



# City of Shelby

## March 2024 Newsletter

### DEAR SHELBY RESIDENT,

#### Special points of interest:

- Arbor Day
- Tree Populations
- Walk N Wheel
- Toole County Combined Fund Drive



Citations are now being issued for all delinquent dog & cat licenses. They were delinquent as of January 31st.



### SPRING CLEAN UP APRIL 15TH - 26TH

Please call the City Shop at 434-5564 the week of April 15<sup>th</sup> through April 18<sup>th</sup> to have landfill items placed on the pick-up list. All items will be picked up the week of April 22<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>. Items not eligible for pick up are tires, refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners. They can be disposed of at the landfill, but please call the City Shop for associated costs and freon removal information. Any items to be picked up should be placed in the alley or an agreed location with city staff.

With spring around the corner, the city kicks off our Annual Spring Clean Up. This year you can call City Shop at (406) 434-5564 the week of April 15<sup>th</sup> to have your items placed on the pick-up list. Items such as furniture, tree branches, lumber, etc. are accepted. The city cannot pick up appliances that have Freon unless the Freon has been professionally removed. Tires and batteries cannot be picked up as well. Please call the City Shop for details on how these items can be properly disposed of. All acceptable items will be picked up the week of April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> is Arbor Day in Shelby. Each year organizations, groups, businesses, and individuals give a little of their time to plant a tree or clean a park, street, or public area within the community. If you would like to help, please contact Lorette Carter at (406) 434-5222 or email [lorette@shelbymt.com](mailto:lorette@shelbymt.com). Together we can improve our neighborhoods, parks, and public areas!

The annual Consumer Confidence Report is available on-line. Our water system is tested monthly to ensure quality of drinking water. We thank our city crew for their care and maintenance as we have an outstanding water system providing good, clean water to the people of North Central Montana. As always, you can find city information on the City of Shelby webpage at [www.shelbymt.com](http://www.shelbymt.com) or follow us on Facebook at Shelby Montana. We post a weekly "This Week in Shelby" as well as daily posts related to city activities. Most important, please call City Hall if you have questions or concerns. Our number is (406) 434-5222. Happy Spring!

### - CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT



The annual Consumer Confidence Report will Not Be Mailed out to individual water customers. A copy of the City of Shelby water report can be picked up at City Hall or the City Shop. You can also use the URL below to view the report

<https://www.shelbymt.com/consumer-confidence-report/>

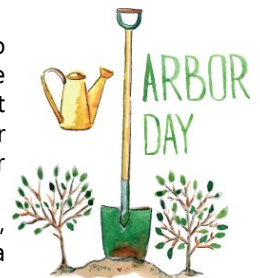
### DUST OFF YOUR RAKES AND SHOVELS...ARBOR DAY 2024!

It's the time of year again when communities throughout the nation dust off their shovels and rakes and participate in Arbor Day activities that improve neighborhoods, brighten city parks, clean roadways and foster care and concern for the communities in which they live.

Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> has been declared as Arbor Day in Shelby. Through care and commitment, the community of Shelby has been named a Tree City USA for 23 years thanks to city employees, local organizations, businesses, students and individuals who each year initiate projects to care for and maintain community parks and public areas through tree planting and clean up.

The City of Shelby encourages groups, businesses, organizations and students to join in this year's Arbor Day celebration. If you'd like to select a city park, fence line, roadway or other area of the community to clean, please call Lorette Carter at 434-5222 or email [lorette@shelbymt.com](mailto:lorette@shelbymt.com). Schedules do not always allow for clean up to take place on that day, but the City would greatly appreciate your participation as your schedule allows.

Trees have made a positive impact in Shelby creating a much more walkable, bikeable, welcoming and inviting community. Help us continue to make Shelby a great place to live, work and raise our families.



## Did you hear the news? Shelby 's very own Lake Shel-oole Dog Park is open!!

Located on the north end of town by the Lake Shel-oole Campground the brand new, fully fenced, dog park is ready for your pups to play! Thanks to the generous donation by the Shelby Tourism Business Improvement District which consists of the Comfort Inn & Suites Shelby, Best Western Shelby Inn & Suites and the OYO Hotel, the area is entirely fenced in for the safety of all. The local Ag classes, lead by Mr. Thad White, have also been busy creating all sorts of fun amenities for the playful enjoyment of your pets. The city has also added benches, a water dispenser and pet stations as well, to make for a positive experience for all. Rules are posted at the park but also listed below so you can know before you go. We hope everyone continues to enjoy this wonderful addition to our community.

### Lake Shel-oole Dog Park—Park Rules

- Dogs must be vaccinated.
- Use the park at your own risk.
- Owners are legally responsible for the behavior of their dog(s) at all times.
- Dog waste must be cleaned up by their owners **IMMEDIATELY**.
- Owners must be within the dog park area and in control of their dog(s) at all times.
- Aggressive dogs must be removed immediately.
- Dog handlers must be at least 16 years of age.
- **NO** human or pet food/treats in the park.
- No sick, aggressive or dogs in heat.
- No dogs under 4 months old.
- Small children should not be within the dog park.



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## IT'S TIME FOR WALK N' WHEEL WEDNESDAY & FIT FRIDAYS IN SHELBY!

Walk n' Wheel Wednesdays and Fit Fridays are returning to Shelby Elementary School! The Shelby School District #14 Safe Routes to School Program will begin the walking/biking program on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday, April 19<sup>nd</sup>. The Shelby SRTS Task Force has been working for over 16 years to create a fun, educational program encouraging our young people to walk and/or bike to school.

Adults will be stationed at two locations ...the former Shelby Middle School and intersection of Oilfield and Sheridan Avenues leaving the Middle School at 7:35 am and intersection at 7:45 am. Students biking **MUST** wear a helmet. Students who participate are entered into drawings at the end of the school year for prizes including Shelby Coyote apparel and Shelby Swimming Pool passes and every student receives a gift thanks to the Toole County DUI Task Force.



The Shelby School District #14 Task Force encourages parents to join their children while saving a little fuel. The Task Force always welcome parents/grandparents/guardians to join their kids and walk or bike. What better way to spend a few additional minutes with your children enjoying the fresh air and getting a little exercise along the way.

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## Civic Center

Spring is upon us and summer will be next. The Civic Center is here to get you geared up and ready for hiking and camping season. Come join us for all the great classes we have to offer you. In March we have a Spinning Fundraiser Race with Logan Health called Cycle Montana. It will be held at the Shelby Civic Center March 2. Sign ups will be available through [Logan.org/cyclent](http://Logan.org/cyclent). All classes will remain the same but Tai Chi will have two classes during the week that will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday and Friday starting March 6th.

The Civic Center is full of great options for any special occasion coming up! You can rent the facility for birthday parties, get togethers, banquets or even receptions. For gym use we have day, class, walking, monthly and yearly passes available. You can even purchase a key fob to have 24hr access to the facility that will get you in when the office is closed. Just come on in and speak with Jessi in the office and she will be able to get you the best deal that fits you and your family.



## Toole County Combined Fund Drive a Great Success!

The Toole County Combined Fund Drive Committee thanks everyone in Toole County for their generous contributions to the 2023-2024 fund drive. This year, the effort raised nearly \$28,000! These donations will support youth recreation programs in north and south Toole County, food assistance programs, recycling, and the animal shelter. It will help local groups that assist those affected by abuse and crime and national organizations that research and fight devastating illnesses. It will assist very worthwhile organizations that give much to our communities.

The Shelby 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, Toole County Garden Club, Montana Alzheimer's Association, American Cancer Society, Carousel Rest Area of Shelby, Toole County Performing Arts & Entertainment, Girl Scouts of America and Lona's Science/Art & Hobbies thank you for your generosity and hope you will continue to support their efforts. If you would still like to contribute to the Toole County Combined Fund Drive, please send your donation to P.O. Box 378, Shelby, MT 59474. Together we can make a difference. THANK YOU!



## TREE POPULATIONS ARE DECLINING...WHAT CAN WE DO?

Each year of the 1.2 trees planted, one is lost! We are slowly losing our familiar urban greenery and the many benefits trees provide for our enjoyment, health and economic well-being. There are two ways to attack the problem. One is to plant more trees and the other is to prolong the lives of the trees we already have. Here are tips for growing our tree population:

### **PLANT NEW TREES - TO SAVE A TREE:**

- Prepare the site by digging a hole no deeper than the planting ball. To encourage root growth away from the ball, rototill or loosen the soil with a shovel several feet around the planting hole.
- Gently remove wires, nylon cord or plastic from the planting ball. Loosen pot-bound roots and cut any that circle the ball severely.
- Place planting ball in the hole of top of firm soil.
- Plant no deeper than where the root flare (highest main roots) is just below the soil surface – no deeper!
- Backfill with native soil or spread soil amendments throughout the entire planting area.
- Water the soil to settle it instead of packing.
- Water an area beyond the root ball to encourage root spread.
- Stake loosely only if necessary, but no longer than one year.



### **WHEN TREES ARE YOUNG - TO SAVE A TREE:**

- In dry spells, water the entire area within and a little beyond the drip line. Water about once a week, enough to have the soil damp to a depth of 1 to 3 feet.
- Except for transplanting conifers and trees on very windy sites, staking is usually not necessary. If you must stake young trees, allow room for normal sway in the wind. This aids root development and strengthens the trunk. Cover wires with rubber or plastic to protect the bark and remove all wires after one year.
- Keep vines away from your tree. Cut existing vines into sections and carefully peel them from the tree's bark.
- Keep soil pores open with mulching around individual trees or by planting groups of trees in flower/groundcover beds.
- Fertilizing is usually necessary. Seek professional advice and you'll save money – and perhaps your tree.
- Keep grass away from the tree by proper mulching so lawnmower or trimmer damage is less likely.
- Remove no more than ¼ of the live crown of the tree in a single year.

### **TREES OF ANY AGE - TO SAVE A TREE:**

- Maintain the original ground level around the trees.
- Use proper techniques for removing large limbs when they become damaged or must be removed for other reasons.
- Avoid herbicides or weed-killing lawn fertilizers in the root zone, which may be an area with a diameter up to 2 times the height of the tree.
- Plan new building locations and clearly communicate your desire to save existing trees.
- Transplant small trees to empty sites on your property or donate to others.
- Keep construction equipment, wastes or activity away from trees by fencing off the area beneath and around trees.
- Avoid severing roots by trenching around the drip line of the tree or tunneling beneath roots if necessary.



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## CIVIC CENTER

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Monday - Thursday: 10 am - 3:30 pm & 4:30 pm - 6 pm



You can access the facility 24/7 with a monthly pass and key fob. Many businesses, organizations and churches have taken advantage of the business recreation pass which offers their members half price fees to the facility. You can also purchase day passes and class passes during office hours.

Stop by, call, or email for questions or schedules. The staff is always happy to give tours of the facility and welcome all to enjoy the facility.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5:30 PM • CIRCUIT TRAINING	6 AM • HIGH FITNESS	9 AM • CHAIR YOGA	9 AM • SILVER SNEAKERS	6 AM • HIGH FITNESS	1:30 PM • ROLLER SKATING
6 PM • KIDS KARATE	9 AM • SILVER SNEAKERS	12 PM • ZUMBA & YOGA	4:30 PM • ROLLER SKATING	10 AM • TAI CHI	
	4:30 PM • ROLLER SKATING	5:30 PM • CARDIO KICK-BOXING	5:30 PM • AB WORKOUT		
	5:15 PM • YOGA				