

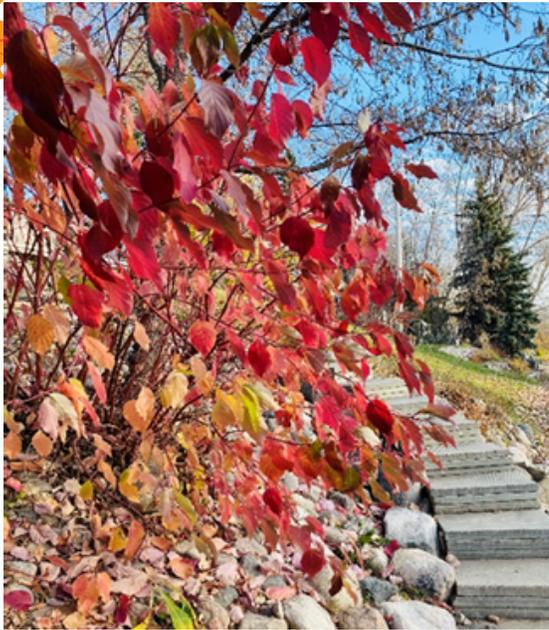


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Mayor's Message



I hope everyone had a great summer. We were kept busy with the many enjoyable activities available to us living at the lake. The weather was perfect for the beach, boating or even getting out for a long walk. The beach was a very popular place for families to gather on those warm summer days. The golf course and the sports court were also busy with our active residents playing their favourite sport.

The community also enjoyed many events and programs over the summer including children's programs, pickleball lessons, golf tournaments, Beer and Burger night and the corn roast. Thanks to those who shared their love of plants and tended to the plants in the village as well as those who took care of our corn crop. Thanks to the volunteers for organizing the children's programming, it was great to see our spaces in use by so many groups. Stay tuned for more events and programming planned over the winter months.

The HUB was actively used during the summer months. This building including the connected bathroom is built for three-season usage and is winterized for the season. In the spring, we will re-open and be back in business for residents to use the flex space and to enjoy meals from the concession.

The volunteer appreciation night held recently was well attended. This event is to celebrate all the accomplishments of the volunteers over the year and is Council's way of showing their appreciation giving thanks to the volunteers for all they do. Congratulations to Cheryl Robson on being recognized and awarded the Spirit of Shields Award for 2023.

The village is definitely growing and with that we have had many new home builds and home improvements happening over the last year. Another lot sale has been finalized on South Mawson with building to begin soon. Welcome to all the new residents in Shields, the welcoming Committee will be around soon to meet you.

I would like to thank Becky Hoehn for her dedication and efforts in covering the position of CAO during Jessica's leave. All the best to Becky in her retirement. Welcome back to Jessica Arguin as CAO and also congratulates to her on being presented with her Standard Certificate at the UMAAS Conference in June. It was a busy summer for operations so a big shout out to the Operations staff for a job well done! Enjoy what is left of fall and thank you everyone for your participation in making Shields such a great place to live.

Sincerely,
Angela Larson, Mayor
shieldsmayor@gmail.com



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Committee Updates and Messages:

Social Programming Committee

Programs

Happy Autumn to everyone!

Fall is my favorite season of all, but with the changing colors of the leaves and cooler days, the time comes to plan for more activities and gatherings we can all enjoy in a warmer milieu. I am happy to say that there are a few events scheduled for everyone to partake in, throughout the next couple of months. Firstly though, I want to acknowledge Joan Hiebert, the Hostess and Instructor for our premiere "Saskatoon Council on Aging" sponsored "Hub Club" held at the Hot Shop on September 27th. Several ladies attended and crafted Mosaic Glass Globes. Thank you again Joan!! Our October "Hub Club" 'Memories of Scotland and England' was presented by B. Riehl-Fitzsimmons and her Mother, A. Riehl, and was very well received. Watch the Village Information pages and email messaging for a "Hub Club" that may pique your interest in future months. As well, everyone is welcome to plan and organize a "Hub Club" event that you would like to share with our Village residents.

Unfortunately, the Line Dancing class scheduled for mid October had to be cancelled. October should see the initial weekly Card Club/Board Game gatherings begin at the Hall. These should provide lots of friendly competition and an opportunity to socialize with friends and neighbors. Looking ahead, a Craft Evening/Class, to be held in December to make Christmas Centerpieces is being planned. A very talented and artistic Floral Designer has kindly offered to assist us with this event. Once again, watch the Community pages for more information on this "Festive Happening"!

All for now!

Lindy Klassen, Program Coordinator- Resort Village of Shields





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Events

A corn roast was held on August 26th at the Hub. The meal was delicious with credit going to the Events Committee. Thanks to Al and Joan Hiebert for offering their community garden so that we were able to grow the corn for this event right in our community. Thanks for the many hands that planted and tended to the corn. The village also provided a water slide bouncy castle for the children which they really seemed to enjoy.

As the Seasons change, we still want to get together! Those Winter months can be lonely for some. Our committee wants to keep you busy! The Events we plan are planned with cost recovery in mind. If it's a fundraiser that will be posted. It's your attendance and participation that makes Shields the best place to call home.



Upcoming Events:

Casino Night

Try your luck at Shields Casino Night on November 4th. Tickets are sold online [here](#) in advance for \$20/person or \$30 at the door.



Adult Potluck

Give yourself a break, come out to the Adult Christmas Potluck and celebrate the holiday with your neighbours on December 2nd.



Kid's Christmas

Bring the children out for the afternoon of fun and a visit with Santa on December 9th.





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Greenspaces Committee

Horticulture Club

Thank you to the Horticulture Committee who planted and tended to the beautiful arrangements of barrels around the village this summer. Congratulations to those who participated in the Communities in Bloom Miracle Grow Best Garden Selection. The Committee wrapped up the year viewing the various barrels, discussing plans for next year and ending with a gathering at the home of Cheryl Robson. Thanks Cheryl. Watch out for the change in season and the barrels being decorating with Christmas arrangements.



Good Luck to Long-time Residents:

We would like to wish Al and Liz Busby good luck and all the best on their move to their new home in Saskatoon. Liz and Al lived at Shields for 18 years and during that time were very involved in the Community. Thank you for all your volunteer time and hope you stay in touch.





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Golf Committee

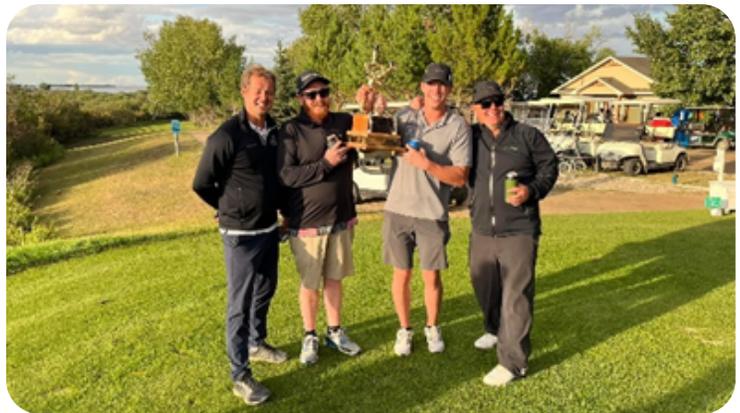
We had a thriving year at the golf course and were blessed with great golfing weather right up to mid October! The course is now closed and we thank all the volunteers who were able to come help tarp the greens.

Our new hole #6 has been in play since mid September and it has added both beauty and an added challenge to the course. We will continue our efforts in maintaining and upgrading the course with funds raised by the Scramble Tournament and the Progressive 50/50. We appreciate the support of businesses and individuals who helped our fundraisers to be the success that they were.

Congratulations to our various tournament winners and to everyone who participated in the course tournaments this year! A fun time was had by all!

See you in the Spring!

Jaclyn Sander on behalf of the Golf Committee





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2023 Spirit of Shields/Volunteer Event:

Thank you to everyone who attended the volunteer event on October 20th. A big congratulations to Cheryl Robson who was presented with the Spirit of Shields award by Mayor, Angela Larson. Cheryl has volunteered for the village for over 20 years. Cheryl is currently the Chair of the Social Programming Committee and has over the years lead or participated in many events/programs such as Children's Christmas parties, potlucks, Canada Day floats and decorating of the village whether in the summer with vibrant flowers or the winter with Christmas decorations just to mention a few. Cheryl also did a stint on village Council. Cheryl's enthusiasm for volunteering is inspiring and certainly rubs off on others around her. Thank you, Cheryl, for your dedication to the village! At the event, Councilor, Jill Gauthier put out a call for volunteers for the Greenspace Committee (Chair), Social Programming (events), Recreation Facilities and Spaces (Chair) and anyone wanting to help build an open-air skating rink in the village. If interested in any of these volunteer spots, please call the village office 306-492-2259.



Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!





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Operations, Maintenance and Other Information:

Docks

As fall is upon us and most of the docks & lifts are now out of the water, just a reminder to make sure to leave enough room for residents to walk along the shoreline.

Over the summer, Fred Fehr and councilor Garry Hovland have created new dock spaces for the residents who do not yet have a spot for their equipment. The Village hopes to have new spots available next year.

Please remember to mark your docks and lifts with your name and address for easy identification. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



Shields Seasonal Storage Site

The seasonal storage lot policy has been updated this year, and is posted on the website. The storage fees have not been increased in a very long time, so Council made the decision this year to increase fees to \$250/year. Council believes this is still a fair and reasonable price compared to other storage options in the surrounding area. As always we ask residents who use the storage site to keep their equipment and materials in tidy condition.

Maintenance

A huge THANK YOU to our maintenance staff, operations manager Fred, staff Glenn, seasonal staff Ken and summer student Aiden also Kohl and Morgan on the golf course. Another thanks to Becky for filling in while Jessica was off on maternity leave and Mackenzie for helping out in the office. The village looks great considering the extremely dry summer we had.

- **Please remember all vehicles, trailers, boats etc. have to be removed from roadways before November 1st to ease in winter snow removal.**
- Smoke/carbon monoxide detectors should be tested once a year. If battery operated batteries should be replaced. Whether hard wired or battery operated detectors should be replaced every 10 years.
- Please number your houses it makes it much easier for emergency vehicles to find your home if necessary.
- Irrigation water has been turned off, please open your taps so everything can drain back. Thanks.



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Update from the EMO Planning Committee:

We are pleased to welcome Tim Black from the Village as our new Block Captain Co-ordinator replacing Garry Hovland. Tim is currently the Senior Health and Safety Advisor with Federated Co-op and will bring much of his expertise with business continuity to our team. Garry Hovland will remain on the EMO Planning Committee as the EMO council representative and will continue to provide his expertise and help to transition his role of Block Captain Co-ordinator to Tim.

Our annual Block Captain 'Emergency Test' is being held this Tuesday, October 17th at the Community Hall for the 17 Block Captains and the 4 members of the Planning Committee. Each year we look at a different emergency situation to run through the various roles and responsibilities of the members. This year the country and the world has seen a number of out of control grass fires and we felt it was a good opportunity for the team to run through this type of emergency. These annual exercises have been beneficial to the group and helps everyone to know what they may expect and provides a great opportunity for discussion to improve or enhance Shields Emergency Plan where needed. If anyone is interested in becoming part of Shields EMO, please contact Debbie Heidt at 306-371-0900. Have a safe fall!

Debbie Heidt, EMO Co-ordinator

Administration Report



Shields Staff - Jessica, Becky and Fred

Thank-you to everyone for the warm welcome back to the office. I want to extend a huge thank-you to Becky Hoehn for doing an incredible job filling my position while I was away this past year. I am happy to be back in the office, and I look forward to meeting all the new residents who moved into the village while I was away. We have reset the office hours to be accessible to village residents. The village office is open Monday-Friday from 8:15am -3:45pm, but the public office hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:15am - 3:45pm, and Thursdays

from 1:00-3:45pm. If you are unable to meet during these public office hours, call 306-492-2259 and I will do my best to accommodate your schedule.

As summer activities slow down, the office is busy preparing for the winter and the upcoming new year. 2024 assessments will be taking place very soon, so expect to see employees from SAMA out in the village doing inspections. The council is also reviewing the waterworks financials to ensure that the village utility rates are covering the costs of the waterworks system.

If you have any questions, or need assistance please contact me at admin@shields.ca, or phone the number listed above.



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Slick Text Subscription Information

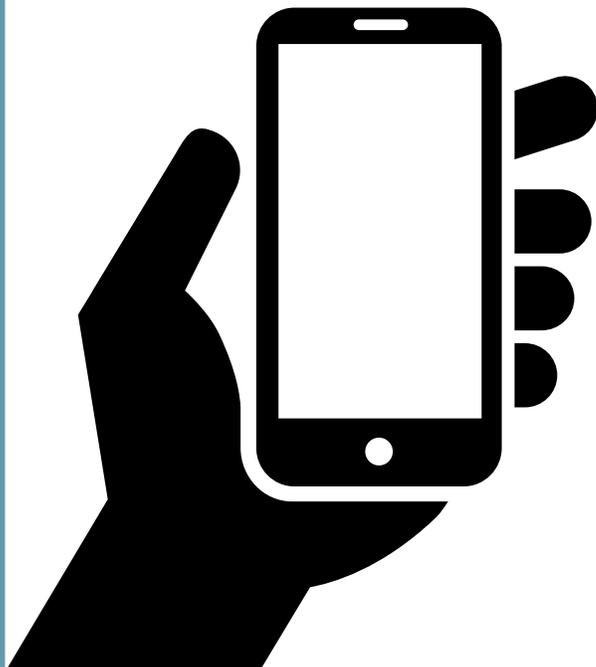
If you want to receive notices and updates on Shields operational services (irrigation notices, or road closures) via text, please sign up by following the instructions below.

To subscribe and receive Shields Operational Notices, follow these 3 easy steps:

- 1. Create a new text message to 844-657-8610 (do not include a 1)**
- 2. Text the word shields (nothing else)**
- 3. Shortly you will receive a response text to confirm subscription, follow the instructions and reply YES**

You will then receive a confirmation text, and no further action is required. You are now ready to receive text notices from the Village of Shields. To unsubscribe at any time: Text the word STOP

This service works similar to text messaging used by other organizations such as the RCMP Saskatchewan Crime Watch and many retail businesses. Once you sign up for the service, you can opt out at any time. Shields will continue to use existing forms of communication including email, this is simply another communication tool for quick operational updates on immediate operational issues or activities in the Village.



Note: The texting service only recognizes the words: shields, Yes, Stop and Help.

The messaging is a one-way communication from the Village to residents and does not allow for two-way communication. Do not send any messages to this number other than what has been described.

Suggestion: To easily identify incoming texts from the Village, add a new contact called 'Shields Text Notices' with the unique number of 844-657-8610.

This number is not a phone number and is only used as the texting number for this service. Do not phone this number – no one is at the other end!



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Garbage/ Recycle Calendar



Garbage Pick-up Date



Recycle Pick-up Date

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