



City of Shelby

August 2026 Newsletter

Dear Shelby Residents,

Special points of interest:

- School Reminders
- Safe Driving
- Flower Planters
- Civic Center Fall Classes

The City of Shelby has had a very busy summer, we hope that everyone enjoyed the 250th celebration of America and the Marias Fair! Parks, pool, weed enforcement, street repairs, parades, street sweeping, and project planning and implementation have kept us all busy.

With the beginning of the school year soon, we encourage you to drive with caution as kids will be walking and biking to school in the coming weeks. Informational articles are included in this newsletter that we hope you read and share with your children as together we can continue to make Shelby a great place to live, work and raise our families.

YOU'RE INVITED!!

Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Cut Bank Chamber of Commerce, will be hosting a free appreciation picnic during the Shelby Farmer's Market on Thursday, August 13th from 5:30—6:30 p.m.

Picnic will include burgers and hot dogs, beans, a salad and soda or water.



THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR COMMUNITY BLOSSOM!



The City of Shelby is very fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers who plant and care for the baskets and planters that line Roosevelt Highway, Oilfield Avenue, Main Street and Central Avenue. These beautiful flowers and shrubs brighten Shelby roadways and welcome visitors and residents alike. The city would like to thank these individuals and businesses for the commitment to helping Shelby “bloom” each summer.

Special thanks to the Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce for purchasing flowers along Main Street & Central Ave; Shane Adams, Lorette Carter, Tom Carter, and the city crew for planting the flowers; and special thanks to any volunteers who helped the Chamber with watering duties.



Reminders from School District #14

Passing School Buses

Passing a bus when loading or unloading children is a **violation of the law**. This continues to be an issue every year and we hope that it never becomes a catastrophe. Bus drivers are legally bound to report passing violations to local law enforcement agencies. **Please, for the safety of all the children, do not pass a school bus that is stopped or preparing to stop.** Also, our buses use the stop signs mounted on the side of the bus at in-town stops. Please obey these stop signs just as you would the red flashing lights.

Please watch for students using the crosswalks on Oilfield Avenue. Oilfield Avenue is busy even when it is not a walk and bike day.

Traffic Flow, Parking, Student Drop-Off Areas

School District #14 is very concerned with student safety. One of the more dangerous times at school is in the morning and in the afternoon when children are arriving and departing from school. To insure that our students are safe we are asking the community's cooperation in adhering to the designated student drop-off and pick-up areas as well as obeying all no parking or stopping areas.

1) RED ZONES: Any area where the curb is painted red is considered a **no parking or stopping zone**. These red zones are fire lanes and must be kept clear at all times for emergency vehicles.

2) YELLOW ZONES: Are **no parking zones**. Please do not park anywhere the curb is painted yellow. Also, do not stop in the yellow zone that is marked as the bus loading zone near the school buildings.

3) HANDICAPPED PARKING: Do not park in handicapped parking spaces, unless you have the appropriate permit which allows you to do so.

4) SENIOR CITIZEN PARKING FOR EVENTS: The parking spaces along the Vo-Ed building on the north side of the gym are reserved for Senior Citizens.

5) ELEMENTARY STUDENT DROP-OFF AREA: The drop-off and pick-up area for students attending Shelby Elementary School is along Westwood Avenue on the east side of the school. Please use this area rather than the front of the school. The yellow zone is for drop-off and pick-up only, please do not park in this zone.

6) MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL DROP-OFF AREA: The drop-off area for Middle School and High School students is at the West end of the high school building near the main entrance.

7) HIGH SCHOOL PARKING/PARKING FOR SCHOOL EVENTS: The School District asks that you utilize the parking lot behind the high school for school activities. The back lot is paved, has very easy access and is well lighted. It is a much safer and secure location to park.

8) SPEED ZONES: Please remember that the speed limit around the schools is 15 mph.

WE ASK FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN MAKING THE SHELBY SCHOOL CAMPUSES A SAFE PLACE FOR OUR CHILDREN!

Are you a Safe Driver...?



Another school year has begun and children in our community are walking or riding their bicycles to and from bus stops and school. As we patrol this area, we see many children walking across streets without looking and bicyclists who ride through stop signs and across busy intersections. We also see many motorists not stopping for people in crosswalks waiting to cross.

Many of us think that we are safe drivers. And yet, many exceed the speed limit, roll through stop signs and drive while distracted or in a hurry. These actions can turn deadly in an instant.

The cars that we drive are built for comfort and speed and drivers often forget that they are operating a piece of heavy machinery. There are more than 41,000 deaths on the road nationwide each year and 5.3 million injuries, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Please take a moment to look at your own driving habits. Most people want to do the right thing...and by making a few simple changes in our daily driving habits, we can stop a tragedy before it happens.

Toole County Sheriff's Department

- BACK TO SCHOOL BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TIPS -

It is the beginning of the school year and now is the perfect time to review traffic safety practices. When parents are walking and biking with their children, they are encouraged to talk to them about street safety and show kids how to interact with other pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles. Young children need supervision until about age 10 or even older, depending on the child.

It is important for both bicyclists and pedestrians to pay attention and listen to their surroundings. Everyone should avoid wearing headphones that mute their surroundings and avoid cell phone use while walking and biking.

As a pedestrian:

- Teach children to stop at the edge of the street and look for cars.
- Make eye contact with the driver before crossing the street.
- Look left, right, left and over their shoulder for traffic.
- Teach them to cross at intersections and crosswalks when possible.
- It is important to follow all signs/warnings especially at our Galena railroad crossing.
- Wear bright clothing and reflective material if possible.

As a bicyclist:

- Helmets should always be worn no matter how slowly you are riding. Start the helmet habit early and parents should promote this by always wearing a helmet themselves.
- Be sure the helmet fits well, is adjusted to the head, and covers the forehead.
- Bicycles are vehicles. Children should not ride bikes in the road until they fully understand traffic rules and parents should show them how to follow them.
- When riding in the roadway, ride in single file on the right side of the street going the same direction as the traffic.
- Obey all traffic signs, signals and warnings.
- Parents are encouraged to practice with children by riding in a straight line, as well as stopping and speed control.
- Look left, right, left and over the shoulder before crossing, turning or entering the roadway.
- Bicyclists are encouraged to also slow down and look for traffic entering and exiting the roadway.
- Ride so others can see you, stay out of a driver's blind spot and wear bright reflective clothing.
- Use hand turning signals so all traffic can see your intentions.



LET'S MAKE IT A SAFE SCHOOL YEAR, WALKING AND BIKING TO SCHOOL!



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CIVIC CENTER... Office hours are Monday-Friday 7:00AM-9:00AM and 4:00PM-6:00PM.

Monday:

- *10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Tai Chi with Barbara Standley-Schiffner
- *4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Pickleball

Tuesday:

- *6:00 - 7:00 a.m. High Fitness with Ariel or Brooke Weishaar
- *9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Silver Sneakers with Ashley Denno (starting 8/4)
- *4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Roller Skating

Wednesday:

- *10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Tai Chi with Barbara Standley-Schiffner
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