



City of Shelby

September 2014 Newsletter

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Dear Shelby Residents,

Wow! What happened to summer? I hope yours was a great one with friends and family. We had a very busy summer with the CHS Inc. and Multi-Modal facilities construction. The CHS Inc. fertilizer facility is now complete and serving the area as well as creating 15 new jobs. Work on the Multi-Modal facility is scheduled to be done in December. We look forward to the completion of another Multi-Modal facility. This newsletter gives you information on school safety, tree care, the fall civic center schedule and recycling. I hope your fall is a great one and that our farmers have a great harvest. Contact us with your ideas, questions and concerns. Council meetings are the first and third Mondays at 7:30 pm. Checkout the City of Shelby website at www.shelbymt.com.

Sincerely,

Larry J. Bonderud
Mayor



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 has been very fortunate to have been awarded funding in past years 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 has made great improvements over the years 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 7 years, the task force has planned Walk n' Wheel Wednesdays and Fit Fridays with prizes for those children who take part. Shelby Elementary has also incorporated the Kid's Marathon to further encourage our children to become more active. This event has been a huge success and great achievement for the students and staff at Shelby Elementary.

This newsletter has very informative articles and information from our school district, Toole County Sheriff's Office and Safe Routes to School task force. Citizens of Shelby are encouraged to offer input or assistance in developing and initiating new programs and projects that continues to encourage, educate and engineer a more walkable and bikeable community. Please call Lorette Carter, City of Shelby at 424-8799 or e-mail shbcdc@3rivers.net if you're interested.

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



Reminders from School District #14

Passing School Busses

Passing a bus when loading or unloading children is a **violation of the law**. This continues to be an issue every year and we hope that it never becomes a catastrophe. Bus drivers are legally bound to report passing violations to local law enforcement agencies. **Please, for the safety of all the children, do not pass a school bus that is stopped or preparing to stop.** Also, our buses use the stop signs mounted on the side of the bus at in-town stops. Please obey these stop signs just as you would the red flashing lights.

Traffic Flow, Parking, Student Drop-Off Areas

School District #14 is very concerned with student safety. One of the more dangerous times at school is in the morning and in the afternoon when children are arriving and departing from school. To insure that our students are safe we are asking the community's cooperation in adhering to the designated student drop-off and pick up areas as well as obeying all no parking or stopping areas.

1) RED ZONES: Any area where the curb is painted red is considered a **no parking or stopping zone**. These red zones are fire lanes and must be kept clear at all times for emergency vehicles.

2) YELLOW ZONES: Are **no parking zones**. Please do not park anywhere the curb is painted yellow. Also, do not stop in the yellow zone that is marked as the bus loading zone near the high school building.

3) HANDICAPPED PARKING: Do not park in handicapped parking spaces, unless you have the appropriate permit which allows you to do so.

4) SENIOR CITIZEN PARKING FOR EVENTS: The parking spaces along the Vo-Ed building on the north side of the gym are reserved for Senior Citizens. Parking passes for this area are available at the Administration Office at 1010 Oilfield Avenue.

5) ELEMENTARY STUDENT DROP-OFF AREA: The drop-off and pick-up area for students attending Shelby Elementary School is along Westwood Avenue on the east side of the school. Please use this area rather than the front of the school.

6) MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL DROP-OFF AREA: The drop-off area for Middle School and High School students is at the West end of the high school building near the main entrance.

7) HIGH SCHOOL PARKING/PARKING FOR SCHOOL EVENTS: The School District asks that you utilize the parking lot behind the high school for school activities. The back lot is paved, has very easy access and is well lighted. It is a much safer and secure location to park.

8) SPEED ZONES: Please remember that the speed limit around the schools is 15 mph.

WE ASK FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN MAKING THE SHELBY SCHOOL CAMPUSES A SAFE PLACE FOR OUR CHILDREN!



Are you a Safe Driver...?

Another school year is underway and the children in our community are walking or riding their bicycles to and from bus stops and school. As we patrol this area, we see many children walking across streets without looking and bicyclists who ride through stop signs and across busy intersections.

Many of us think that we are safe drivers. And yet, many exceed the speed limit, roll through stop signs and drive while distracted or in a hurry (talking on cell phones, changing a CD or just running late). These actions can turn deadly in an instant.

The cars that we drive are built for comfort and speed and drivers often forget that they are operating a piece of heavy machinery. There are more than 41,000 deaths on the road nationwide each year and 5.3 million injuries, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Please take a moment to look at your own driving habits. Most people do want to do the right thing...and by making a few simple changes in our daily driving habits, we can stop a tragedy before it happens.

Toole County Sheriff's Department

Tips for Walking Safely to School

Walking is fun, but you need to be safe while doing it. Follow these tips to make sure you get to and from school without any problems.

Walk together

Younger children should always walk with an adult. Tell your parents that walking is great exercise and a nice way to spend time together.

If your parents say that you can walk to school on your own, remember these tips:

- Walk with a friend when possible.
- Ask your parents to help you pick a safe route to school; one that avoids dangers.
- Stick to the route you picked with your parents. Don't let friends talk you into shortcuts that are more dangerous.
- When you are near the street, don't push, shove, or chase each other.
- Never hitchhike or take rides from people not arranged by your parents.
- Talk to your parents and teacher about any bullying that may happen during your walk.

Be seen

Remember, drivers may not be able to see you well. Always wear bright-colored clothes and if it is dark or hard to see, carry flashlights or wear reflective gear.

Look for traffic

Watch out for cars and trucks at every driveway and intersection on your walk to school. Look for drivers in parked cars. They may be getting ready to move.

Cross the street safely

1. Stop at the curb or edge of the street.
2. Look left, right, left and behind you and in front of you for traffic.
3. Wait until no traffic is coming and begin crossing.
4. Keep looking for traffic until you have finished crossing.
5. Walk, don't run across the street.

Obey traffic signs, signals and adult school crossing guards



WALK N' WHEEL WEDNESDAYS and FIT FRIDAYS!

Each Wednesday morning beginning September 3rd and Friday morning, beginning September 5th, elementary students are encouraged to walk or bike to school. Each participant will be entered into drawings for great prizes to be given away at the end of the school year as well as receive small prizes when they participate two times during the month.

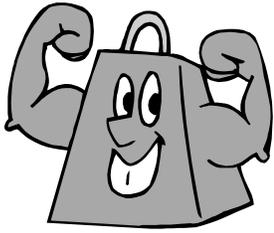
During the month of September, students will get to walk with very special people- our law enforcement officers. Sheriff Donna Whitt will kick off Walk n' Wheel Wednesday on September 3rd with officers walking with the kids during the month of September as their schedules allow.

Walking school buses are at the former Middle School and the intersection of Oilfield Avenue and Sheridan Street with adults stationed at each site to walk children to school. Participants will leave the old Middle School at 7:35 am and Oilfield/Sheridan intersection at 7:45 am.

All children riding bikes MUST wear helmets, walk their bikes over the viaduct and ride ahead of the walkers. If a child needs a helmet, please call Lorette Carter at 424-8799 for a free helmet.

Wednesday, October 8th is International Walk to School Day. Shelby is celebrating its 8th year participating in this walking event. Classes will be challenged to participate with the largest percentage class participating receiving a roller skating party compliments of the City of Shelby.

See you on Wednesdays and Fridays!



Civic Center Fall Schedule

669 Park Ave • 434-5114

Monday

9 am • Yoga
Noon • Weight Room (lower)
4 pm • Weight Room (lower)
5 pm • Step

Tuesday

9 am • Low Impact
Noon • Weight Room (upper)
4 pm • Weight Room (upper)
5 pm • Zumba

Wednesday

9 am • Yoga
Noon • Stations
4 pm • Stations
5 pm • Stations

Thursday

9 am • Low Impact
Noon • Cardio Stations
4 pm • Cardio Stations
5 pm • Cardio Stations

Friday

9 am • Yoga
10:30 am • Walking
Noon • Spinning

Classes Start Wednesday, August 27th • Falls Hours Start Monday, October 6th

Fall Hours: Monday - Friday ~ 9 am to 9 pm

Protect Montana's trees, don't move firewood!



Forest pests cannot travel far on their own, but they can hitchhike great distances in infested firewood. It is often difficult to detect organisms infesting firewood and each pest poses a threat. It might seem harmless to bring firewood on your trip, but even clean and seasoned firewood can contain harmful invasive pests. You can prevent the introduction of an invasive pest by buying local firewood or gathering wood on site when permitted.

Emerald ash borer is a classic example of an invasive insect that travels via firewood. It was initially found in Michigan in 2002. Since then, this ash-killing pest has spread and wiped out hundreds of thousands of square miles of ash trees throughout the Midwestern and Atlantic states. Much of the transport is attributed to people moving firewood from the infested area. Emerald ash borer is just one of the many tree killing insects and diseases that can be transported in firewood. There are more than 450 non-native forest insects and diseases that exist in America's forests. One of the best ways to keep them out of Montana's forests is to always use firewood from where it was cut.

So what can the average person do to protect trees? Purchase wood from your destination campground or gather local wood. Share this message with other outdoor recreationalists: hunters, campers, boaters, etc. If someone has brought firewood with them from out of state, encourage them to burn it all, not to leave any behind, and not to move any leftovers. You can find more information at www.dontmovefirewood.org.

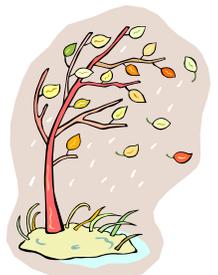
AUTUMN TREE CARE

FALL DOES NOT SIGNAL THE END of the growing season. Rather, it marks the beginning of the next phase of life. Growth is a continuous loop. Many systems are altered with the reduction of daylight, increased moisture, and cooler soil and air temperatures. Leaves are shed to replenish the soil with organic matter. Leaf and flower buds continue to develop. Roots are sloughed and new roots begin to grow under these ideal growing conditions. Many of the pests and diseases are in an inactive state. The timing is perfect.

For the fall project list, it is time to address these areas of concern:

FERTILIZATION – Fertilize trees by amending the soil conditions to support the renewed activity of the root system.

PRUNING – Prune trees and shrubs for the removal of dead or diseased limbs and twigs. With autumn leaf drop, it is easier to see cracks in the wood and structural defects in deciduous trees. Evergreens should have excessive growth removed to minimize breakage in the event of winter storms.



RECYCLE READY

Quick facts about Recycle Shelby!

Thanks to the efforts of the entire community, recycling is going strong in Shelby. Here is a quick reminder of the trailers available to accept your recyclable items.

Paper Trailer: Bins are marked to indicate which side of the trailer to use. No bags, boxes or sacks...

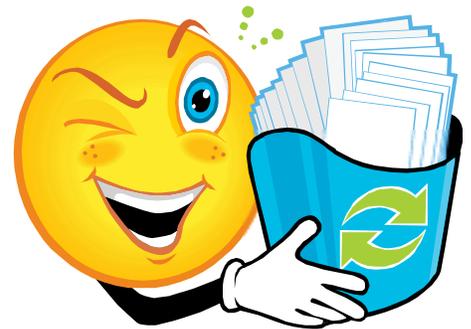
PAPER ONLY!

White Paper:

- Copy paper
- Sticky notes
- Index cards
- Notebook paper
- Envelopes

Other Paper:

- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Catalogs
- Phone Books
- Colored/Construction Paper



Aluminum/Metal Trailer: Bins are available for beverage cans and tin/steel food cans.

- All aluminum should be crushed. Crushed cans take up less space.
- All metal cans must be washed. Dirty cans contaminate the entire bin. Labels and lids can be left on.
- Please don't mix the aluminum and tin. Separate bins are available. Just check the signs on each bin.
- 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 dumpster is on site for plastic bags and trash. Please keep our recycling containers and site clean

And PLEASE...

REDUCE – REUSE - RECYCLE



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