



# Resort Village of Shields

Come Home to the Lake Life

## SHIELDS NEWS - Fall 2021



### Mayor's Message

Fall is such a spectacular time of the year with the leaves magnificently changing colors, the smell of the flowers and leaves wafting through the crisp autumn air. The change in season brings the close to the summer rush with the start of a new school year and back to routine.

This past summer will be remembered as one in which we experienced a heat wave like no other with families flocking to the beach to enjoy the sand and water. Thanks to the Operations team and the Parks, Beaches and Playground Committee for keeping the beach in such great shape this summer.

Community initiatives:

- Our Marketing Committee has met to finalize our marketing plan which includes approval of Shields tag line (Come Home to the Lake Life), new signage for the South Mawson lots as well as creating a drone video to showcase our beautiful village. Thanks to everyone who participated in the video which is going through its final cut and will be available online soon. We all love to "Come Home to the Lake Life".
- The Sport Court amenities building project has started, the septic tank and water hookups have been installed and the concrete should be completed this fall. The final completion date for the building is slated for May 2022.
- The Road expansion from South Mawson to highway 211 project has the go ahead from the RM with shared funding through the village and government grants. The planning is underway with the project starting in the spring of 2022.
- Many permits have been approved this year; 4 new building permits and many development permits for renovations or yard development.

In spite of the restrictions around Covid19, the community enjoyed several events and programs this summer thanks to volunteer participation. These included: July 1st parade, pickleball lessons, the children's carnival, horticulture group barrel planting, yard beautification contest, golf leagues and tournaments. Big thanks to all the volunteers, your efforts are really appreciated.

Thanks to the EMO Committee for the recent training session organized for Council and staff. I was very impressed with the level of detail and thought that went into the EMO plan and I am confident that the training has prepared us for any emergency that may arise.

Thanks to our incredible Administration and Operations team. This summer was extremely busy with projects plus ongoing work. The team worked together collaboratively to enable the village to push ahead on initiatives and complete many outstanding projects.

In closing, thank you for your ongoing commitment in making Shields a great place to live through your involvement with activities, volunteering and providing opinions and feedback on issues.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe autumn season.

**Angela Larson, Mayor**

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## Committee Updates and Messages:

### Events Committee

Our July 1st parade was a great success, with even Sparky the Fire dog making an appearance. Thank you to everyone who came out and dressed up!

The Children's Day in the Park on September 18th was wonderful, all the parents, grandparents and children who attended really enjoyed all the activities and treats. Thank you to the events committee for all their planning and designing of the day, as well as to the numerous volunteers who came out to participate in leading games, making hot dogs and/or popcorn, or just doing all the last-minute running around. It was truly a community fun-raiser.

The volunteer walk held on October 23rd was a chilly day, but the warmth of our generous volunteers kept our spirits high! Thank-ypu to the volunteers who served the hot chocolate.



### Parks, Playgrounds, and Beaches

What an incredible fall we are having! It is great to see people taking advantage of this beautiful weather by utilizing the sport court, playground, walking path, and getting out to be active.

Our committee would like to thank Murray McArthur for running numerous Learn to Play Pickleball days at the sport court. This was a great opportunity for people to try the sport, refine their skills, or just get out for some fun and exercise. Thank you for your time and dedication to the community, Murray!

The sport court is open from 8AM until 11PM every day. If you wish to use the court in the evenings the switch for the lights is next to the gate facing McCordick Street and is set on a timer to ensure they go off. Please remember that the use of the court is at your own risk. Be respectful of the facility and equipment. A tennis net has been purchased for the sport court. Due to its size and value, it is not currently stored in the bin with other equipment. Once the shed is refurbished it will be stored in the equipment room in the shed. Until then, please contact Amanda Thiessen at 306-361-7478 if you would like to use it.

The Parks, Playgrounds, and Beaches committee is looking for a Chair! If you are interested in this position, please reach out to Council, or contact Amanda Thiessen or Carrie Hart for further information. We've wrapped up another great season! Thanks very much for your support this year!



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## Greenspaces

The Greenspace committee worked on some needed initiatives within the village this year. One project that was completed was the addition of 20 Black Hills Spruce that replaced the dead Scott's Pine along South Mawson Drive. Our summer students were involved with planting the new trees and did a good job. We have some 10' tall Spruce trees that have been planted along the Proctor Drive Lake access as well as Mawson Drive back alley to fill in some empty spaces. Operations also installed new irrigation on Mawson drive back alley that incorporate sprinkler systems, which will help keep both trees and grass well-watered.



## Library

Thanks to those who supported the steak night. The funds raised will help see us through this year.

The library is changing over to Winter hours:  
Tuesday & Thursday: 4pm-7pm  
Wednesday: 1pm-4pm  
Friday: 10am - 1pm

Wheatland Regional Library income for 2020 was \$1,887,480.42, the expenses were \$1,648,343.00, for a net income of \$239,137.42. The 2021 Resort Village of Shields levy paid to Wheatland Library was \$2,214.72

## Golf Committee

The golf course has been a huge success this year. The course looks great, and much time and commitment has continued this year, to make the golf course even better.

In particular, the redesigning and location of hole #6 has been an ongoing project; an initiative like this takes more than just funding but countless hours from our golf course committee, the golf course staff, and our Shields maintenance staff. Based on the increased traffic to the golf course this year, this is a positive investment into the golf course and our community.

The fundraiser Scramble Championship was held on August 7th. We had a very successful tournament, thank you very much to all our sponsors! Our winners this year were Cody Deringer, Carmen Szabo, Matt Bluebird and Cam Mault. Congratulations!



Our Member Championship was held on September 11th. Thanks to our Men's Night and Ladies Night organizers for hosting this great event! Our tournament winners were Kam Barteski and Linda Ellerington. Great job!

The Golf Ball Drop at the conclusion of the tournament was also a great success. Thank you to our generous sponsors and congrats to the winners. We would like to thank Chad Pizden for all his skid steer usage on our new hole 6 project and Brandon Ewanchuk for donating sod to the course.

Lastly, we would like to thank all our volunteers that came out to help tarp the greens. We had a great crew out! Thanks everyone for a great season, see you in the spring!





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## Horticulture Committee

Thank you to the Horticulture Committee for planting and tending to the 10 barrels of flowers that were placed around the village this summer. Sharing your talents and time really made a difference!

Congratulations to the winners of the yard beautification contest (Pictured Below)

1st Place – Cheryl Robson

2nd Place Tie – Dianne Ehrhardt and Helen Hyde (missing from photo)

3rd Place – Susan Hiller

Your yards certainly add beauty to the village!



## Parks, Culture and Recreation Board

2020 & 2021 certainly presented some challenges with Covid-19. Our village - along with the rest of the world - had to be resourceful in some events that were planned. Unfortunately, the decision was made to cancel the Cabaret in September due to health measures. We will be holding meetings shortly to discuss various activities, committee fundraising initiatives and ideas to keep our residents entertained and bring us together. We will need to get creative and use a 'think outside the box' methodology. Some ideas that come to mind could be an ice fishing derby in Feb/March, a Ski-Doo / ATV Poker rally on the frozen lake or challenge our neighboring Resort Village of Thode to a friendly contest (we all know who the winner will be). If you have any creative ideas that come to mind, please reach out to Council and we will review it!

All the 2021 initiatives wouldn't be possible without the incredible amount of volunteerism that our village has been built upon and continues to carry out. A big 'Thank You' to Murray McArthur for volunteering his time this year to teaching Pickleball to our residents. A big 'Thank You' to Jaclyn Sander for organizing Ladies Night Steak night and the 50/50 raffle. And of course, a big 'Thank You' to Kam Barteski & Scott Coulson for organizing the Golf Ball Drop.

We would also like to encourage both existing, and new residents to join our various committees in our Village. If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, click [HERE](#) or let our administrator know and she will direct you on the path forward.

## Animal Control

Thank you to all pet owners that have assisted in keeping the village looking good! The Pet Waste Stations that were installed have resulted in a dramatic decrease in waste that has been noted around the village. This meant that no formal complaints were brought forward regarding waste in our parks this year. Operations do check on the stations periodically and make sure supplies are stocked and bins are emptied. If by chance something is needed, please reach out to Operations or Councilor Cam Paulson to have the problem addressed.





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## Operations, Maintenance and Other Information:

### Docks



As we put our docks & lifts onto the shore for winter, please be cognizant not to place them near any public lake access as this causes a serious safety hazard for Skidoo's and ATV's when they enter/exit the lake in the wintertime – especially in low light conditions. If any items are found in these areas, you will be required to move them. There will be an audit at the end of October to ensure guidelines are followed.

If your dock space has shrubbery on the shoreline, please don't store your dock on the cleared access point as someone else might need to pull their dock through the access point as well.

Please ensure that your docks and boat lifts are properly marked with your name & phone number when stored on the shoreline.

As our village is growing with new residents, it is becoming an issue to find everyone a dock space. To mitigate this, we need to condense space between docks and allow room for additional ones. Wooden stakes will be marked at 30' intervals on the shoreline of Proctor Drive / Waters Ave. to the south end of Proctor Drive (See map)



When you install your dock in 2022, make sure the centerline of your dock lines up with the closest marker on the shore of where your dock is generally installed. Docks are required to maintain a minimum of 30' of spacing. However, some have 40'- 45' spacing.

### Shields Seasonal Storage Site

Please be mindful that each storage space has dimensions of 10' wide x 15' long. As we bring our boats in and our skidoos / ice shacks out, please be aware of this. If you have a large boat parked in your spot, you won't have room for other items on your spot. This causes congestion and confusion of renters. Items such as firewood are not allowed in this area as it attracts vermin and other animals. There have also been reports of damaged trailers from people being careless when moving items. If you damage something, please do the right thing, and report it to our administrator to be dealt with in an appropriate manner.

Operations will keep the area cleared this winter to assist people in moving ice shacks and accessing their items if need be.





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## Maintenance

The Village had two pumps and a controller problem in our south lift station this summer causing the system and staff some major head aches. The pumps have now been reinstalled, along with a new controller and an upgrade to the electrical system. Please refrain from flushing the following items down the toilet, not only may they plug your system, they plug the main sewer system and cause expensive problems:

- Hand wipes
- Baby wipes
- Disposable diapers
- Feminine products
- Shop Towels

The irrigation system had a major break under the pump house that required a backhoe and hydro-vac to repair it. Irrigation water will remain on weather permitting, due to the fact when running fiber optic through the village we need to know if a line has been hit. A final notice will be sent out to residents when Irrigation system is turned off for the season.

Please ensure that trailers, boats, garbage, and recycling containers etc. are moved off the roadway to ease in snow removal this coming winter.

Lastly, a big thank-you to our Operations Staff, Fred and Kaija who work so hard each day to ensure our village is functioning its best.

## Upcoming Christmas Events:

### Spirit of Shields Seasonal Windows

Celebrate the upcoming winter season by sharing your decorated windows with the Shields community! We invite families to create "Advent" windows, with one new window revealed ("opened") each day from December 1 to December 24.

Families wishing to participate, sign up for a date between December 1 and December 24th. More information will be sent out closer to the event.



### Children's Christmas Party

Mark your calendars, the Christmas will be held on December 5th this year. More details will come closer to the date.







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## Memorial Drive Fence Post Decorating

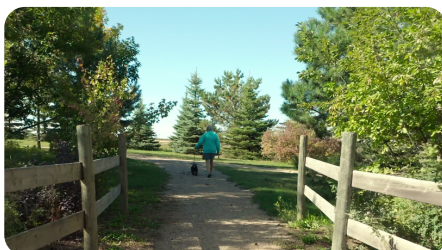
Let's have some fun again this coming Christmas season. Nothing drums up the Christmas spirit quite like our fence post decorating contest. As you can see in the photo, last years decorations were very creative, and we want to see if you can top them this year.

The start date is as soon as you are ready. Please remember to remove your decorations by January 15th.

Get out there and claim your post and let's see how we can light up the ravine. Send pictures of your decorations to [admin@shields.ca](mailto:admin@shields.ca)

## 2021 Spirit of Shields:

Congratulations to the 2021 Spirit of Shields winner Amanda Thiessen. Amanda has shown great leadership and volunteerism in our community. She was a driving force with the organizing, fundraising and the actualization of the sports court. Two years in a row, Amanda promoted and encouraged the Go Out and Play Challenge; Shields placed second both years which added further funding for the sports court and promoted fitness in our village. Amanda continues to serve on the Parks and Beach committee, and avails herself to many other volunteer activities. She is an inspiration to others, with her passion for our community. Thank you Amanda!







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## Health and Safety



### RCMP & Fire

The 2021 Resort Village of Shields levy that was paid to the RCMP was \$14,243.76. In July, August, and September, we had 5 RCMP calls to Shields.

The 2021 Resort Village of Shields levy that was paid to the Dundurn Fire Commission was \$21,600.00.

Please remember to check with your insurance provider that you have fire protection coverage on your policy, as the call out rate for the fire department is \$1,000.00 per hour.



### Update from the EMO Planning Committee:

The Planning Committee completed an emergency test exercise with Council, Operations and Administration in September which was successful. The exercise allowed participants to understand their roles during a declared emergency and the actions needed to support the safety and well-being of the residents and property in the Village. On an annual basis the Emergency Plan is tested and adjustments are made to ensure its effectiveness during an emergency.

There is ongoing monthly communication testing with our volunteer Block Captains that has given us insight as to the support we may have available to us at different times during the day. This continuous test has helped us to make necessary changes to our processes to ensure they are effective.

If you would like to be part of Shields EMO or have any questions, please contact Debbie Heidt, EMO Co-ordinator at [dheidt1@gmail.com](mailto: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***



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## Garbage/ Recycle Calendar



Garbage Pick-up Date



Recycle Pick-up Date

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