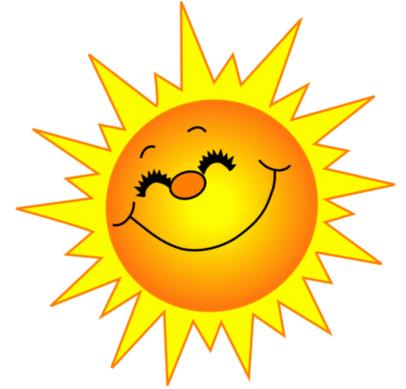


# City of Shelby

June 2018 Newsletter



## Dear Shelby Residents,

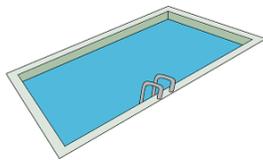
This summer will be a very busy time in Shelby! Two major construction projects will impact the residents of Shelby, the storm drain installation and the wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) expansion. The WWTF is expected to begin the first full week of June and will primarily impact the industrial areas south of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and east of Packing Plant Road. Residents should expect to see heavy equipment moving materials in those areas but impacts to traffic should be minimal. The storm drain project start date is tentatively anticipated in late June or early July. Work will be occurring along US Highway 2, Front Street and through the industrial park. Lane closures and temporary detours should be expected as heavy equipment will be working across and immediately adjacent to US-2 and Front Street. Several street paving projects are planned for Shelby streets beginning in the last week of June. Street paving will include portions of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Main Street and several blocks within this area of south Shelby. Paving will also include portions along Oilfield Avenue, Silver Bow Street, Dawson Street, Blaine Street & 5<sup>th</sup> Street on the north side of Shelby. Please follow traffic rules in these work zones. Street closures and temporary detours should be expected. Please be patient as our contractors and city crew are working very hard to improve our streets for all of us! As always, please contact any city department with questions or concerns you may have. Happy summer!

### Special points of interest:

- Sewer Rate Increase
- ACH/E-mail Bill Option
- Thank You!
- Flower Planters
- Protect our Trees
- Pool & Splash Park
- Summer Rec Schedule
- Distracted Driving

### RECREATION PASS FUND

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 424-5222 or send your donation to the City of Shelby Recreation Pass Fund ~ 112 1<sup>st</sup> St. South. Let's make sure every child has the opportunity to enjoy a summer of fun & exercise at our Shelby Swimming Pool.



### MOW NOTICE

The City of Shelby weed ordinance requires that all vegetation on property be kept below six inches. If vegetation is in excess of this you are in violation of the ordinance. The ordinance is on the City of Shelby website ([www.shelbymt.com](http://www.shelbymt.com)). Unsightly weeds and vegetation are a continued problem in our community and the City Council wishes to eliminate the annual problem. Trees, hedges and bushes at intersections must be no higher than 2 1/2 feet within 30 feet of the street corner. The City of Shelby weed ordinance provides for crews to mow weeds on your property if you fail to comply with the weed ordinance without any notice.

### 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. A moving/zoning permit is required for the placement of mobile homes, modular buildings 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, 434-5564).

## Year 2 of 3 - Sewer Rate Increase

Per Council action June 2017 sewer rates will be increasing effective with the July 2018 billing.



Size of Water Service Line (in inches)	Minimum Monthly Charges
¾ inch or 5/8 inch	\$ 26.65
1 inch	\$ 32.40
1 ¼ inch	\$ 32.40
1 ½ inch	\$ 38.15
2 inch	\$ 49.65
3 inch	\$ 66.90
4 inch	\$ 84.15

The usage rate per 1,000 gallons will increase from \$4.50 to \$5.75 per 1,000 gallons. The flat rate sewer charge of \$20.90 per month will remain the same.

### ACH/E-MAIL BILL AUTHORIZATION FORM

We would like to remind you that the City of Shelby offers Automated Bank Drafting and the option to have your utility bill e-mailed to you.

**Automated Bank Drafting** - This allows billed amounts to be collected electronically directly from your bank account. This feature is also known as Automated Clearing House (ACH). After each monthly billing the billed amount is transferred directly from your bank to the City's bank account.

**E-Mail Bills** - This feature sends your utility bill to your personal email address each month.

The guidelines for the programs are as follows:

- Bills are sent out by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.
- Any disputes or questions regarding the bill need to be addressed to the City of Shelby by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month or the next available working day.
- On the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month, or the next available working day, and if there is no change in billing status or amount, your bank account will be debited for the amount shown on your bill.
- Any changes will require completion of a new authorization form.
- Any account that does not have the required funds available will be charged a \$25.00 NSF fee, plus any additional bank fees by the City of Shelby.
- You can also sign up for paperless billing by having your utility bill e-mailed to you. Just fill in your e-mail address on the form below. Leave blank if you don't want this option.

To sign up for the automatic debit program, complete the attached form and return it to: City of Shelby • 112 1<sup>st</sup> St S • Shelby, MT 59474

### ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER PAYMENT-AUTHORIZATION FORM

This is my (our) authorization of my (our) bank, named below, to deduct from my (our) account as identified below and pay to the City of Shelby the amount of my monthly utility service bill. This authorization will remain in effect until written notice of cancellation is received either by my (our) bank or by the City of Shelby.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (as it appears on your bank account)

Bank Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Routing No: \_\_\_\_\_ Account No: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (as you sign your checks)      Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (for paperless billing)

You may also attach a blank, voided check so we can verify the necessary routing and account numbers.

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Changed: \_\_\_\_\_

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

# Thank you!

As a Tree City USA for 18 years, the City of Shelby is very grateful for all those who continually volunteer their time; donate to our forestry program with the gift of trees; and ultimately, serve as good stewards of the community. Together we are making great progress in growing our tree population and keeping our community clean and cared for.

Special thanks to the Shelby Junior and Senior High students and staff for their community service. This is the 14<sup>th</sup> year, the City has partnered with students to complete Arbor Day projects within our community. Thank you also to St. William Parish Youth Group; Toole County Garden Club; Shelby Master Gardeners; Toole County Drug Court; Marias Medical Center; Marias Heritage Center; Shelby Swim Team; Shelby Baseball Association; Marla Hasquet; April Seubert; and all the individuals, groups and organizations who continually care for our community and give of their time to clean a park, fence line or roadway within our community.

Projects like these cannot happen without the support of these great individuals and organizations. They are all great examples of community spirit and pride. That's what community is all about!

## Thank you for making our community blossom!

The City of Shelby is very fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers who plant and care for the planters and flower containers that line Roosevelt Highway, Oilfield Avenue, Main Street and Central Avenue. These beautiful flowers and shrubs brighten Shelby roadways and welcome visitors and residents alike. The City would like to thank these individuals and businesses for their commitment to helping Shelby "bloom" each summer.

### Roosevelt Highway

Bear Paw Credit Union  
Crossroads Inn  
Dash Inn  
Glacier Motel  
Marias River Electric  
Pizza Hut  
Taylor's True Value  
Simons Petroleum



### Oilfield Avenue

Brusven Family  
First Baptist Church  
Melody & Ed Flesch  
Toole County Garden Club  
JB & Sara Chandler of Ten Pin Alley  
Rosalie Manley  
Barb Mercer  
Shelby Master Gardens

Special thanks to the Shelby Merchant Association for purchasing flowers; Nicki Anderson of Shelby Floral & Gift for planting; and our city crew—who assist with the planting and watering our beautiful planters that line Main Street and Central Avenue! Thank you also to the Shelby High School National Honor Society for completing spring weeding projects!

We are still in need of additional volunteers to assist with weeding throughout the summer. If you have a few extra hours and a good back, please contact Lorette Carter at 434-5222.

Thank you again for your gift and making Shelby a welcoming community.

## Protect Montana & Shelby Trees, Don't Move the Firewood....

Forest pests cannot travel far on their own, but they can hitchhike great distances in infested firewood. It is often difficult to detect organisms infesting firewood and each pest poses a threat. It might seem harmless to bring firewood home from your travels, but even clean and seasoned firewood can contain harmful invasive pests. You can prevent the introduction of an invasive pest by buying local firewood or gathering wood on site when permitted.

Emerald Ash Borer is a classic example of an invasive insect that travels via firewood. It was initially found in Michigan in 2002. Since then, this ash-killing pest has spread and wiped out hundreds of thousands of square miles of ash trees throughout the Midwestern and Atlantic states. Shelby has hundreds of Green Ash trees which can become infected by this invasive insect! Much of the transport is attributed to people moving firewood from the infested area. Emerald Ash Borer is just one of the many tree killing insects and diseases that can be transported in firewood. There are more than 450 non-native forest insects and diseases that exist in America's forests. One of the best ways to keep them out of Montana's forests and our backyards is to always use firewood from where it was cut.



So what can the average person do to protect trees? Purchase wood from your destination campground or gather local wood. Share this message with other outdoor recreationalists: hunters, campers, boaters, etc. If someone has brought firewood with them from out of state, encourage them to burn it all, not to leave any behind, and not to move any leftovers. You can find more information at [www.dontmovefirewood.org](http://www.dontmovefirewood.org).

## What's happening at the Shelby Swimming Pool & Splash Park?

Summer is here and exciting improvements have been made to the Shelby Swimming Pool and Splash Park. If you haven't stopped by, the pool house and pool have received a fresh coat of paint. Out in the Splash Park you will find a beautiful shade pergola picnic area built by city personnel and individual picnic areas around the splash pad to enjoy a picnic, host a party or just relax and enjoy the sunshine.

More improvements will also be made in the coming weeks! Through the generous support of the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks ~ Accessible Playground Grant Program, the City was awarded funding to purchase and install a new ADA accessible play structure in the Splash Park. The play structure will allow children of all abilities the chance to climb, play and have FUN!

Also this summer, new windows will be installed on the east side of the pool and new ADA accessible door to the bathhouse, further improving energy efficiency and pool accessibility.

We hope all of Shelby's children and families will utilize our pool facility and enjoy a fun and safe summer!

# SWIMPOOL • CIVIC CENTER

MONTHLY PASS PRICE \*prices are prorated by the day so check for daily cost.

	Child (3-8)	Student (9-17)	Adult (18 & over)	Family
Civic Center or Pool	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$45.00
Civic Center & Pool	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$60.00
Walking Pass	\$30.00 per year			

## Civic Center Summer Hours

**Monday - Thursday 9 am to 6 pm**

**669 Park Ave • 434-5114**

**Weight Room • Gym • Teen Center**

**2 Cardio Rooms • 2 Racquetball Courts**

**Monthly Passes Available or \$4 per Use Fee**

## Pool Summer Hours

**121 12th Ave N • 434-5311**

**Call to schedule a PARTY and for info on swim lessons!**

HOURS	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AM 6:00-7:00		CLOSED (cleaning)	Lap Swimming/ Aerobics	Lap Swimming/ Aerobics	Lap Swimming/ Aerobics	Lap Swimming/ Aerobics	
7:30-10:30		CLOSED (cleaning)	CLOSED Swim Team	CLOSED Swim Team	CLOSED Swim Team	CLOSED Swim Team	
10:30-12:00		CLOSED (cleaning)	Swim Lessons	Swim Lessons	Swim Lessons	Swim Lessons	
PM 12:00-1:00	Open Swim	CLOSED Swim Team	CLOSED Swim Team	CLOSED Swim Team	CLOSED Swim Team	CLOSED Swim Team	Open Swim
1:00-8:00	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim



**SPLASH PARK HOURS: Open Everyday • 8 am - 8 pm**

# Distracted Driving • Issue in Shelby?

*“Do you think use of cell phones and other electronic devices should be prohibited while driving?”*

Through a collaborative effort among city and county officials; law enforcement; judicial offices; School District #14; Marias Medical Center; the Montana Department of Transportation; local organizations and businesses – the Shelby/Toole County Community Transportation Safety Committee was formed in 2011. The committee focuses on two primary safety strategies to effectively reduce the number of accidents and injuries sustained each year. The two primary strategies are **Inattentive Driving and Impaired Driving**.

The first priority under the Inattentive (Distracted) Driving strategy is consideration of an ordinance on the use of electronic communication devices while operating a motor vehicle within our city. A sample of an ordinance is included for your review. The City of Shelby and Transportation Committee would like to hear from you. This is an informal poll, but critical to the decision process.

**1. Are you in favor of an ordinance on the use of electronic communication devices while operating a motor vehicle in Shelby?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**2. If no, why not?**

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*(Please drop off your opinion at Shelby City Hall; call Lorette Carter at 434-5222 or e-mail her at [shbcdc@3rivers.net](mailto:shbcdc@3rivers.net) with your thoughts.)*

Distracted driving is the number one killer of American teens. The number of teenage fatalities is increasing because distracted driving is on the rise. Many Montana communities ~ large and small have enacted an ordinance on the use of hand-held devices while driving, taking the lead in addressing this critical safety issue. **Please let us know how you feel on this very important safety issue!**

## **SAMPLE - Electronic Communications Devices Ordinance**

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHELBY, PROVIDING THAT THE SHELBY, MONTANA CITY CODE BE AMENDED BY ADDING A NEW DIVISION TO ARTICLE 24-300 OPERATION OF VEHICLES, TITLED “DIVISION 5. USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE”, AND ADDING NEW SECTIONS TO BENUMBERED 24-360, 24-361.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHELBY MONTANA:

Section 1. That the Shelby, Montana City Code be amended by adding a new division to Article 24-300 OPERATION OF VEHICLES, titled “DIVISION 5. USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE”, and by adding new sections to be numbered 24-360 and 24-361.

Article 24-300 OPERATION OF VEHICLES

DIVISION 5. USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE

Sec. 24-360. Electronic Communications Device Usage While Driving Prohibited

(a) No person shall use or have in their immediate physical possession a hand held electronic communications device while operating a motor vehicle, motorcycle, quadricycle, or a bicycle on a public highway within the city limits of Shelby.

(b) “Hand held electronic communications device” includes wireless or cellular phones, PDAs, Blackberries, smart phones, laptop and notebook computers utilizing VOIP (voice over internet protocol) technology, wireless and cellular phones utilizing push-to-talk technology, GPS systems, navigational systems, and any other mobile communication device that uses short-wave analog or digital radio transmissions between the device and a transmitter to permit wireless communications to and from the user of the device.

(c) “Immediate physical possession” means touching the hand held electronic communications device, or physically holding the device in one’s hand or up to one’s ear. Simply having the electronic communications device on one’s person or in a motor vehicle does not constitute immediate physical possession.

(d) Exceptions.

(1) This provision shall not apply to any person reporting a health, fire, safety, or police emergency.

(2) This provision shall not apply to governmental fire agencies, ambulance services, law enforcement agencies, emergency responders, or any other “Authorized Emergency Vehicle” as defined in Montana Code Annotated Sec. 61-8-102(2)(a).

(3) This provision shall not apply to passengers in a motor vehicle, or persons using a hand held electronic communications device while maintaining a motor vehicle in a stationary position, not in gear, while in a parking lane or space out of moving traffic lanes.

(4) This provision shall not apply to persons using a “hands free device”. A “hands free device” is an external device that connects to a wireless telephone, wireless communications device or electronic communications device that allows use of the device without touching the telephone or wireless or electronic communications device with one’s hands, and includes voice activated technologies that can be utilized without touching the device. Use of a hands free device is permitted while operating a motor vehicle provided the driver does not touch the wireless telephone or wireless or electronic communications device with one’s hands while operating a motor vehicle.

(5) This provision shall not apply to drivers using two way radios while in the performance and scope of their work-related duties.

(6) This provision shall not apply to drivers holding a valid amateur radio operator license issued by the Federal Communications Commission while using a two way radio.

Sec. 24-361. Penalty.

Persons found to have committed a violation of this division shall be subject to civil penalties as specified in Section 18-1304.

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective -----

Section 3. REPEALER. All resolutions, ordinances, and sections of the City Code inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this ordinance which may be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.



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