Christmas Letter from Council

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dave and I Wish you a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year. Reflecting on 2025 and Looking Ahead. As 2025 draws to a close, I want to thank each of you for your resilience and unity throughout a year filled with both challenges and triumphs. Our vibrant community continues to inspire me every day.

Project Updates:

We will continue the Low-pressure Sewer System Project into 2026, with work resuming in May (weather permitting) and completion expected by September. This project is vital for improving our infrastructure. I appreciate the dedication of Council, Operations, and Administration, as well as your patience as residents.

Strategic Planning:

Council is developing a strategic plan to guide our village's growth and priorities over the next few years. We look forward to sharing this document with you in the new year. Community Events:

From our summer barbecue to Octoberfest and the children's Christmas party, your participation has made these events a success. Our next event, the popular Fish Derby, returns on March 7, 2026—please mark your calendars to join us as a participant or volunteer.

Volunteer Opportunities:

We have key roles to fill, including Village Councilor and EMO Coordinator. If you're interested in serving or learning more, please contact the village office. Volunteering is a wonderful way to give back and help our community thrive.

As we enter the new year, let's continue to support one another and build a community rooted in kindness and inclusivity. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas filled with peace, love, and happiness.

> Warm regards, Angela Larson, Mayor



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As the holiday season approaches and the year comes to a close, I would like to extend my sincere thanks and warmest wishes to everyone in our community. It has been a privilege to serve and to be part of such a welcoming, engaged, and caring village. It is truly a special place to live.

Reflecting on the past year, I'm continually reminded that what makes our community special is the people. Our volunteers, staff, and residents give their time, energy, and support to make this a great place to live. Your efforts, both big and small, do not go unnoticed and are deeply appreciated. I hope this Christmas season brings you time to relax, reconnect with loved ones, and enjoy all the warmth this time of year has to offer. Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, filled with health, happiness, and continued prosperity as we look ahead to the year to come.

Merry Christmas from Jaclyn, Breck, Caleb and myself, and all the best in 2026

As the current year comes to an end and a new year approaches, it's nice to look back not only on the past year but past several years. Every year our village has made improvements with an attempt to not only better the lives of the residents who live here but for seasonal residents as well. As our village continues to grow, its a testament to the dedication of our administration, operations and maintenance staff who put in the extra hours when called upon. The volunteers who work to improve our village also does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated. On behalf of Cathie & I we want to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Garry & Cathie Hovland



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Wishing everyone in our community a warm and joyful Christmas. We're grateful for the kindness and strong community spirit that make Shields such a special place. May your holidays be filled with laughter, rest, and time with the people you love. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Chad and Brandi-Rae Schmidt

ADMINISTRATION NOTICES

The Village of Shields Staff wish all residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May your holiday season be filled with joy, peace, and time with loved ones. I'm also excited to share that next Christmas, my family will be adding a third (and final) stocking to the mantel! I will be on maternity leave starting May 2026, and I truly appreciate your patience and understanding while we welcome another temporary staff member during my absence.

Office Hours:

Please note the following holiday closures:

- December 24 28: Office closed.
- January 1 4: Office closed.

Regular hours will resume after these dates.

A friendly reminder:

- 2025 property taxes are now past due. A 10% interest charge will be applied to all outstanding balances after December 31.
- Any unpaid utility charges as of December 31 will be added to your tax roll and will also be subject to the same 10% interest charge.

Please ensure payments are made promptly to avoid additional charges.

Wild Animals in Village:

We have had several reports of wild foxes reported in the North Shields area, as well as reports of stray cats. Please take care, and ensure that all owned pets are kept indoors or on leashes.



SOCIAL PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

The Social Programming Committee has been very busy in December with the Christmas Wreath making and the Children's Christmas Party. Both events were very well attended. Thanks for your participation and a special thank you to all the volunteers!







