



City of Shelby

January 2015 Newsletter

Dear Shelby Residents,

We hope your holiday season was a safe and enjoyable one for you. As we enter the new year the City of Shelby is focused on it's financial situation and we believe it will be much improved in 2015. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning this issue. We have taken many actions to address this issue and we will continue to do so. The general funds of many Montana communities are suffering like ours and we are in hopes the upcoming legislative session will provide relief for all Montana communities. We hope your 2015 is a happy and healthy one. As always contact us with any issues you are having.

Sincerely,

Larry J. Bonderud, Mayor

Special points of interest:

- * Snow Removal
- * Prairie Oasis Animal Shelter
- * Happiness is Helping
- * Winter Walking
- * Shelby TBID
- * Champions Park
- * Shelby Chamber
- * Winter Driving

Dog License & Rabies Clinic

Where: Marias Veterinary Clinic

Date: January 17th

Time: 10 am - 2 pm



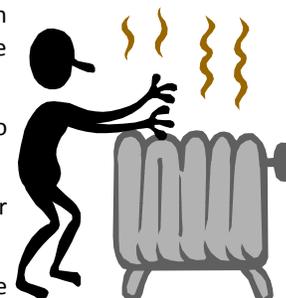
Neutered or Spayed - \$10.00

Not Neutered or Spayed - \$20.00

• Assistance Programs •

With winter right around the corner the City of Shelby would like to make you aware of the resources available to assist if you are in need.

- **LIEAP- Low Income Energy Assistance Program:** Applications for assistance are available from the North Central Area Agency on Aging. The office is located at 311 So. Virginia, Suite #2 in Conrad. For more information on income guidelines please contact them at **(406) 271-7553** or **1-800-551-3191**.
- **Opportunities Inc. Emergency Resource Services:** Emergency rental assistance is available to those who qualify. For assistance, please call **(406) 216-2300** for appointments.
- **Opportunities Inc. Weatherization Services:** If you qualify for LIEAP assistance, you also qualify for weatherization services. Call **(406) 216-3055** for information regarding this program.
- **Energy Share of Montana:** If you've applied for LIEAP and don't qualify or if you need further assistance with your energy costs you can apply for Energy Share. Contact Opportunities Inc. at **(406) 761-0310**.



Snow Removal



Below you will find the City of Shelby sidewalk snow removal ordinance. To date, we have experienced several slip and falls due to ice and snow accumulations on sidewalks throughout the city. We note that only approximately 30% of the sidewalks in our community are being shoveled in compliance with our ordinance. Most of the slip and falls have been senior citizens and some of the injuries have been extensive.

We ask for everyone's cooperation in shoveling their sidewalks in compliance with our ordinance.

The City of Shelby will enforce the ordinance following the enforcement provisions as follows:

9-4-1 KEEPING SIDEWALKS CLEAR:

A. It shall be the duty of the owner of any premises within the limits of the municipality to keep the sidewalk of and abutting his premises clear of more than one inch of snow, any amount of snow pack, any amount of ice, any amount of slush, any amount of mud, and all other threats to safe foot travel and to prevent the accumulation of same.

B. A property owner shall have twenty-four hours after a snow storm ends to clear the sidewalk of snow greater in depth than one inch.

C. A property owner shall have twenty-four hours after snow pack, ice, slush, mud, or other threats to safe foot travel accumulate to remove the snow pack, ice, slush, mud, or threat.

D. In the event that snow or ice cannot be reasonably removed due to possible damage to the sidewalk or it is otherwise largely impractical to remove, the owner shall put on the sidewalk sand or other abrasive material in such an amount and manner to make foot traffic reasonably safe. The owner shall maintain that condition until weather permits the removal of the snow or ice.

9-4-2 FAILURE TO COMPLY: Upon the failure of the owner of any premises to keep the sidewalk abutting his property in compliance with 9-4-2, SMC, the City of Shelby shall have the right to remove such snow, snow pack, ice, slush, mud, and other threats to safe foot travel and assess the cost thereof against the property abutting the sidewalk.

9-4-3 NO NOTICE REQUIRED: The City of Shelby is not required to provide any notice to the owner of the premises abutting a sidewalk before it exercises its rights under 9-4-2, SMC.



Prairie Oasis Animal Shelter

Prairie Oasis Animal Shelter (POAS), is a nonprofit organization of hardworking volunteers who aim to care for, nurture, and adopt out the homeless and abused animals of our community. POAS accepts pets surrendered by their families and takes over impounded animals from Shelby City Animal Control after the mandated holding period has expired. The volunteers of POAS provide vaccinations, spay/neuter surgeries, microchip identification, training, and lots of TLC to all of the animals brought to POAS until a suitable adoptive home can be found.

POAS has a great need right now for donations and supplies. If you are looking for an easy way to make a difference in these pets' lives, here is a list of items you can provide!

Iams ProActive Health Adult Chunks dog food • Iams ProActive Health Adult Original with Chicken cat food • Arm and Hammer Extra Strength Clumping cat litter • Bleach, lavender scent if possible • Pine Sol, lavender scent if possible • Lysol disinfecting wipes • Paper Towels • Dish Soap • Sponges • Stainless steel dog and cat dishes • Medium and Large size dog collars, no chain collars • 5 or 6 foot dog leashes • Kong rubber dog toys, large size • Cat toys and scratchers • Large towels, can be used but no holes please!

Cash donations are the most wonderful and useful way to lend your helping hand. Donations can be made to our veterinary care account at Marias Veterinary Clinic, or by mail to 50 City Shop Road, Shelby, MT 59474. If you are interested in donating or volunteering with the dogs and cats, please call 406-450-4039 for more information about how you can make a huge difference for these loving animals!



Happiness is Helping!

The Toole County Combined Fund Drive thanks you for your generous support of the 2014 campaign. With your contribution, these 20 very worthwhile organizations can continue to do good work for the people of Toole County.

If you haven't made your donation yet, please send your contribution to the Toole County Combined Fund Drive ~ P.O. Box 378, Shelby, MT 59474.

Thank you for your support!

Girl Scouts of America ~ Shelby Swim Team ~ Sunburst Food Pantry & Emergency Fund ~ Toole County Youth Soccer ~ Sunburst Swim Team ~ Shelby Baseball Association ~ Hi-Line Help for Abused Spouses ~ Multiple Sclerosis Association ~ Arthritis Foundation ~ NTC Youth Program ~ Sagebrush Food Pantry ~ Toole County Health Foundation ~ Toole County Crimestoppers ~ Toole County Friends of the Library ~ Sunburst Community Foundation ~ Boy Scouts of America ~ American Diabetes Association ~ Recycle Shelby ~ Prairie Oasis Animal Shelter ~ Relay for Life



Green fitness routine: Smart Winter Walking

What, you might well ask, is a green fitness routine? Quite simply, green fitness is a way to improve your personal health while minimizing your use of resources. Driving five miles to the gym to walk on an electric treadmill for an hour uses fossil fuels, contributes to pollution, and also costs a fair amount in terms of your financial resources. A greener, cheaper way to get fit (and just as effective according to the experts) is to take an hour's walk right outside your front door. If you think walking stops when cold weather sets in, think again! Here's what you need to walk smart all winter long - whether you're walking in your neighborhood or around town on errands.

Smart clothes for your body

Walking experts have 3 main recommendations for comfort in colder weather. (1) **Dress in layers** (several thin layers are better than bulky layers). You will warm up as you move and may want to shed layers to minimize sweating (which makes you cold and uncomfortable). (2) **Wear a hat** (soft and warm rather than itchy or scratchy). Without a hat, heat is lost off your head and you'll cool more quickly. (3) **Wear gloves - or mittens**, which usually keep your hands warmer.

Smart shoes and stuff for your feet

For both comfort and safety, choices in footwear are critically important. **Sturdy boots or walking shoes with thick soles and deep treads are essential.** Make sure that your footwear is the right size to fit cold weather socks. Start with a pair of thick wool or synthetic socks; add thin, inner socks when it is really cold. If your winter walks are frequently icy or snowy, get a pair of slip-on grips or 'ice-trax' (many types are available online and in outdoor stores for under \$20).

Smart companions for fun and safety

It's always nice to have a walking companion; family, friends, and dogs are all wonderful. (Think of a dog as a treadmill with fur - walking is essential for their health and yours!) Walking with a family member or friend provides bonding time and lively conversations make the miles seem shorter in any season. **In winter, a companion also provides an added measure of safety in the event that you slip or fall** (much less likely with the proper footwear described above).

Smart accessories for everyone

Visibility is a concern for winter walkers and people who need to see them. Drivers may have difficulty seeing you due to shorter daylight, blowing snow, or glare on sunny days. **Fortunately, you and your pet can walk safely with LED lights and/or reflective clothing.** For under \$15, you can purchase different types of bright LED lights and reflective vests, hats, gloves, and belts, as well as dog leashes and collars. On days with lots of glare, sunglasses are also important for walkers.

Smart choices for your route

Finding a safe walking route is critical in any season of the year. However, routes that are perfect in spring, summer, and fall may not work in winter due to snow, ice, sleet, or rain. **Look for trails that drain well or are maintained for winter use.** If you live in a snowy part of the country, learn which sidewalks and parking areas are usually the first to be cleared after a storm. If conditions are bad, make the smartest choice of all; stay home until it is safe to get bundled up and go out.

Shelby Tourism Business Improvement District

The Shelby Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) is the collaboration of Shelby's lodging establishments that formed to promote Shelby and the surrounding area in an effort to bring resident and non-resident tourist trade to Shelby. Over the first two years, the group has partnered with the Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce on the Chamber website and publish new brochures that are distributed throughout the northern regions of Montana. The group has also supported staffing of the Shelby Visitor Information Center which welcomes thousands of visitors to Shelby each summer. The Shelby TBID has also assisted with several golf tournaments; the Gentle Hands and Next Generation Conferences held by the Marias River Livestock Association; and again supported the efforts of Voices of Montana Tourism. The group has also committed funding in support of the 2015 SHS All Class Reunion to be held July 10-12th. This spring they will again be represented in the Central Montana Travel Planner with the goal of encouraging visitors to stay in our community, eat in our restaurants, shop in our unique retail shops and enjoy their visit to Shelby.

The TBID offers granting opportunities. If you, your group or organization is planning an event in Shelby that brings people for an overnight stay, the TBID can assist in covering some of your start-up costs. Events like sporting events; quilting workshops; bridge tournaments; state organization meetings; fishing derbies...any of these events that welcome people to stay in Shelby qualify for potential TBID assistance. An application form is available through the Office of Community Development at shbcddc@3rivers.net.

Marketing Shelby and our surrounding region is the goal and mission of the Shelby TBID. The next meeting of the Shelby Tourism Business Improvement District is February 20, 2015. For additional information, please contact Lorette Carter at 424-8799 or email shbcddc@3rivers.net.



CHAMPIONS PARK

Step back in time... bring Shelby's history alive with Champions Park!

The Champions Park Committee is dedicated to preserving the legacy of Shelby's proud and colorful history and promoting tourism in North Central Montana by developing an outdoor interpretive center to commemorate the world famous Dempsey-Gibbons World Heavyweight Championship Fight of 1923.

Interpretive displays documenting the events which birthed and formed this dynamic community need a permanent home at Champions Park in order to voice the story of the Legendary Fight. Interpretive kiosks on homesteading; the arrival of the railroad; the discovery of oil; and the events surrounding the fight are available for sponsorship. Your support can also purchase an engraved stone for Homestead Heritage Wall or brick for the Champions Park walkways.

Collectible items are also available through the Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce and Office of Community Development to assist in funding of Champions Park. Lithographs, bronzes, T-shirts, notecards, mugs are for sale. For more information or to make a donation, please contact the Champions Park Committee concerning this exciting venue in progress for our community.

Call the Office of Community Development at 406.424.8799 or contact via email at shbcddc@3rivers.net. Please visit us on-line at <http://championsparkmt.com>.

Help us bring Champions Park to life!

Thank you to Marias River Electric for including the Champions Park brochure in local billing statements. Together we are preserving the history and legacy of Shelby and our surrounding community!

The Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce

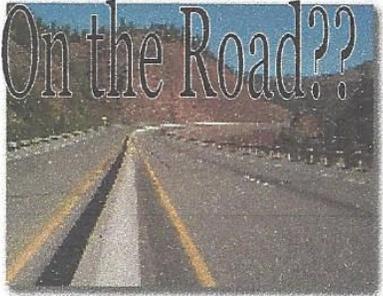
The upcoming hosts for the Chamber After Hours are: January 13- Quilt with Class, February 10- Edward Jones, March 10- Creative Needle, April 14- Marias Heritage Center. These events are **open to the public** and always include refreshments, great door prizes and a 50/50 drawing.

The Chamber's annual banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28th, 2015 and will be held at the Shelby Civic Center. North Toole County native Art Taft who recently retired from KRTV will be our speaker. Prime rib and a lively auction are also on the evening's agenda.

Winter Driving can be dangerous. Before you go...

- Log on: www.mdt511.com to view road conditions, camera images and RWIS information deployed at various locations statewide. You can also download the new mobile app from the MDT website.
- Call in: Check road conditions online or by call the toll free telephone line at 511 or 1-800-226-7623.
- Tune in: Local radio stations can provide motorists with information as well variable message signs located at strategic locations statewide.

Montana has one of the highest highway fatality rates in the nation



Did you know....

- Single vehicle run-off-the-road crashes account for more than half of all fatal crashes often caused by drivers overcorrecting, overturning and leaving the road.
- Falling asleep, talking on your cell phone, visiting with passengers, sightseeing and other distractions can all contribute to crashes. Taking a break or pulling over can help but it's mostly about paying attention to your driving.
- Wildlife is a formidable hazard and hundreds of collisions occur each year. These accidents are most common in the early morning and late afternoon but can happen at any time.
- Twenty to forty percent of all crashes occur under icy or snowy conditions. Severe weather and road conditions can happen in any month of the year.
- The percentage of crashes that occur at nighttime are much higher than those that occur during the day. Adjust your speed for visibility and the chance that you may encounter an animal, stalled vehicle or other unforeseen object in your path.
- Drivers can significantly reduce their risk of serious fatalities or injuries by wearing their seatbelts, not drinking and driving, and avoid using their cell phones and texting while driving.

If you notice a drunk, erratic or otherwise unsafe driver, call the Montana Highway Patrol at (800) 525-5555

In 2011, 172 occupants died on Montana highways in crashes involving passenger vehicles. Over 68% of passenger vehicle occupants dying on Montana's roadways either didn't use or improperly used their seatbelts. In all likelihood, most were partially or completely ejected from their vehicle. **BUCKLE UP!**

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