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Spring is here and we are all ready for some fun lake times at Big Shell.

To all the villagers, welcome back and a big thank-you for your continuing help and cooperation making the Resort Village of Big Shell a great place to spend leisure time.

Would you consider running for Council?

2019 is going to be an election year and the present council's terms will be expiring. Please consider letting your name stand as an elected official for the Resort Village Council.

In order to retain our status as a Resort Village, and not resort back to being part of the RM of Spiritwood, we need to have a Mayor and Councilors. There are definitely tax benefits from being a Resort Village, rather than within the RM and other benefits as well.

With many new families in the Resort Village, we hope that we will see new volunteers coming forward both for Council and for other volunteer jobs. If you want to know more about what being on council entails, please feel free to follow up with any of the current Councilors and Mayor.

**The Place for Fun,
Families and Friends**

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Join us on Facebook

We've setup a Facebook Page that we can use to update followers on events, reminders and village goings on. It gives us a way to reach a larger audience and we hope you'll go to the page and click on Like....find us at [Resort Village of Big Shell](#).

Rising Recycling and Garbage Costs

The price of garbage and recycle pickup at the Resort Village is increasing again.

Garbage removal and recycling is a necessary cost that all of our taxes pay for. But there are things we can do to make sure we minimize those costs.

+Don't dump building materials, furniture, metal garbage, appliances or other items in the garbage bins. Only bagged household garbage should go in the blue garbage bins.

+Put cardboard boxes in the recycle bin, not the garbage bin, and before you do make sure they are flattened.

+Metals can be disposed of at B&N Metals on Quebec Ave in Saskatoon

+Trees, reeds and shrubs can be disposed of at the Resort Village dump near the entrance to the village.

Improvements to the Village Hall

Last year, with funds from the Recreation fund, the Resort Village and a grant from the Provincial program, Community Spaces and Places, a small group of Volunteers put an indoor bathroom, running water, and natural gas heating into the hall. This made it a building that can be used during four seasons, and also makes it much easier to use with an indoor bathroom.

At this time, any resident of the Resort Village is welcome to book the Hall at a cost of \$50.00. For more information contact Fran Wilkie at 306-427-4433.

Road Improvements

Weather permitting we may be building up and gravelling Loon Drive. There may be restricted travel.

Other News from the Village Council

+ The Resort Village of Big Shell Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for May 19th at 10am at the Community Hall.

+ A Community Garden is being created again this year for the Village. Garden spots are available and if you want to put your green thumb to work and take a space, call John Woytowich at 306-290-8538.

Annual Fish Derby

The Big Shell Annual Catch and Release Fish Derby is planned for June 29th, 30th and July 1st. Last year, registration and raffle draws brought in \$1200.00 for the Recreation Fund and lots of fun was had by all.

However, we need a volunteer for the registration and weigh-ins. Needs to be a lake front cabin for the weigh in. Please let Wilkies know if you'd like to take on the job.

Big Shell Kids Club

The first Big Shell Kids Club of the year will be held on Sunday, May 20th. It's a fun opportunity for your kids to get together with other village kids and have an adventure, either a craft, or a movie, or some other fun event. If you want to register your kids for it, watch the big yellow sign by the hall for time and details.

Community Yard Sales

Our annual community yard sale is scheduled for the July Long Weekend. It will be held on June 30th from 9 am to 4 pm. Please notify Fran Wilkie at 306-427-4433 if you are going to participate.

ATVs, Dirt Bikes and Sleds

When operating ATVs, dirt bikes, and sleds, please do so with care and attention. In discussions with local land owners and farmers, we have heard their concerns regarding damage and economic impacts - fences being cut for access to fields, damage to crops and hay fields caused by indiscriminate operation of recreational vehicles, and farm gates being left open with the potential for animal release. Human safety is also a concern due to unknown conditions in the fields, including location of rocks, dips, and low visibility fences. PLEASE RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY. Stay on trails and don't ride your vehicles across crops or hay or through swamps and sloughs that provide nesting habitat for water fowl. **Please respect no trespassing signs, and please operate your vehicles safely and with respect for the owners and for their property.**

Newsletter

If you have an item you would like included in the next Newsletter (published about twice a year), please contact Deb Hogg at debatrvbs@gmail.com or call 306-427-2160. With rising postal costs, we encourage you to receive your Newsletter via email. Please contact Tara Bueckert at 306-427-2188 or villagebigshell@gmail.com or go to the "Contacts" page on the web site, fill out the form with your request, name and email address, and we'll add you to the list.

Potlucks

Potluck dinners are held once a month, usually on the third Saturday of the month at the Village Hall. Happy hour starts at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30. We would love to see you there - everyone is welcome. Bring your own beverages, plates and cutlery and a dish to share. We hope you'll join us.

**Don't forget to check the big yellow message board
Or our Facebook Page at [Resort Village of Big Shell](#)
Or The Village Website at www.rvbigshell.ca
for upcoming events.**