



Shields News – Summer 2021

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Mayor's Message:

As I walk through our Village and see residents out golfing, children playing at the beach and playground, folks out walking or on the water fishing or just relaxing, I am so grateful for this community that we call home. It is extremely exciting now that COVID 19 restrictions will be lifted over the next few weeks and we will be allowed once again to have community events.

It is evident that the Spirit of Shields is still alive with the great response that we had to our recent volunteer survey. Thank you to the many new volunteers that have stepped up to give back to our community. Through this process we identified a few new areas that require individuals for planning and execution. Committee members graciously joined the Marketing Committee to create a Marketing plan with the purpose of showcasing our Village and promoting the sale of lots on South Mawson, joined a Horticulture Committee to help beautify the Village with flowers and promote beautification of our yards and an Events Committee to ensure that once the restrictions lift, we are ready to go with celebrations and to enjoy one another's company once again. For more information on volunteering, see our [website](#). The volunteer survey will be ongoing in case you missed the survey the first time and would like to volunteer. To past and current volunteers, thank you for sharing your talents with the village and for your time commitment.

Council is incredibly happy to announce that many of the goals that we planned at the beginning of this year will be happening over the next 6 months. Council's goal is to address residents' concerns in areas where communications and surveys identified a gap in service or infrastructure. Residents' main concerns were the absence of a good quality road exiting the Village, poor internet service and a lack of a community meeting space for food service.

In collaboration with the RM of Dundurn with shared funding from the Village, the Rural Integrated Road for Growth Stimulus Funding was approved to provide funding to construct a heavy hall road from the south end of Memorial Drive to Highway 211. This project is anticipated to start this fall.

The Village was also successful with its application for funding with Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. This grant will generously provide the Village with 73.33% funding toward the Sports Court Amenities Building which is a retro fit to the shed by the sports court converting it not only into a storage facility but a washroom, kiosk and a community flex space with outdoor covered seating. Stay tuned for a sod turning event soon.

We are also relieved to hear that the fibre optics project is moving along and that it is anticipated to be completed by the end of November. This will greatly improve our internet speed with consistent service which will improve the viability of working from home, home schooling or streaming TV or movies.

The new administration office is up and running successfully, thanks to Jessica and Jessie. In fact, the office is running so smoothly that Jessie has decided to retire a month earlier than anticipated so will be leaving us the end of July. We wish Jessie all the best in her retirement. Signage for the new office will be installed soon with our new address and office hours. Thank you for your patience during this transition.

This is a busy time for Shield's Maintenance staff, taking care of the roads, golf course, all the water systems, the green spaces plus organizing the many projects we have on the go. The Village is looking great with thanks to Fred, Kaija, Brian, Ken, and Khole.

Wishing you and your family the very best this summer season, stay safe and enjoy this wonderful place we call home.

Angela Larson, shieldsmayor@gmail.com

Upcoming Events for 2021

Spirit of Shields Award

A special thank you to all residents who continue to show their support through volunteering on committees and projects. This spirit of volunteerism is what really makes Shields such an amazing place to be. The "Spirit of Shields" nominations are now due; applications close June 30th. Our goal is to have a special event this Fall where we will honour our 2021 Spirit of Shields winner. Please send your nominations to Councillor Carol Sarich, Councilcs07@gmail.com

Canada Day Parade – July 1st

Council is aware that many communities will not be holding Canada Day events in order to pay respect to the thousands of First Nations children who suffered and/or passed away in government/church run residential schools. We honor these children and their families and endeavor to create awareness so that this atrocity never happens again. Shields Canada Day Parade will carry on with this in mind.

POST COVID, the Village is contemplating slowly opening up and staging events for all our residents, family and friends to enjoy.

A CANADA DAY PARADE will be held in Shields on Thursday, July 1st, 2021. To help the Village with their celebration, come and participate in our parade with your decorated bicycles, golf carts, ATV, vehicles and even, showcase your beloved pets!

Let's celebrate Canada's independence, decorate with red and white streamers, red maple leaves, flags, balloons or any other decorations you wish to use. Your entry could be eligible for a prize.



Participants for the parade are asked to line up at 9 am at the Maintenance Shop on Memorial. At 9:30 we will proceed down Memorial, turning on Waters, and on to Proctor to end up at the Hall.

Please remember that we will continue to follow COVID 19 regulations. Hope to see you on Canada Day!!

Your Events Committee, Councilcs07@gmail.com

Beautification Contest



In conjunction with the Resort Village's "FRIENDS OF COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM PROJECT" the Village wishes to recognize home owners' creativity involving **beautification** of individual yards. Some ideas include the addition of flowering plants, planters, containers, heritage garden Art, addition of Decor elements, vegetables and herbs.

The Horticulture Committee for the Village would be pleased if residents would participate in this beautification contest. Your property would be judged (with your permission). Judging would take place during the month of July, 2021. To enter your yard please register today at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/yardbeautification>.

Prizes:	1 st Place	\$75.00
	2 nd Place	\$50.00
	3 rd Place	\$25.00

Village Administration and Operations

New Administration Office

The new administration office is now open in the north side of the Community Hall. Jessica, our new acting Administrator, thanks everyone for the warm welcome she has received and wants to remind you that the open office hours are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00-4:00pm. If you are not available during those times, give her a call or send an email to set up a different time to meet. Jessica's office hours are 8:00 – 4:00 Monday to Friday (break from 12:00 – 1:00). Many have noticed that the mailbox at the corner of Jessie's is now gone. If you need to drop off a payment you can do so in the mail drop slot on the north side of the Community Hall outside the Administration office. This secure mailbox is emptied daily.



New Municipal Mailing Address

If you are sending in cheques or any type of communication to the Village of Shields, please note that our address has now changed. The new mailing address is: **8 Procter Drive, Shields, SK S7C 0A1**

Taxes, Utilities and Making Payments

Property Tax notices went out at the end of April. If you did not receive your 2021 tax notice, please contact the Municipal Office at 306-492-2259.

Utility bills are sent out quarterly – March 31, June 30, Sept 30 and December 31. If you do not receive your utility bill shortly after these dates, please contact the Office.

Payments can be made to the office by mailing or dropping off a cheque, dropping off cash, or sending an e-transfer to admin@shields.ca. Please remember that if you are making a payment, you **MUST** indicate:

- WHAT you are paying for
- WHOSE address this payment is being processed for
- WHERE we can send a receipt (or golf pass)

Failure to include this information could lead to funds being allocated to the incorrect area. If you are interested in subscribing to e-receipts and e-payment notices, please contact the administration office.

Summer Maintenance Position

The Maintenance team is still looking for one more student who is interested in working with the Resort Village of Shields over the summer. If you or someone you know is over 16 with a valid driver's license and interested in the position please email a resume to admin@shields.ca.

Building and Development Permits

Summer is here and many people are interested in landscaping and updating their yards. Please remember if you are completing updates on your property you need to apply for a development permit. Email Jessica at admin@shields.ca for an application, or find it on the [website](#).

If you are looking to apply for a [building permit](#) for new construction or additions you will need to complete both a building and development permit and submit them before construction can begin. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jessica at 306-492-2259 or email admin@shields.ca.

Changes to Shields Waste/Recycle Programs effective September 1, 2021

Shields is implementing a new Waste Management program in September which will include door-to-door recycling. Each resident requesting waste pickup will receive two bins:

- A blue bin (recycling) which will be picked up biweekly
- The garbage bin will be picked up weekly in the summer months from May to August and bi-weekly in the fall and winter months from September to April.

The fee for residents will remain at \$21.50 with the Village covering the cost of the additional summer service (this includes \$2.50 for the rental of the two carts). Seasonal service will increase from \$1.25 to 2.50 to cover the cart rental during the off season. See shields.ca for full details.



Note: Please do not drop off pickle jars, sealers or mason jars at the bottle recycling as they are not recyclable.

Docks

Everyone has been assigned a dock space within the Village according to the paperwork, but if by chance Councillor Cam Paulson missed someone, please reach out and he will work with you to find a spot!

As a friendly reminder and to those residents whom are new to the Village, all docks and lifts that are stored on the Municipal Reserve/shoreline during the winter months are to be moved into the water and off the shoreline by July 1st to ensure the shoreline is free of obstructions and debris. Please refer to shields.ca for information on [Docks and Shoreline](#).

Other Information



Faster Internet Service Coming to the Village

– November 2021!!!!

Redbird Communications Inc. has announced the company will be launching Fiber-Optic based Internet services in the Resort Village of Shields beginning in the summer/fall of 2021.

The network infrastructure is planned to begin construction in the Village as soon as practicable. When construction is complete, Redbird will offer Fiber-to-the-Home internet services to the residents of Shields at speeds up to 1 Gigabit (1,000 Mbps) up and down. Construction of the network infrastructure will last for 6-8 weeks.

Installation to individual homes will be **free of charge** and without cost to homeowners who request the service and agree to a 2-year service term prior to August 15, 2021. Redbird has rates posted at <https://redbirdfibre.ca/fibre-plans/>.

RCMP Information

After Councillor Noel Tomlenovich met with the RCMP these are some of the provincial traffic laws and minimum fines that villagers should be aware of:

- Failure to stop at a stop sign - \$230
- Speeding starts at \$100.00, 10 kph over \$170
- When driving or riding on a quad/dirt bike/side by side helmets and protective eyewear must be worn or \$150 fine
- Underage driver on golf cart/quad/dirt bike - vehicle will be seized
- All-terrain vehicle on private property without permission is \$80, on roadways \$150
- Open liquor other than a dwelling \$360
- Criminal offence impaired driving of a motorized vehicle carries a \$1,000 fine plus vehicle seizure and loss of driver's license for at least 1 year.

Also, we may expect an increased presence of RCMP and Conservation officers in the Village and on the lake this summer. If you witness any of these offences please report them to the RCMP as they are governed by federal and provincial laws not the Village bylaws. RCMP 306-975-5173 or 310-7267 (no charge)

Remember to signal your intention to turn at #211 at the curve off to the RM road as required by law.

Animal Waste Stations

If you take your dog on a walk and forget a bag (or if Rover is sick and has to go multiple times) there will be 5 stations set up around the Village for you to grab a bag, pick up after your pet, tie the bag and place it in the waste-can at the station. The cans will have lids and will be checked / emptied weekly. Operations will be installing the posts this week and then we will install the units onto the poles.



Station Locations: Mawson Drive Mailboxes
Adens Park (south - west of the play structure, along the west path)
McCrimmon Crescent (north side bordering the park)
Sunterra Drive & Waters Ave 4-way stop (north side of Waters Ave)
Shields Public Beach (east of beach access point off Procter)

A big thank you to Laura Bingham and Igor Sinelnyk for purchasing these needed stations that will help keep the Village clean, as well as Councillor Cam Paulson for spearheading the project.

We will send an e-mail out with pictures of the locations once these units are installed.

Emergency Measures Organization - EMO

Shields **EMO** consists of over 20 volunteers plus Council and Shields Staff. It is important that residents are aware EMO processes and who to contact. [Shields Emergency Plan](#) for residents can be found on the [website](#) which contains:

- Shields Emergency Contact List
- Block Captain Names and Assigned Blocks
- Resident Emergency Processes and Evacuation Sites
- EMO Block Maps



If you have any questions on Shields EMO, please contact Debbie Heidt, EMO Co-ordinator at dheidt1@gmail.com or 306-371-0900 or any member of the Planning Committee.

Do you know the EMO Block Captain assigned for your area?

Check out - [Shields Emergency Plan](#)

Parks, Culture & Recreation

Sport Court – Ribbon Cutting

The sports court is officially open for business. It would have been great to celebrate the opening of this state-of-the-art sporting facility with a big community event but due to COVID restrictions, we were not able to. A small ribbon cutting ceremony with council and the Sports Court Committee was held to officially open the court. Good news is, it's open and the community is able to enjoy many sports including pickle ball, tennis, basketball and ball hockey. This is very exciting times for our growing community.

Message from the Sports Court Project Committee

“Created to inspire, motivate and encourage health and well-being of our growing community.”

It is with great excitement that we officially open the sport court up to the community. It has been a pleasure to work with the community on the project and we all look forward to seeing members use it. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, energy and money to make this project happen.

Have a great summer and get out and play.



Parks, Beach, Playground & Sport Court



We are so incredibly lucky to live in a community with such great parks and a wonderful beach, and as we move toward a more “normal” summer we hope everyone will get out and take advantage of these spaces! Please be sure to clean up any garbage and leave the space tidy for everyone else to enjoy.

It is so great to see people enjoying our new sport court! People of all ages are enjoying the space, playing basketball, pickleball, street hockey, tennis, and finding a smooth surface for kids to use their scooters and skateboards. **The court is open from 8am – 11pm.** There is bin of equipment for public use outside of the main gate, including sanitizing

spray and hand sanitizer. Please be respectful of the equipment, the court, and those using it.

There was a good turnout for Pickleball familiarity with Murray McArthur at the Sport Court. We will work with him to develop a schedule for further lessons and games going forward. Thank you, Murray for volunteering your time to teach Pickleball.

Thanks to Team Power (Tom, Brook, and Peter), who donated their time and work, and the help and long hours of Chad Thiessen, the court now has lights! There are two zones, allowing people to turn on one or both zones. There is a box with a dial next to the main gate. The lights are on a 30-minute timer to limit light pollution when people are not using the court. Much thought was put into using lower lumen lights that provide enough light for play but will limit the disruption to animals such as birds, light to those living in the area, and respect our low light community that allows us to enjoy the night sky.

Our Village by-law states that quiet time is after 11pm. If you are the last one on the court at 11pm, please manually turn off the lights so we respect the surrounding neighbours and cut down on light pollution.

It has been noted that some of the lines on the court surface have shrunk and separated. This is currently being addressed by the contractor and will be rectified in July.

Thank you so much to the community for all your support with this project and for taking part in fundraisers, bearing the cold to take part in Go Out and Play, making donations, and cheering on the committee as they worked to accomplish this goal. We are so lucky to live in this remarkable community where we can achieve great things despite being a small village.

Have a wonderful summer!

Parks, Playground, Beach and Sports court Committee, Chair Carrie Hart

Greenspaces Committee



The Green spaces Committee will be working with Operations Manager Fred Fehr to obtain quotes for 20 trees that need to be replaced on South Mawson Drive. Fred has indicated that our new Summer Students will be tasked with digging up the dead ones and planting the new ones. Songbird Lane will have fruit and berry trees planted once we source them. Mawson Drive back alley will see the addition of transplanted evergreen trees from within the Village as well as a few poplar trees to provide a quick growth until the evergreens take off. Procter Drive north lake access will also see transplanted trees to replace the trees that were removed a few years ago.

We will be obtaining quotes from transplanting contractors, as well as seeing if we can rent an attachment for the skid steer (depending on sizes of trees to be transplanted).

We have had an interest from residents in joining the Green Space Committee as indicated from our volunteer survey. We will reach out to them shortly and welcome them to our Committee!

Green Space Committee

Golf Committee

Hi everyone, we hope you're all having a great start to summer and have been out to enjoy the course! Our tee and green irrigation updates have been completed and the course is filling in very well! Work will continue on our new hole 6 project throughout the year, please note our temporary tee location to avoid the work area. Thanks for your patience while work is ongoing, the finished project is going to be great!



Mondays are Family Night, the priority is fun and enjoying a slower paced round with our junior golfers. Tuesdays and Thursdays are Ladies and Men's Nights, the course is reserved from 4 PM to 8 PM for these groups. Please reach out to Jackie Sander (306-280-9436) for Ladies Night or Garry Hovland (306-280-7652) for Men's Night if you're interested in participating or have any questions.

Save the date for our Annual Scramble Fundraiser which is scheduled for August 7th and the Club Championship which is scheduled for September 11th. We are planning a fun new Golf Ball Drop fundraiser this year. 2000 golf balls will be dropped from the top of hole 8 to roll down the hill towards hole 9 fairway. Each prize will have its own hole along the fairway, whichever ball lands in the hole (or closest to it) will win the prize. For more information on how to participate see golf@shields.ca. Whether you're a golfer or not, this will be a fun event to watch and enjoy. Thanks for your support of the course!

The golf committee would like to send a big thank you to Murray McArthur. Murray has been a valued member of the committee for the past 16 years! This year he has made the decision to step down from the committee. Murray has spent countless hours volunteering; our course would not be the same without his dedication and efforts. Thank you Murray!

See you on the course.

Shields Golf Committee, Co-chairs, Scott Coulson/Todd MacEwan

1ST ANNUAL SHIELDS GOLF COURSE

GOLFBALL DROP

**ONLY 2000 BALLS
AVAILABLE!!**

ALL funds raised go towards the completion of Hole #6

**TICKETS AVAILABLE:
FROM MAY 1ST 2021-
SEP 11TH 2021**

**\$20 FOR 4 BALLS
\$40 FOR 10 BALLS
\$50 FOR 20 BALLS**

9 INDIVIDUAL HOLE PRIZES:

- Hole 1 - \$500 Cash,
- Hole 2 - \$200 Backroad Septic Service Gift Card
- Hole 3 - \$100 Fossil Pizza Gift Card
- Hole 4 - 2022 Family Membership
- Hole 5 - 2022 Couple Membership
- Hole 6 - 2022 Single Membership
- Hole 7 - 2022 - 4 Pack of Daily Round
- Hole 8 - 2022 - 4 Pack of Daily Rounds
- Hole 9 - 2022 - 4 Pack of Daily Rounds

TO PURCHASE TICKETS:
email golf@shields.ca, kambartesi@me.com or call **306-260-7189**
Lottery License #SR21-0126

**Have a safe and fun
summer everyone!!!**

