

Resort Village of Shields

Come Home to the Lake Life



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



My husband Dave and I would like to extend our best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and a safe and wonderful holiday season.

Shields is a happening place this winter starting with two new programs: Pilates and Yoga. There were also a variety of events for everyone, Ladies Sip and Design, newcomer's breakfast and last but not least the Children's Christmas party. All of these programs and events include many volunteer hours of planning, organizing and executing. We are so fortunate and thankful as a community to have so many individuals willing to help out.

Council invited the many new families in the community to a pancake breakfast at the end of November. There were over 40 new families that have moved into the village over the past two years. The gathering gave the new residence an opportunity to get to know their Council and one another.

If you have not had a chance to drive down Memorial Drive over the ravine after dark, please take the time to do so during the holiday season to admire the many stars on the posts. Thanks to the ladies at the Sip and Design event for making our village sparkle with their creative touch.

I would like to recognize and thank my colleagues on Council for all their contributions to the village and for their support throughout the year. I would like to thank Cameron Paulson for his efforts on Council as he has decided to step down at this time due to other commitments. If you are interested in running for a position on Council, there will be a by-election held on March 11, 2023. Please contact Administration for more information.

This village would not be able to offer the programs and events without the help of our volunteers so a big shout out to you for making our community one in which everyone of all ages can get together and enjoy. I would like to thank our village staff: Our Administrator, Becky for running the village Office and Fred and his crew in operations for their extra effort in maintaining our buildings, streets, infrastructure of all kinds and being helpful throughout the community. I would also like to acknowledge our residents for their patience with the infrastructure work that has taken place this past year, especially over the summer months.

Christmas is a time for families and friends to get together and reflect on cherished moments while making new memories. We look to the New Year for the hope of even better things to come. Happy holidays. everyone.

Angela Larson, Mayor



Merry Christmas from Council:

As we put the year 2022 to bed, I would like to thank everyone for making this place feel like home. It's the sense of community that really makes Shields thrive and sets it apart from anywhere else. I've attended a lot of events this past year and had the pleasure of serving with so many individuals that truly go the extra mile, and for that I am thankful. Our maintenance team works tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure that village services perform for us when we need them, I would like to extend a huge thank you to them. Thank you to my fellow members of council for guiding me on this new journey in serving the village, and a special thank you to Jessica and Becky for keeping the wheels on at the village office.

From Jaclyn and I, we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year!
Chad Pysden, Councillor



Special thanks to our maintenance staff Fred Fehr and Glenn Robbie and the departed Kaija Edwards. Great job over the past year. The seasonal staff Ken Klassen, the summer students Matt Reider and Aiden Krumm, golf course student Kohl Bayer, part-time on the course Dwayne Nizenkevich and Linda Ellerington, thanks a lot people. Not to forget the administrators Jessica Arguin and Becky Hoehn, who keep our village running a BIG thank you.

From my wife Linda and I, MERRY CHRISTMAS and all the best in 2023.
Noel Tomlenovich, Councillor



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from my family to yours! Cheers to a great first year in Shields. It's the people that make this community so wonderful, and I'm so grateful to have met so many of you. I look forward to meeting more of you and can't wait to see what our community does in 2023. Here's to another great year ahead!

From The Gauthier's (Jillian, Chad & Easton)
Jillian Gauthier, Councillor

Administration, Operations and Other Information

Please ensure your accounts are in good standing at the village office. All outstanding utility bills are added to your tax roll at the end of the year and continue to accumulate interest. Payments can be dropped off at the office drop box or by an e-transfer to admin@shields.ca.

Winter lake access keys are available at the Village office. The key requires a refundable deposit of \$100.

The maintenance staff work very hard to ensure that snow removal happens in a timely manner, and your patience is always appreciated. Please remember that you cannot shovel snow from your driveway into the roads or alleys.

Garbage and recycling pick ups will remain on schedule with garbage pickup on Monday, December 26th and recycling pickup on January 2, 2023.

Staff will be off on Monday, December 26, 2022, and Monday, January 2, 2023, in lieu of the statutory holidays that fall on Sundays this year.

The Village office will be closed the week of December 26 -30, 2022 and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Thank you all for your support and cooperation! It makes Shields a wonderful place to live and work! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the staff of Shields!



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM COUNCIL
AND STAFF!!**

Committee Updates and Messages

Events Committee and Programs

Newcomer's Breakfast and Social

The Newcomer breakfast hosted by Council and staff was held on November 20th. It was a great opportunity for residents to get to meet and visit with one another and to meet the village council.



Ladies Sip and Design... What a Success!

The events committee would like to thank the community for supporting the Ladies Sip and Design Night on November 26th. Over 40 Christmas stars were created, and everyone had a wonderful time reconnecting with neighbors and friends. Make sure if you get a chance, drive down Memorial Drive and look at the stars especially at night when they are all lite up. Great job ladies!! A big thank you to our Event's committee and the volunteers for organizing and actualizing this event.



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Children's Christmas Party

The children's Christmas party was held on December 10th with a special guest of honor, Santa, who not only listened to the children's wishes he also delivered goody bags. Warren, the balloon man, was also a huge hit with his creative balloon designs making the children all kinds of animals and even candy canes and jewelry. All children and their parents had a wonderful time decorating cookies and dressing up to take photos at the photo booth. Thanks to all the volunteers for organizing and thanks to Dakota Dunes for sponsoring this event.



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Pilates and Yoga at the Community Centre

Yoga and Pilates classes started in November and will continue on throughout the winter into February. Thanks to Carly Thul and Leia Bridge for the great instruction. Also, thanks to our Sponsors, Prairie Central, Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association and Sask Lotteries for their contribution towards the cost of the classes. There has been a terrific response to the classes and although registration is closed for this year, for those interested, stay tuned for more classes in the spring.



Animal Control Committee

Cat Owners

Cats are not permitted to freely roam in the village. Please keep your cats indoors or ensure that they remain on your property and not out on their own.

Dog Owners

1. It has been noted that residents have been walking their dogs on the golf course. Please note that this is **NOT** allowed. The golf course takes a lot of work to maintain and dog urine and fecal matter can significantly damage the greens. Please keep all domestic animals off the golf course at all times.
2. Also, a reminder that when out and about, your dog is to be kept on a leash at all times. This is for safety of residents and to ensure adherence to bylaws.
3. Finally, please ensure that you clean up after your pets. There are several bag stations around the village for this purpose. If any of them are empty, please contact the office or maintenance staff and they will be filled up. Feces can contain disease and we want to ensure the health of our pets. We want to keep the village clean and safe.

The Village's Animal Control Bylaws are available on the website. Please take time to review these bylaws by clicking the link provided. [Bylaws and Policies – Resort Village of Shields](#)





Update from EMO Planning Committee

This year we would like to recognize some long time EMO Block Captains in Shields that have retired... Joan & Al Hiebert, Carrie Hart and Judy Rathie. They have all been members of EMO for many years and their commitment to our community is very much appreciated!

We welcome and thank the new Block Captains to the EMO Organization which include:

- Phil Sarich looking after Block 11 (#1-37 Mawson lakefront).
- Chad Gauthier in Block 6 (#3 – 21 McCordick, 1-7 Waters and #2-20 Hordern) and
- Barry Reinhardt who has taken over Block 1 (#1 – 45 Procter Drive lakefront).

The Planning Committee sends our very best wishes for this holiday season and hopes that you all have a safe and Merry Christmas!

Debbie Heidt, EMO Co-ordinator

Community Centre:

As of January 1st we will officially have a new recruit to takeover the cleaning of the Community Centre. I would like to welcome Larysa Olson. Larysa lives in the Blackstrap region and is finishing her highschool and wishes to continue to grow her cleaning business. Larysa enjoys the outdoors and wants to become more involved with the community. Welcome Larysa!

We thank Jeannesta for her services over the least two years.

