



RESORT VILLAGE OF THODE

...your community news

WELCOME TO SPRING 2011

ANGEL PARK

Improvements

SPORT COURT AND ANGEL PARK UPGRADES
THE FIRST \$50,000 RAISED ALLOWS US TO APPLY FOR MATCHING FUNDING

MULTI USE SPORT COURT WILL INCLUDE HOCKEY AND SKATING RINK, BADMINTON, TENNIS AND BASKETBALL COURTS

PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS, A WADING POOL AND BEACH REVITALIZATION ARE ALSO BEING PROPOSED FOR ANGEL PARK ACCESS, STAIRS AND DECK IMPROVEMENTS ARE PLANNED AS WELL RECEIPTS FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES WILL BE PROVIDED DONATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY BUILDING FUND ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

 *Building a Better Community Together* 

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SHORE LINE AND MARINA RESERVE

With this mailing you will find a Boat Dock Application form. It is necessary for everyone who installs a dock to re-submit their application form to facilitate Thode in obtaining information regarding the winter storage of the dock, proof of liability insurance and a signature on the waiver which we are now required to have on file. You will also note that a \$100 per season fee is now required prior to the dock installation. This fee will help cover the cost of maintaining the boat launch, establish a fund to address shoreline repair and build a reserve for a marina to accommodate waiting lists and future growth.

Dundurn Rural Water Utility

With the excess amount of rain last year, Thode, like other communities operated the water utility at a loss. We have a responsibility to ensure that the Thode water utility is a self sufficient operation. While the amount of water pumped has an impact on the water bill from DRWU, the DRWU base fee and the cost to operate the system remain a constant. To this end, we have applied for a \$5/1000 water rate increase which you will see on your next bill – June 30/11.

Resort Village of Thode

Multi-Family Garage Sale Saturday May 14, 2011

The social committee is planning a multi-family garage sale on Saturday, May 14. It is recommended that anyone who plans to host a garage sale at their home on this day notify Jennifer Adolphe (492-2661 or send an email to jladolphe@gmail.com) so that advertisements can be sent out with your address included. Watch for updates sent to your email address.

FROM OUR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Jessie Williams

We realize that everyone is anxiously awaiting their tax bills. In 2009 we adopted a base tax program to cover core services. While the actual cost of core services is nearly \$800 our base for 2011 is \$750 plus 2.5 mills to cover these services in our community. Below are some rates in surrounding communities

- Dundurn 2010 base tax \$700 + 11.5 mills
- Clavet 2010 base tax \$700 + 16.2 mills
- Hanley 2010 base tax \$560 + 15.75 mills

RCMP, Blackstrap Emergency Services (fire), Administration, (includes wages, audit, SAMA, insurance, general office costs, Council expenses and repairs and maintenance and Waste Management which includes recycling & landfill costs are the key core services we provide for everyone.

Our records indicate that considering that we have added garbage collection as a core service the taxes in Thode are at a level for average properties that we experienced in 2008. This despite that CPI has seen an increase of about 5.5% in that period. Consider the challenges in this community that has no growth. In 2003, the road resurfacing cost was \$25,000. This year our cost will be nearly \$50,000.

Jessie is away from May 28 to June 3. Please don't wait until last minute to pay taxes in person. Post marks will be considered for discounts if applicable.

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

***OFFICE HOURS – PART TIME
MONDAY TO FRIDAY ONLY***

Please call Jessie to make an appointment.

BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY TOGETHER

– SPORT COURT AND ANGEL PARK FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Updating our last report residents continue to donate generously with time and money to improve our community and enhance the services for our residents to enjoy. We have nearly \$35,000 and also are striving to raise another \$20,000 to the Community Building Fund. With some more help there is an opportunity to have a multi-use outdoor tennis court, basketball court and skating and hockey rink, facility upgrades and enhancements to Angel Park.

The goal is to raise \$50,000 and apply for matching funds have a total of \$100,000 to bring more improvements to our public spaces and improved facilities for the enjoyment of our youth and families. If there are residents interested in helping this community initiative with labour or financially please call our Village office at 492-2259. Council is establishing a Facilities Planning Committee and is seeking your support to grow the Community Building Fund and build better facilities for families and our community.

**DONATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY BUILDING FUND ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE
RECEIPTS PROVIDED**

New Speed Limit!
20 KPH

DRIVE CAREFULLY

***AND SLOW DOWN FOR POT HOLES,
YOUR CAR WILL THANK YOU!
ROAD REPAIRS ARE COMING SOON***

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
- Sewer collection line is ready for connections (not ready for use) Development permits will be required – an application form is included with this mailing
- 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.
- Our lift station is now installed, but further pressure tests and system approvals will be required before it can be cleared for use.
- Invoices for the Local Improvement will not be sent to residents until later this spring.
- As we understand many residents are planning connections to the system and should be reminded that they are responsible for damages to municipal roads and road allowances

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. Sask Ministry of 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 this spring.

Animal Control bylaw has been amended to include the requirement to register your pet. More information will be forthcoming.

Please be sure to keep an eye on your pets as there are Bylaw Enforcement Officers visiting the Villages and issuing fines.

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. **The plan will be posted in the Village Centre in a few weeks.**

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. We hope to advance the implementation of the plan without relying on taxes from our community. To date we have raised nearly \$35,000 and are applying for 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

RESORT VILLAGE OF THODE
A BYLAW TO CONTROL THE COLLECTION,
STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE

BYLAW No. 2/2005 [EXCERPTS ONLY]

[SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR A COMPLETE COPY OF THIS BYLAW]

A bylaw of the Resort Village of Thode to control the collection, storage, and disposal of sewage.

Under Section 48 of the Public Health Act, 1994, and Section 192 of the Urban Municipality Act, 1984 the Resort Village of Thode in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

2. This bylaw shall apply to the entire Resort Village of Thode.
4. (a) All householders whose premises are located within the Resort Village of Thode must provide an approved storage or holding tank to receive sewage emanating from their premises.
(b) All sewage emanating from premises located within the Resort Village of Thode shall be discharged into an approved storage or holding tank.
8. In all other respects, the facilities provided for the storage of sewage located within the Resort Village of Thode, shall comply with the requirements of the Saskatchewan Shoreland Pollution Control Regulations, 1976 and amendments thereto or revisions thereof.
9. The householder shall maintain all facilities on his property for the storage of sewage in sanitary and structural conditions satisfactory to the administrative authority.
10. No person shall provide a sewage transporting service within the Resort Village of Thode without a current permit to do so from Saskatchewan Environment and written approval from the local governing authority.
11. A person granted approval to transport sewage shall provide the local governing authority with such information as may be required from time to time regarding the service provided to any household.
13. Sewage transported shall be disposed of only at point(s) approved by Saskatchewan Environment and the local governing authority.

**SEWAGE HAULING IN OUR VILLAGE WITHOUT PROPER APPROVAL FROM
COUNCIL AND APPROPRIATE PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES IS PROHIBITED.
CHARGES AND FINES WILL BE IMPOSED IN THE EVENT OF ANY VIOLATION**

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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 on leave
Call Jessie at 492-2259

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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 492-2259.

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. We will be requiring Insurance certificates from owners saving the Village harmless from liability issues and indicating adequate 3rd party liability coverage

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*