



# City of Shelby

## January 2021 Newsletter

### Dear Shelby Residents,

Happy New Year from the City of Shelby!

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season spending time with family and friends and 2021 will be happy and healthy!

Here we are starting a new year and with that, a great time to focus on physical activity and encourage healthy changes in our lives. We are so fortunate to have wonderful facilities like the Shelby Civic Center in which to exercise and recreate. Included in this newsletter is information on Civic Center hours, classes and other offerings. If you have ideas or input on how to further improve the facility, please let us know. We want to make the facility accessible and fun for all!

In this issue, you will also find information on important assistance programs available in the community, the Annual Toole County Combined Fund Drive, Cell Phone Ordinance No. 840 and so much more.

We thank you for your patience during all the projects that were completed in 2020. We are working hard to provide safe, efficient infrastructure, accessible facilities and a community in which we are all proud to live, work and raise our families. Here's to a great 2021!

#### Special points of Interest:

- Snow Removal
- Handheld Devices
- Keep A Lid On It
- Fund Drive
- Civic Center
- Sober Life Hi-Line

## 2021 DOG & CAT LICENSES

Please purchase your 2021 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



### ATTENTION

**HOMEOWNERS: WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE ALL HOMEOWNERS TO CHECK WITH THEIR INSURANCE AGENTS ON COVERAGE FOR SERVICE LINE ISSUES. THE COST TO REPAIR A COLLAPSED SEWER LINE OR LEAKING WATER LINE ON A HOMEOWNER'S PROPERTY IS VERY EXPENSIVE. A LITTLE EXTRA COVERAGE IS A GOOD INVESTMENT.**

## 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.

**ORDINANCE 840 ~ AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF HANDHELD DEVICES WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHIN THE CITY OF SHELBY**

The people of Shelby supported the efforts of the Shelby/Toole County Transportation Safety Committee to enact Ordinance 840 ~ an ordinance to prohibit drivers of motor vehicles from using cell phones, two-way radios and other electronic communication devices except under the following circumstances: Drivers using a hands-free device, drivers making an emergency call to 911, law enforcement and other first responders responding to calls for service when two-way radios are not practical, while parked, and drivers using a two-way radio for work related purposes.



This is a primary stop ordinance meaning that law enforcement will have the authority to stop and issue a citation to a driver violating this ordinance without having another reason to make the stop. The penalties for violations of this ordinance are a fine of \$50 for the first offense, \$100 for the second offense, and \$200 to \$500 for third and subsequent offenses. A conviction under this ordinance cannot be reported to the Department of Motor Vehicles

for purposes of driver's license conviction points.

The Shelby/Toole County Transportation Safety Committee is very grateful to the community for supporting their efforts to make our community safer for all who drive, walk and ride their bikes. They ask you abide by the ordinance with EYES UP and PHONES DOWN!

**KEEP A LID ON IT!** The City Public Works Department wants to remind everyone to please close the lids on city dumpsters and roll-outs. Leaving them flapping in the wind breaks the lids and sends garbage flying throughout our neighborhoods and along city streets. Costs of replacing the lids and dumpsters is very expensive to our community.

If you have large items that don't allow the dumpster lids to close, please haul it to the Landfill or contact the City Shop for assistance at 434-5564. At the same time, anything left by the dumpster cannot be picked up by the garbage truck and dirty our alleyways and streets. Please be considerate of your neighbors and haul items to the Landfill or contact the City Shop for assistance at 434-5564.



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## WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

There is still time to make your commitment to the Toole County Combined Fund Drive. Each year, community volunteers give of their time and energy to organize a one-time community-wide fundraising campaign. These very deserving organizations from throughout Toole County are represented in the campaign. They include the following:

*Shelby Swim Team ~ Sunburst Swim Team ~ Hi-Line Help for Abused Spouses ~ North Toole County Youth Program ~ Sagebrush Food Pantry ~ Toole County Crimestoppers ~ Toole County Friends of the Library ~ Recycle Shelby ~ Prairie Oasis Animal Shelter ~ Center for Mental Health ~ The Carousel Rest Area of Shelby ~ Toole County Garden Club ~ Alzheimer's Association ~ American Cancer Society and Toole County Performing Arts & Entertainment.*

Last year the Toole County Combined Fund Drive only raised \$12,867.00 that was divided between these organizations. These funds are vital for sports programs, recycling efforts, costs of the Carousel, pet food and supplies for the animal shelter, assistance to those affected by abuse and crime, community organizations and national organizations that research and fight devastating illness that affect all of us. By combining these public appeals into one campaign, it makes for the best use of resources, time and energy and provides a simple method for all of us to give to so many worthwhile organizations.

Your generous support sustains and grows these vital community organizations. If you need a Fund Drive donation form, please contact Lorette Carter at (406) 434-5222 or email [shbcdc@3rivers.net](mailto:shbcdc@3rivers.net).

We hope you will thoughtfully consider your contribution and give generously to all or individual organizations within the campaign as....**Together we can make a difference!**

## Civic Center

The City of Shelby is so excited about the changes happening at the Civic Center recreation facility. The facility offers two racquetball/wallyball courts; cardio rooms; weight room; teen center; toddler room; and indoor archery range. The community facility is also home to blood drives and banquets ~ special gatherings and the Sagebrush Food Pantry. Classes offered include Tai Chi by Barbara Standley-Schiffner on Monday's and Wednesdays at 10am-11am; High Fitness Aerobics by Brooke and Ariel Weishaar on Monday's @ 8:30am, Thursday's @ 7pm and every other Saturday's @ 8:30am.

Roller skating is offered on Monday's and Thursday's from 4:30pm-5:30pm and Saturday's from 2pm-4pm!! The Civic Center offers monthly passes which for a child is \$30.00/month; student (9-17) is \$35.00/month; adult is \$40.00/month; and family is \$45.00/month. If your employer participates in the Business Recreation Program, your monthly rate is half price. Walking passes are only \$30.00/year to walk in the gym. We also have key fobs available for 24hr access that is a onetime fee of \$20.00.

In addition to monthly Civic Center passes, the Civic Center has initiated the Class Pass. If you'd like to just take a class once or twice a week you can purchase a 5 or 10 class pass. The cost is \$20.00 for the 5 class pass and \$40.00 for the 10 class pass. There is no expiration, so use the class pass when you're able to make a class!

The Civic Center office is opened from 10am-6pm Monday through Thursdays, 10am-5pm on Fridays. The Shelby Civic Center would like to welcome back Michelle White that will be working Saturdays until the end of April. You can find her around the facility or in the office from 1pm-6pm. We are looking at getting Wallyball leagues started on Sundays. If you are interested please let Jessi know at the office and she can direct you to more information. If you might be looking to have a birthday party, we offering Roller skating parties and also private movie parties. Movie parties will only be held on Saturday's at certain hours. For more info please contact the office during office hours.



The Sober Life Hi-Line Group was established in September 2020 for folks in recovery through Toole County Alliance for Youth, for Toole, Glacier, and Pondera Counties. Our theory of change is Connection, it is the most human need to feel connected to others and addiction destroys connections. When people want to get sober, they often have alienated friends and family, have no job and no money, and are packing around loads of guilt and shame from the things they did in their addiction.

The Sober Life Hi-Line Group prevents people from having to make this choice, by providing a healthy outlet where people in recovery can build lasting friendships in a safe, welcoming and drug, alcohol, and judgement free environment.

We review people in recovery as underinvested in assets. By organizing volunteer opportunities, The Sober Life serves as a catalyst for unleashing the latent potential of people in recovery and gives them a sense of mission and purpose, while simultaneously reducing the stigma around addiction, by showing the public that people in recovery are contributing members of our community.

Partners for the Sober Life Group are Toole County Sheriff's Office, First Baptist Church, Marias Healthcare, Toole County Health Department and 3Rivers Cooperative. The group has put on volunteer projects at the Sagebrush Food Pantry, have made homemade Christmas Cards for the Military in partnership with the Smile Shop, and will have a family friendly Christmas Cookie Decorating Project.

The Sober Life Hi-Line Group is open to anyone who is serious about their recovery and is free to participants. It is family friendly and we will be offering a variety of activities for our group. The group encompasses the counties of Toole, Glacier, and Pondera. Toole County Alliance for Youth worked together with our District Court and partners to make this group available for folks in recovery. We would like to thank Alliance for Youth and Thomas Rasburg, Director of Sober Life Great Falls, for their assistance in developing and facilitating the Sober Life Hi-Line Group. For further information call Mary Miller @564-0294, or Tuana Anderson @460-0625.



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