



# City of Shelby

March 2023 Newsletter

Dear Shelby Residents,

This newsletter is very important as a survey is included to gather citizen input in regard to our streets, water system, sewer, storm water, buildings, parks & trails, and equipment. The survey will be used in the updating of the city's Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). The CIP is the city's primary planning tool which outlines and directs our city in critical projects that benefit our community now and for years to come. You have several options. You can go to the <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BNGK8FF> to take the survey on-line or go to [www.envisionshelby.com](http://www.envisionshelby.com) - **Get Involved**, then **Community Survey**. You can also use the interactive map to pinpoint areas of concerns within the community and offer ideas and suggestions. You can also complete the survey included in this newsletter and return to City Hall. We would really appreciate a few minutes of your time in answering the survey and returning to City Hall by **March 24, 2023**.

With spring around the corner, the city is planning our Annual Spring Clean Up. This year, please call City Shop at (406) 434-5564 the week of April 17<sup>th</sup> to have your items placed on the pick-up list. All items will then be picked up the week of April 24<sup>th</sup>. Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> is Arbor Day in Shelby. Each year organizations, groups, businesses and individuals give a little of their time to plant a tree or clean a park, street or public area within the community. If you would like to help, please contact Lorette Carter at (406) 434-5222 or [lorette@shelbymt.com](mailto:lorette@shelbymt.com). Together we can improve our neighborhoods, parks and public areas!

As always, you can find city information, resources and meeting news on the City of Shelby webpage at [www.shelbymt.com](http://www.shelbymt.com) or follow us on Facebook at **Shelby Montana**. Most important, please feel free to call City Hall if you have questions or concerns. Our phone number is (406) 434-5222. Happy Spring!



Please stop by City Hall to purchase your dog & cat licenses. They were delinquent as of January 31st.

## CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT - OUR WATER



The annual Consumer Confidence Report will Not Be Mailed out to individual water customers. A copy of the City of Shelby water report can be picked up at City Hall or the City Shop. You can also use the URL below to view the report.

<https://www.shelbymt.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/2022-Consumer-Confidence-Report.pdf>

## DUST OFF YOUR RAKES AND SHOVELS...ARBOR DAY AND CLEAN-UP WEEK 2023 IN SHELBY!

It's nearly the time of year again when communities throughout the nation dust off their shovels and rakes and participate in Arbor Day activities that improve neighborhoods, brighten city parks, clean roadways and foster care and concern for the communities in which they live.



Friday, April 28th has been declared as Arbor Day in Shelby. Through care and commitment, the community of Shelby has been named a Tree City USA for 22 years thanks to city employees, local organizations, businesses, students and individuals who, each year initiate projects to care for and maintain community parks and public areas through tree planting and clean up.

The City of Shelby encourages groups, businesses, organizations and students to join in this year's Arbor Day celebration. If you'd like to select a city park, fence line, roadway or other area of the community to clean, please call Lorette Carter at 434-5222 or email [lorette@shelbymt.com](mailto:lorette@shelbymt.com). Schedules do not always allow for cleanup to take place on Arbor Day, but the City would greatly appreciate your participation as your schedule allows. Trees have made a positive impact in Shelby creating a much more walkable, bikeable, welcoming and inviting community.

The city has also scheduled Spring Clean-up for April 17<sup>th</sup> through April 28<sup>th</sup>. Residents can call the City Shop at 434-5564 the week of April 17<sup>th</sup> through April 21<sup>st</sup> to have landfill items placed on the pick-up list. All items will be picked up the week of April 24<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>. Items not eligible for pick up are tires, refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners. They can be disposed of at the landfill, but please call the City Shop for associated costs and freon removal information. Any items to be picked up should be placed in the alley or an agreed location with city staff.

Help continue to make Shelby a great place to live, work and raise our families.



**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!** Shelby is updating its Capital Improvements Plan. The plan will be a budgeting and financial tool used by the City Council for maintaining and improving capital facilities such as streets, water systems, sewer, stormwater, buildings, parks and trails, and equipment. The Council would like your advice on selecting and prioritizing the City's most important needs. Capital improvements include but are not limited to items owned and operated by the City, such as water lines, sewer treatment plants, heavy equipment, and buildings.

**1. WHAT IS THE CONDITION OF CITY OWNED BUILDINGS?**

Historic Shelby City Hall (Chamber Office)	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing
Rainbow Hotel	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing
Historic Shelby High	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing
Shelby Firehall	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing
Shelby Swimming Pool	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing
Shelby Civic Center	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing
Shelby Landfill Shop	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing

**2. WHAT IS THE CONDITION OF CITY EMERGENCY SERVICES?**

Sheriff	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing
Ambulance	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing
Fire Protection	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing

**3. WHAT IS THE CONDITION OF CITY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY?**

Website	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing
Newsletter	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing
Social Media	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing

**4. WHAT IS THE CONDITION OF CITY PARKS AND TRAILS?**

Swimming Pool/Splash Park	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing
Johnson Park	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing
Lincoln Park	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing
Krysko Skate Park	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing
Meadowlark Park	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing
Andy Anderson Park	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing
City Park	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing
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Aronow Park	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing
Lake Shel-oolle Baseball Complex	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing
Williamson Park	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing
Roadrunner Trail	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing
The Hills Mountain Bike Trails	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing

**5. WHAT IS THE CONDITION OF OTHER CITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES?**

<b>Streets</b>	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing
<b>Equipment</b> e.g. trucks, graders	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing
<b>Drinking Water System</b> (pipes, valves, meters, treatment etc.)	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failing
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**Other** (please specify):

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**Other** (please specify):

**11. The City does NOT currently provide the following services or infrastructure. Should the City consider providing any of the following?**

Summer Recreation Programs	Housing	Main Street Improvements
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**Other** (please specify):

**12. How long have you lived in the City?**

Less than a year	1 to 5 years	6 to 10 years	10 to 20 years	20+ years
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**13. What is the best infrastructure improvement (e.g. street, water, sewer, building) that the City has competed in the past 10 years?**

Examples of Shelby Projects: Storm water drainage improvements along Roosevelt & Galena St; wellfield water system improvements; sewer system improvements at the lagoon; street paving; Splash Park; Swimming Pool gutters, interior paint & roof; Krysko State Park; Meadowlark Park improvements; Main Street Shelby sign; Historic Shelby City Hall exterior paint & roof; Bitterroot School demolition; Historic Shelby High gym improvements; tree planting/maintenance; welcome signs; Civic Center interior paint/improvements; Mountain Bike Trail; NETA Industrial Park; & Roadrunner Recreation Trail asphalt sealing.

**14. What is the single most important issue the City faces in terms of infrastructure & services it provides?**

**15. If you would like to be kept informed about this project, please provide us with your email address:**

If you would like more information about this survey & the update of the Capital Improvements Plan, please contact Lorette Carter (406)434-5222 or via email at [lorette@shelbymt.com](mailto:lorette@shelbymt.com)



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Today, more than ever, there is a need to provide options that allow children to walk and bicycle to school safely. Many communities like Shelby struggle with traffic congestion around schools. At the same time, children in general engage in less physical activity, which contributes to the growing epidemic of obesity.

Safe Routes to School programs share one common goal - to improve the health of kids and the community by making walking and bicycling to school safer, easier, and more enjoyable. SRTS programs use a variety of education, engineering and enforcement strategies that help make routes safer for children to walk and bicycle to school and encourage more children to participate.

The City of Shelby was fortunate to have been awarded funding years ago through the Montana Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Program to work towards that goal of making our community safer for our children and families to walk and bike. The city made great improvements to the arterial sidewalks leading to the school campus and the bike path along Oilfield Avenue. All these projects are directed toward making our community more walkable and bikeable.

At the same time, a task force made up of city and school officials/staff, and the Toole County Sheriff's office continues with an education campaign. For the last 16+ years, the task force has planned Walk n' Wheel Wednesdays and Fit Fridays with prizes for those children who take part. **Walk N' Wheel Wednesdays start this spring on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and Fit Fridays begin Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.** Walking school buses led by adult walkers will be stationed at the old Middle School leaving at 7:35am and Oilfield/Sheridan intersection at 7:45am. All children riding bikes **MUST WEAR HELMETS**, walk their bikes over the viaduct and ride ahead of walkers. Parents, grandparents and all family members are always encouraged to walk/bike with their children.

Together we can all work to continue to make Shelby a great place to live, work and raise our families.