



Shields News – Fall 2019

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Message from the Mayor

The recent introduction to winter has caught many in Western Canada by surprise and has indeed halted, if not slowed, progress on harvest and many other construction sites. The high cost of these disruptions will be felt for months to come.

Immediately prior to the heavy snow, rain and cold temperatures we were entertained by a huge and successful fundraising event in favour of the Sport Court Project. A huge “thank you” to the creativity and efforts by the committee in this unique venture, in combination with a great outing in Toronto by our Saskatchewan Roughriders. As a community, we thank Brian Willms and Wilbar Farms for allowing the Saskatchewan champion bull “Escobar” to drop his greeting in the event.

After some initial delays, and the rain events in September, the South Memorial Road is almost complete. We are confident that October 9th should see this project completed with signage to follow.

It is discouraging that a portion of the speed bumps and STOP signs were removed on this past Saturday. These were put in place for safety of our children and residents in a critical area. This has prompted the need to install surveillance cameras in order to charge those who choose this form of protest.

After the road completion we will meet with the RM of Dundurn to establish the next phase to complete the access road for the shortest route to pavement.

The new street signs installed throughout the village have received many positive comments from residents as well as visitors. Thanks to our committee for this major community identity project. In conjunction with this project we have had to give addresses to various of our local asset locations for GPS identification necessary for Fire Department, EMO, Ambulance, and communication entities.

Our communication initiative is proving to be well appreciated by current and former Shields residents. This process will continue as we move closer in the evaluation of what a responsible social media effort can assist within our community and area.

A word on drainage concerns within the village has prompted not only identification of municipal areas, but has brought an awareness among and throughout private property locations. It might be a consideration to suggest that it is not acceptable to drain water from one property to another without consideration and communicating an agreement.

As we approach Thanksgiving, please travel safe and be sure to enjoy family and friends in sharing our good fortune for living in a great community, province and country.

May the ‘Spirit of Shields’ be with you . .

Eldon Mackay

PLEASE ABIDE BY SPEED and SIGN NOTICES ON MEMORIAL DRIVE
Pedestrian, worker and traffic safety are critical to our community

Village Project Updates

Irrigation System Project Update

The project has not moved along as had hoped. The contractor commitment and availability was disappointing. Fred has recently met with two other contractors to quote on the irrigation project which has been deferred to Spring 2020.

Shields Civic Sign Project



Past

Installation of the new village street signs is complete except for the portion of Memorial Drive that is under construction. What a difference! Positive comments received on the ability to read the signs both during the day and night and the professional look.

In the Spring of 2020, a traffic sign review throughout the village will occur to determine if additional signage is needed and if any need a refresh.

Present



As part of the sign project, all street addresses within Shields were entered by Jessie into Saskatchewan Civic Address Registry (CAR). This registry, created through collaboration by Information Services Corporation (ISC) and Government of Saskatchewan, is to aid in emergency response planning and dispatch. More detailed information on CAR can be found at ISC.ca.

All Shields buildings and structures were assigned the following addresses:

Maintenance Building	51 Memorial Drive
Pumphouse	53 Memorial Drive
Truck Dump	55 Memorial Drive
Old Pumphouse	7 A Mawson Drive
South Lift Station	39 A Mawson Drive
North Lift Station	1 A Sunterra Drive
Old Garage/Rec Storage	8 McCordick Street
Boat Lots	1 BH to 14 BH

All homes in Shields are required to have house numbers visible for emergency situations. Boat lot owners should place lot address on their building/lot for use in emergency situations as well.

Communication Project Update

The Project team is investigating a 'text messaging application' that would be used by the village to provide quick 'text' updates on operational activities to the residents of Shields. The technology must follow all anti-spam legislative requirements for Canada and be cost effective for the village. A recommendation has now gone to Council for their October meeting; if approved, watch for instructions on how to sign up for the service coming soon!

Village Administration and Operations

Village Compost has Moved

The compost site has moved to the south end of Shields. This move is necessary due to the extremely wet conditions at the previous site which does not support the proper decomposition of all the material. Signage of the new location has been provided for your convenience. As always, no branches are allowed, the compost area is for ***grass clippings and leaves only***.

Preparing for Fall and Winter

- **Irrigation Water:** Due to the recent weather the irrigation water is now shut down for the year. To help drain the lines it is a good idea to open your outside irrigation taps, but remember to CLOSE them before next spring BEFORE the irrigation water is turned on again.
- **Seasonal Water Meters:** A reminder to seasonal residents who need their meters removed for the winter to contact Fred at 306-492-7922 to arrange for the village to pull your meter and shut off your curb stop.
- **Winter Storage of Boat Docks and Lifts on the Shoreline**
 - Ensure all equipment on the shoreline is tagged with owner name and contact number
 - Ensure equipment does not hinder residents walking along the shoreline
 - Any equipment not marked will be deemed abandoned and will be removed from the shoreline.

Blue Bins Returning

The blue recyclable bins are moving back near the mail boxes on Memorial Drive.

Potable Water System Disconnections

If you require your water curb stop shut off or your meter removed, Bylaw #6/07 addresses the fee for this service:

- If you are having your water shut off or turned on, a \$10 per event fee is charged if during normal work hours.
- If you require your meter removed and stored, *other than a seasonal service*, a \$25 charge for removal or install will apply.

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.

Outstanding Property Taxes

Reminder that outstanding property taxes are accumulating a penalty at the end of each month until they are paid in full.

Parks, Culture & Recreation Board

Volunteerism and Spirit of Shields Celebration September 20, 2019

A family barbecue was held to show appreciation to our many Shields volunteers. It was also an opportunity to recognize Carrie Hart our Spirit of Shields recipient for 2019.

Our volunteers devote their personal time and talents to our community. They deliver meaningful and diverse activities like:

- chair and participant on Shields Committees
- cleaning up our parks,
- helping organize events
- fundraising
- co-ordinating recreation programs
- flooding outdoor rink
- writing a newsletter item
- taking meeting minutes
- and so much more!

We appreciate you for all you do!

Thanks for Volunteering for our
community of Shields!

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***Those who can, do .
Those who can do more, volunteer.”
-author unknown***



2019 SOCCER YEAR

The 2019 soccer season was yet again a huge success!! We had 25 little minnows ages 1-7 learning new skills and making new friends.

Thank you to the parents for bringing the weekly juice boxes and helping out when needed! As well thank you to my junior coach Trinity Pasitney!

Next year we will be splitting the group into two sessions

Session 1 – at 6:00 – 6:30 for Ages 1 – 3

Session 2 – at 6:30 – 7:15 for ages 4 – 7

Thanks for a great year!

Coach Carrie

Beach, Playgrounds & Sport Court Committee

Learn to Play Pickle-Ball Program

We are pleased to announce that our learn to play pickle-ball was a success this year! It filled up within a few days and we now have equipment for when our court is built. A big thank you to Thode for allowing us to join in and do this event together at their court this summer.

Sport Court Fundraising

Our Sport Court Fundraising is on its way! This fall we had two events that were both a success. The bottle drive (\$1400) and Roughrider Party (\$5804) have helped us out in a huge way. Thank you to every volunteer that has made these events possible and also to community members taking part in these events. Upcoming events are...

- ➞ Christmas Sign Night Nov 9, 2019 (event details coming soon)
- ➞ 2nd annual Blackstrap Fish Derby Winter 2020

To date funds are...

Donations	\$ 4,844	
Grants	10,000	
Fundraisers	22,956	
In-kind	7,000	
Village Recreational Reserve	\$30,000	(*once we have raised \$60-\$70,000)

Total funds raised and/or allocated \$74,800

Funds needed: \$15,416

If you have any way to help please contact Amanda Thiessen for any further information. All donation are issued a tax deductible receipt by the Town Office.

Looking for volunteers to help with:

1. Set-up and maintain cross country ski trails: need a skidoo with a hitch and will be shown equipment and where to set trails
2. Ice Rink - Pond Coordinator: act as communicator to let volunteer group know when clearing is needed and set up dates to flood pond, put up boards and take down at end of year.

If we all work together and each do our part it doesn't feel like work 😊.

Hope to see lots of you out and active this winter on the ice, ski trails and tobogganing hills.

Amanda Thiessen

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Parks, Beaches and Playground Committee Chair

Golf Committee

The Club Championship was held on Saturday September 7 with approximately 40 golfers participating. Congratulations to Clarence Swystun for winning the Men's and to Linda Ellerington for winning the Ladies.



In case you missed it, our Mayor had a hole in one at our annual fundraiser tournament on August 10, congratulations Eldon! Congrats to all the others who got a hole in one this year on the course!

Men's night hosted the Ladies Night group on September 10th to a steak night with 19 golfers out to enjoy the evening.

Season passes were down slightly this year compared to last year but we are still anticipating to hit our budget and another successful year.

A work 'B' will be planned shortly to take down several dead trees along the #2 cart path plus crusher dust is being applied to other areas around the course.

Brian Cooke is now busy preparing the course for winter and we thank him for keeping the course in great shape this summer!

We anticipate tarping the greens by mid-October so will be sending out an email looking for volunteers to get this completed and ending the season.

Garry Hovland
Golf Committee Chair

Shields Potlucks are Back!

Fall has arrived and it is time to get together with new and old neighbours.

Who: Residents of Shields and surrounding area

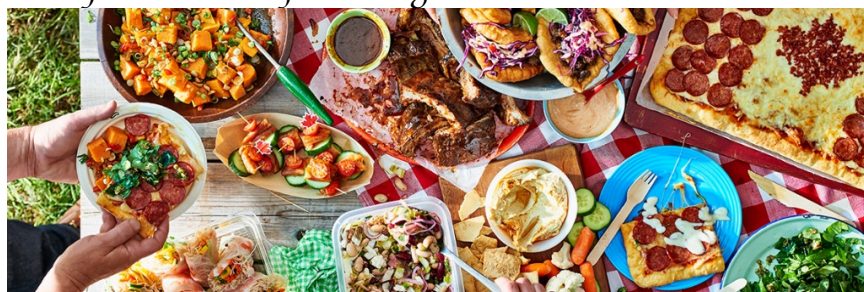
When: October - March

*Every **third Saturday** of each month*

Doors open at 5:00, Supper at 5:30

Where: Shields Community Hall

Bring potluck dish, serving utensils, own plate, bowls, utensils and your choice of beverage.



SHIELDS CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

On Saturday, July 6, 2019 Shields celebrated 50 years with a Games Day in the Park. Kids soccer kicked off the celebration as over 20 children came out to enjoy the game at Aden's Park while their proud parents and spectators cheered them on. At 11, the Golf Cart Agility races began in Friendship Field. There were 20 teams trying to prove their agility by racing around the obstacle course while attempting to not drop a golf ball held on a spoon! There were a lot of laughs and fun for all involved; both contestants and spectators. The barbeque lunch was served at noon back at Aden's Park. The guys cooked 160 hamburgers and 120 hotdogs; everyone was hungry! The lunch was topped off with the delicious cake!

At 1:30 we recognized our Village's 50th celebration with comments from our Mayor and from a long time resident Al Hiebert who spoke of the beginning years. Newer members of our community, Scotty and Jamie Coulson and their young family then shared why they enjoy living in the Village of Shields.

Let the Game's Begin! There were 6 five-person teams that competed in the Minute-to-Win-it- Games. Again there was much competition, but a lot of fun and laughs for both the teams and the cheering sections. The final game of the day was the Huila Hoop challenge for our young people – who proved to be very skilled at this!

There were approximately 150 people that attended the celebration throughout the day which made it very special and one to remember! Thanks to all that were able to come out and recognize our special Village and the community we are and to the volunteers that made it happen.

Shields 50 Years Organizing Committee



Saskatchewan Roughrider Party THANKS

- You helped raise \$5,800 towards the Shields Sportcourt Capital Campaign



The Rider Party at Shields was a great success!

The family-friendly event started off with pre-game fundraising activities, then supper was served to close to 100 fans of all ages, the Saskatchewan Roughriders won their football game with much cheering, and fire pits finished the evening.

Congratulations to our Cow Patty Drop winners: Linda Ellerington (Pool 1) and Janice Hopkins (Pool 2). Hope you enjoy the football game tickets, steaks and Shields Season Golf Pass.

A big 'Shout Out' and THANKS to our supporters:

Saskatchewan Roughriders, Wilbar Farms (Brian Willms) and bull Escobar who was the star of the day. Dundurn Lions Club, RV Shields, Shields Golf Committee, Mountainview Food & Fuel, SIDC Outlook, Pampered Chef (Kate King), Outlook Esso, Lumber Plus, Wilf Tucker, Harold Empey, Leanne Dickie-Chester RMT, Shoppers Beauty Boutique, Sarah King IFS, The Sweet Life, Deb & Dwayne Heidt.

This wouldn't have happened without the planning committee: Judy & George King, Lynn & Murray McArthur, Connie & Brian Cooke, Cathie & Garry Hovland, Debbie & Dwayne Heidt, Ruth & Alan Glatt. We're grateful to Ryan Pasitney & Tom Willms for smoking the pulled pork, Tanya & Aaron George, Carrie Hart, Amanda & Chad Thiessen for volunteering. And all who attended and supported the event

We're glad you're all on our team!



In conjunction
with Dundurn
Lions Club

