



Shields News – *Winter 2020*

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Mayor's Message

The year 2020 is certainly one which we will not forget for a long time. The COVID 19 pandemic has had widespread social and economic impacts on communities. We are so fortunate to live in a community where we feel safe and it is easier for us to respond and adapt during this difficult time. With the beautiful weather we have experienced over the last while, it has been great to be able to get outdoors and enjoy the many activities that are right here at our fingertips. The large amount of snow we received in November was a blessing which enabled the children to go sledding and residents to snowmobile, ice fish and cross-country ski.

Because of the risks associated with COVID, we have had to make many decisions such as the cancellation of some much-loved community events, including the Children's Christmas Party. In response, we have had to get creative on how we can safely host other Christmas events/activities such as the decorating of the fence poles on Memorial Drive and the home visits with treats from Santa and his elves. Thanks to the creativity of the individuals who have participated in decorating the ravine thus far, there is everything from Gnomes to Reindeer. Just a reminder it is not too late to get your creative juices flowing and claim a pole of your own to decorate. Also, thank you to the group of young folks who have been selling aloe vera plants and donating the money to the less fortunate. Such good ambassadors for our community!

Council has been extremely busy during their first three months of leadership getting up to speed on the various outstanding items and Committee work. We have had a series of incredibly positive meetings with our partners reviewing and updating various agreements. Administration and Council has also started the process of Bylaw review which will continue over the first quarter of 2021.

In the new year, Council will be sending out a few different surveys to residents. We look forward to your responses as this information will assist Council in developing topics of interest for our public consultation process.

We thank all the residents that currently volunteer, and it is encouraging to hear that many residents have a renewed interest in joining Committees and becoming involved with the Community. The call for volunteers for various Committees will be sent out in January.

I would also like to thank our staff, Jessie for her ongoing support and Kaija and Fred for their contributions to maintaining the Village. They deserve a special thanks for their extra efforts during the November snowstorm and ensuring the timely cleaning of the roadways.

On behalf of my husband Dave and myself

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season from our bubble to yours. Stay safe and take care.

Angela Larson

Celebrating Christmas in 2020



Let's Ring those Bells in Shields!!

On Christmas Eve at 6 p.m.

Let's all step out onto our doorsteps and ring a bell for **one minute** so we can spread the spirit of Christmas and to help Santa fly his sleigh! After this challenging year with COVID, it would be a great memory for our children, families and community to see an end of 2020 with a bit of magic, hope and togetherness. **Let's hear those bells ring on December 24 at 6 p.m.!!!**

Decorating Memorial Drive Ravine for Christmas!

The ravine wood posts on Memorial Drive are decorated! If you have decorated a post at the ravine, please email a picture of your creation to Jessie at admin@shields.ca to be entered into a draw on Dec. 23, 2020 for a gift basket.

Thanks to all who participated and good luck in the draw!

If anyone would like to add their touch – we are sure you will find some space to add your creation to this Christmas display!



Upcoming Events for 2021



Joint Initiative

Shields and Hiebert's Hot Shop



Play Day - Feb. 27, 2021

Join us for a winter hands on craft day in Hiebert's Hot Shop / Ken Wilkinson Pottery Studio, a multi-purpose shop and studio at Shields, Sask. This is a chance to meet new people, renew friendships and have fun learning a new skill. The day will consist of two 3-hour sessions of hands-on experience in the following areas: hand-building and wheel throwing of clay; glass blowing; stain glass; fused glass; wood carving; and jewelry making. Participants can sign up for morning and afternoon sessions. Instruction will cover skills (at the participants level) and each person should take home one or two projects.

The Hot Shop is a large space which will allow for lots of space to social distance. Separate rooms will be designated for each venue and large fans will run to circulate air. Our 16-foot ceilings will help with air flow. Participants will be asked to bring a mask and adhere to Covid-19 protocols. We will only accept the first 30 registrants. We suggest you wear old cotton clothing, closed toed shoes and bring safety glasses if you have them. All other equipment will be supplied.

This is a joint initiative between the Hot Shop and the Village. To keep your registration fees low, Shield's has applied and been accepted for a grant from Prairie Central District for Sports, Culture and Recreation. The grant will be used for advertising and to cover honoraria for the individual artists providing instruction. A \$25.00 cost per person will cover supplies (glass, clay, jewelry supplies, wood, tools etc.) and energy costs (kilns, glass tank, furnaces etc.). Participants will be expected to pre-register and prepay.



Registration information will be sent out soon. For additional information please contact. Joan Hiebert 306-492-4665 or Cam Paulson 306-230-5950.



Best Wishes from Jessie Williams, Village Administrator

And Fred Fehr, Operations Manager and his team:

Kaija Edwards, Ken Klassen and Brian Cooke send wishes to everyone for a very Merry Christmas and all the best in 2021!

2021 Members for Board of Revision (2021 Tax Assessment)

Municipalities are required to appoint an independent Board of Revision to hear any assessment appeals that might be filed by property owners. The usual process is to appoint a joint Board to hear appeals from both Thode & Shields.

Please contact Jessie (Administrator) at admin@shields.ca or 492-2259 if you are interested in sitting on the board for the 2021 Taxation year. Training will be available.

Councillor Updates and Wishes

I would like to thank the maintenance staff for the awesome job of snow removal after our snow event of "2020", unbelievable job well done. For everyone's information –hard wired smoke/carbon monoxide detectors should be replaced every 7 to 10 years. Battery operated detectors should have batteries replaced every 6 months and the detector replaced every 7 to 10 years also.

False fire alarms are billed out by Dundurn Fire Department as follows:

- first false call out is free
- second false call out within one year is \$500
- third and subsequent call out(s) is \$1000, in one calendar year

Medical call outs are free.

The Dundurn Fire Commission assessment for the 2021 calendar year will be \$100 per assessed owner which includes capital purchases and operating levy. This assessment is included in your taxes. Please ensure that your insurance includes a fire protection clause as the call out rate is \$1,000 per hour. Please also make sure that you have your address on your house or property so that in case of an emergency your residence is easy to find.

On behalf of my wife Linda and myself we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and the best in the New Year. PLEASE BE SAFE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!!!!

Councillor Noel Tomlenovich



Thank you to the members of the EMO team for committing to this essential volunteer role that makes Shields a safer community. Shields' website at www.shields.ca provides full details of volunteers and valuable information about who to contact and what to do in emergency situations. Thank you to Debbie Heidt, Garry Hovland and Tracey Zarn for your leadership in Shields EMO organization. I would also like to thank Shields' 20 Block Captains that recently went through training to assist them in their role of notifying residents if an emergency situation arises in Shields.

This past year, the outgoing council as well as the incoming council have been committed to using communications tools that keep Shields residents informed and up to date on important issues and events. This newsletter, Shields website, Council Highlights, communiques, emails from council/administration and the Shields Text Message service are examples of communications modes that are utilized to keep us all informed. A team of volunteers led by Grace Strasser, Debbie Heidt and Margaret Bauer were the impetus behind a comprehensive Shields Communications Strategy.

While 2020 was challenging, many of us learned to use new technology, and to count our blessings. We at Shields are among the most blessed and I am happy to serve on Village Council for a community of caring people who give so much. May you all enjoy a safe and happy holiday season!

Councillor Lorna Ledoux



The past few months have flown by, but one constant still remains... the spirit of our great community! Thanks to all who have participated in the volunteer appreciation walk, decorating the posts along our ravine, and who registered for the Santa visit on Saturday, December 19th. Also, a big thank you to all the members of the golf committee on a very successful golf season.

*To all members of our Shield community...
a very Merry Christmas and the best of tidings for 2021!*

Councillor Carol Sarich

Season's Greetings everyone! I hope everyone is doing okay during these times, and making the best of their situations. Even despite the Government guidelines, I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas.

Firstly, I would like to mention that Jeannesta McLean has accepted the role of Hall Custodian. Jeannesta and her husband took ownership of a seasonal property in 2017 and have since purchased a home in Sunterra. Jeannesta comes from a small-town background and wanted to get involved within the community. I would also like to say thank you to Crystal Reschny who held this role previous for making sure the Hall was always spotless!

Sadly, Amanda Thiessen has chosen to resign as Chair for Parks, Beaches and Playground committee. While we will miss her devotion and hard work to the committee, we are also happy for her that she now has some more free time to spend with her family. Thank you, Amanda, for everything you've accomplished these past three years.

Ryan Pasitney has volunteered to facilitate the creation and maintenance of the skating rink located north of the Hall. He has informed us that it should be ready around Christmas time. Those residents that are new to the village are encouraged to take their children down there and check it out! Thank you for your volunteerism Ryan!



Touching on snowmobile safety and lake access. The lake access on Proctor Drive currently has a boat lift encroaching on the path by the water's edge. After our snowfall we received, it is not practical nor able to move the lift at this time. So, reflective markers have been installed next to it to notify people of the hazard. Please enter/exit ALL accesses with caution/slow speed and be mindful of potential hazards. We all like to go fast, but there's a time and a place, be safe.

Our Maintenance General Manager Fred Fehr brought to our attention the idea of having a winter lake access for our residents at the north storage site. This will ease the frustrations that we have for moving ice shacks both on and off the lake. Because land space will need to be modified, there is a permitting process to go through. We will reignite those conversations shortly and perhaps have something in place for next winter!

Once the dust settles from Christmas and New Year's, I would like to start having meetings with our Greenspace Committee to start formalizing spring/summer plans. If you have any ideas of places you would like to see improvement, don't hesitate to reach out.

From my house to yours, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Councillor, Cam Paulson

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Other News

Animal Control Committee Wishes



Happy Holidays from the Animal committee. We want to wish each and every one of you a wonderful holiday season. Through these trying times if you own a pet remember to get outside and get some exercise with your furry critter. We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"

Maintenance Building Caution Lights Funding

We would like to thank and acknowledge that 50% of the funds for the caution lights at the Maintenance Building was funded from the Government of Saskatchewan.

The Food Pantry Needs Your Help

Who, what is the Food Pantry? It's a charitable organization with a mission to help eliminate hunger in Dundurn, Hanley and surrounding area by providing residents in need with food that promotes the value of nutrition, overall good health, self-esteem and hope. Jaclyn Sander from Shields, one of the volunteers with the charity, said they are always looking for food or monetary donations as it is a year-round organization. You can follow them on their Facebook page or email them at thefoodpantry20@gmail.com. Food or monetary donation boxes have been set up at Mountainview Food & Fuel, Kuts by Karen, Big Mur's Tavern and Subway in Dundurn. In Hanley they are located at the Shell gas station and the Hanley Grocery Store. If you know of someone that may need support at this time, please contact the group.



Shields Volunteer Appreciation during COVID

On October 17 Shields celebrated their current and future volunteers with a social distancing walk from the Maintenance shed to the Community Centre where Council provided some treats for all attendees. Garry Hovland, Spirit of Shields 2020 recipient, was amongst the residents that made the celebration walk to support the Spirit of Shields!



Parks, Culture & Recreation Board

Beach, Playgrounds & Sport Court Committee

Parks, Beaches and Playground committee are wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season. Below is a list of locations in the Village to take in the winter season and get out to play while following the government guidelines for COVID.

- Tobogganing Hills: Outlaws Ravine, Lakeview Rise and large one on golf course by hall.
- Skating: Pond on golf course (to be ready by Xmas). Located between hall and beach.
- Cross Country Ski trail: on golf course (to be ready by Xmas).
- Sport Court: Open to public until construction continues in spring. Located at Friendship Field.

I would also like to thank the community for all the support they have shown myself and our committee over the past 3 years. I have been overwhelmed by the enthusiasm this community has shown at every fundraiser we had for the sport court. The court was unable to be completed due to a delay in supplies and weather. This spring we will complete the court and have it ready for public to use!

I will be passing the torch of Chair on the Parks, Beaches and Playground committee. If anyone has any interest in taking this torch please call me at any time and I would be happy to tell you my role and responsibilities. It's a great way to get involved in the community and give back.

Amanda Thiessen
athiesen65@gmail.com 306 361 7478

**Please maintain
physical distancing**

Help us limit the spread of COVID-19.



Maintain at least **2 metres** between yourself and others.
This is about the length of an average **adult hockey stick**.

And play safe: if you can't distance, wear a face covering.

Max 10 people

Golf Committee

Hi everyone,

We've wrapped up a great 2020 golf season despite the obstacles and restrictions we were faced with all year. Thanks to everyone for following the guidelines and making 2020 a success for the course.

We made great progress on several course improvement projects, specifically our irrigation system and our new hole 6 location. These projects will continue through 2021. We are planning an exciting new fundraiser for the course! Details for the first annual Golf Ball drop fundraiser to follow early in 2021.

Thanks to our great staff and all our wonderful volunteers! Our course would not be the same without your hard work and dedication.

We will be holding our membership rates and fees for the 2021 season. Thanks for your support, see you in 2021!

Shields Golf Committee



Emergency Measures Organization - EMO

Shields EMO Planning Committee and 20 *volunteer* Block Captains would like to send out holiday wishes to all the residents of Shields. The team recently went through training and are ready and willing to support the residents of Shields if ever we are in an emergency situation. Here are your Block Captains for Shields, please make note of their contact information in case you are required to contact them for a Village emergency.

Block 1 Procter Dr #1 – 45
Garry Hovland & Judy Rathie
306 – 280-7652 / 306-492-4870

Block 3 Procter Dr #47 - 67
Margaret Bauer
306-222-2881

Block 5 Procter Drive #69-91
Chad Pysden & Jaclyn Sander
306-291-3540 or 306-280-9436

Block 7 McCrimmon Cres #1 – 19
Kevin Fitzsimmons
306-250-8147

Block 9 McCrimmon Cres #18-52
Sue Davison
306-361-0061

Block 11 Mawson Dr #1 – 37
Joan & Al Hiebert
306-230-6523

Block 13 Mawson Dr #38 – 69, Short Road #1-5
Ernie Strasser
306-227-1743

Block 14 Willowview Court #1-14
Kaija Edwards
306-203-2617

Block 2 Procter Dr #18 - 42
Nichole Jalbert
1-613-203-0988

Block 4 Procter Dr #44-62, Hordern #1-21
Connie & Brian Cooke
306-463-0154 or 306-463-7788

Block 6 McCordick #3-21, Waters 1-7, Hordern 4-20
Carrie Hart
306-717-4356

Block 8 McCrimmon Cres #21 – 55
Chris Thurlow
306-492-7979

Block 10 McMillan Cres #1 – 33
Lindy & Ken Klassen
306-280-6910 or 306-221-7274

Block 12 Mawson Dr #2 – 36
Don Lutz
306-250-5469

Block 15 Sunterra Dr #1-11
Lothar Josephs
306-222-8744

In an emergency situation the first call is always 911

Shields Emergency Management Contact List

EMO Co-ordinator: Debbie Heidt
306-371-0900

Block Captain Coordinator: Garry Hovland
306-280-7652

EMO Ops Sec Chief: Tracey Zarn
306-321-4437

Village Operations: Fred Fehr
306-492-7922

Village Mayor: Angie Larson
306-371-4633

Village Administrator: Jessie Williams
306-492-2259

Santa Claus Visits Shields

On Saturday, December 19th Santa made a visit to Shields to drop in on a few of our families that had registered for this special occasion. Thanks Santa for stopping by!

