



City of Shelby

May 2019 Newsletter

Dear Shelby Residents,

As we get closer to summer, the city begins to ramp up for infrastructure projects as well as community repairs and upgrades that support and improve our public works and services for all residents. The storm water drainage project will continue heading west in late May. There will be some lane closures along Roosevelt Highway during this time. At the same time, a second phase of the project will be bid for a portion of the community in need of improved drainage on the north side. The water line project heading east will begin construction early this summer, as will water wellfield improvements. The wastewater treatment facility project will continue in August once the lagoon floor has completely dried.

The city crew will be busy this summer with improvements at the Swimming Pool/Splash Park; tree planting; park maintenance; street maintenance; and day-to-day operations of the city.

We are so thankful to all the students, staff and administration of Shelby Schools as well as the numerous groups, organizations and individuals who gave of their time and energy to help Shelby shine as part of our annual Arbor Day cleanup. You are truly stewards of our community in continuing to make Shelby a great place to live, work and raise our families.

As always, please contact City Hall or city departments with questions or concerns you may have.

Happy summer!

Special points of interest:

- New Tree Planting
- Trees are an Investment
- Thank You
- Let's Make Shelby Blossom
- Building Permits
- Recreation Pass Fund
- Summer Activities
- Civic Center/Pool Hours



Irrigation rates are on



Year 3 of 3 - Sewer Rate Increase

Per Council action June 2017 sewer rates will be increasing effective with the July 2019 billing. The usage rate per 1,000 gallons will increase from \$5.75 to \$7.75 per 1,000 gallons. The flat rate sewer charge of \$20.90 per month will remain the same.

Size of Water Service Line (in inches)	Minimum Monthly Charges
¾ inch or 5/8 inch	\$ 28.65
1 inch	\$ 36.40
1 ¼ inch	\$ 36.40
1 ½ inch	\$ 44.15
2 inch	\$ 59.65
3 inch	\$ 82.90
4 inch	\$ 106.15



The City of Shelby weed ordinance requires that all vegetation on property be kept below six inches. If vegetation is in excess of this you are in violation of the ordinance. The ordinance is on the City of Shelby website (www.shelbymt.com). Unsightly weeds and vegetation are a continued problem in our community and the City Council wishes to eliminate the annual problem. Trees, hedges and bushes at intersections must be no higher than 2 1/2 feet within 30 feet of the street corner. The City of Shelby weed ordinance provides for crews to mow weeds on your property if you fail to comply with the weed ordinance without any notice.

NEW TREE PLANTING



Think of the tree you just purchased as a lifetime investment. How well your tree, and investment, grows depends on the type of tree and location you select for planting, the care you provide when the tree is planted, and follow-up care the tree receives after planting.

Planting the Tree

The ideal time to plant trees and shrubs is during the dormant season, either in the fall after leaf drop or early spring before bud-break. Weather conditions are cool and allow plants to establish roots in the new location before spring rains and summer heat stimulate new top growth. However, trees properly cared for in the nursery or garden center, and given the appropriate care during transport to prevent damage, can be planted throughout the growing season. In tropical and subtropical climates where trees grow year round, any time is a good time to plant a tree, provided that sufficient water is available. In either situation, proper handling during planting is essential to ensure a healthy future for new trees and shrubs. Before you begin planting your tree, be sure you have had all underground utilities located prior to digging.

If the tree you are planting is balled or bare root, it is important to understand that its root system has been reduced by 90 to 95 percent of its original size during transplanting. As a result of the trauma caused by the digging process, trees commonly exhibit what is known as transplant shock. Containerized trees may also experience transplant shock, particularly if they have circling roots that must be cut. Transplant shock is indicated by slow growth and reduced vigor following transplanting. Proper site preparation before and during planting coupled with good follow-up care reduces the amount of time the plant experiences transplant shock and allows the tree to quickly establish in its new location. Carefully follow nine simple steps, and you can significantly reduce the stress placed on the plant at the time of planting.

1. Dig a shallow, broad planting hole. Make the hole wide, as much as three times the diameter of the root ball but only as deep as the root ball. It is important to make the hole wide because the roots on the newly establishing tree must push through surrounding soil in order to establish. On most planting sites in new developments, the existing soils have been compacted and are unsuitable for healthy root growth. Breaking up the soil in a large area around the tree provides the newly emerging roots room to expand into loose soil to hasten establishment.

2. Identify the trunk flare. The trunk flare is where the roots spread at the base of the tree. This point should be partially visible after the tree has been planted. If the trunk flare is not partially visible, you may have to remove some soil from the top of the root ball. Find it so you can determine how deep the hole needs to be for proper planting.

3. Remove tree container for containerized trees. Carefully cutting down the sides of the container may make this easier. Inspect the root ball for circling roots and cut or remove them. Expose the trunk flare, if necessary.

4. Place the tree at the proper height. Before placing the tree in the hole, check to see that the hole has been dug to the proper depth. The majority of the roots on the newly planted tree will develop in the top 12 inches of soil. If the tree is planted too deeply, new roots will have difficulty developing because of a lack of oxygen. It is better to plant the tree a little high, 2 to 3 inches above the base of the trunk flare, than to plant it at or below the original growing level. This planting level will allow for some settling. To avoid damage when setting the tree in the hole, always lift the tree by the root ball and never by the trunk.

5. Straighten the tree in the hole. Before you begin backfilling, have someone view the tree from several directions to confirm that the tree is straight. Once you begin backfilling, it is difficult to reposition the tree.

6. Fill the hole gently but firmly. Fill the hole about one-third full and gently but firmly pack the soil around the base of the root ball. Then, if the root ball is wrapped, cut and remove any fabric, plastic, string, and wire from around the trunk and root ball to facilitate growth. Be careful not to damage the trunk or roots in the process. Fill the remainder of the hole, taking care to firmly pack soil to eliminate air pockets that may cause roots to dry out. To avoid this problem, add the soil a few inches at a time and settle with water. Continue this process until the hole is filled and the tree is firmly planted. It is not recommended to apply fertilizer at the time of planting.

7. Stake the tree, if necessary. If the tree is grown and dug properly at the nursery, staking for support will not be necessary in most home landscape situations. Studies have shown that trees establish more quickly and develop stronger trunk and root systems if they are not staked at the time of planting. However, protective staking may be required on sites where lawn mower damage, vandalism, or windy conditions are concerns. If staking is necessary for support, there are three methods to choose among: staking, guying, and ball stabilizing. One of the most common methods is staking. With this method, two stakes used in conjunction with a wide, flexible tie material on the lower half of the tree will hold the tree upright, provide flexibility, and minimize injury to the trunk. Remove support staking and ties after the first year of growth.

8. Mulch the base of the tree. Mulch is simply organic matter applied to the area at the base of the tree. It acts as a blanket to hold moisture, it moderates soil temperature extremes, and it reduces competition from grass and weeds. Some good choices are leaf litter, pine straw, shredded bark, peat moss, or composted wood chips. A 2- to 4-inch layer is ideal. More than 4 inches may cause a problem with oxygen and moisture levels. When placing mulch, be sure that the actual trunk of the tree is not covered. Doing so may cause decay of the living bark at the base of the tree. A mulch-free area, 1 to 2 inches wide at the base of the tree, is sufficient to avoid moist bark conditions and prevent decay.

9. Provide follow-up care. Keep the soil moist but not soaked; overwatering causes leaves to turn yellow or fall off. Water trees at least once a week, barring rain, and more frequently during hot weather. When the soil is dry below the surface of the mulch, it is time to water. Continue until mid-fall, tapering off for lower temperatures that require less-frequent watering. Other follow-up care may include minor pruning of branches damaged during the planting process. Prune sparingly immediately after planting and wait to begin necessary corrective pruning until after a full season of growth in the new location. After you have completed these nine simple steps, further routine care and favorable weather conditions will ensure that your new tree or shrub will grow and thrive. A valuable asset to any landscape, trees provide a long-lasting source of beauty and enjoyment for people of all ages. When questions arise about the care of your tree, be sure to consult your local ISA Certified Arborist or a tree care or garden center professional for assistance.

Please contact the Toole County Extension Office.

Page 2 They have great information on tree varieties favorable for our region; tree care and maintenance; insect and disease control and so much more!



TREES ARE AN INVESTMENT IN THE COMMUNITY!

Trees contribute so much to a community. They clean our air, protect our drinking water, provide shade and shelter and create a healthy community. The cost to replace trees just in Shelby's public spaces would cost over 3 million dollars! Each year the city applies for Arbor Day and Urban Forestry Development funds to purchase and plant more trees within our public spaces. This investment is diversifying our tree population, beautifying our parks and public areas and enhancing our community. The city hopes homeowners will follow municipal codes in investing in their trees.

Title 9 -Chapter 7 of the City's municipal codes addresses **TREES** which includes trees, shrubs, bushes and other woody vegetation. Of utmost importance is their care & maintenance. Here are some important sections to reference when planting and pruning trees.

9-7-4: Spacing:

B. Curbs & Sidewalks: The distance trees may be planted from curbs or curb lines and sidewalks will be in accordance with the three (3) species size classes listed in section 9-7-3, and no trees may be planted closer than two feet (2') for small trees and three feet (3') for medium or large trees to any curb or sidewalk.

C. Street Corners: No street tree shall be planted within thirty-five feet (35') of any street corner, measured from the point of nearest intersecting curbs or curb lines.

D. Fireplug: No street tree shall be planted within ten feet (10') of any fireplug.

E. Utilities: No street trees other than those specified accepted as small trees by the city council may be planted under, or within ten feet (10') of any overhead utility wire. (Ord. 749, 8-21-2000)

9-7-8: Pruning and Corner Clearance:

A. Pruning Required: Every owner of any tree overhanging any street or right of way within the city shall prune the branches so that such branches shall not severely obstruct the light from any street lamp or obstruct the view of any street intersection and so that there shall be a clear space of thirteen feet (13') above the street surface or eight feet (8') above the sidewalk surface.

B. Removal Required: Such owners shall remove all dead, diseased or dangerous trees, or broken or decayed limbs which constitute a menace to the safety of the public.

C. City's Right to Prune: The city shall have the right to prune any tree or shrub on private property when it interferes with the proper spread of light along the street from a streetlight, or interferes with visibility of any traffic control device or sign or sight triangle intersections.

9-7-9: Dead or Diseased Trees:

A. City's Right to Cause Removal: The city shall have the right to cause the removal of any dead or diseased trees on private property within the city, when such trees constitute a hazard to life and property, or harbor insects or disease, which constitute a potential threat to other trees within the city.

B. Notice to Owner: The city council will notify, in writing, the owners of such trees. Removal shall be done by said owners at their own expense within sixty (60) days after the date of service of notice.

C. Failure to Comply: In the event of failure of owners to comply with such provisions, the city shall have the authority to remove such trees and charge the cost of removal on the owner's property tax notice. (Ord. 749, 8-21-2000)

For the complete version, please visit the city website at www.shelbymt.com and click on the *Resources* tab and *Codes & Ordinances* section.

Thank You

As a Tree City USA for 19 years, the City of Shelby is very grateful for all those who continually volunteer their time; donate to our forestry program with the gift of trees; and ultimately, serve as good stewards of the community. Together we are making great progress in growing our tree population and keeping our community clean and cared for.

Special thanks to the Shelby Elementary, Junior and Senior High students and staff for their community service. This is the 15th year, the city has partnered with students to complete Arbor Day projects within our community, with elementary students joining in our cleanup efforts for the first time this year.

Thank you also to all the individuals, groups and organizations who continually care for our community and give of their time to clean a park, fence line or roadway within our community. A complete list of those participating will be listed in the Shelby Promoter.

Projects like these cannot happen without the support of all these wonderful individuals, groups and organizations. You are all great examples of community spirit and pride. That's what community is all about!

Let's make Shelby "BLOSSOM" this summer!

The City of Shelby is very grateful to all those who give tirelessly to our community in picking up garbage; cleaning tree lines and public areas; and planting and maintaining the concrete planters along Roosevelt Highway and Oilfield Avenue as well as the flower baskets that line our Main Street and business district. In 2018, we started the Shelby Citizen Volunteer Corp. Wonderful community members spent several evenings cleaning parks, painting the "Welcome to Shelby" signs and completing beautification projects. We hope to utilize the Volunteer Corp this spring in completing cleanup projects. We welcome anyone who might like to help in weeding the concrete planters that line Roosevelt Highway and Oilfield Avenue in anticipation of planting. We are also looking for volunteers to plant and care for several planters which need a "green thumb"! If you would like to share a little of your time, please email Lorette Carter at shbcdc@3rivers.net or call her at Shelby City Hall - 434-5222. A cleanup night will be scheduled for mid-May. If you have perennials or plants you might like to share, please let her know as well.





BUILDING OR MOVING SOMETHING? The City of Shelby wishes to remind everyone that a building/zoning permit is required for construction work done within the Shelby city limits. A permit is required for work done to commercial buildings as well as single-family dwellings. Work such as a deck, front steps with a landing, or any addition to your home (a roof change, structural changes, and any new building over 200 square feet in area) require a permit. Exempt items to single-family dwellings are: reroofing, residing and a remodel without a structural change.

A moving/zoning permit is required for the placement of mobile homes, modular buildings and conventional frame buildings of all uses onto private lots within the city. Moving a mobile home into a state licensed mobile home court is exempt. However, it does require a Toole County moving permit. The Building Inspector's office is located at the City Shop (66 City Shop Road, 434-5564).

RECREATION PASS FUND

Each year the City of Shelby tries to maintain a Recreation Pass Fund for the children of Shelby. The fund provides financial assistance to those kids who cannot afford swimming pool passes. If you would like to contribute to this fund please contact Shelby City Hall at 434-5222 or send your donation to the City of Shelby Recreation Pass Fund - 112 1st St. South. Let's make sure every child has the opportunity to enjoy a summer of fun & exercise at our Shelby Swimming Pool.



WHAT'S THERE TO DO THIS SUMMER? LOTS!!! With summer almost here, the City hopes you and your family will have a great summer taking part in all there in to do in and around Shelby. The following is a list of kid's activities we are aware of:

Activity	Location	Dates	Age Group	Cost	Contact
JUNE					
Shelby Baseball	Lake Shel-ooole Baseball Complex	Mid-April ~ June	5-13 yrs.	Yes	Dave & Tina Stevenson 424-8781
Shelby Civic Center	669 Park Avenue	Open daily	All ages	Yes	434-5114
Summer Matinee Series	Roxy Theatre	June 13 – Aug. 8 Thursdays at 1 pm	All ages	Yes	434-2181
Shelby Swim Pool/Splash Park	121 12 th Avenue No.	June 10 – August	All ages	Yes	434-5311
Shelby Basketball Camp	Shelby Schools	June 10-12	1-8 grade	Yes	Tom Reynolds 424-8910
Toole County Library Summer Program–A Universe of Stories	229 2nd Ave. So.	June 10 – July 1 Mondays at 2 pm	K-8 grade	No	424-8345
Shelby Swim Team	Shelby Pool	June – Aug. 3	4-18 yrs.	Yes	Bridget Blevins 424-5864
Open mat wrestling	Shelby Schools	All summer	7-12 grade	No	Thad White 424-8910
FFA Alumni Leadership Camp	Highwood Mountains	June 13-16	9-12 grade	Yes	Thad White 424-8910
Shelby Kite Festival	Shelby Airport	June 15	All ages	No	Kiwanis Club 424-2358
MT Range Days	Dillon, MT	June 17-19	7-12 grade	No	Thad White 424-8910
Marias Valley Junior Golf	Marias Valley Golf Course	June 17-19	5-18 yrs.	Yes	434-5940
Shelby Wrestling Camp	Shelby Schools		K-12 grade	Yes	Thad White 424-8910
JULY					
Marias Fair	Marias Fairgrounds	July 17-21	All ages	Yes	434-2692
Shelby Market & Music	Shelby City Park	July 10- September Thursdays 4-6 pm	All ages		
First Baptist Vacation Bible School	First Baptist Church	July 22-25	K-8		434-5383
St. Luke's Vacation Bible School	St. Luke's Church	July 29 – August 2	K-8		424-8500
Coyote Football Camp	Shelby Schools	July 29-31	K-12/Boys & Girls	Yes	Mike White 424-8910
AUGUST					
Shelby Street Fair	Main Street	Date has not been confirmed			Chamber 434-7184

Civic Center • Swim Pool

MONTHLY PASS PRICE *prices are prorated by the day so check for daily cost.

	Child (3-8)	Student (9-17)	Adult (18 & over)	Family
Civic Center or Pool	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$45.00
Civic Center & Pool	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$60.00
Walking Pass	\$30.00 per year			

CIVIC CENTER HOURS

669 Park Ave • 434-5114
 Monday - Thursday 2-7 pm
 Friday 2-6 pm
 Weight Room • Gym • Teen Center
 2 Cardio Rooms • 2 Racquetball Courts
 Monthly Passes Available or \$4 per Use Fee

SWIM POOL HOURS

121 12th Ave N • 434-5311
 Call to schedule a party & for info on swim lessons!

HOURS	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AM 6:00-7:00		CLOSED (CLEANING)	LAP SWIMMING/ AEROBICS	LAP SWIMMING/ AEROBICS	LAP SWIMMING/ AEROBICS	LAP SWIMMING/ AEROBICS	
7:30-10:30		CLOSED (CLEANING)	CLOSED SWIM TEAM	CLOSED SWIM TEAM	CLOSED SWIM TEAM	CLOSED SWIM TEAM	
10:30-12:00		CLOSED	SWIM LESSONS	SWIM LESSONS	SWIM LESSONS	SWIM LESSONS	
PM 12:00-1:00	OPEN SWIM	CLOSED SWIM TEAM	CLOSED SWIM TEAM	CLOSED SWIM TEAM	CLOSED SWIM TEAM	CLOSED SWIM TEAM	OPEN SWIM
1:00-5:00	OPEN SWIM	OPEN SWIM	OPEN SWIM	OPEN SWIM	OPEN SWIM	OPEN SWIM	OPEN SWIM
5:00-6:00	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
6:00-8:00	CLOSED	OPEN SWIM	OPEN SWIM	OPEN SWIM	OPEN SWIM	OPEN SWIM	CLOSED

SPLASH PARK HOURS

OPEN DAILY • 8 AM - 8 PM





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