



SHIELDS NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2025

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



As we welcome the beauty of spring, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the renewal and growth this season brings to our community. The ice melting off the lake, running water, and warmer days serve as reminders of new beginnings and the importance of caring for our environment.

Spring is a time for us to come together—whether through community events, visits to our local food provider at the HUB, or simply enjoying our parks and green spaces. Let's take advantage of the longer days to connect, share, and strengthen the spirit of cooperation and kindness that makes our community special.

I encourage you to take part in the July 1st Community Celebration in Dundurn. It promises to be a fun-filled day with activities for all ages—a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and grow together as a vibrant, collaborative community.

Council has been actively working with Associated Engineering to develop plans for the low-pressure sewer system, scheduled for construction this year. The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the sewer mains to the curb stop has been issued, and we're hopeful the bids come in within budget. Council and Administration are also developing the process and agreements for the installation of the line from the curb stop to each septic tank, along with the equipment needed within the tank on the homeowner's property. More detailed information for homeowners will be shared at a public meeting as soon as it is available.

The section of Memorial Drive treated with SB90 product last year has held up very well over the winter. The next phase, which includes the remainder of Memorial Drive, will be postponed until the sewer mains have been installed.

As per provincial legislation, all properties in Saskatchewan must be revalued every four years. For the 2025 revaluation, the base date used for assessments is January 1, 2023. This ensures that assessed values reflect more current market conditions. You may notice a change in your property's assessed value. Using these updated assessments, Council will soon be setting the mill rate and finalizing the village budget.

A warm welcome back to our seasonal staff—and heartfelt thanks to all village staff for your dedication. We're also pleased to welcome back our Chief Administrative Officer, Jessica Arguin, and to introduce Jamie Coulson, who joins us as Part-time Administrative Assistant.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our community. Wishing all the Mothers out there a wonderful Mother's Day and here's to a joyful and productive spring and a great summer full of adventure and relaxation!

Sincerely,
Angela Larson

Administration and Operations

Administration

Thank-you to everyone for the warm welcome back to the office this last week. I sincerely appreciate your patience as I get all caught up on the goings on of the village. If you have recently moved into the village; Welcome! Feel free to drop by the office to say hello. You may want to sign up to receive Village information through your email.

Some important office notices:

Taxes:

- Due to the reassessment year taxes have not been levied yet but the plan is to have this complete by the end of May. The discount will still be applied to those who pay their taxes within the first month.

Office Hours:

- The office is running from 8:15-3:45 each weekday. The public office hours where my door is guaranteed to be open for residents are Mondays from 12-3pm and Wednesdays from 9am-12pm. If you have a question or concern you are always welcome to call the office at 306-492-2259, or email to admin@shields.ca

Golf Cart Reminder:

- Please remember that only those with a valid driver's license should be driving golf carts throughout the village. The Golf Cart Bylaw is posted on the website <https://shields.ca/pdfs/Bylaws/Bylaw-2023-2-Golf-Carts.pdf>.

Operations

Thanks to our maintenance staff Fred and Glenn for the excellent job of the roads this winter, and getting the village prepared for this summer!

Some Operations notices:

- The Irrigation system has been turned on for the season though some properties still have frozen lines. If you see an irrigation line break, please report it to Fred at 306-492-7922.
- The Seasonal porta-potties are now open for use in the village, as well as the washrooms and water fountain at the HUB.
- Please remember that dogs are not allowed on the golf course, so stick to paths and walking trails.
- The village will once again be providing The Red Loraas Bins for residential use. They will arrive before the long weekend and removed the following week. Please remember the following items **CANNOT** go into red bins: Leaves & Branches, Tires, Large Appliances, large Furniture, mattresses and Box Springs, cement, oil and filters and railway ties and renovation materials.

The following message from Sask Water is in reference to our water through the irrigation system (non-potable):



April 2025

BI-ANNUAL NOTICE TO NON-POTABLE WATER CUSTOMERS

Please be reminded that your water service from SaskWater is non-potable and **should not** be used for drinking, preparation of food or oral hygiene as it may present a risk to your health without first being properly treated.

SaskWater non-potable water services are generally intended for irrigation and/or stock watering purposes only and should not be connected to any household plumbing.

If you have any questions regarding your non-potable supply from SaskWater, please contact SaskWater's Customer Service at 1-888-230-1111.

Storage Lots

We currently have 21 spots being rented with nine people on the waiting list. Some improvements over the past year include cleaning out the north south tree row from leaves, branches and deadfall. This reduces the fire hazard that existed and looks much better. A new chain link fence was erected at the north end and around the gate area. This replaces an old snow fence that used to be there. Thank you to Fred and his staff for making these improvements. To the people who are renting a spot please ensure your lot is kept up with grass and weed cutting over the summer.

If you would like to be placed on the waiting list for a spot, please contact our village administration office.

Boat Docks and Lifts

Another friendly reminder that all docks & lifts are to be in the water no later than June 30 of every year. We have many people walking the shoreline in the summer and fall periods so your cooperation is greatly appreciated. For new residents to the village and you would like a spot to place your dock please start first by filling out an application which is available on our website or at our village administration office. You will also find our dock policy on our website under administration and bylaws and policies.

Also, I like to remind residents if they intend on doing any work or alterations on the shoreline, please fill out an application for an approval permit issued by The Water Security Agency. Again, this application can be found on our website or at our village office. Please submit along with the village Development Permit for Council Approval.

Committee Updates and Messages

Social Programming Committee and Programs

It looks like Spring is here and onto Summer soon after. The social programming committee is busy planning events for 2025. (see below)

Our Village and Thode will be having a village wide garage sale on the same day , May 10 .

If you're wanting to participate and have your name on a list , call the office.

For July 1, we are collaborating with our municipal partners for Dundurn's celebration this year. They have a great day planned along with a street dance ,live music and fireworks to end the day !

Come out , enjoy and support them!

We look forward to a great year of making new friendships by supporting our events.

Cheryl Robson, Chair, Social Programming Committee @ cherbear_19@hotmail.com.

St. Patricks' Day Potluck

Our first potluck of the year was enjoyed by those in attendance visiting with friends and neighbors.

Upcoming Events for 2025

- May 10 th – Garage Sale – Let Administration know your address so you can get added to the list that will be posted on facebook.
- June 7 – combine community clean ups with a hot dog roast and fellowship sponsored by our committee/Green Space Committee and Parks/Beaches Playgrounds Committee
- July 1 st – working with the Town of Dundurn on a Community Wide celebration.(see poster below)
- August – Family Games and Burger/Beer
- November – TBA – Ladies Christmas Craft and Purple Martin house Project.
- December 13 th – Children's Christmas Party
- February/March 2026 – Fish Derby (discuss in more depth around September)



Resort Village of Shields

Come Home to the Lake Life



SATURDAY MAY 10, 2025 – SHIELDS AND THODE

If you would like to participate in the yard sale, please Inform the office and we will create a common list to advertise to the community at large. Contact the office before May 9th at 306-492-2259, or via email at admin@shields.ca to have your house advertised.

Programming

Morning Exercise Class

Come out and join the Shields morning exercise group on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10:00 at the Community Centre. The group has members at varying degrees of fitness levels so don't be shy come and give it a try. Tuesdays is strictly cardio/low impact and Thursdays is a combination of light weights as well as a cardio session. The cardio session just requires a good walking shoe and comfortable walking attire. To get the most out of the Thursday session an exercise mat, 3lb and 5lb weights are suggested. We also meet for coffee and a visit after the workout. Fee is \$2.00 per class. Hope to see you there.

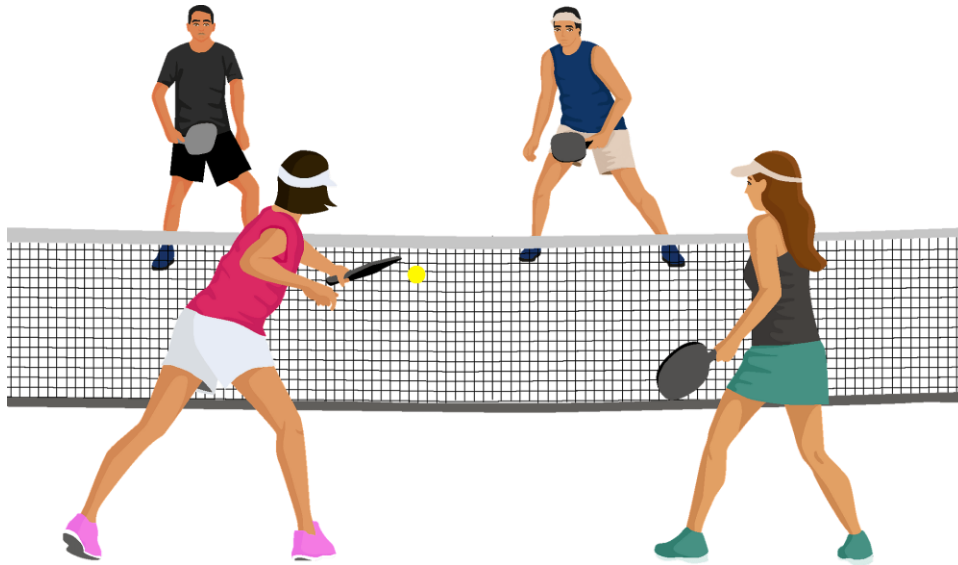
Pickle Ball Instruction

Exciting News!!!

Whether you are an experienced pickler or just new to the sport of Pickle Ball, you are invited to come out and join Justin Lesperance, who has kindly offered to organize and provide instruction for Pickle ball on Sunday mornings at 9:30 starting May 25th. Get your rackets out and join in for some great fun. Justin will be collecting names to see how many to expect so please text, phone or email. Phone/text 306-715-0355 Email: jrcash34@hotmail.ca

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Parks Beaches and Playgrounds

As lake people, is there a better time of year than when the ice is off the lake, docks are about to be put in, and we have the whole spring and summer ahead of us. We love seeing people out for walks and visiting in the street, and the kids riding bikes, scooting around the sport court, playing catch in the field, and building forts in the trees.

As you begin to use the sport court, playground, walking paths, green spaces, and beach please do your part to care for our community. Always ensure all garbage is picked up, clean up after your pets, and you take your equipment home with you. Our



Annual Spring Clean up is tentatively set for **Saturday, June 7 at 1:00pm** weather permitting. Bring a rake and some gloves to the playground where we will meet to clean up the playground and surrounding green space, then we will head to the beach and sport court. Kids are encouraged to take part. Work up a hunger as there will **be hot dogs** available for participants to be served by the Social Programming Committee.

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Golf Committee

I am pleased to be stepping into the role of Chair of the Shields Golf Committee and would like to extend a sincere thank you to Jaclyn Sander for her time and dedication as the previous Chair. The 2025 golf season is officially underway, and we couldn't be more excited to welcome everyone back to the course! A huge thank you to the incredible crew of volunteers who came out to help remove the tarps — it was a record-breaking effort, and we couldn't have done it without you! The golf course opened on April 26th and membership dues are coming in quickly. Administration should have the golf passes out over the next month.

As the season gets underway, we're looking forward to all your favourite events. Mark your calendars — it's shaping up to be a fantastic year at Shields!

Jack and Jill Golf Tournament – June 14. (see Poster below)

Shields Annual Scramble Tournament - August 9 (details to be announced closer to the event).

Club Championship Tournament – September 20.

We encourage everyone to come out for our weekly golf leagues. The leagues are a lot of fun and a great opportunity for meeting people in our community. New to golf? No problem! Everyone is welcome!

Weekly League Nights:

Men's Night – Thursdays (course closed to ladies)

Ladies Night – Tuesdays (course closed to men)

Family Night – Mondays

2025 GOLF FEES

Adult membership	205
Youth membership	50
Family membership (same household)	450
(2 adult up to 4 children (17 and under)	
Annual Cart Trackage Fee	50
Daily Adult	35
Daily Junior	10
Daily Cart Trackage Fee	10
Book 5 (Guest Day Passes	100
(members only Max 10)	
Course Rent (2 hours)	475

New this season: We are introducing a **Starter** position at Hole 1. This individual will confirm proof of payment and be available to answer questions related to the golf course. The role is part-time and will also involve collecting important data to support future golf course planning.

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Before submitting your golf membership payment, please ensure you have completed the Golf Registration form available through the following link: <https://shields.ca/shields-golf-course/golf-members-information-form/>

We encourage everyone to pay via etransfer golffees@shields.ca.

Please note: *this is a different email than where you pay your utility and taxes.*

When sending your etransfer, be sure to include all relevant information in the memo line (e.g.names, membership types, what the payment is for). **Payment must be submitted prior to golfing.**

On behalf of the Golf Committee,
Cody-Lynn Morrell

Thank You and here is to a great season!



Animal Control Committee

The Animal Control Committee would like to remind everyone in the village that dogs and other pets are to be kept on leash at all times. It has been noted that there has been some off leash activity in the community, and we would like to make sure that everyone is complying with the bylaws. It is important that we are working together to keep our residents and other animals safe, as animals can be unpredictable in these types of situations. . Warnings, fines, complaints and commissionaires do not seem to be working so the village will be contracting a Animal Control Service in partnership with Dundurn and Hanley. We do not want to see your pet impounded so please ensure that they are on a leash.

Also, a reminder that there are several dog waste bag stations around the village. These are here to assist in helping keep the village clean and free of waste. Please utilize these stations if you happen to be out and don't have a bag with you. Dog waste is a health hazard and is very unsightly. We all want to take pride in keeping our village clean and safe. Thank you for doing your part!

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.](#)



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Green Space Committee

The Greenspaces Committee is continuing with tree pruning in Millennium Park / Aden's Playground this spring. Please contact Belinda at saskbelle@hotmail.com if you're able to help. We are planning to remove dead and/or dying trees throughout the public spaces in the village and have the stumps ground to aid with decomposition.

Volunteers to help plant tree seedlings to fill in gaps in the shelterbelt along Memorial Drive are welcome to contact Belinda for dates and times. We're also looking for someone with a portable water tank who can water in the seedlings upon planting.



Update from EMO Planning Committee

The EMO committee is looking for volunteers. We are looking for 3 block captains, as well as a Block Captain Coordinator. If you are interested, please reach out to Debbie Heidt - (306) 371-0900.

Dundurn Branch Library

Hours: Wednesday and Thursday 4:00-7:00; Friday and Saturday 10:00-1:00
Watch Dundurn Branch - Wheatland Regional Library | Facebook for details on regular and special programming. On Saturday mornings stop in for Story time and/or Cribbage Challenge. In the Month of May pick up a Mother's Day Craft kit. Sign up for summer reading challenge or browse for books.



If you haven't got a library card, please consider getting one. In addition to traditional books, library patrons have access to various online resources such as magazines and newspapers, Ancestry searches and streaming audio or video.

The Annual Mother's Day Raffle will be drawn on May 7th. Thank you to those who purchased tickets. Grand Prize is, once again, a two-night stay at the Blackstrap Glamping Resort. Numerous other prizes include Golf Passes from Shields and a gift certificate from Hiebert's Hot Shop. Winners will be notified.

