



City of Shelby

May 2015 Newsletter

Dear Shelby Residents,

Wow, spring is here! Not too bad of a winter and we hope spring rains come soon. This newsletter highlights the upcoming all class reunion, electronic and e-waste, tree care, the Shelby Community Garden, the business rec pass program, the Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce and our summer swim pool and civic center hours. This is great information so please take the time to enjoy it. The City of Shelby's financial position continues to improve and is being closely monitored. We wish to thank Teri Ruff for her dedicated years of service to the City of Shelby. The City Council Audit Committee is reviewing the many applications and will soon have a recommendation to the City Council. We will soon present 5 year financing plans for our water, sewer, sanitation and storm drainage utilities to the City Council for review. As always please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Larry J. Bonderud
Mayor

Special points of interest:

- Mow Notice
- E-Waste
- SHS Community Service Day
- Arbor Day
- New Tree Planting
- Picking up the Pieces
- Community Garden
- Chamber of Commerce
- Business Rec Pass Program
- Pool & Civic Center Schedule



Irrigation rates
are ON!



Shelby High School All Class Reunion

Plans are shaping up for the SHS All Class Reunion planned for July 10-11-12, 2015. The SHS Reunion Committee have planned 3 days of fun for the entire family. Friday will kick off with an Alumni Golf Scramble at Marias Valley Golf Course or Alumni Bowling at Ten Pin Alley. Friday night homecoming will include music and refreshments at the Shelby Civic Center. Then Saturday, enjoy the Shelby Street Fair which includes a car show ~ art walk ~ games ~ shopping ~ food and FUN! Shelby's very own "The Living Room" will be performing as part of Music on Main Saturday afternoon. That evening a street dance will be held on Main Street and Sunday will conclude the weekend with a farewell in Shelby City Park.

Right now you can stop by Shelby City Hall to see reunion t-shirt and tote bag styles. Barbie Alvestad, Big Sky Creative Vinyl is the official souvenir vendor for the reunion. Items can be purchased on-line by contacting Barbie at barbie@bigskycreativevinyl.com or call her at 406-966-4264.

Please invite all your friends and family. It will be a great weekend in Shelby.

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). 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.

Electronic ~ E-Waste

Through a partnership with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality and Collective Recyclers, the Shelby Recycling Association will once again offer an E-Waste recycling event in June. Please be sure to check the newspaper and/or listen to the radio for the date and times as June approaches.

WHAT IS IT USED FOR?

More than 4.4 million tons of electronic equipment in the U.S. are recycled each year. This includes desktop and laptop computers, monitors, printers, copiers, hard drives, tablets, televisions, cell phones, digital cameras, cords, keyboards, stereos and all other electronic devices.

WHY IT WANTS TO BE RECYCLED.

Recycling electronics prevents valuable material from going into the waste stream. Recycling reduces energy use and pollution that would be created while manufacturing new products and reduces the need to extract limited resources.

HOW TO RECYCLE IT?

There are many options for recycling e-waste. If your cell phone, laptop or other device is still in working condition, you can give it a "second life" by donating it to a school or nonprofit organization. For many handheld services there are mail-in donation programs. Another option is to return your e-waste to the manufacturer or retailer. Many companies refurbish electronic devices for resale. Wait for the annual E-waste event in your community. When recycling any of these ways, be sure to clear your personal data. You can find out how by going on-line; contacting the manufacturer; or using a R2 Solutions certified recycling company.

WHAT DOES RECYCLING ELECTRONICS BECOME?

Electronics contain valuable precious metals such as gold, silver, platinum, palladium, copper, tin and zinc. These are recovered and used in a number of ways including jewelry, plating, new electronics and automotive parts. Plastic components can be used in new electronic devices or other plastic products such as garden furniture.

The Shelby Recycling Association asks you to.... **REDUCE~REUSE~RECYCLE**



Shelby High School Community Service Day ~ May 20, 2015

The City of Shelby is pleased to once again partner with Shelby High School for a Community Service Day. Over 100 Shelby students will take part in the city-school partnership Wednesday, May 20th for cleanup projects throughout the community. Organizers have planned cleanups for City Park, Albertsons Park, Swimming Pool Park, Meadowlark and Middle School grounds, Main Street, Front Street and cleaning along Roosevelt Highway and Oilfield Avenue.

City officials believe this is an incredible opportunity for our young people to take pride in their community and give back to it with this city-wide cleanup project. The city invites all residents, merchants and chamber members to join the students in the community day. Cleanup will begin at 9:00 am at the various locations and conclude at 11:00 am to allow students to return to school for other activities.

The City of Shelby thanks School District #14 and High School officials for encouraging our young people take pride in our community to help make Shelby a great place to live, work and raise our families.

Arbor Day 2015



As a Tree City USA for 15 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 High students and staff for all their hard work. This is the 11th year the City has partnered with the students to complete Arbor Day projects within our community. We feel very fortunate to have their commitment each year in completing these invaluable community projects.

Thank you also to all the businesses, organizations and groups who care for our community and gave of their time to clean a park, fence line or roadway within the community. Projects such as these cannot happen without your assistance. You are all great examples of community spirit and pride. That's what community is all about!

NEW TREE PLANTING

Think of the tree you just purchased as a lifetime investment. How well your tree, and investment, grows depends on the type of tree and location you select for planting, the care you provide when the tree is planted, and follow-up care the tree receives after planting.

Planting the Tree

The ideal time to plant trees and shrubs is during the dormant season, either in the fall after leaf drop or early spring before bud-break. Weather conditions are cool and allow plants to establish roots in the new location before spring rains and summer heat stimulate new top growth. However, trees properly cared for in the nursery or garden center, and given the appropriate care during transport to prevent damage, can be planted throughout the growing season. In tropical and subtropical climates where trees grow year round, any time is a good time to plant a tree, provided that sufficient water is available. In either situation, proper handling during planting is essential to ensure a healthy future for new trees and shrubs. Before you begin planting your tree, be sure you have had all underground utilities located prior to digging.

If the tree you are planting is balled or bare root, it is important to understand that its root system has been reduced by 90 to 95 percent of its original size during transplanting. As a result of the trauma caused by the digging process, trees commonly exhibit what is known as transplant shock. Containerized trees may also experience transplant shock, particularly if they have circling roots that must be cut. Transplant shock is indicated by slow growth and reduced vigor following transplanting. Proper site preparation before and during planting coupled with good follow-up care reduces the amount of time the plant experiences transplant shock and allows the tree to quickly establish in its new location. Carefully follow nine simple steps, and you can significantly reduce the stress placed on the plant at the time of planting.

- 1. Dig a shallow, broad planting hole.** Make the hole wide, as much as three times the diameter of the root ball but only as deep as the root ball. It is important to make the hole wide because the roots on the newly establishing tree must push through surrounding soil in order to establish. On most planting sites in new developments, the existing soils have been compacted and are unsuitable for healthy root growth. Breaking up the soil in a large area around the tree provides the newly emerging roots room to expand into loose soil to hasten establishment.
- 2. Identify the trunk flare.** The trunk flare is where the roots spread at the base of the tree. This point should be partially visible after the tree has been planted. If the trunk flare is not partially visible, you may have to remove some soil from the top of the root ball. Find it so you can determine how deep the hole needs to be for proper planting.
- 3. Remove tree container for containerized trees.** Carefully cutting down the sides of the container may make this easier. Inspect the root ball for circling roots and cut or remove them. Expose the trunk flare, if necessary.
- 4. Place the tree at the proper height.** Before placing the tree in the hole, check to see that the hole has been dug to the proper depth. The majority of the roots on the newly planted tree will develop in the top 12 inches of soil. If the tree is planted too deeply, new roots will have difficulty developing because of a lack of oxygen. It is better to plant the tree a little high, 2 to 3 inches above the base of the trunk flare, than to plant it at or below the original growing level. This planting level will allow for some settling. To avoid damage when setting the tree in the hole, always lift the tree by the root ball and never by the trunk.
- 5. Straighten the tree in the hole.** Before you begin backfilling, have someone view the tree from several directions to confirm that the tree is straight. Once you begin backfilling, it is difficult to reposition the tree.
- 6. Fill the hole gently but firmly.** Fill the hole about one-third full and gently but firmly pack the soil around the base of the root ball. Then, if the root ball is wrapped, cut and remove any fabric, plastic, string, and wire from around the trunk and root ball to facilitate growth (see diagram). Be careful not to damage the trunk or roots in the process.

Picking up the Pieces: *Picking Up the Pieces* is a national movement that encourages individuals to make an effort to pick up 3 pieces of litter each day. Just think...if each of us picked up only 3 pieces of litter as we walk into work; shop in our favorite stores; stroll our neighborhoods; or whatever our favorite outdoor activities are, we would create great changes in our community! Any Place ~ Any Time ~ Any Where...make a difference 3 pieces at a time!



Shelby Community Garden



Do you want to garden but don't have the space? Then the Shelby Community Garden is the solution for you. The community garden is conveniently located near the Aronow Park and the Shelby Schools on Westwood Avenue. The garden plot sizes are 10 X 20 feet and rent for a fee of \$20 for the summer. Water for the garden is supplied by the City of Shelby. Tools and hoses are supplied by the garden. All you need to get started is seeds. If you are interested in a garden plot contact garden secretary/treasurer Sue Smith at 434-7138 after 5 pm.

SHELBY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber After Hours has become the 'Place To Be' on the second Tuesday of each month! It is hosted by a local business and it is **open to the public**. Attendance is rewarded with delicious refreshments, cold beverages, outstanding door prizes and a chance to win the 50/50 drawing. We have booked the event through 2015 as follows: May 12- CCA (at Comfort Inn conference room), June 9- Visitor Information Center, Aug. 11- Shelby RV Park & Resort, Sept. 8- Spa 30 & Boutique, Oct. 13- US Bank, Nov. 10- Best Western Shelby Inn & Suites, Dec. 8- Shelby Comfort Inn. Mark your calendars so you don't miss any of the dates!

The Shelby Visitor Information Center at the corner of Main Street and Montana Avenue will be opening in May to welcome the thousands of visitors who drop in during the summer. Our hours are 9 am to 6 pm, Monday – Friday and 1 to 6 pm on Saturday. Our experienced staff of friendly and knowledgeable travel counselors assists our visitors with motel, restaurant and shopping queries. They answer the question, "What is there to do while we are in Shelby?" Free WiFi is available along with hundreds of brochures featuring Montana attractions! We hand out Montana maps as well a good Montana story or two! Stop by the office if you have any questions about our Chamber, Shelby, or Montana. The Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce and Shelby Tourism Improvement District partner to provide funding for the Shelby VIC.

Shelby will be hosting the Montana Tourism Advisory Council meeting in the conference room at the Shelby Comfort Inn on June 1 & 2. The public is invited to the meetings. TAC members are the movers, shakers and decision makers in the tourism industry in Montana. The Chamber of Commerce and Merchant Association will be providing activities for the 50 or more attendees while they are in Shelby. We are planning a bowling competition at Ten Pin alley and an afterhours scavenger hunt in the business district with a Dempsey Gibbons theme.

The 4th Annual Street Fair will be held on Saturday, July 11 with extended hours 10 am to 10 pm on Main Street. The event will include a Car Show, Art Walk, Dunking Booth, Bouncy House, Chili Cook-off, Toole County's Best Cinnamon Roll Search and Harry Benjamin's kiddie rides. We are hoping to have between 20-30 vendors in the city parking lot adjacent to the Wells Fargo drive up. Shelby's own local band The Living Room will play from 3 to 6 pm in the First State Bank area and Shades of Blue from Havre will provide music from 7 to 10 pm on Main Street. Bring your lawn chairs...plan to spend the day. It will be a great way to enjoy summer fun under the Montana sun....the 5th Annual Shelby Street Fair. Watch for updates before the event. DON'T MISS IT!

Business Recreation Pass Program



The rising cost of health insurance has many companies investing in wellness programs for their employees. These programs can and do have a positive impact on health insurance premiums. Here in Shelby and Toole County we are very fortunate area businesses have the opportunity to offer health and wellness opportunities through the Business Recreation Program.

For just \$100.00 per month, businesses, agencies and organizations are able to provide their employees and families the opportunity to access the Shelby Civic Center and/or Shelby Swimming Pool for half price. This means a family would only pay \$22.50 per month for use of the Civic Center or the Shelby Swimming Pool during summer months. If families are interested in both...for a small monthly cost of \$30.00, they can access both recreation facilities. Individuals also receive a reduced rate of \$20.00 for Civic Center use or the Shelby Swimming Pool during summer months or access to both for only \$27.50 per month.

The City of Shelby encourages area businesses to consider participating in the Recreation Pass Program. Government, offices, retail businesses and churches have taken advantage of this opportunity and we hope you will too. We have wonderful facilities that offer great amenities... aerobic classes; personal trainings; fitness rooms; racquetball; basketball; and swimming during the summer months.

This is a great way to make a commitment to your staff members in providing great recreation and wellness opportunities as well as have a positive impact on your insurance premiums. Please call Shelby City Hall at 434-5222 to sign up and receive details on the program.

SWIM POOL ~ 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

Summer Classes Start June 1st

Monday

6 am - Zumba
10 am - Walking Trail
Noon - Weight Room (lower body)

Tuesday

6 am - Spinning
10 am - Walking Trail
Noon - Weight Room (upper body)

Wednesday

6 am - 1 Minute Toning/Cardio
10 am - Walking Trail
Noon - 1 Minute Toning/Cardio

Thursday

6 am - Boot Camp Stations
10 am - Walking Trail
Noon - Boot Camp Stations

POOL HOURS JUNE-AUGUST

HOURS	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AM 6:00-7:00		Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	
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		CLOSED Swim Team	CLOSED Swim Team	CLOSED Swim Team	CLOSED Swim Team	CLOSED Swim Team	
1:00-5:00	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim
5:15-6:00		Water Aerobics/ Lap Swimming	Water Aerobics/ Lap Swimming	Water Aerobics/ Lap Swimming	Water Aerobics/ Lap Swimming	CLOSED	
6:00-8:00		CLOSED	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	CLOSED	

WADING POOL IS CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

Call 434-5311 to schedule a PARTY and for information on Swimming Lessons.



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