

Resort Village of Shields

Come Home to the Lake Life



SHIELDS NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2023



MAYOR'S MESSAGE



I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer so far and enjoying all that lake life has to offer. The recent rain was certainly a big welcome for the garden and for the crops. We really appreciate our community's irrigation system in dry years such as this.

You may be wondering why, and relieved that property taxes were not increased for residents for the 2023 tax year. Even though we had exorbitant inflationary and other cost increases, through budget planning and additional revenue through growth we were able to offset the increase in costs and balance the budget without any burden on the taxpayer.

Welcome to all the newcomers into our community and if you have any questions, please contact me, council or our administration and we will be more than happy to help you.

The HUB has been a very popular spot this summer with the opening of Mama Judy's concession. The village also has many other programs and events run out of the HUB including a very successful burger night, weekly activities for the children and games nights for adults. These new programs add to our programs and activities already in place including pickleball lessons and our thriving golf course. We have increased and continue to look for opportunities to provide active programming and opportunities for social interaction within our community. There have been, and will continue to be, many more children and adult programs and activities over the rest of the year. Information will be distributed shortly regarding our fall/winter programming organized by our Social Programming Committee with the assistance of the Saskatoon Council on Aging. All the above initiatives support one of Council's goals of trying to improve our community's quality of life. Thanks to all our volunteers. These programs/events would not be possible without you.

Speaking of volunteers, please nominate your favourite Shields volunteer for the Spirit of Shields Award. The application is available at www.shields.ca. The volunteer that is chosen will be recognized at our Volunteer Appreciation Event planned for this fall.

We are very excited to announce that our connector road between South Memorial Drive and Highway 211 was completed on time and on budget. I think you will agree this road is a big improvement over the turkey trail. It will only get better and better as the gravel settles in and the road is packed.

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

Enjoy the warmer weather and safe summer travels.

Angela Larson, Mayor

Administration

Thanks to everyone who took advantage of the discounts offered and paid your property taxes by the end of June or July. It is appreciated! When paying by etransfer please ensure your full name is on the etransfer and use the message to indicate your Shields address and whether you are paying for taxes or utilities.



The village has a new Building Inspector. We are pleased to welcome Chris Gates from CCA Construction Code Authority who will assist us in this important role. We would like to thank Al Hiebert and Dwayne Williams for the service they have provided to Shields. Please contact the office if you have plans for any construction or renovations to your property.

We want to wish a warm welcome to the new residents and homeowners in Shields. Please contact the village office to be set up for utilities and taxes. The village has an email list that is used to send updates and announcements. Please contact the office if you would like to be added to the list. As well, we are working on restoring communication through Slick Text. Once the system is working again an email will be sent out with instructions to add you to the texting system.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can assist you in any way. Enjoy the summer!

~Becky Hoehn, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Traffic Safety

To ensure that our roads are safe for both traffic and pedestrians speed bumps and a radar signboard are used to calm traffic moving through the community. To assist with this important work the village received a Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant from SGI. Please be reminded to reduce your speed appropriately as you enter the community. As well, please drive on designated roads only. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring traffic safety is a priority for us all.



Docks and Boat Lifts

Residents may have noticed some of the docks and lifts that have been left or abandoned on the shoreline have been marked with yellow tape along with a notice. This is a reminder that Village Maintenance will be removing these items if they are not put in the water or removed. In the summer months we are attempting to keep our shorelines neat and as safe as possible. For more information, please contact Fred Fehr or Garry Hovland.

Golf Carts

On May 12, 2023, a press conference was held in Shields with the Minister responsible for SGI, Don Morgan, announcing that SGI had approved the Resort Village of Shields as the first community in the province to be given the ability to broaden the use of golf carts on public roads. Previously the by-law stated, as per SGI requirements, that golf carts were only to be used to and from the golf course.



Along with this privilege of allowing golf carts on public roadways, comes a set of rules and regulations that must be abided by. These rules are set out in the village Golf Cart Bylaw #2-2023 which complies with SGI requirements. A copy of the bylaw can be found at <https://shields.ca/bylaws-policies/>

We want to remind golf cart users to ensure that the following safety requirements are adhered to in terms of golf cart operation within the village.

- The driver of the golf cart must be the holder of a valid Class 7 (Learner) or higher driver's License.
- The owner of the golf cart is required to carry a minimum of \$200,000 in liability insurance for damages caused by the golf cart and provide proof of insurance at the request of a peace officer.
- Golf carts will be required to display a slow-moving vehicle sign (already required by legislation for vehicles travelling less than 40 km/h on the roadway).
- Golf carts can only be operated during daylight hours (half an hour before sunrise to half an hour after sunset) on roadways.
- Golf carts must be equipped as defined in The Registration Exemption and Reciprocity Regulations (at least three wheels, weight limit of 590 kilograms, not counting riders and clubs).
- Golf carts cannot operate on any roadway with a posted speed over 50 km/hour.
- Golf carts cannot be capable of operating at a speed of more than 24 km/hour on level ground.
- Golf carts must only be operated by a sober driver. You can be charged with impaired driving if you are operating a golf cart under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Finally, please limit the use of golf carts in parks and public reserve areas.

Committee Updates

Social Program Committee

Annual Beer and Burger Night



The Annual Beer and Burger Night was once again a great success. We served approximately 230 burgers at The Hub and fun was had by all. Thanks to the Fire Department for coming out with their equipment and thank you to all who joined us.

Coming Events 2023

We hope everyone is having a great summer! The Social Programming Committee has been busy keeping our residents busy!

We would like to see everyone out again for our Corn Roast August 26th at The Hub.

Thanks to those who planted and tended to the corn. Also, thanks to Al and Joan Hiebert for sharing their community garden with the village. This will allow us to serve up our very own corn on the cob.

This will go great with pulled pork on a bun and coleslaw.

Mark your calendars for future events:

Corn Roast - August 26, 2023

Volunteer Appreciation Wine and Cheese - October 22, 2023

Casino Night - November 4, 2023

Christmas Adult Party Potluck – December 2, 2023

Children's Christmas Party – December 9, 2023

Have a great rest of your Summer!

Cheryl Robson, Event Committee Chairperson



Programming Committee

I am sure many of us are realizing how quickly the Summer is progressing. In addition to all the water sports, beach days, and pleasant walks that we all enjoy doing in and around our Village, this Summer we have been afforded the opportunity to take part in a Wednesday weekly "Games Evening" at The Hub grounds. A big



thanks to Cathy Knihnitski and June Soroko for organizing this. A variety of games are available for your enjoyment such as Croquet or Ladder ball. Hope many of you are getting out to take advantage of this program.

In a month or so, The Saskatoon Council on Aging "Globe Walk" that some of our residents participated in last April, will begin again, and run from September through April. Our "Warrior Walkers" accomplished an awesome total of Kms. in one short month last Spring. Hopefully, we will have record breaking totals in the next walk.

Another of the upcoming SCOA sponsored Programs we will be initiating this September are monthly gatherings called "Hub Clubs". Topics and interests covered are myriad to say the least. Soon, I hope to publish a "survey" to get an idea of who may be interested in attending and what areas/subjects they would like addressed. Each member of the Club is welcome to arrange a speaker or activity to share with all members. Now, that I have shared this little tidbit of information, I hope I have piqued your curiosity and will receive lots of input regarding the "Club"!



Childrens Summer Programming

With the Summer Holidays in full swing, many of the children in the Village are taking advantage of the opportunity to take part in some activities organized just for them! Thanks to Chanelle Peters who took the initiative to approach the Village and share her ideas and plans for these events, as well as implementing them. We now have weekly activities such as Craft Classes and Lawn Yoga being enjoyed by many of the youngsters. Thanks to Tanya Becker for assisting with the Children's craft programs. Other events such as a Ball Hockey Tournament are planned for later in the Summer.



In addition, on July 15 & 16, 2023, children in the appropriate age groups, were afforded attendance at Red Cross Classes on "Staying Safe" and the "Babysitting Course". In all 25 young people from Shields as well as Saskatoon and Dundurn attended over the two days. As I was also in attendance, I must say, I was impressed with the knowledge, skills and care demonstrated by many of the children regarding their own safety and the care of little ones. We will soon have a rota of "Qualified Babysitters" that parents can access. Many thanks to the Instructor, A. Karmark as well for conducting the classes.

Hope all the youngsters continue to have a safe and happy summer break!

Lindy Klassen, Programming Coordinator.

Resort Village of Shields

Come Home to the Lake Life

Parks Beaches and Playgrounds

The Parks, Beaches and Playground committee would like to remind residents that if you are using the sport court, playground, walking paths, green spaces, and beach please do your part to care for our community. Always ensure your garbage is picked up and equipment is cared for and returned to the black bins. There are multiple dog bag stations around the village as well. Please utilize these to clean up after your pets. Also, a friendly reminder that sunflower seeds are not permitted at the beach.



Congratulations and thank you to Chad and Jill Gauthier on the success of their second soccer season. They had 52 kids join the program this year! That is a record! They ran seven practices and ended the season with a Wet 'n' Wild windup, including a splash pad and slip 'n' slide for the kids. We hope to see you all again next year!



Golf Committee

It has been a productive year so far as the course staff and contractors are busy working on course maintenance and improvements. We have seen great progress in our new Hole #6 and it is almost complete! Our goal is to be using it next month. You may have also noticed that the tee box on Hole #2 has grown! We have rebuilt and refinished it, and we hope to have it in use very soon as well. Please make sure that you do not use any part of the course that is closed for repairs or maintenance as it will only prolong opening it for public use. Please respect the signs that are posted.

Reminders:

- Our daily rate has increase to \$25 from \$20 – we have seen that some people are still paying only \$20.
- If paying by cash, please use the envelopes provided and keep a copy of the removable tab as proof of payment. If you can't provide proof of payment, the marshals must assume you did not pay.
- If you have a power cart, you must also pay the daily fees for those if you have not purchased an annual cart pass.
- Please keep power carts on cart paths. Continuous tire tread over the fairways and around the greens does much damage to the course.
- There are garbage cans at each hole – please make sure to place your empty cans or garbage in the cans provided. Also be aware of empty cans or garbage that may fly out of the cart while moving and stop to pick them up. It takes the effort of everyone who uses the course to keep it clean and in the best possible playing conditions. Thank you to everyone who helps make that happen!

We are looking forward to our annual course fundraising tournament on August 12th which has already sold out. Thank you to all the registered golfers!

In September, our Men's League will also be hosting the annual Club Championship tournament for membership holders. More information about that will be out as it becomes available.

Ladies Night is hosting a golf lesson on August 8th in the evening. Cost is \$25/person, and all ladies are welcome! The instructors will be from the Saskatoon Golf & Country Club. Whether you are an avid golfer or new to the game, these guys have always been very helpful! Please contact Jaclyn to register or for more information, at jackiesander@hotmail.com.

Please consider purchasing 50/50 tickets from our progressive 50/50 raffle. This 50/50 fundraiser is being done in lieu of the golf ball drop this year, so if you were a purchaser of golf balls for the previous fundraiser, this would be another great way to support the course and possibly win cash! Simply click on the link OR scan the QR code on the poster with the camera on your phone, tap the yellow link that pops up, enter your information, and your tickets will be instantly emailed to you. Posters are also up both inside and outside of the hall with the scannable QR code.

~ Jaclyn Sander
On behalf of The Golf Committee

Resort Village of Shields

Come Home to the Lake Life

Shields Golf Course Improvements Fundraiser. Click on QR code or link below.

WIN CASH!!!

Several purchases throughout the Summer are permitted. Just scan the QR code!



SHIELDS GOLF COURSE
50/50
funds raised will go towards course improvements, including the completion of Hole #6!
Draw date: Sept. 9, 2023



WINNER RECEIVES 50% OF TICKET SALES

- 1 ticket/\$20
- 3 tickets/\$40
- 30 tickets/\$60
- 40 tickets/\$100

Tickets can only be purchased in Saskatchewan
Must be a minimum of 18 years of age to claim prize money

License #: SR23-0679

Copy this link to your homepage. <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/shields>

Green Spaces Committee

The Green Spaces Committee had a successful day removing deadfall from Outlaws Ravine on July 22nd with the help of the Culture Club and a handful of volunteers from the village. Special thanks to Colton Reschny for providing and operating his woodchipper, and the volunteers who made sure everyone was fed and watered. A plan will be developed on how to finish this project and maintain the trees and grasses in the ravine.

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, or if their animals are at large, the Committee encourages you to talk to your neighbours directly about your concerns, 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.

EMO Planning Committee

Who is the Block Captain for your area? Who do you notify if you become aware of a Village emergency? Please refer to Shields EMO Resident Information on the Resort Village of Shields website: <https://shields.ca/emergency-services-emo> for this information and other directions in case of an emergency in our Village.



Shields EMO is still in need of a Block Captain Coordinator. The Block Captain Coordinator works closely with the EMO Coordinator/Planning Committee and when an emergency arises their role is to relay the direction provided by EMO Command to the Block Captains, so our team is in place where needed. This is a key role in Shields EMO and if you are interested or have any questions about this volunteer position, please contact Debbie Heidt (306-371-0900) or Garry Hovland (306-280-7652). We look forward to hearing from you! Have a great and safe summer!

Debbie Heidt, EMO Coordinator

