

Resort Village of Shields

Come Home to the Lake Life



FALL NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2022

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The beautiful weather this summer which has continued right into fall has kept us busy with all

the outdoor activities that are available in our community. Whether you enjoy boating, fishing, playing a round of golf, a game on the sports court or sitting back enjoying the beach, we are fortunate that living at the lake we have so many options available right in our backyard.

Over the summer, there were a number of organized events to enjoy including pickleball lessons, golf leagues, lessons and tournaments, Beer and Burger night, horticulture group barrel planting. Big thanks to the organizers, volunteers and participants, your efforts are really appreciated. Stay tuned for more events and programming planned over the winter months.

Community Initiatives:

- The amenities building by the Sports court is complete and ready for programming in 2023. This building is built for three-season usage and is now drained up and closed for the winter. In the spring, we will re-open the building and organize the kiosk space as well as community use of the flex space. The publicly available bathroom will also reopen in the spring.
- The road project completion date has been moved to the spring of 2023. This delay is due to required utility relocation that must be completed. The good news is the grant funding is still available and with the utility relocation completed by the end of October, we will be ready for road construction in the spring.
- The Marketing Team is busy working on a new Facebook page designed just for promoting South Mawson lot sales.

Over the past two years, Council in conjunction with stakeholders and a Professional Urban Planner, have been working on the village's Official Community Plan. Due to COVID, staff and Council turnover the plan took longer than anticipated and finally went to public hearing in September. Thank you to those who attended the hearing and/or submitted comments regarding the plan. This plan will serve the community well as a guide for decisions on planning and land management.

I would like to welcome Becky Hoehn, Acting CAO and Glenn Robbie, Operations Assistant Manager to our team.

Enjoy what is left of fall and thank you everyone for your participation in making Shields such a wonderful place to live.

Sincerely,

Angela Larson, Mayor
shieldsmayor@gmail.com

Committee Updates and Messages

Events Committee and Programs

Beer and Burger Night... What a Success!

The events committee would like to thank the community for supporting the Beer and Burger Night on August 27th . Over 150 burgers were cooked, and everyone had a great opportunity to reconnect with community members.

Even though the weather tried to play havoc a couple of times, the true Saskatchewan spirit prevailed. Newbies got introduced to the art of playing bones “Bunnock”, it looked like the women’s team won. Well, maybe not but they sure had fun trying! Proceeds from the event will go towards purchasing a freezer for the kiosk in the Amenities Building. A big thank you to our Event’s committee and the volunteers for organizing and actualizing this event.



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Ladies “Sip and Design” Night to Light Up Shields

Location: Shields’ Community Centre

Date: Saturday, November 26, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm - Midnight

Calling the ladies of our community to come together to enjoy a night of craft creations and beverages. We are looking to create Christmas Stars for our posts on Memorial Drive. The event, snacks and materials for the Star for the village are free. There will be a toonie bar, raffles, as well as the opportunity to create some Christmas stars to take home (\$10.00/star). To register copy link below to browser and click.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sipdesign>



Children’s Christmas Party

Location: Shields’ Community Centre

Date: Sunday, December 10th

Time: 2 – 4 pm



Get into the Christmas spirit with our annual Children’s Christmas Party. All children and their parents are invited to join in an afternoon of decorating Christmas cookies, visiting with Santa and enjoying the antics of the “Balloon Man.” This is a free event. Please register so we can plan accordingly. To register copy link below to browser and click.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/shieldskidschristmas>

Pilates and Yoga at the Community Centre Starting in November



Yoga was taught to purify the body and mind for thousands of years. Yoga means “to unite” which conveys the goal of connecting the mind, body, and spirit through breathing, meditation, and poses. Yoga is beneficial for our cardiovascular and overall health. Yoga is great for the mind, body and spirit. Registration for Shield's 10-Week Yoga Program Mondays 6:30 p.m, Nov. 21-Dec 19, 2022, and Jan. 9-Feb 6th, 2023 @ the Community Centre. \$160.00 for 10-week program. Thanks to Ashgan Houston for organizing. To register copy link below to browser and click.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/yoga-Nov>

Pilates helps boost confidence and improves self-esteem. Strengthening the core muscles which helps with back pain and can often prevent it from occurring. Whatever your age, the low-impact workouts will not jar or strain the body. The movements are safe and help strengthen the body.

Registration for Shield's 10-Week Pilates Program Sundays Nov. 20-Dec 18, 2022, and Jan. 8-Feb 5th, 2023 @ the Community Centre - \$150.00 for a 10-week program. Thanks to Carly Thul for organizing. To register copy link below to browser and click.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Pilates-Nov>

Only 30 spots available in each program . Must register through the link and pay to hold your spot. Please note that the links for registration will have to be copied to your browser page.

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Horticulture Committee

Thanks to the horticulture group for sharing their gardening skills with the village and the time they put into tending to the flower barrels. The Committee is looking for more volunteers for the next growing season so if you are interested in joining, please contact the Administration Office.

The Committee will be transforming the planting barrels this winter into Christmas Arrangements.

Big thank you to Carrie Reinhardt for hosting the year-end wrap up for the Committee.

Golf Committee

As we wrap up the 2022 golf season, we would like to thank everyone for their tremendous support this year. Our golf course has remained a high traffic, widely used staple in our community and something that we can be extremely proud of. With the help of some very generous sponsors and continued community support, we were incredibly successful in our fundraising efforts which included the Golf Ball Drop and the Scramble Tournament. Funds earned will go directly back into course maintenance and improvements. We have continued the progression of our new hole #6, which is looking fabulous with the freshly seeded fairway! Along with weekly Men's and Ladies night golf, events this year included three annual tournaments, all of which were at full capacity. The tournaments included the Jack and Jill (won by Les and Linda Ellerington), the Scramble Championship (won by Brandon Ewanchuck, Ryan Broberg, Dean McArthur and Scott Linnell), and the Member Championship (won by Cam Mault and Linda Ellerington). Thank you to all the participants and congratulations to all the winners!

Big thank you to the volunteers who came out to tarp the greens and to everyone for a great season. See you in the spring.

~ The Golf Committee



Golf Scramble Champions 2022



Member Champions 2022



Tarpping the Golf Greens...Thank You
Volunteers

Parks, Playgrounds, and Beaches

How lucky are we to be enjoying lake life with these warm fall temperatures and beautiful fall colours? 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.

The beach was an extremely popular place this summer! Thank you to town maintenance and those that helped with clean up, weed control, and keeping the beach a feature of our community this summer. This was the first year that Hags Aquatic Weed Harvesting was hired to cut down the weeds in the water at the beach, and it will be evaluated as to if this is something worth continuing in the future.

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 St and are on a timer to ensure they go off. Please remember that the use of the court is at your own risk.

Please remember to take care of our parks, playgrounds and beaches by ensuring that you pick up your garbage, collect any items you've brought with you, and care for equipment.

Have a wonderful fall everyone!

Animal Control

It has come to our attention that there are several dog droppings along the north side of Memorial Drive. Volunteers and Council put forth funds to purchase waste bag dispensers and garbage cans to assist people with picking up after their pets. They are located around the village at various spots. Since installing them Council hasn't received any complaints from residents about dog droppings, however there's a few people who are slacking at picking up after their pet(s). Don't be lazy and leave it, there's really no excuse not to pick up after your pet.

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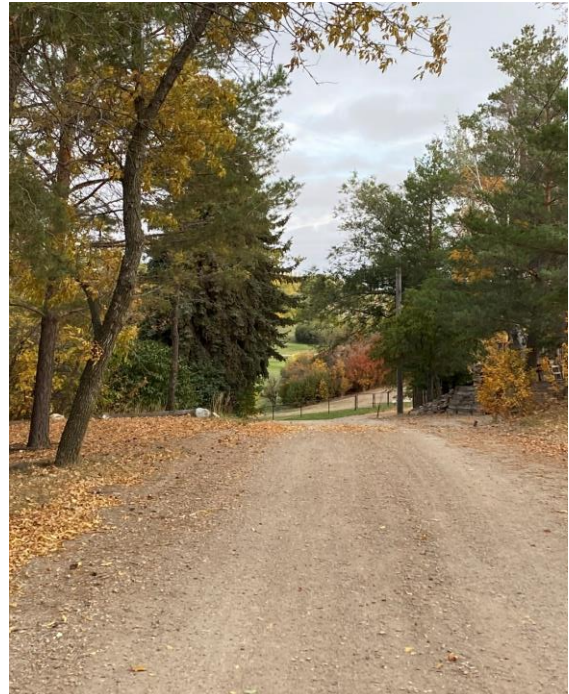
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Greenspaces

Now that fall has started, we will be having some giant dead poplars cut down in Outlaws Ravine that pose a safety hazard. As they are very large, we need to leverage a tree removal company with some specialized equipment to remove the logs once the trees are felled. We hope to address the other trees next year as a priority.

Some of our trees that were transplanted to various locations throughout the village did not survive during the summer. The tree supplier has indicated he will honor warranty and will replace them.

We hope to see some volunteers at our Outlaws Ravine fall cleanup this year. Dates of the cleanup will be shared to the community in a nearby date.



Docks

Now that summer is over and we're starting to close out our water sports toys, please be cognizant of a few yearly items.

- Please ensure your docks and boatlifts are neatly arranged on the Municipal Reserve land and each item is tagged with your name and phone number. This ensures that Maintenance can get ahold of you in case something needs to be moved and similarly identifies abandoned docks or lifts. Any items that are not marked will be deemed abandoned and will be removed from the site.
- When doing this, please be mindful not to place your items in areas that are accessible to the water IE: In an opening in some bush/trees or Lake Access points – should others need to use this access to remove their items.
- Keep an eye on the weather and plan accordingly when removing your docks and lifts. Please ensure that items are removed from the water by end of October.



Administration, Operations and Other Information

Administration

Welcome new Acting Administrator!!



Big welcome to Becky Hoehn who is filling the Acting Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) role while Jessica is on parental leave. Becky and her husband Wally moved to Blackstrap at the beginning of October. They raised their family in Drake SK where Becky was the Village Administrator for several years. Since then, she moved on to various positions with both Horizon School Division and then for the past ten years with the Government of Saskatchewan, most recently as a Regional Director for the Ministry of Park Culture and Sport. Becky and Wally retired last spring and since then have both gone back to work – Wally is the Acting Park Manger at Blackstrap Provincial Park and Becky has taken on the CAO role for Shields. Becky and Wally have four married children and eleven grandchildren! They love lake life and appreciate the warm welcome they have received from the Blackstrap community!

Welcome Baby Chesley Patrick Arguin!!



Hello World!

My name is Chesley Patrick Arguin, but Ches for short. I joined my mom, Jessica and dad, Aiden a little early on September 30th! I am named after a few people who were pretty important to my mom- my great grandfather and my great uncle who both passed away before I could meet them. Mom says I am sleepy and scowly just like they were, and she wants me to grow up and be creative, strong, compassionate and honest men just like them. I am excited to be a fourth generation Ches (shout out to my mom's cousin who claims spot number 3) and my Mom and Dad are so happy to have me!

Operations



Welcome Glenn!

We welcome Glenn Robbie as our new Operations Assistant Manager. Glenn started in July, and lives in Dundurn with his wife and four boys. Glenn comes into the position with full water and wastewater certifications and has a general understanding of our infrastructure. Glenn looks forward to working in the village and getting to know the community.



Congratulations Kohl!

Kohl Bayer has been working with the Operations team and golf course for 6 years now. This summer Kohl wrote his dental entrance examination and passed with flying colours. Kohl got into the top 3% in all of Canada. Congratulations Kohl and thank for your dedication in helping the course and our community look great.

Way to go Kohl!!

- **Roadways and Alleys** - Please remove all boats, trailers, golf carts and other items from the roadways and alleys. This is necessary to allow for snow removal in the winter. During the winter months please ensure that your vehicles, garbage, and recycling bins are pulled as far off the road as possible so that snow can be removed. Thank you!
- **Seasonal Water Meters** – All seasonal water meters will be removed after the Thanksgiving long weekend. If you wish to keep your seasonal water meter hooked up, please contact Fred at 306-492-7922.
- **Irrigation System** - The irrigation water system is shut down for the year.
- **Golf Course** – The Golf Course is closed as of October 14, 2022.
- **Compost** – Please note the Village compost site permanently closed. The Dundurn Transfer Station's summer hours go until October 31st. Hours are Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Compost materials are accepted at no charge. For more information, please go to their website: <https://www.dundurnrm.ca/p/transfer-station>
- **House Numbers** - Please ensure that you have house numbers on your property. If you access your property from the alley, also post house numbers on the rear. It will make it easier for emergency personnel, delivery people and our maintenance staff to find your home.



Update from EMO Planning

The EMO Planning Committee would like to welcome Councillor Chad Pysden as a new member of the team as he will be acting as Councillor rep for Shields Emergency Measures. Previously Chad served as a Block Captain, so he is familiar with Shields emergency processes.

This fall EMO will hold another training/testing session for the entire group to help all of us be prepared should an emergency arise in our Village. We continue to look for volunteers to be part of the team and are still in need of a Block Captain to help with the Mawson area. Please contact Garry Hovland (306-280-7652) (Block Captain Co-ordinator) or Debbie Heidt (306-371- 0900) if you would like to become a Block Captain or support any other part of the Emergency Measures team. Fall is here and winter is on its way – ensure that your family has its own emergency plan.

Refer to the Government of Canada's 'Get Prepared' as a very usual tool to obtain detailed information on making a family plan!

Debbie Heidt, EMO Co-ordinator

The Food Pantry

The Dundurn, Hanley and Area Food Pantry would like to thank the citizens of Shields for their continued support of this very valuable organization. Through grants and community contributions, we were able to double the number of emergency food boxes available to each household per year. The Food Pantry serves the RM of Dundurn and the RM of Rosedale as far South as Hanley and surrounding area. The increased cost of living over the past year has made it difficult for some households to afford wholesome, nutritious foods and The Food Pantry has been able to provide assistance to them.

Applications for Christmas Hampers will be coming up shortly.

If you are interested in learning more about our organization, please visit our Facebook page called The Dundurn, Hanley and area Food Pantry or email us at thefoodpantry20@gmail.com.

Jaclyn Sander, Committee Member





A Tribute to Harold Empey

Harold Empey passed away on July 29, 2022. Harold was a giant among many, noting his incredible abilities to rally folks to a deserving cause.

As a persuasive, mentor within our community, he led negotiations with the Province in annexing crown land to expand the boundaries of our growing community along the shore of Blackstrap Lake.

Additionally, Harold led the community in the support of having natural gas service infrastructure extended to homes within the resort village. There were many local endeavors that Harold lead and influenced, some successful and some regrettably slow in realization. As a leading council and resident, Harold promoted the community to the extent of brokering many property transactions that propelled a new wave of residents to populate the once retirement dominated hamlet to the creation of the resort village designation. Indeed, the far-reaching negotiations with local communities, rural municipalities, and our province . . . for the greater good of all.

Harold's sense of delegation to those trusted to perform led to the expansion of the once named "Pitts Golf Course," a six-hole volunteer created recreational golf venue to a challenging golf course of nine holes along the shore of Blackstrap Lake. This entity has become a self-supporting asset to the Resort Village of Shields.

Harold and Betty brought love and laughter to community events from "garage door meetings to potluck feasts, to 'annual meetings' of residents, to just simply a welcoming chat on the street, or in their home.

Again, as a mentor to many, Harold was a valuable resource 'go to guy' as our community progressed with the betterment of roads, the connection to potable water and to waste management.

Thanks Harold and May you rest in peace.

Tribute written by Eldon MacKay.

With more than 60 years of volunteering, in 2018 Harold received the Therese Casgrain Lifelong Achievement Award, given out each year to one Canadian who has volunteered for more than 20 years Harold's quote "Our communities in Saskatoon and Saskatchewan would not be what they are without volunteers"

