



City of Shelby

JANUARY 2026 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 2026 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 our lives. We are so fortunate to have wonderful facilities like the Shelby Civic Center in which to exercise and recreate. The Civic Center offers 24/7 access with our key fob system and many local employers and organizations are taking advantage of the Business Recreation Program which offers employees/members half price savings on monthly membership to the facility. Included in this newsletter is information on Civic Center hours; classes; kids' zone and other amenities offered. If you have ideas or input on how to further improve the facility, please let us know. We want the facility accessible and fun for all!

In this issue, you will also find information on important assistance programs available in our community; information on the Toole County Combined Fund Drive; snow removal; recycling; and much more.

We thank you for your patience during all the projects completed in 2025. There are many projects in the works for 2026! We continue to work 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 2026!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Assistance Programs
- Snow Removal
- Civic Center
- Fund Drive
- Small Conversations
- Recycle

2026 DOG & CAT LICENSES



Please purchase your 2026 dog & 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



FROZEN WATER METERS

Quick reminder, the cost of replacing a frozen meter is the responsibility of the resident. Please make sure water meters are properly heat taped and wrapped with insulation to prevent freezing.

SNOW REMOVAL

Below you will find the City of Shelby sidewalk snow removal ordinance. 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

small conversations can make a BIG IMPACT

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.



Toole County Combined Fund Drive - Together We Can Make A Difference!

There is still time to make your contribution 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. These very deserving organizations from throughout Toole County are represented in the campaign. They include the following:

Recycle Shelby ~ Prairie Oasis Animal Shelter ~ American Cancer Society ~ Toole County Garden Club ~ Alzheimer's Association ~ Carousel Rest Area of Shelby ~ Toole County Performing Arts & Entertainment ~ Hi-Lines Help for Abused Spouses ~ North Toole County Youth Program ~ Toole County Crimestoppers ~ Toole County Medical Auxiliary ~American Legion Auxiliary Unit #73 ~ Toole County Friends of the Library

Last year, the Toole County Combined Drive raised \$17,934.00 that was divided between the organizations. The funds are used for your children's sports programs and youth activities, recycling in our community, food to help those in need, funds to keep the Carousel turning, pet food and supplies for the animal shelter, assistance to those affected by abuse and crime, the arts and entertainment and national organizations that research and fight devastating illnesses that affect us all. 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 specific organizations within the campaign as....



Together we can make a difference!

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**.

RECYCLE SHELBY - CARDBOARD, ALUMINUM & TIN

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, Shelby's small recycling efforts have kept over 550,000 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. We encourage everyone to do their part in reusing ~ repurposing ~ RECYCLING!

Here's what Recycle Shelby offers:

Aluminum Trailer: Bins are available for aluminum cans only.

- 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.



A metal bin is on the site for those people who are unable to lift the lids to dump their aluminum and a separate bin for tin products. You can leave your aluminum and tin in bags or boxes in the separate bins on the site as it makes it easier to transfer to the aluminum trailer and load into a truck for transporting to Great Falls. No bags, sacks or boxes in the aluminum trailer or cardboard bin please!

Please don't use the containers or metal bins 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



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You can access the facility 24/7 with a monthly pass and key fob. Many businesses, organizations and churches have taken advantage of the business recreation pass which offers their members half price fees to the facility. You can also purchase day passes and class passes during office hours.

MONDAY

10:00 AM • TAI CHI

TUESDAY

6 AM • HIGH FITNESS

9 AM • SILVER SNEAKERS

4:30 PM • ROLLER SKATING

WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY