has decided to implement the following fee schedule:

- 2 false alarms to the same business or residence- \$250
- 3 false alarms to the same business or residence- \$500
- Any subsequent alarms to the same business or residence- \$1000 which is a full response Fee.

The Fire Board will review the location status and these charges on an annual basis.

Have a Fire-Safety Holiday Season.

