



Resort Village of Shields Spring Newsletter

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Message from the Mayor.....

There are challenges in and around our community.

Over the past number of years the Resort Village of Shields has evolved to a community that supports a younger population with a desire to experience the fun surroundings of lake or cottage country. With this growth experience the needs and / or expectations of our communities is changing.

The challenges of governance and compliance with increasing regulation are daunting to those of us who attempt to navigate through the maze. All too often the volunteer members of your Council are requested to intervene with those who struggle with typical 'neighbor' issues from parking to dog ownership to noise and nuisance. While these issues are critical and often overwhelming, the leader group in the Village have additional issues to address from community service infrastructure as garbage collection, tree maintenance and renewal, access road works, recreation area creation and maintenance, regular street maintenance demands, equipment acquisitions and maintenance while also interacting with our neighbor municipalities in the region.

From this perspective our community requires the human resources to complete the daily and seasonal tasks that were done by caring volunteers in the past. We certainly appreciate the caring volunteers that make so many willing contributions toward the betterment of our community, however we have had to add to that 'work force' through the sharing of personnel and equipment between the Blackstrap Resort Village communities.

Rules and regulations, leading to bylaws are becoming an unfortunate reality in communities such as ours, mostly due to the disregard for property belonging to others, whether it is residential property, municipal property, or farming field property. Regulations or bylaws are an "enforcement tool" made necessary to attempt correction of this situation. Police or bylaw enforcement officers are in more demand than ever before; each of us has a role to play in this regard.

Your Council and Administrator are moving into final completion of our Budget in the next few days. The considerations for allocating our tax dollars are a challenge, however we will continue to make decisions in the interest of the greater community.

On behalf of Council and Administration we wish all an enjoyable and safe summer.

Please enjoy participation in the opportunities to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday.

Eldon Mackay

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, 2017 and close July 1, 2017.

Description of the Award, eligibility criteria, nomination process and the nomination form are available on www.Shields.ca

Annual Information Meeting

The annual information meeting will be held on May 27 in the Village Hall. There will be a pancake breakfast served from 8 – 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will follow from 10 to noon. Council would encourage residents to join for breakfast and to attend the meeting to get updates on current and future plans for the Village.

Information from Town Office

2017 Property Tax Notices

The 2017 property tax notices delivery will be delayed until after the assessment roll is closed and all appeals have been resolved. We anticipate that the tax notices will be sent out by the end of June.

Large Red Bins – Household Spring Clean Up

The red garbage bins will be here for the long week-end in May. It is very important that everyone abide by the restrictions of acceptable material that can be placed in the bins. Please remember that all whites (stoves & fridges) can be taken to Dundurn Landfill for a fee. Your own household garbage goes in your own garbage bin. Construction material of any kind is NOT ALLOWED in the red bins.

Animal Control Bylaw

Reminder to all residents that the Village has an Animal Control bylaw that prohibits pets from running at large and defecating on municipal lands and lands not owned by their owners. Please ensure to clean up after your pets.

Shields Roadside Swap – Saturday May 20, 2017

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

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, and guidelines for setting up your swap area.

Parks Culture and Recreation Board (Rec Board)

Planned Events

Learn to Play Soccer happening throughout May and June at Generations Park.

Ladies Golf Lessons

Golfers and golf beginners are welcome. Lessons will begin on May 8th (conditions permitting).

Instructor: Murray McArthur

Murray is not a professional, but he has 50 years of golf experience, with abundant enthusiasm and "golf tips" to improve your game. Murray is a winner of the Shields Men's Championship.

Format of the lessons, dates and times and registration procedures available at www.Shields.ca

Have an idea for a future project or activity for the village?

Parks Culture and Recreation Board would love to hear from you and encourages you to contact any of the following:

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)

Grants and Fundraising: John Hill (306 373-0582)

We also encourage you to attend Resort Village of Shields Annual Information Meeting on May 27th to obtain information and provide input on the proposed Sport Court Project submitted by Parks, Beach, Playground and Ball Diamond Committee.

Canada 150 Celebrations 2017**Committee Members and Responsibilities**

Grace Strasser: Chair 492-3665

Jessie Williams: Administration/Accounting

Cheryl Robson: Dundurn Parade Float, Family Night under the Stars and Multicultural Golf Cart and ATV Parade at Shields

Tamara Kaminski: Advertising, Promotion and Decoration

Alice Mackay: Dance

John Hill: Grants and Fundraising

Join us for the Celebration. We have joined with our neighbours for fun events throughout the month of July. Opportunities exist for you and your family to be involved in preparations for the events in addition to attending. Watch for emails, information on Shields web site and Facebook Page.

The various celebrations are scheduled as followings:

July 1st Canada Day in Dundurn includes: Canada Day Events, Parade, and Fireworks
Shields will have a float in the Canada Parade. Stay tuned for volunteer and child participation opportunities.

July 8th Shields Beach area

Fireworks and Family Night Under the Stars –campfire, s’mores, stories and fireworks

July 22nd Shields

Afternoon: Multicultural Golf Cart/ATV Parade throughout the village. Watch for poster with event details.

Evening: Dance with “The Hitmen and Heidi Munro”; Food sales: “ Through the Mud Bar-b-que”
Watch for information and notice of advance ticket sales.

July 29th Dundurn

Penny Days event at Wilson Museum

Sponsorship Opportunities available, please contact Grace Strasser 306 492-3665 or g.strasser@sasktel.net.



Golf Committee

The golf course opened up on Friday afternoon April 28, about 2 weeks later than last year but still ahead of most years. The course wintered fairly well, with exception of a couple of holes that had vole damage, which Linda will have back in shape as soon as possible.

The benches have been sanded, re-stained with minor repairs done and look like new once again. Thank you to local golfers and residents who have purchased plaques for the benches, we just have 2 more plaques left to sell. If you would like to purchase a plaque please contact Jessie or Gary Hovland. We have also purchased some Shields logo decals approximately 4" x 8" which can be placed on golf carts or elsewhere, please contact anyone on the golf committee if you would like to purchase one for \$10.00.

Fred has been working around hole #6, making a bigger landing area, plus moving the cart path further away from the green. We hope to have this area sodded as soon as possible so please be patient as we work to get this done.

As a reminder, Men's night is every Thursday and Ladies night every Tuesday, weather permitting. Rates are the same as last year, with exception of day passes going down from \$90 to \$75.

Please take note and be advised that dogs/pets, bicycles and strollers are not allowed on the golf course at anytime.

The course is open for winter activities during winter months but please remember that dogs/pets are not allowed on the Golf Course regardless of the season.

Gary Hovland, Chair, Golf Committee

Shields Greenspace

Green spaces are an important part of our Village. They frame the parks and recreation areas we all use on nice days while giving us shelter on the not so nice days. Just like anything, they need attention so that we do not lose them. The Resort Village of Shields has a Greenspace committee to assist us in making decisions where attention is needed. An example of this is, that currently there is a program being offered to our Village where we can acquire a number of shrubs and trees at no cost from the South Saskatchewan Watershed Authority. A great opportunity, but are these what we want? If so, where do we locate them? Roadsides, parks or golf course? Decisions like this are why we need a Committee. At this time we are short members. We would like to put a call out for Volunteers to join the Greenspace committee.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the committee please contact Jessie at the Village Office.

Meeting with the RCMP

On a quarterly basis one of your Council members meets with the RCMP to discuss current trends in the RMs, Towns and Villages. Currently there is nothing to report to our Citizens. Council Member Pasitney and the RCMP would like to send out a friendly reminder to everyone to keep your sheds, vehicles and homes/cottages locked when you are away from them. Remove the keys from your recreational vehicles (golf carts, quads, snowmobiles) when not in use. These small preventative measures will assist in deterring those with poor intentions.

Keep an eye out for each other, and have a great crime free summer.

Boat Docks and Lifts on the Shoreline

It is a requirement that all docks and lifts stored on the shoreline for the winter months be tagged with owner name and contact number. Just a reminder to everyone as of May 31st all docks and lifts must be in the water or removed from the beach front/shore line area. This public reserve land is not to be used for storage in the summer, it is a privilege to be able to have our docks and lifts in the water so please everyone lets keep the beach area clean of debris.

Village management will perform a walk about of the shoreline to identify any material without identification that may be deemed abandoned and would be removed from the shoreline. If you know of any lifts or docks that have been abandoned please advise Council Member Dwayne Heidt so they can be dealt with. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping our shorelines clear of debris and help to maintain the beauty of our Village.



*Celebrate
Canada's 150th*

Decoration Prep Day for the Float!

Bring the Kids over for a morning of craft-filled fun! We are supplying all of the craft supplies and will help the kids make decorations for our Village's Canada Day Float, and decorations for the Kid's bikes for when they ride behind the float!



Saturday, June 17th
10 AM - 12:00 PM
Shield's Community Hall

**THIS COULD
GET MESSY!!**

Please send child(ren) wearing appropriate clothes that are okay to get messy.

Please RSVP to Cheryl by June 1st
cherbear_19@hotmail.com or 306-230-1452