



RESORT VILLAGE OF THODE

...your community news

WINTER 2010



Seasons Greetings



Council and your administration extend greetings for a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our sincerest wishes for a safe Holiday Season and hopes go out to all of you that you may enjoy special time with your family and friends and health and happiness in the New Year

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SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Council for the Resort Village of Thode wishes to thank **all the numerous volunteers** that have helped with many events and activities in 2010. Our Greenscape Committee and the Social Committee have worked hard to improve our community and to ensure that our special events were successful. Canada Day, the Annual Community Meeting and Golf Day and all our events wouldn't be possible without the many helping hands. **Thank you everyone.**

Thank you to **Bev Johnson** for your work as EMO Co-ordinator. Thank you to **Larry Bassett** for help with the website development and updates and **Earl Kotlar** for all the help with the Golf Tournament and the Fishing Derby. **Lisa Pierce** thanks for helping with the Angel Park project, and the Golf Tournament

Also thank you to **Darcy Pantel, Larry Cook and Terry Stevens** who helped with our Waste Water System issues on planning and design work and also residential connections.

Speed Limit in our Village**30 KPH****Please drive carefully*****INSURANCE CERTIFICATES ARE REQUIRED***

As the Villages implement new Public Reserve Policies to accommodate use of municipal property, agreements will be entered into for all items (including docks) to ensure that adequate liability insurance is in place and that the Village is saved harmless from all liability. A fee structure is also under review.

FROM OUR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR*Jessie Williams*

Please note that all taxes are due. If you have outstanding taxes please consult your tax notice for the amount due or call Jessie to confirm. Reminders of all outstanding accounts have been sent out. All Utility Arrears will be transferred to the tax roll as of January 1, 2011. If you do not own the property that the utility arrears apply to, small claims action may be initiated by the municipality. Outstanding tax accounts will assessed a 10% penalty effective as of January 1, 2011.

Property taxes and utility payments are due for water, septic and water project

Please ensure that payment is submitted to the office by December 31/09

Currently about 70% of the village is registered to receive Council minutes, updates and info by email. If you would like to receive this information and your newsletter electronically, please forward your email address to Jessie at

THODE@XPLORNET.CA

Effective January 1, 2011 Residents of Thode will no longer have access to the red garbage bin in the Town of Dundurn.

Please help out and keep streets clear of all vehicles and obstructions to provide ample clearance for snow removal.

**OFFICE HOURS – PART TIME
MONDAY TO FRIDAY ONLY**
Please call Jessie to make an appointment.

WASTE WATER PROJECT UPDATE

- The new lagoon is now accessible and our agreement with the Town of Hanley is no longer required. We appreciate the cooperation of the Town of Hanley over the past year
- The Utility has now received updated estimates from SaskPower for connecting to the system
- All phases of the project are now in progress and when reviewing costs to date and estimates to complete the work this spring final costs are projected in the range of \$5,000.00 per residence.
- Once all the lift stations are installed, further pressure tests and system approvals will be completed.
- Invoices for the Local Improvement will not be sent to residents until the spring of 2011.
- As we understand many residents are planning connections to the system in the spring any further work on the roadways will be postponed until the summer.

GREY WATER LINES TO BE REMOVED

If you currently have grey water lines please disconnect them. Our water distribution system had recorded consumption of nearly a million gallons of water that is unaccounted for. We repaired some significant leaks in the system this past year and we are now required to monitor consumption and discharge data. The Sask Ministry of the Environment and Saskatoon District Health are using this data to find leaks and/or grey water lines and will be advising of their inspections planned for the spring of 2011.

Please be sure to keep an eye on your pets. Bylaw officers have issued tickets and fines. We want our children safe and your own pet may also be at risk because of the increase in wildlife in the area.

ANGEL PARK PLANNING CONTINUES

The work to develop the entire recreational area in the vicinity of the Village Centre has moved from ideas to actual planning. The concept being presented will take in the range of three to seven years to complete all phases. Council has reviewed concept drawings and is awaiting final changes to the plan.

Some of the improvements will include:

- all season Sport Courts north of the Village Centre for basketball, skating, hockey, badminton and tennis
- tiered decking north and lakeside up to the Village Centre with deck lighting and natural gas heat supply for outdoor events and private functions,
- new washroom facilities and change rooms in the area of the Sport Courts equipped with heat, power and washing services.
- upgraded children's Water Park to be relocated to the southwest of the Village Centre
- Improved, landscaped and expanded beach area complete with larger swim area and expanded seating
- Covered Band shell adjacent to the beach area and children's Waterpark for seating and shading
- Improvements to landscaping, stairways and accessibility for strollers and wheelchair access.

We are hoping to make this a better community with more amenities for our families to enjoy and we have established a Community Building Fund and will form a Committee to manage the fundraising and the implementation of the plan without relying on taxes from our community. To date we have raised nearly \$35,000 and are applying for various matching grants.

Your donation to the Angel Park Project is tax deductible. Please call 492-2259, and help us build a better community for our families

Council Meetings

Please note that Council meetings are held in the

**Village Centre at 7:00 pm the
Second Thursday of each month unless
otherwise notified pursuant to bylaws**

Council Members

Mayor:	Alan Thomarat	492-4637
Deputy:	Cheryl Reid	492-2235
Councillor:	Julie Pineault	492-4941
Councillor:	Lorne Cherry	492-4973
Councillor:	Rob Unruh	492-2494

Administration:

Jessie Williams 492-2259

Facilities & Operations:

Gregg Spearey 492-4848
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VILLAGE CENTRE RENTAL INFORMATION:

Resident Rental Fee - \$50 plus \$250 damage deposit.

Non Resident Rental Fee - \$100 plus \$250 damage deposit.

Damage deposit will be refunded if the Centre is cleaned after use.

*For bookings contact Gregg Spearey
@ 492-4848 or 492-7511 (cell).*

INCREASE IN FIRE CALL CHARGES

Charges for fire calls have increased to \$750 per hour. Please check your home insurance policy and contact your insurance broker/agent to ensure that you have adequate coverage on your property for fire and protective services.

Council Assignments

Finance and Administration

Mayor Thomarat

- * Planning and development
- * Accounting/Treasurer
- * Communications (external)
- * Newsletter/Website support
- * Waste Water Management

Deputy Mayor Reid

- * Planning and development
- * Bylaw Review
- * Water and DRWU representative
- * Committee liaison and recruitment

Community Relations

Councillor Pineault

- * Public Relations (internal)
- * Social Committee
- * Fire Department
- * Dock Management/Fishing huts

Parks and Facilities

Councillor Unruh

- * Village Centre and Playground
- * Road Maintenance/Parking
- * Snow Fence/Ice Rink
- * Park and Village Maintenance (Greenscape Committee)

Utility Services and Environment

Councillor Cherry

- * Garbage and Recycling
- * Shore line preservation
- * Animal Control
- * Emergency Measures

*For more regarding Council, Committees,
Council meetings and minutes please visit our
website at www.resortvillageofthode.ca*