



SHIELDS NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2025

Mayor's Message

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer so far and enjoying all that lake life has to offer whether it is boating, fishing, golfing, pickleball or just going for long walks and enjoying the summer weather.

It is great to have the HUB open once again for the rest of the summer. Please get out and support our new renter, Little Kahuna's Tiki HUB who is taking over the concession services. Their grand opening was a huge success, the scavenger hunt for the kiddos, the bouncy castle and all the delicious treats were really appreciated by the community.

The Shield's financial audit is complete and posted on our Website. The village had another successful year with lot sales and lower than budgeted costs in some areas, the village once again recognized a surplus over budgeted amounts. Taxes for 2025 went up only a minimal amount which was made possible through the growth within the village creating an increase to the tax base.

There has been a tremendous amount of house construction within the village this past year and according to permits will continue on for the remainder of the year. There have been many homes renovated as well as many new homes being built in the older part of Shields, the South Mawson and SunTerra Subdivisions.

Welcome to all the newcomers that have moved into our community. If you have any questions, please contact me, council or our administration and we will be more than happy to assist you. If you are interested in getting involved in volunteering for the village, contact the office and they will give you more information.

Speaking of volunteers, as a recognition of volunteers who contribute to the community, please nominate your favourite Shields volunteer for the Spirit of Shields Award. The application and requirements are available at www.shields.ca. The volunteer that is chosen will be recognized at a Volunteer Appreciation Event.

The sewer project is in full swing. Over 70% of the residents have signed up so far. There is still time for you to sign up for the new low pressure sewer system. It is expected that the main lines will be completed by the end of August, and on-lot services will start after that date. Please make sure that you stay up to date with the project through the communications that are being sent out on a regular basis. Please abide by the street closures and parking requirements. Thanks for your patience as the project continues over the coming months.

I would like to thank the Council and staff for all they do for the village.

Enjoy the warmer weather and safe summer travels.

Sincerely,
Angela Larson

Administration/Operations and Other

Administration

Thank you to everyone for the warm welcome back to work this Spring. I appreciated the patience as issues were fixed, and some items were caught up on. Summers is in full swing here in Shields, so I encourage you to stop by the office to say hi if you are out golfing or walking through the village.

There are a few important notices for residents to be aware of:

- We are no longer sending mailed out copies of receipts for utility or tax bills. If you would like a receipt, you can request that one be sent via email or stop by the office, and I will provide you a printed copy. Additionally – we have been having some IT issues and those who normally receive emailed receipts may have missed receiving them. If you are missing any receipts, please contact me at the office and I will get you another copy as soon as possible.
- The open office hours are Mondays from 12-3pm, and Wednesdays from 9am-12pm, or by appointment. I am in the office from 8:15-3:45 daily, but please try to use my office hours if possible.
- People often have projects that take place throughout the summer, please remember that any project on your property that will change the landscaping, or grade requires a development permit. Please also remember that every building permit requires an accompanying development permit. Building permits will not be processed until the accompanying development permit application is received.
- Payments – Thank you to everyone who took advantage of the early payment discount and paid taxes in June and July. Taxes are due as of July 31st, and 1% interest is added each month the remain unpaid. Utility bills are due the end of the month they are issued, and a 2% interest charge is added each month they remain unpaid. Payments for any village items can be made by cash or cheque dropped off at the office, or through sending e-transfer to admin@shields.ca. Please remember to put a memo line about what bill you are paying and include the service address.

I hope everyone is having a wonderful Summer!

Low Pressure Sewer System Project Update

The sewer project is well underway. Sign up so far is going well with over 70% subscription rate and more enquiries coming in. Sign-up deadline is August 7th, 2025 so get your application filled out and into the office before this date.

If you have any questions regarding the project, call Administration. Try not to interrupt the contractors as they are on a tight timeline.

Within the next couple weeks, the Project Team will have the names of Electrical Companies that residents may be interested in using if electrical upgrades are required. The project team has gone over the requirements with these companies and are awaiting a response.

The mainlines will continue to be installed over the next 5 weeks and on service work will begin in Late August. The Project Committee will continue to keep you updated on the status of the Project.



Operations

Operations employees have been busy trying to catch up with grass cutting around the village. With some stronger winds, we have had numerous tree branches laying around so employees have been busy loading up and taken away.

Please note the speeds within the village : Speed signs now up along Memorial Drive

Boat Docks and Lifts

With boating season now in full swing, all docks and lifts should now be in the water. Anyone who has been looking for dock space, has now been looked after and space has been allocated. Sharing dock space is encouraged wherever possible. If you are new to the village and have just recently moved here and are looking for dock space, please first fill out an application available online and return to Jessica at our administration office. If you are planning on moving or no longer require your dock space, please let Jessica know. Also, as a reminder if you are planning on doing any alterations on your shoreline, you must first fill out an aquatic habitat protection permit for approval. If you require further information regarding dock space or a permit, please contact Garry Hovland, Fred Fehr, or Jessica at our administration office.

Committee Updates and Messages

Social Programming Committee and Programs

I am sure that you all are having a great time this summer .

The Committee has started having some Social evenings and games at the Hub. Our first one was July 30, Happy Appy Hour in the Park and it was well attended with participants playing many games Jenga, cornhole and even Granny Pants game. Laughter is good for the soul!!! We do plan on having more of these during the summer months . Watch for the posters . We encourage everyone to come out and enjoy getting together with your neighbour's.

Our committee is busy getting ready for the family fun day in the park which is **August 16**. The poster will be coming out soon. We will have something for everyone to make sure this day is full of fun activities.



October - We are in the early stages of planning on Oktoberfest this year. TBA

November – TBA – Ladies Christmas Craft, Purple Martin house Project

December 13th – Children's Christmas Party

February/March 2026 – Date TBA - Fish Derby

Enjoy the rest of the Summer

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

Resort Village of Shields

Come Home to the Lake Life

Canada Day

The Shield's float was a huge success in the Community Wide Canada Day Celebration in Dundurn. The beach scene was a very good replica of why you want to live at Shields. It was fun to be a part of the parade and share the spirit of Shields with our volunteers and others in the community. Thanks to the Social Programming Committee and their partners for organizing. Great job!!

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.

Soccer Program

This year's soccer season brought a total of 46 kids signed up and we were lucky to get Tim Horton's Timbits sponsorship this year! Chad and I are so grateful to all the parents and kids who keep this soccer program alive year after year! Thank you everyone!!



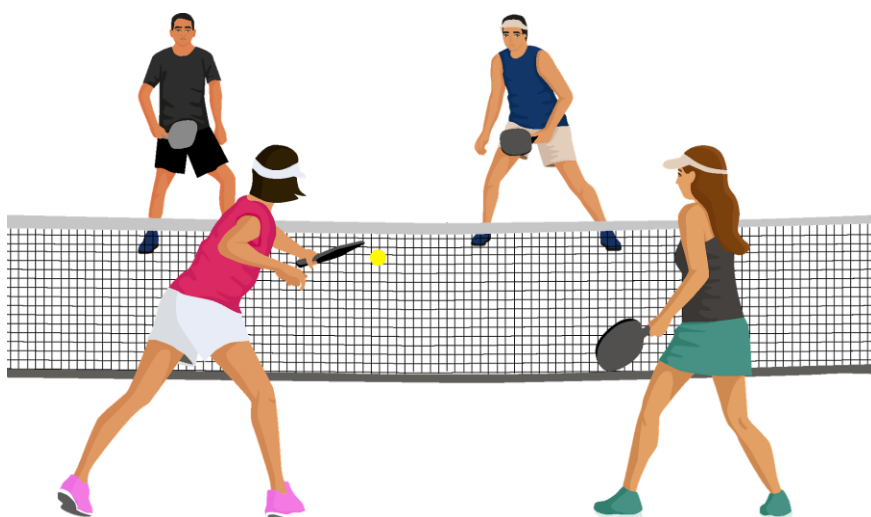
A big Thank You to Chad and Jillian Gauthier for coaching these young athletes!!

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Pickle Ball Instruction

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 organized and provided instruction for Pickle ball on Sunday mornings at 9:30. Get your rackets out and join in for some great fun. Justin has also started a WhatsApp group, so members are able to communicate with one another if they are coming or not. If the weather is not cooperating, group members have gone to Dundurn Rink to play inside on their courts. If you would like to join, please text, phone or email. Phone/text 306-715-0355 Email: jrcash34@hotmail.ca



Parks Beaches and Playgrounds

What a great summer we are having – how lucky are we to be enjoying the lake. There have been a few perfect boat days, relaxing at the beach, playing at the sport court, and all that our little resort community has to offer.

The Parks and Beaches committee would like to thank you to those that have come to our work bee to tidy up the playground, clean up weeds at the beach, and generally keep our community looking it's best for all to use. There will be one more work bee at the beach to weed the swim area. A poster will go out soon. It is important that people try to come help especially if they want their children swimming in a weed free area.

We love to see people at the sport court playing pickle ball, tennis, and basketball and enjoying volleyball and playing with sand toys at the beach. Please remind your children not to throw things on the roof or hit the sport court fence with bats or other materials. Thank you for your understanding.

On behalf of the Parks and Beach committee, we wish you a wonderful rest of your summer and all the best as we roll into fall.

Golf Committee

We're halfway through the season, and it's been fantastic to see so many members and guests enjoying the course! The energy and enthusiasm from our community have made for a great summer so far. As we move into the second half of the season, we wanted to share a few important updates on current projects and upcoming events.

Cart Path Projects Underway

Progress continues on a few key cart path upgrades. Construction on the new dirt path down Hole 8 has been underway, and an SB-90 surface improvement on Hole 1's cart path is scheduled for later this season. These enhancements are designed to improve accessibility, safety, and the overall player experience. We appreciate your patience as work is completed—please respect any signage and temporary detours.

Shields Scramble – Planning in Full Swing!

The annual Shields Scramble is just around the corner, and we're thrilled with the excitement it has generated. The tournament filled in record time—just 1.5 hours! Planning is in full swing behind the scenes, and we're looking forward to another fun and successful event. Thank you to everyone who registered and all the sponsors in helping to make it all happen.

Hole Starter and Member Reminders

Our part-time hole starter shifts have begun, and staffing is in place for the rest of the summer. A few friendly reminders for all players: please carry your golf and cart membership with you, either printed or digitally, so our starters can verify access. Starters will also be collecting any applicable daily fees on-site. Additionally, please remember that according to Shields Bylaws, a valid class 7 license is required to operate a golf cart. Children should be supervised at all times on the course to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

We're proud of the course and grateful for the support from the Shields community, our members, and guests. Thank you for being part of our golf community—and we'll see you out on the fairways!

— Shields Golf Course Committee

Animal Control Committee

The Animal Control Committee would like to remind residents to ensure your pets are leashed and that they are not running at large in the community. Further to this, if anyone has an issue with someone's pet, the Committee encourages you to talk to your neighbours directly about your concerns or if their animals are at large, before submitting a complaint to the village office. The Animal Control Committee consists of volunteers. Complaints are forwarded to them, and the committee communicates with both parties before making any decisions or recommendations in terms of warnings or fines. The Committee feels that these disputes can often be resolved by having a simple conversation with your neighbours. You will usually find that they are very understanding and will do their best to remedy the situation. If your concern is not resolved in this way, please move forward with submitting it to the village office for referral to the Committee. Everyone's safety is paramount, and the Committee would like to thank all pet owners for ensuring that their pets are looked after and don't interfere with everyone's peace and enjoyment of our beautiful community.

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Green Space and Horticulture Committee

The Greenspaces Committee is looking for more members. If you have an interest in helping maintain our greenspaces, in assisting with developing a plan for future care and growth, have knowledge about or experience with trees, please contact Belinda at saskbelle@hotmail.com.

Thank you once again to the Horticulture Committee for potting and tending to the many barrels of flowers around the village. It is greatly appreciated and so nice to see so much color.



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.