

Shields News – Winter 2018

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Volunteer Rink on the Pond !

Mayor's Message

The sights and sounds of Christmas abound throughout our community, even though we are in the midst of some unique weather. But this is Saskatchewan; we will make the best of it as we know things may rapidly change!

As the Spirit of Christmas comes forth we invite you to check out the rink at our small pond at the golf course - a hidden treasure that many are enjoying thanks to the vision and work of volunteers - a resounding "Thank you". Please take the opportunity to view and/or bring your skates - this ice is great!

Santa was able to take a few minutes at the Kid's Christmas Party to bring greetings and smiles to the many smiling faces that attended the festivities at the Community Center on December 15th. The Potluck after was a great event as well. If you haven't attended one of the Potluck events - we welcome you to come on out.

It has been a while since the meeting that many attended to discuss the possibility of the South Access road. Although the negotiation progress was slow this summer, we will be marking out the upgrade along our West Boundary in order to provide required access to the South Community mail box site, compost location, maintenance building, potable water plant and waste water receiving site. Negotiations will continue with the new Council at the RM in the New Year for the proposed extension to Highway #211.

Our recent community survey was inspiring. Thanks to all that were able to provide their input. Through the many responses we will be embracing some desired communication aspects that will provide more inclusion to our community and the Blackstrap Region.

We thank our administration and operations staff, permanent and seasonal, as well as our student helpers and volunteers for a great job this past year. There are many plans and considerations for the coming year that will be finalized over the next few months.

From our family to yours....

Have a Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year!

Eldon & Alice Mackay



Parks, Culture & Recreation Board

Parks, Beach.... Committee

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

Council Rep:
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

Green Spaces Council
Representative:
Cam Paulsen
306-230-5950

Co-Chair & Secretary:
Terry Pasitney

Merry Christmas to our wonderful community!

Don't hibernate this winter. Instead come to the **outdoor rink** located at the pond by the golf course. Or go **sledding** with your kids on one of the hills. There has been a fire pit added to the hill at Lakeview Rise Park (McCrimmon Avenue) so all you need is to supply your own wood and you can stay warm while sledding.

Our **Sport Court** fundraising has had a great first year and we are slowly getting to our goal of \$125,000. We want to thank everyone who came out to the Karaoke night as we raised \$1500 at this event.

To date funds raised are...

Fundraisers	\$ 4,000
Cash Donations	\$ 4,000
Grants	\$ 5,000
Service-In-kind (engineering and electrical)	\$10,000
Total:	\$23,000

Upcoming Events

Also make sure to clear your calendar and keep posted for these **upcoming events**.

First Annual Blackstrap Fish Derby - Feb 23, 2019 (stay tuned for details)

Go Out & Play Challenge - March 1-10, 2019

We have a chance at winning \$10,000 if our community can log enough hours of physical activity in 10 days! Or second prize of \$5,000. Great thing is we don't need to be living in our village and other people from outside our village can participate. And snowbirds you can also help, because you don't have to be in Canada to participate! We are signed up early so we have 1000 hours already! Visit www.saskatchewaninmotion.ca for details or ask me!

Anyone wanting to sign up for the GO out & Play Challenge please call, text or email me. Or if anyone wants to sign up to help for a fundraiser or has other questions please let me know.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Amanda Thiessen
Parks, Beach and Playground Chair
306-361-7478 / amoseson@yahoo.com



Golf Committee



The golf course officially closed for the season with tarping the greens on Saturday October 6, 2018.

We had a record number of season passes sold this year and with the relatively nice summer, 2018 turned out to be a good year for the golf course. The course continues to see improvements and we look forward to working on new projects for 2019.

The Thursday Night Men's group hosted a steak/chicken supper for the Tuesday Night Ladies

on September 11. The men held their own steak night on September 13th. The Men's & Ladies golf nights have started to become quite popular so please contact anyone on the golf committee for more information and if you want to get on the email list.

Thank you to all the volunteers for their time and to Fred Fehr and his staff for their dedication and hard work in making our course so enjoyable to play on year after year.

A special mention to Del Davies for his tireless devotion and his many, many hours of dedication to our golf course.

Please keep in mind season passes make excellent Christmas gifts as the season quickly approaches, you can contact Jessie Williams for details.

Happy Holidays from your Golf Committee

Garry Hovland, Committee Chair

Village Administration and Operations

Notice from Dundurn Fire Department

The Dundurn volunteer fire department will be implementing the following fee structure for **false alarms**:

1st false alarm - no charge (warning of subsequent charges)

2nd false alarm within 1 year - \$250

3rd false alarm within 1 year - \$500

Subsequent false alarms within 1 year - \$1000

If there are no further false alarms within 1 year of first call, fee will revert to no charge.

Parking Bylaw Enforcement Continues

Thank you to those that have complied with the Bylaw and have removed any vehicles/trailers from the public streets and alleys. However, the town office continues to get complaints about parking infractions. So just a reminder, staff will continue to place yellow tags on items that are contravening the traffic bylaw to ensure that the streets and alleys are clear for traffic, snow removal and emergency vehicles.

Garbage Collection - Loraas Disposal Price Increase

The annual agreement with Loraas Disposal has just been completed. Their recycling costs are rising, thus they have slightly increased their charges for garbage collection. Effective **January 1, 2019** the **monthly fee** for garbage collection will increase by .50 cents to **\$21.50**.

Animal Bylaw

Just a reminder to pet owners, dogs are to be on leash while in the Village and are not allowed on the Golf Course. The Village area includes the south end development right to the stop sign at the end of South Mawson, which is the entry into the Village from what is referred to as the 'turkey trail'.

Congratulations to past Mayor of Shields

Harold Empey, a long, full-time and part-time resident and past Mayor of our Village was recently awarded one of the highest honours in the Country for his dedication to volunteerism for the past 60 Years. The Therese Casgrain Lifelong Achievement Award, which recognizes only one person in the country each year was presented to Harold in Ottawa on December 5th, 2018. Harold's contributions have included Melville city council, 10 years as Shields Mayor, Craik volunteer fire department, chair of the Dundurn Housing Authority and Rotary Club where he had the honour in many cases representing the World President of Rotary that has over a million members. Over the years Harold has assisted in fundraising millions of dollars for the University of Saskatchewan and Oliver Lodge just to name a few. Many in the Village may remember a fundraiser held at the town Hall where Harold was the auctioneer. The fundraiser was very successful due to Harold's knack of getting your money – a special loaf of artisan bread that was donated by one of the residents went for \$60.00! Harold's current passion is his 'Just in Case Binder' a program to educate and guide people through advance planning in preparation for end of life or emergency situations. Harold developed the program as a legacy to his late wife Betty.

As a recipient of the national award, Harold was also able to select a non-profit of his choice to receive a \$10,000 grant. He picked Oliver Lodge, a long-term care home in Saskatoon.



Council and the residents of Shields would like to extend our sincere congratulations to Harold and his family for receiving this very distinguished award.

Your dedication to the Village of Shields as one of the past Mayors for ten years is one example of your dedication and volunteerism.

Thank you Harold!

*Wishes from your Council,
Village Administration and Staff*



*Best wishes from:
Jessie, Fred, Kaija,
Ken, and Linda*

"Take the time to enjoy the season and time spent with family and friends. Thank you to all the volunteers, seen and unseen, your efforts make Shields the community that it is. Holiday wishes to all."

Grace and Ernie Strasser

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

Ryan and Terri Pasitney and family



"Merry Christmas and happy New Year! Enjoy the time with your friends and family!"

Cam Paulson & Carolina Caraza and the Fur Babies

"From our family to yours, we wish you all the best this Christmas season and that 2019 brings you continued happiness, good health and prosperity!"

Dwayne and Debbie Heidt