



City of Shelby

January 2017 Newsletter

Dear Shelby Residents,

Wow, 2016 is gone! It was quite a year for the City of Shelby. We hope 2016 was good for you. We now have four new council members. We would like to thank our newest, Gary McDermott and Brian Lee for stepping up to serve this great community. We look forward to their input on the council. The city crew has all sanders and snow plows ready but please be careful as you travel on our streets. Our wide temperature variations can quickly turn our streets into ice so always be aware of our street conditions. We now have an ordinance that requires cats to be licensed so please be aware of that. The City Council is busy reviewing the storm drainage and 4th cell projects and we look forward to the resolution of these needed projects. We wish you a Happy New Year and hope 2017 will be a great year for you and the City of Shelby. As always please contact us with any thoughts or issues you may have concerning the City of Shelby.

Sincerely,

Larry J. Bonderud

Larry J. Bonderud, Mayor

Special points of interest:

- Snow Removal
- Winter Driving Tips
- TBID
- Post It On Facebook
- Combined Fund Drive

DOG & CAT LICENSES

Please purchase 2017 dog and cat licenses the month of January at City Hall

proof of current rabies vaccination is required at time of purchase

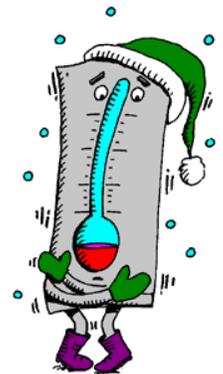
Neutered or Spayed - \$10

Not Neutered or Spayed - \$20



ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS - Winter is 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**.



SNOW REMOVAL >>>



Below you will find the City of Shelby sidewalk snow removal ordinance. To date, we have experienced several slip and falls due to ice and snow accumulations on sidewalks throughout the city. We note that only approximately 30% of the sidewalks in our community are being shoveled in compliance with our ordinance. Most of the slip 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.

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.

- Shelby Tourism Business Improvement District -

The 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.

This past summer, members gifted the Shelby Merchants Association \$1,000 for the beautiful flowers that grace our Main Street and Central Avenue business district. They also provided financial support to the operation of the Chamber office and staffing costs at the Visitor Information Center. The TBID generously supported the Shelby Splash Park fundraiser as well as numerous workshops, sports camps, and advertising campaigns. Most recently, they sponsored the 1st Annual Coyote Classic basketball tournament.

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 shbccdc@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!

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 **POST IT ON FACEBOOK!** The Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Shelby Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) has created a Facebook campaign for Shelby and the surrounding area. We would love to post your pictures or videos given our monthly themes. The January theme is **Cheers to another year. What's your resolution?** The February theme is **Where is your heart at?**

The Shelby Chamber and TBID will only post positive images and has the right to turn down any submission that is deemed inappropriate or unacceptable. Please send your pictures and videos to Lorette Carter, Community Development Office at shbccdc@3rivers.net or Marsha McCubbins at marshamccubbins@gmail.com.

Let's share all the great people, places and things Shelby has to offer!

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~ Together We Can Make a Difference ~

Please help us reach our goal by supporting 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 shbccdc@3rivers.net or send your donation to Box 378, Shelby, MT 59474.

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!*



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