



City of Shelby

January 2016 Newsletter

Dear Shelby Residents,

Winter is fast upon us. I hope your Christmas and New Year’s holidays were great! We welcome Debbie Clark and Bill Moritz to the Shelby City Council and thank Cindy Doane and Harvey Hawbaker for their dedicated service to the citizens of Shelby. 2016 will be a very important year for the City of Shelby as planned projects move forward. I want to welcome HUMIC Growth Solutions to our community. This company is located on the East edge of Shelby, is expending in excess of \$8.5 million on their new plant and will create 15 new jobs for our community. They hope to begin production in the first quarter of 2016. Please travel safely this winter season and let us know if you have any questions at anytime.

Sincerely,

Larry J. Bonderud
Mayor

Special points of interest:

- Fund the “FUN”
- Fund Drive
- TBID
- Chamber Update
- Champions Park
- Tree Care
- Winter Driving
- Winter Walking
- Snow Removal

Dog License Renewal



Please purchase 2016 dog 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

ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS - With winter 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**.



Help us Fund the “FUN”!



Fund the “FUN” campaign continues to fund the splash park components for the Shelby Splash Park. Grant funding through the Montana Land & Water Conservation Program allowed the city to complete the base construction of the splash park but funding is necessary to purchase the “fun” components that enhance the park for children to enjoy now and for years to come. A water umbrella, bubbler nozzle, flower shower, fire hydrant soaker, crocodile cannon and dumping bucket are planned for the Shelby Splash Park. These items cost approximately \$37,000.00. We are halfway there with the generous support of individuals, businesses and organizations. Our latest contributors include the Kindred Spirits Motorcycle Club; Jim Devlin – Tungsten Properties; Leavitt Group’s sweet treats proceeds; and Shelby Tourism Business Improvement District. The City of Shelby is very grateful to all our contributors and hope that you might consider a donation to the project. Together we can all make the Shelby Splash Park a wonderful summer play area for our children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends to enjoy for many years. Donations can be mailed to the “Shelby Splash Park Fund the FUN” account at the City of Shelby, 112 1st St. South.

••• Together We Can Make a Difference •••

Please support the Toole County Combined Fund Drive

The Toole County Combined Fund Drive serves to provide funding to twenty very deserving organizations throughout Toole County. Your generous support helps fund the following:

Shelby Girl Scouts ~ Shelby Swim Team ~ Sunburst Food Pantry & Emergency Fund ~ Toole County Youth Soccer ~ Sunburst Swim Team ~ Shelby Baseball Association ~ Hi-Line Help for Abused Spouses ~ Multiple Sclerosis Association ~ Arthritis Foundation ~ NTC Youth Program ~ Sagebrush Food Pantry ~ Toole County Crimestoppers ~ Toole County Friends of the Library ~ Sunburst Community Foundation ~ Boy Scouts of America ~ American Diabetes Association ~ Recycle Shelby ~ Prairie Oasis Animal Shelter ~ Relay for Life ~ Center for Mental Health

You, as a resident of Shelby and Toole County ARE THE TOOLE COUNTY COMBINED FUND DRIVE! It was organized by you~ composed by you ~ to serve you. It is guided by people you know and respect. By combining these twenty public appeals into one campaign, it makes the best use of resources, time and energy and provides a simple method to give to so many worthwhile organizations.

If you didn’t receive a brochure in the mail, please contact Carol Mundt at carolrae@3rivers.net or Lorette Carter at 424-8799 or shbcdc@3rivers.net.

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!**

- Shelby Tourism Business Improvement District -

Shelby Tourism Business Improvement District believes promoting tourism is not just supporting projects and events that bring people to Shelby, but also supporting efforts to improve Shelby and make it even more welcoming! TBID members ~ Best Western Shelby Inn & Suites, Comfort Inn & Suites of Shelby, Crossroads Inn, Glacier Motel & RV Park, O’Haire Manor, Sherlock Motel Inc. and Totem Motel are strong supporters of Shelby. Recently, members gifted the Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce \$1,000 to assist in support of Chamber of Commerce projects and events. They also donated \$2,500 to the Shelby Splash Park water component fund and will once again participate as a sponsor of the Marias Livestock Association Next Generation Conference in January, 2016 which brings well over 200 ag producers to Shelby for workshops and training.

If your group or organization is planning an event for Shelby or looking to make our community more welcoming to visitors and travelers, please contact the Shelby Tourism Business Improvement District. They have a program which may be able to assist in those efforts. Please contact Lorette Carter at the Office of Community Development, 424-8799 or shbcdc@3rivers.net.

The Shelby Tourism Business Improvement District is making a difference in Shelby. Members truly understand the partnership and collaboration it takes to support and sustain our community. They continue to make Shelby a great place to live, work, raise our families...AND VISIT!

Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce

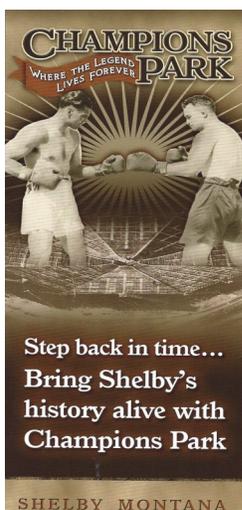
The upcoming hosts for the Chamber After Hours are: January 12- 1st National Pawn; February 9- Marias Medical Center; March 8- Tiber Agency; April 12- Friends of the Library; May 10- NaturEner; September is open; October 11- Marias River Electric. These events are **open to the public** and always include refreshments, great door prizes and a 50/50 drawing.

The Chamber's Annual Banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27th, 2016 and will be held at the Shelby Civic Center. Mac Bledsoe, father of former NFL quarterback Drew Bledsoe will be our speaker. Prime rib is on the menu. We plan on expanding our silent auction and also have 4 or 5 items for the live auction. The evening will start at 5:30 pm with cocktails, the Welcome at 6 pm followed by dinner. Tickets will go on sale in early January.

One Brick and Stone at a Time

Bring the Legend to Life with your contribution!

Preserve your spot in history with the building of Champions Park. Honor a special person or occasion with a personalized brick permanently installed at the memorial ring site. Another option is to honor a special homestead or person or family with a personalized stone permanently installed in the park's Homestead Heritage Wall.



Homestead Heritage Wall Stones • \$125

Bricks - 2 lines • \$100

Bricks - 3 lines • \$150

Bricks - 4 lines • \$175

Ringside Brick - 2 lines • \$125

Ringside Brick - 3 lines • \$175

Ringside Brick - 4 lines • \$200

Arena Sponsorship Tile • \$500

Ringside Sponsorship Tile • \$1,000

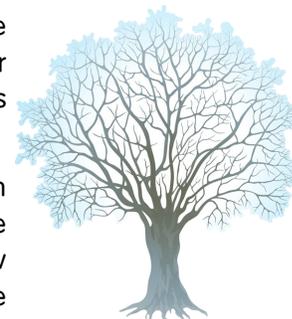
Kiosk • \$5,000

What can be done about damage to trees from de-icing salt???

De-icing salt in winter doesn't have to be a fact of life in northern climates. While salt compounds are relatively inexpensive and widely available, their corrosive effects on concrete, bridges and other highway structures – to say nothing of automobile bodies – can be significant. Salt also damages trees in a number of ways.

A favorite option, growing in popularity is a more environmentally friendly compound called calcium magnesium acetate. This product is no more corrosive than water and has little or no negative impact on trees, wildlife or waterways. While the cost per ton is more than salt, some studies show that it actually save money in the long run. And while finding it in stores has been a challenge in the past, it is now becoming more readily available.

Taken from arborday.org



Winter Driving Tips



If you enjoy winter travel, you already know that preparation is the key to success. Whether you are traveling for fun or for work, advance preparation is important when it comes to winter driving. You'll need to make sure your car is in good working order before you leave home. You'll also need to know how to drive it safely in snow and ice. Unfortunately, winter driving skills typically aren't part of the driver licensing exam. You have to learn them from someone else.

Prepare for Winter Driving

Check your vehicle. Your car or truck should be in good operating condition. Tires should have plenty of tread and your lights, defroster and windshield wipers should all function properly.

Check (or ask your mechanic to monitor) fluid levels, particularly oil, antifreeze, washer fluid and gasoline. Make sure your battery is in good shape; it will have more trouble starting your car in extremely cold weather. If you know you will be driving in a storm, fill your gas tank before you leave home so you don't run out of gas en route. Carry chains or put snow tires on your car if you are driving in areas known for heavy snowfalls.

Organize emergency supplies. Everyone should travel with emergency items, but this becomes even more important during the winter storm season. Be sure you have a blanket, warm clothing, sand or cat litter, a shovel, an ice scraper and a working cell phone.

Look at road conditions. Find out about driving conditions along your journey and research the weather forecast during your trip. Just because your ski resort has sunny weather now does not mean you won't have to drive in a blizzard on your way home. Check the weather report periodically during your trip, too.

Make sure you have a map and know the locations of bridges and curvy roads. Road surfaces on bridges freeze quickly, as do areas of mountain roads that are in the shade all day.

Winter Driving Techniques

You can basically break winter driving skills into three areas: braking, steering and accelerating. Rain, snow and ice all reduce the friction between your car and the road, making skids and spins more likely. If you focus on braking, steering and accelerating slowly and carefully, you'll be able to maintain control of your car.

Braking. Allow lots and lots of extra room to slow down, and always brake slowly. Don't "slam on" your brakes; if you do, you will probably skid. If possible, brake while driving in a straight line. In other words, brake before driving into a curve or onto an icy patch. If your car has an anti-lock braking system (ABS), you do not need to "pump" your brakes to slow down. Older cars without an ABS will need to have their brakes "pumped" (repeated application of your foot to the brake pedal) in order to slow down quickly.

Steering. If you are driving on snow and ice, always steer gradually. Don't jerk the wheel or make rapid changes in direction. If you feel your car losing its grip on the road (hydroplaning or skidding), resist the urge to steer sharply to get out of danger. Instead, steer slowly and gradually *into* the skid. If you are hydroplaning, steer in a straight line. It's far better to skid, even if you go off the road, than to overcorrect and flip your car.

Accelerating. Never "floor" your gas pedal in winter driving conditions. Always speed up gradually in order to keep your car in contact with the pavement. Slow down carefully, too.

Safe Winter Driving - The Bottom Line

If you are traveling during the winter, driving may not always be your best option. You may know what to do, but you may end up on a road during a blizzard with drivers who have no idea how to drive in snow. Follow the recommendations of local authorities during ice and snow events. When in doubt, stay home. Spending an extra day in your living room or hotel is far preferable to risking your life in a winter storm.



Green fitness routine: Smart Winter Walking

What, you might well ask, is a green fitness routine? Quite simply, green fitness is a way to improve your personal health while minimizing your use of resources. Driving five miles to the gym to walk on an electric treadmill for an hour uses fossil fuels, contributes to pollution, and also costs a fair amount in terms of your financial resources. A greener, cheaper way to get fit (and just as effective according to the experts) is to take an hour's walk right outside your front door. If you think walking stops when cold weather sets in, think again! Here's what you need to walk smart all winter long - whether you're walking in your neighborhood or around town on errands.

Smart clothes for your body

Walking experts have 3 main recommendations for comfort in colder weather. (1) **Dress in layers** (several thin layers are better than bulky layers). You will warm up as you move and may want to shed layers to minimize sweating (which makes you cold and uncomfortable). (2) **Wear a hat** (soft and warm rather than itchy or scratchy). Without a hat, heat is lost off your head and you'll cool more quickly. (3) **Wear gloves - or mittens**, which usually keep your hands warmer.

Smart shoes and stuff for your feet

For both comfort and safety, choices in footwear are critically important. **Sturdy boots or walking shoes with thick soles and deep treads are essential.** Make sure that your footwear is the right size to fit cold weather socks. Start with a pair of thick wool or synthetic socks; add thin, inner socks when it is really cold. If your winter walks are frequently icy or snowy, get a pair of slip-on grips or 'ice-trax' (many types are available online and in outdoor stores for under \$20).

Smart companions for fun and safety

It's always nice to have a walking companion; family, friends, and dogs are all wonderful. (Think of a dog as a treadmill with fur - walking is essential for their health and yours!) Walking with a family member or friend provides bonding time and lively conversations make the miles seem shorter in any season. **In winter, a companion also provides an added measure of safety in the event that you slip or fall** (much less likely with the proper footwear described above).

Smart accessories for everyone

Visibility is a concern for winter walkers and people who need to see them. Drivers may have difficulty seeing you due to shorter daylight, blowing snow, or glare on sunny days. **Fortunately, you and your pet can walk safely with LED lights and/or reflective clothing.** For under \$15, you can purchase different types of bright LED lights and reflective vests, hats, gloves, and belts, as well as dog leashes and collars. On days with lots of glare, sunglasses are also important for walkers.

Smart choices for your route

Finding a safe walking route is critical in any season of the year. However, routes that are perfect in spring, summer, and fall may not work in winter due to snow, ice, sleet, or rain. **Look for trails that drain well or are maintained for winter use.** If you live in a snowy part of the country, learn which sidewalks and parking areas are usually the first to be cleared after a storm. If conditions are bad, make the smartest choice of all; stay home until it is safe to get bundled up and go out.

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SNOW REMOVAL Below you will find the City of Shelby sidewalk snow removal ordinance. To date, we have experienced several slips and falls due to ice and snow accumulations on sidewalks throughout the city. We notice that only approximately 30% of the sidewalks in our community are being shoveled in compliance with our ordinance. Most of the slips and falls have been senior citizens and some of the injuries have been extensive.

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 sidewalk before it exercises its rights under 9-4-2, SMC.



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