

Resort Village of Shields

Come Home to the Lake Life

SHIELDS NEWS - Christmas Edition

Mayor's Message



My husband Dave and I want to send our warmest wishes to everyone for a joyful Christmas filled with love and peace throughout the year.

This winter has been delightful with the mild weather and absence of snow. As you gather with your loved ones for Christmas, why not take a chance and skate across the lake like we did a couple of years ago?

A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers who have dedicated their time and effort throughout the year. The Social Programming Committee has been incredibly busy organizing various gatherings and programs to celebrate the Christmas season. We are incredibly grateful as a community to have so many individuals who are willing to lend a helping hand. We also extend our gratitude to our sponsors who have generously covered most of the costs for our winter activities.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the village Council for their invaluable contributions to the community and their unwavering support throughout the year. I also want to thank our village staff, particularly Jessica, who manages the village Office, and Fred and his team in operations for their exceptional work in maintaining our buildings, streets, and various infrastructure. They have been incredibly helpful to the entire community.

Let us treasure the time we spend with our families and friends and let us continue to strengthen this community where kindness and support for our neighbors are abundant.

As we look forward to the New Year, let us hold onto the hope of even better things to come.

Happy holidays, everyone!

Angela Larson

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Merry Christmas from Council

I'd like to send out a BIG thanks to all the staff/council and volunteers this year for all their hard work. It really does take a village. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from "The Gauthier's"

Jill Gauthier



First I would like to thank the residents of Shields for their support as well as members of council, administration and operations personal for their help and guidance over the past year. Also I would like to thank our EMO Committee and Block Captains working to ensure our community is prepared and planning for any emergencies. On behalf of Cathie and myself we wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday season.

Garry Hovland



As we enter the Christmas season and the year draws to a close, we find ourselves reflecting on the moments that made 2023 truly special. For us, it's been a great year for our family in the village. We attended a variety of different events with so many special people who make this village a community. I would like to thank everyone for doing what they do to make this place such a great place to live, we're proud to call it home. From Jaclyn, Breck, Caleb and myself; we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Chad Pysden



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Thanks to our maintenance staff Fred and Glenn for another good year.

Welcome back Jessica, thanks Becky for filling in and Mackenzie for helping out in the office. The summer staff Ken, Morgan and Aidan for helping things look good. The golf course looked great, thanks Kohl, also Morgan and Dwayne for the help.

From myself and my wife Linda Merry Xmas, all the best in 2024.

Noel Tomlenovich



Administrative Information

Office Hours:

The office is open on weekdays from 8:15am-3:45pm, but the open office hours are:

Tuesday- Wednesday from 8:15am - 3:45pm

Thursday- 1:00pm-3:45pm

Please note - the office will be closed from January 1st - January 10th to accommodate administration holidays.

Year End Bills:

Any outstanding taxes will have 10% arrears added on December 31st, and any outstanding utility bills will be added to the residents tax roll on December 31st. If you have questions about your account balances, please reach out to the office.

Garbage & Recycle Schedule:

Loraas has informed us that they will come to pick up garbage on December 30th instead of Christmas day. Recycle pick up the following week will be scheduled January 6th, rather than January 1st. Please remember to roll your garage and recycle cart off the street promptly after the garbage is picked up.

Sewer Pump-Outs:

Shane from Backroads Septic is not running Sewer pump-outs on Christmas day, or New Years day. He will instead complete the Monday weekly stops on Saturday December 23rd, and Tuesday January 2nd. The schedule for sewer pump-outs is:

Original Date	Replacement Date
December 25th	December 23rd
December 28th	No Change
January 1st	January 2nd
January 4th	No Change

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Utility Bill Increases

Due to rate increases from Dundurn Rural Water Utility, other utility service providers, and the increase of maintenance expenses, the Resort Village of Shields will be increasing water and sewer rates by an average of 2.6% . The Garbage rates have not been increased since 2020, and because of significant cost increases from Loraas they will be increased by \$5.50 per month. The fees will increase as of January 1st, 2024, so they will not be reflected on the next utility bill that you receive. The changes to quarterly rates are outlined below:

	Old rate	New Rate	Increase
Water Consumption (Per Cubic Meter)	\$6.30	\$6.50	\$0.20/CuM
Quarterly Water Charge	\$75.00	\$77.00	\$2.00
Quarterly Sewer Charge	\$50.00	\$51.25	\$1.25
Quarterly Garbage Fee	\$64.50	\$81.00	\$16.50
Truck Water Fill Station (Per Cubic Meter)	\$7.45	\$8.00	\$0.55/ CuM

Christmas Events

A Huge thank you to our Events committee, and the rest of our Social programming team for planning and hosting so many wonderful community and Christmas events this year!



Children's Christmas Party - December 9th 2023

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Christmas Centerpiece Class - December 11th 2023



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Pysden's Christmas Display - 73 Procter Drive

With the Christmas season upon us, you can't help but notice all the hard work people are doing around the village to get their light displays set up for all to see. This was a year of new challenges for Jaclyn and I at 73 Procter, as we decided in April to start planning and building our Christmas display. When the dust settled, we ended up with 6,722 LED lights sequenced to music. We are running the show from 5:30-11:00PM nightly for all to see. We have an illuminated red button for people on foot to enjoy the music, and you can also tune to 97.5FM in your vehicle. You can control the show by choosing your favourite sequence from your phone by visiting 73Procter.com. We have had it running for nearly a month now, it's wonderful to come home to see children dancing out in the street or cars gathered round enjoying the show.



Shields Casino Night - November 2nd 2023

