



CITY OF SHELBY

APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

Dear Shelby Residents,

With spring around the corner, the City kicks off our Annual Spring Clean Up. This year please call City Shop at (406) 434-5564 the week of April 18th to have your items placed on the pick-up list. All items will then be picked up the week of April 25th. Friday, April 29th 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. Together we can improve our neighborhoods, parks and public areas!

We continue to encourage citizens to sign up for the city notification system for notifications important to residents. Water shortages, water breaks, hydrant flushing, irrigation season... all these notifications can be sent directly to residents via an automated phone call, text or email. Please contact City Hall at (406) 434-5222 or email Sarah at sarah@shelbymt.com with your contact information. Your information is private and will only be used for notifications important to you!

As always, you can find city information, resources and meeting news on the City of Shelby webpage at www.shelbymt.com or follow us on Facebook at **Shelby Montana**. We post a weekly "This Week in Shelby" as well as daily posts related to city activities. Most important, please feel free to call City Hall if you have questions or concerns. Our number is (406) 434-5222.

Happy Spring!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Adopt a Park
- Make Shelby "Bloom"
- Trees
- Business Recreation Pass Program
- Recreation Pass Fund
- Walk n' Wheel
- Fund Drive



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



GARBAGE RATE INCREASE

Unfortunately, last year we had to adopt a rate increase for landfill fees with an increase to garbage collection fees scheduled for this year. Beginning in June, we will raise our garbage rates \$3.00 for residential customers with an identical percentage increase to our commercial customers. No one likes to raise fees for any services, but it is essential that we do so. As always, we appreciate your thoughts and input.



DUST OFF YOUR RAKES & SHOVELS....ARBOR DAY 2022

It's 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 29th has been declared as Arbor Day in Shelby. Through care and commitment, the community of Shelby has been named a Tree City USA for 21 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. 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.

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

SPRING CLEAN UP • APRIL 18TH - 29TH

Please call the City Shop at 434-5564 the week of April 18th through April 22nd to have landfill items placed on the pick-up list. All items will be picked up the week of April 25th through the 29th. 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.



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/2022/03/2021-CCR.pdf>

ADOPT PARK

The City of Shelby is asking for your HELP! Each Spring and Summer, the city crew spends many hours preparing and maintaining our city parks, but that still isn't enough to give our beautiful parks the care and attention they need. We hope community organizations, church groups, businesses and individuals might ADOPT A PARK! This might involve garbage pickup or weed control on a regular basis or planting flowers or shrubs...the sky's the limit in beautifying our city parks.

We are taking the lead from the members of the LDS Church, who last summer completed clean up along Main Street, City Park and Mary Allison Park – pulling weeds, picking up garbage and painting and repairing the gazebo in City Park. Their efforts were greatly appreciated and made our community shine for the All-School Reunion.

We hope other groups and individuals might partner with the City in improving and beautifying our city parks. Please contact Lorette Carter at (406) 434-5222 or email lorette@shelbymt.com

LET'S MAKE SHELBY "BLOOM" THIS SUMMER!



The City of Shelby is very grateful to the Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce/Merchants in their efforts to fund raise each year for the beautiful flowers that fill our baskets that line Main Street and Central business district. The flowers provide an inviting welcome to all who visit our community.

The City is also very thankful to all those who give tirelessly to our community in picking up garbage; cleaning tree lines and public areas; and planting and maintaining our green spaces. We encourage and 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 concrete planters along these roadways which need a "green thumb"! The City provides water to the planters throughout the summer, but volunteers to plant and weed the planters would be greatly appreciated. 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.

- 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 species 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.

CITY OF SHELBY BUSINESS RECREATION PASS PROGRAM

The rising cost of health insurance has many companies investing in wellness programs for their employees. These programs can and do have a positive impact on health insurance premiums. Here in Shelby and Toole County we are very fortunate area businesses have the opportunity to offer health and wellness opportunities through the City of Shelby Business Recreation Program. Businesses that have 10 or less employees can purchase the recreation pass for \$50.00/month; 11-49 employees - \$75.00/month; 50 -99 employees - \$100.00/month; and 100 and over employees - \$150.00/month.

This entitles your employees and their immediate families to purchase monthly passes at **half price**. Families would only pay \$30.00/month for a pool and civic center pass and individuals would receive a reduced rate of \$27.50 to use both facilities.

The City of Shelby encourages area businesses to consider participating in the Recreation Pass Program. Government, offices, retail businesses and churches have taken advantage of this opportunity and we hope others will too. The Civic Center is a wonderful facility that offers great amenities including fitness rooms; weight room; racquetball; basketball; kid's room; and fitness classes. The Shelby Swimming Pool is fun for the entire family all summer long!

This is a wonderful way to make a commitment to your employees in providing great recreation and wellness opportunities as well as have a positive impact on your insurance premiums. Please call Shelby City Hall at 434-5222 to sign up and receive details on the program.



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 (406) 434-5222 or send your donation to the City of Shelby Recreation Pass Fund ~ 112 1st St. So., Shelby, MT 59474. Let's make sure every child has the opportunity to enjoy a summer of fun & exercise at our Shelby Swimming Pool.

IT'S TIME FOR WALK N' WHEEL WEDNESDAY & FIT FRIDAYS IN SHELBY!

Walk n' Wheel Wednesdays and Fit Fridays are returning to Shelby Elementary School! The Shelby School District #14 Safe Routes to School Program will begin the walking/biking program on Wednesday, April 20th and Friday, April 22nd. The Shelby SRTS Task Force has been working for over 16 years to create a fun, educational program encouraging our young people to walk and/or bike to school.

Adults will be stationed at two locations ...the former Shelby Middle School and intersection of Oilfield and Sheridan Avenues leaving the Middle School at 7:35 am and intersection at 7:45 am. Students biking **MUST** wear a helmet. Shelby City Hall does have a few helmet to give away if kids are in need. Students who participate are entered into drawings at the end of the school year for prizes included Shelby Coyote apparel and Shelby Swimming Pool passes and every student receives a gift thanks to the Toole County DUI Task Force.



The Shelby/ School District #14 Task Force encourages parents to join their children while saving a little fuel. The Task Force always welcome parents/grandparents/guardians to join their kids and walk or bike. What better way to spend a few additional minutes with your children enjoying the fresh air and getting a little exercise along the way.



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. Permits are also required for the placement of mobile homes, fences 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, 406-434-5564).



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TOOLE COUNTY COMBINED FUND DRIVE A GREAT SUCCESS!



The Toole County Combined Fund Drive Committee thanks everyone in Toole County for their generous contributions to the 2021-2022 fund drive. This year, the effort raised over \$19,000 again! These donations will support youth recreation programs in north and south Toole County, food assistance programs, recycling, and the animal shelter. It will help local groups that assist those affected by abuse and crime and national organizations that research and fight devastating illnesses. It will assist very worthwhile organizations that give much to our communities.

The Shelby and Sunburst Swim Teams, Hi-Line Help for Abused Spouses, North Toole County Youth Program, Sagebrush Food Pantry, Center for Mental Health, Toole County Crimestoppers, Toole County Friends of the Library, Recycle Shelby, Prairie Oasis Animal Shelter, Toole County Garden Club, Montana Alzheimer's Association, American Cancer Society, Carousel Rest Area of Shelby, Toole County Performing Arts & Entertainment, Girl Scouts of America and Lona's Science/Art & Hobbies thank you for your generosity and hope you will continue to support their efforts. If you would still like to contribute to the Toole County Combined Fund Drive, please send your donation to P.O. Box 378, Shelby, MT 59474. **Together we can make a difference. THANK YOU!**