



# City of Shelby

January 2018 Newsletter

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## Dear Shelby Residents,

Happy New Year! 2018 is shaping up to be a busy year for the City of Shelby. The storm water project will be moving ahead full speed, 4<sup>th</sup> cell project is scheduled to bid in February, work will begin on the FRA railroad grant to provide security fencing, improvements at Galena Street and Highway 2 crossings and of course, the quiet zone at both crossings, and work will commence on the water project Shelby East. The city crew recently completed work on the picnic area in the splash park and the City is submitting a grant application to help pay for ADA approved playground equipment that will be located in the splash park. We are also working on one other grant application that will provide equipment for year round maintenance of the walking trail and add a picnic area located near the archery range. The city employees wish you a Happy New Year and we look forward to serving you in 2018!



## 2018 DOG & CAT LICENSES



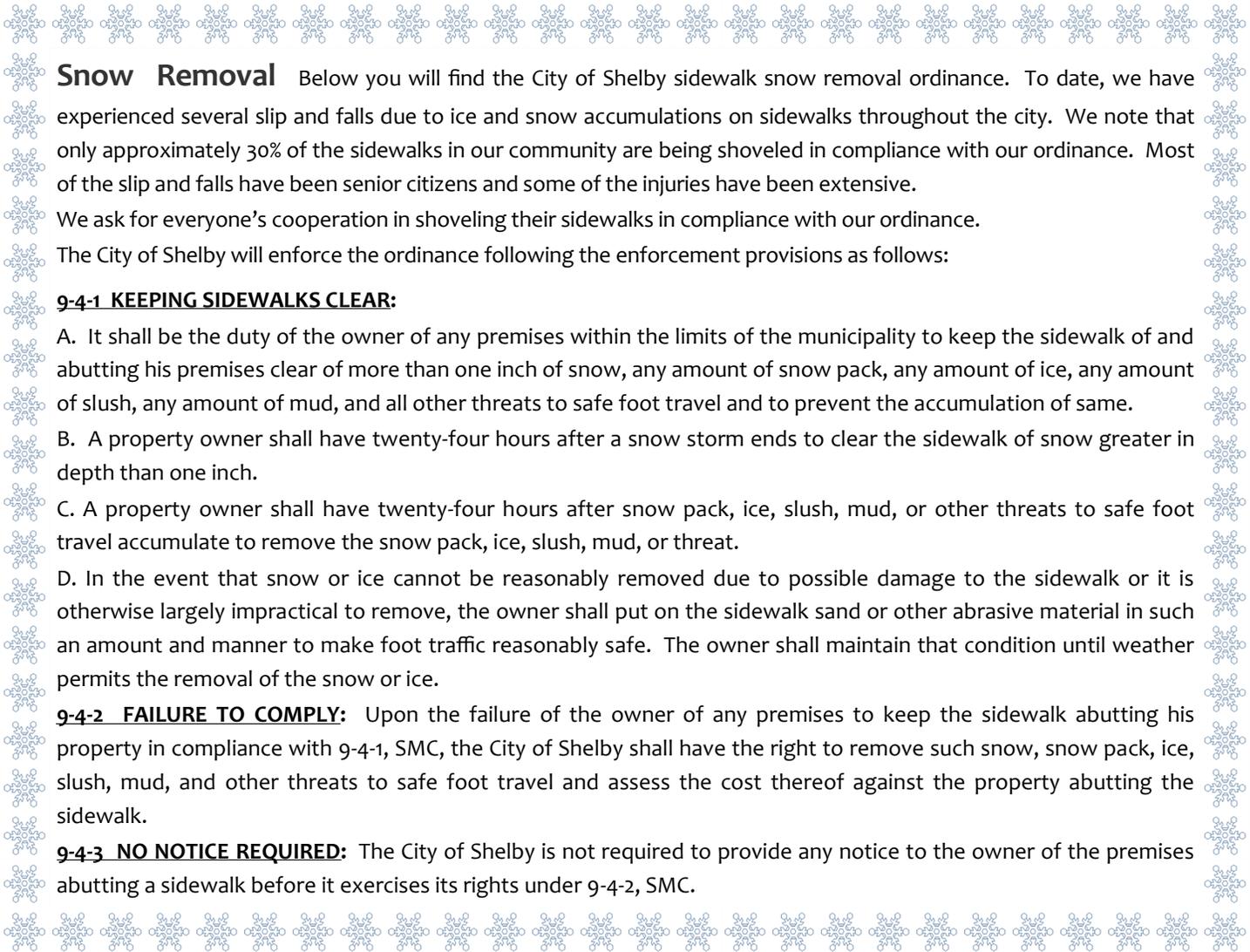
Please purchase 2018 dog and cat licenses the month of January at City Hall

- 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.

## **Looking to 2018 ~ Champions Park**

It was a busy year at Champions Park with grass seeded, trees planted and new benches installed. The City of Shelby was very fortunate to receive grant funding through the Montana Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division for trees planted in the park in recognition as Montana’s Tree City of the year.

Private donations held in reserve allowed the Champions Park Committee to purchase 6 benches which surround the core of the park. Generous benefactors included the family of one of Shelby most historic figures, Tommy Gibbons; the family of Mose Zimmerman, a 1923 Shelby businessmen and fight promoter; the Dick Irvin family; the Dick & Pat Seubert family; the Jack & Joan Miller family; and the Rae & Ann Kalbfleisch family.



The next project planned for the park is additional interpretive signs highlighting the coming of the railroad, homesteading on the HiLine, the oil and gas industry and the infamous fight through grant funding from the National Arts Council and HiLine Arts Trail program.

The Champions Park Committee has reviewed the original design for the park in an effort to complete development given current financial constraints and limitations. The Committee has chosen to forgo the Heritage Wall and incorporate the purchased heritage stones into the softscape creating heritage gardens highlighting those who have given generously to park development.

Fundraising efforts are now directed toward the sale of donor bricks and tiles to complete inner areas of the walkways. Donor bricks range in price from \$100 to \$200 and tiles range from \$500 to \$1,000. If you would like to purchase a brick or tile, please contact Barbie Alvestad at First State Bank (434-5567) or Lorette Carter at the Office of Community Development (424-8799).

The Champions Park Committee hopes you will consider a contribution to Champions Park. Generous individuals, groups and businesses can truly bringing Champions Park to life.

## SHELBY TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ~ JANUARY 2018

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, Glacier Motel & RV Park, Motel 6, O'Haire Manor, Sherlock Motel Inc. and Totem Motel are strong supporters of Shelby.

This past year, members gifted the City of Shelby funds to replace the lights in our Christmas decorations that shine brightly on our Main Street and in our 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Coyote Classic, Marias Valley Golf Course, Shelby Dead Run and HiLine Half Marathon. They also promoted Shelby, hosting a tourism training workshop and numerous advertising campaigns highlighting our community. This winter they will support the Next Generation Conference and Marias Valley Archery Winter Shoot.

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](mailto: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!



**IT'S ON FACEBOOK!**

The Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Shelby Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) hopes you follow the Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page. The page serves to promote Shelby, its businesses, organizations and best assets.

Most recently, the *IT'S HOME* campaign encouraged all of us to support and sustain our area retailers and service professionals. It featured area business professionals and the tremendous value our local businesses are to our community. Business owners are parents in Home & School; Shelby Booster Club members; board trustees of our schools, churches and civic groups; volunteers at our care facilities, pet shelter and schools; and most important our neighbors and friends. Our businesses hold our community together. *IT'S HOME* truly means supporting our home, Shelby!

Also on the Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce page is *The Pet of the Week* featuring loving animals looking for forever homes at the Prairie Oasis Animal Shelter.

The page also features area lodging establishments, restaurants and community amenities as part of Trip Advisor to reach a larger traveling population.

This month the page will feature profiles of new Chamber board members, the organizations of the Toole County Combined Fund Drive and winter activities in and around our community.

We would love to post your pictures or videos that highlight all the great people, businesses and things Shelby has to offer! Please send your pictures and videos to Lorette Carter, Community Development Office at [shbcdc@3rivers.net](mailto:shbcdc@3rivers.net)

Let's share how great Shelby is!

**Small conversations can make a BIG IMPACT.....** As we begin a new year, let's also begin a serious conversation with our teens about topics such as underage drinking. Some parents might think that battling underage drinking is a futile effort, but studies show that *parents who adopt a zero tolerance for underage drinking were the top reason that teens don't drink.*

Opportunities for underage drinking rise dramatically when students are not in school or structured activities. Underage drinking is a leading contributor to death from injuries, which are the main cause of death for people under age 21.

To help keep your kids safe and prevent alcohol and drug-related tragedies, here's some advice for parents:

- Talk to your teen ahead of time and prior to any school functions or teen gatherings and be clear in your expectations that they are prohibited from drinking and using illegal substances.
- Be a model for conscientious behavior. Your children look to you as a model for their behavior.
- If your child is going to a party at a friend's house, phone ahead and make sure there will not be any alcohol beverages available.

Short, frequent discussions can have a real impact on your child's decisions about alcohol. Lots of little talks are more effective than one "big talk."

Sitting down for the "big talk" about alcohol can be intimidating for both you and your child. Try using everyday opportunities to talk— in the car, during dinner, running errands or shopping, or while you and your child are watching TV. Having lots of little talks takes the pressure off trying to get all of the information out in one lengthy discussion, and your child will be less likely to tune you out.

Remember that the conversation goes both ways. Although talking to your child about your thoughts about alcohol is essential, it's also important to hear their point of view. Give your child the opportunity to ask you questions, and listen to what they have to say. Children who have parents who listen to their feelings and concerns are more likely to say "no" to alcohol.

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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-three 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 ~ Carousel Rest Area of Shelby ~ Alzheimer's Association ~ Toole County Garden Club.***

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-three 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](mailto:carolrae@3rivers.net), Crissy Bauman at [crissybauman@yahoo.com](mailto:crissybauman@yahoo.com) or Lorette Carter at [shbccdc@3rivers.net](mailto: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!**



## 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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# Civic Center

## Winter Classes

669 Park Ave • 434-5114

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
9:00 am		30 Minute Abs		30 Minute Abs
12:00 pm	Weight Room Legs	Weight Room Arms	Spinning	Kickboxing Stations
4:00 pm	Toning Stations Legs	Toning Stations Arms	Spinning	Kickboxing Stations
5:00 pm	Toning Stations Legs	Toning Stations Arms	Spinning	Kickboxing Stations
7:00 pm	Yoga (Racquetball Room 1)			



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