



# City of Shelby

## January 2019 Newsletter

Dear Shelby Residents,

**Happy New Year from the City of Shelby!** We hope you had a wonderful holiday season spending time with family and friends and 2019 will be happy and healthy!

Here we are starting a new year and with that a great time to focus on physical activity and encourage healthy changes in all our lives. We are so fortunate to have wonderful facilities like the Shelby Civic Center in which to exercise and recreate.

Included in this newsletter is information on the new **Civic Center Class Pass**~ an easy way to pay and use the Civic Center for fitness classes. There is also information on new staff hours at the Civic Center to provide better access to the facilities for everyone to exercise and have fun. If you have ideas or input on how to further improve the facility, please let us know. We want to make the facility accessible and fun for all!

In this issue, you will also find information on assistance programs available in the community, winter driving tips, the Annual Toole County Combined Fund Drive and so much more.

We thank you for your patience on the storm water drainage project as well as the many upcoming infrastructure projects scheduled for spring work. We are working hard to provide safe, efficient infrastructure, accessible facilities and a community in which we are all proud to live, work and raise our families. Here's to a great 2019!

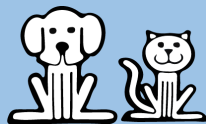
### Special points of Interest:

- Small Conversations Big Impact
- Snow Removal
- Winter Driving Tips
- Civic Center News
- TBID
- Recycle Shelby
- Toole County Fund Drive
- ACH/Email Utility Bill Option

## 2019 Dog & Cat Licenses

Please purchase your 2019 dog and cat licenses the month of January at City Hall

- proof of current rabies vaccination is required at time of purchase •



Neutered or Spayed - \$10

Not Neutered or Spayed - \$20

## ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS



Winter is HERE! 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**.



As we begin a new year, let's also begin a serious conversation with our teens about topics such as underage drinking. Some parents might think that battling underage drinking is a futile effort, but studies show that *parents who adopt a zero tolerance for underage drinking were the top reason that teens don't drink.*

Opportunities for underage drinking rise dramatically when students are not in school or structured activities. Underage drinking is a leading contributor to death from injuries, which are

the main cause of death for people under age 21.

To help keep your kids safe and prevent alcohol and drug-related tragedies, here's some advice for parents:

- Talk to your teen ahead of time and prior to any school functions or teen gatherings and be clear in your expectations that they are prohibited from drinking and using illegal substances.
- Be a model for conscientious behavior. Your children look to you as a model for their behavior.
- If your child is going to a party at a friend's house, phone ahead and make sure there will not be any alcohol beverages available.

Short, frequent discussions can have a real impact on your child's decisions about alcohol. Lots of little talks are more effective than one "big talk."

Sitting down for the "big talk" about alcohol can be intimidating for both you and your child. Try using everyday opportunities to talk— in the car, during dinner, running errands or shopping, or while you and your child are watching TV. Having lots of little talks takes the pressure off trying to get all of the information out in one lengthy discussion, and your child will be less likely to tune you out.

Remember that the conversation goes both ways. Although talking to your child about your thoughts about alcohol is essential, it's also important to hear their point of view. Give your child the opportunity to ask you questions, and listen to what they have to say. Children who have parents who listen to their feelings and concerns are more likely to say "no" to alcohol.



## SNOW REMOVAL...SNOW REMOVAL...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 9-4-1, 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.



If you enjoy winter travel, you already know that preparation is the key to success. Whether you are traveling for fun or for work, advance preparation is important when it comes to winter driving. You'll need to make sure your car is in good working order before you leave home. You'll also need to know how to drive it safely in snow and ice.

Unfortunately, winter driving skills typically aren't part of the driver licensing exam. You have to learn them from someone else.

### Prepare for Winter Driving

**Check your vehicle.** Your car or truck should be in good operating condition. Tires should have plenty of tread and your lights, defroster and windshield wipers should all function properly.

Check (or ask your mechanic to monitor) fluid levels, particularly oil, antifreeze, washer fluid and gasoline. Make sure your battery is in good shape; it will have more trouble starting your car in extremely cold weather. If you know you will be driving in a storm, fill your gas tank before you leave home so you don't run out of gas en route. Carry chains or put snow tires on your car if you are driving in areas known for heavy snowfalls.

**Organize emergency supplies.** Everyone should travel with emergency items, but this becomes even more important during the winter storm season. Be sure you have a blanket, warm clothing, sand or cat litter, a shovel, an ice scraper and a working cell phone.

**Look at road conditions.** Find out about driving conditions along your journey and research the weather forecast during your trip. Just because your ski resort has sunny weather now does not mean you won't have to drive in a blizzard on your way home. Check the weather report periodically during your trip, too.

Make sure you have a map and know the locations of bridges and curvy roads. Road surfaces on bridges freeze quickly, as do areas of mountain roads that are in the shade all day.

### Winter Driving Techniques

You can basically break winter driving skills into three areas: braking, steering and accelerating. Rain, snow and ice all reduce the friction between your car and the road, making skids and spins more likely. If you focus on braking, steering and accelerating slowly and carefully, you'll be able to maintain control of your car.

**Braking.** Allow lots and lots of extra room to slow down, and always brake slowly. Don't "slam on" your brakes; if you do, you will probably skid. If possible, brake while driving in a straight line. In other words, brake before driving into a curve or onto an icy patch. If your car has an anti-lock braking system (ABS), you do not need to "pump" your brakes to slow down. Older cars without an ABS will need to have their brakes "pumped" (repeated application of your foot to the brake pedal) in order to slow down quickly.

**Steering.** If you are driving on snow and ice, always steer gradually. Don't jerk the wheel or make rapid changes in direction. If you feel your car losing its grip on the road (hydroplaning or skidding), resist the urge to steer sharply to get out of danger. Instead, steer slowly and gradually *into* the skid. If you are hydroplaning, steer in a straight line. It's far better to skid, even if you go off the road, than to overcorrect and flip your car.

**Accelerating.** Never "floor" your gas pedal in winter driving conditions. Always speed up gradually in order to keep your car in contact with the pavement. Slow down carefully, too.

### Safe Winter Driving - The Bottom Line

If you are traveling during the winter, driving may not always be your best option. You may know what to do, but you may end up on a road during a blizzard with drivers who have no idea how to drive in snow. Follow the recommendations of local authorities during ice and snow events. When in doubt, stay home. Spending an extra day in your living room or hotel is far preferable to risking your life in a winter storm.

## What's NEW at the Civic Center?

The City of Shelby is so very fortunate to have the Civic Center recreation facility. The facility offers two racquetball/wallyball courts; cardio rooms; weight room; teen center; toddler room; and indoor archery range. The community facility is also home to blood drives and banquets ~ special gatherings and the Sagebrush Food Pantry. Classes offered include exercise & toning on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:15pm; spinning on Tuesdays at 5:45pm and 7:00pm; and yoga on Thursdays at 7:00pm.

The Civic Center offers monthly passes which for a child is \$30.00/month; student (9-17) is \$35.00/month; adult is \$40.00/month; and family is \$45.00/month. If your employer participates in the Business Recreation Program, your monthly rate is half price. Walking passes are only \$30.00/year to walk in the gym.

In addition to monthly Civic Center passes, the Civic Center has initiated the Class Pass. If you'd like to just take a class once or twice a week you can purchase a 5 or 10 class pass. The cost is \$20.00 for the 5 class pass and \$40.00 for the 10 class pass. There is no expiration, so use the class pass when you're able to make a class!

The City recently hired a facility manager, Jessi La Tray. Jessi is in the office Monday through Thursday, from 2:00pm to 7:00pm and Fridays, 2:00pm to 6:00pm. She is excited to get leagues/group activities started. If you have a group that would like to play wallyball; racquetball; or basketball on a regular basis give Jessi a call at **434-5114**. If you have new ideas or suggestions, please let Jessi know. The Civic Center is a great facility and we hope more people will become members and join in the fun and exercise.

## SHELBY TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT



The Shelby Tourism Business Improvement District is the collaboration of Shelby's lodging establishments formed to promote Shelby and the surrounding area in an effort to bring resident and non-resident tourist trade to Shelby. The group which includes the Best Western Shelby Inn & Suites, Comfort Inn & Suites of Shelby; Glacier Motel & RV Park, Motel 6 of Shelby; and O'Haire Manor have partnered with the City of Shelby on the design of the Shelby billboards. They have also partnered with the Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce in financing the Chamber website and publish Shelby brochures that are distributed throughout the Central Montana region as well as the Kalispell – Glacier Park area. The Shelby TBID is the key sponsor of the Coyote Classic and assists with numerous Marias Valley Golf Course tournament events, the Next Generation Conference, the Marias Valley Archers Winter Shoot and many other community events and projects. The TBID also plays a vital role in supporting the Shelby Visitor Information Center committing TBID funds for staffing each year. In addition, the Shelby TBID markets Shelby through 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 the 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 by contacting Lorette Carter at [shbcdc@3rivers.net](mailto:shbcdc@3rivers.net) or calling City Hall at 434-5222.

The Shelby Tourism Business Improvement District is making a difference in Shelby. Members truly understand the partnership and collaboration it takes to support and sustain our community. They continue to make Shelby a great place to live, work, raise our families...AND VISIT!

## RECYCLE SHELBY has MOVED!

The recycling containers have moved to **514 1<sup>st</sup> St. North**, behind the Northern Transit Interlocal Bus Barn and Subway Restaurant. The cost to lease the property at the north end of viaduct increased, so the Shelby Recycling Association made the decision to move the recycling site. The City of Shelby offered the new space free to the recycling group, and laid asphalt millings to create a stable surface and reduce mud.

Recycling is not a money maker, but a critical service that makes our community, our county and our world a better place now and for generations to come. Since its inception in 2011, our small recycling efforts have kept over 500,000 pounds of aluminum, tin, paper, cardboard and e-waste out of our landfill ~ saving valuable space; recovering precious metals; reducing energy waste and pollution; and making new products that save our country's valuable resources.

### Here's what Recycle Shelby offers:

#### **Aluminum Trailer: Bins are available for aluminum cans.**

- All aluminum should be crushed. Crushed cans take up less space.
- Please don't mix the aluminum and tin. A separate tin bin is on the site.
- Please no bags, sacks or boxes....**CANS ONLY!**

#### **Cardboard Bin: Corrugated cardboard only.**

- Only sturdy shipping boxes
- No food boxes, paper rolls or paper
- Please don't leave plastic bags or trash in bin.

#### **Paper Bin: White paper, newspapers, phone books, magazines & catalogs.**

- The Steel Etc. bin is accessed through a back door with paper stacked at the far end to fill.
- They accept office paper, newspapers, magazines, phone books and catalogs.
- Please no plastic bags, rope or twine.

A metal bin in on the site for those people who are unable to lift the lid to dump their aluminum and another bin for tin products. Please don't use these for garbage or plastic. There is a dumpster on site for plastic bags and trash. Please keep our recycling containers and site clean.



And PLEASE... **REDUCE - REUSE - RECYCLE**

# Together...WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

There is still time to make your commitment to the Toole County Combined Fund Drive. Each year, community volunteers give of their time and energy to organize a one-time community-wide fundraising campaign. Twenty very deserving organizations from throughout Toole County are represented in the campaign. They include the following:

*Shelby Girl Scouts • Shelby Swim Team • Toole County Youth Soccer • Sunburst Swim Team • Shelby Baseball Association • Hi-Line Help for Abused Spouses • Multiple Sclerosis Association • Arthritis Foundation • North Toole County Youth Program • Sagebrush Food Pantry • Toole County Crimestoppers • Toole County Friends of the Library • Boy Scouts of America • Recycle Shelby • Prairie Oasis Animal Shelter • Center for Mental Health • The Carousel Rest Area of Shelby • Toole County Garden Club • Alzheimer's Association • American Cancer Society*

Last year the Toole County Combined Fund Drive raised \$21,147.40 that was divided between these organizations. Funds were used for sports programs, recycling efforts, construction costs of the Carousel, pet food and supplies for the animal shelter, assistance to those affected by abuse and crime and national organizations that research and fight devastating illness that affect all of us. By combining these public appeals into one campaign, it makes for the best use of resources, time and energy and provides a simple method for all of us to give to so many worthwhile organizations.

Your generous support sustains and grows these vital community organizations. We hope you will thoughtfully consider your contribution and give generously to all or individual organizations within the campaign as....**Together we can make a difference!**

## ACH/E-MAIL BILL AUTHORIZATION FORM

We would like to remind you that the City of Shelby offers Automated Bank Drafting and the option to have your utility bill e-mailed to you.

**Automated Bank Drafting** - This allows billed amounts to be collected electronically directly from your bank account. This feature is also known as Automated Clearing House (ACH). After each monthly billing the billed amount is transferred directly from your bank to the City's bank account.

**E-Mail Bills** - This feature sends your utility bill to your personal email address each month.

The guidelines for the programs are as follows:

- Bills are sent out by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.
- Any disputes or questions regarding the bill need to be addressed to the City of Shelby by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month or the next available working day.
- On the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month, or the next available working day, and if there is no change in billing status or amount, your bank account will be debited for the amount shown on your bill.
- Any changes will require completion of a new authorization form.
- Any account that does not have the required funds available will be charged a \$25.00 NSF fee, plus any additional bank fees by the City of Shelby.
- You can also sign up for paperless billing by having your utility bill e-mailed to you. Just fill in your e-mail address on the form below. Leave blank if you don't want this option.

To sign up for the automatic debit program, complete the attached form and return it to: City of Shelby • 112 1<sup>st</sup> St S • Shelby, MT 59474

## ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER PAYMENT-AUTHORIZATION FORM

This is my (our) authorization of my (our) bank, named below, to deduct from my (our) account as identified below and pay to the City of Shelby the amount of my monthly utility service bill. This authorization will remain in effect until written notice of cancellation is received either by my (our) bank or by the City of Shelby.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (as it appears on your bank account)

Bank Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Routing No: \_\_\_\_\_ Account No: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (as you sign your checks) Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (for paperless billing)

You may also attach a blank, voided check so we can verify the necessary routing and account numbers.

### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Changed: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_



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