

City of Shelby

September 2015 Newsletter



Dear Shelby Residents,

Summer is over!! Holy smokes! Conditions remain dry and fall moisture would be welcomed. The splash park has opened and this is a great community project that will be enjoyed by Shelby children for years. We would like to purchase additional fixtures for the splash park so contact Lorette Carter if you wish to help. Our auditors are in and our audits will be up to date soon. We appreciate your patients concerning our audits. Our 2015-16 budgets are now complete and we look forward to another productive year moving our community forward. As always if you have any questions on anything please contact us at City Hall. Have a great fall.

Sincerely,

Larry J. Bonderud
Mayor

Special points of interest:

- Reminders from School District #14
- Walk n' Wheel/Fit Fridays
- Are you a safe driver?
- Civic Center Fall Schedule
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Today, more than ever, there is a need to provide options that allow children to walk and bicycle to school safely. Many communities like Shelby struggle with traffic congestion around schools. At the same time, children in general engage in less physical activity, which contributes to the growing epidemic of obesity.

Safe Routes to School programs share one common goal – to improve the health of kids and the community by making walking and bicycling to school safer, easier, and more enjoyable. SRTS programs use a variety of education, engineering and enforcement strategies that help make routes safer for children to walk and bicycle to school and encourage more children to participate.

The City of Shelby has been very fortunate to have been awarded funding in past years through the Montana Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Program to work towards that goal of making our community safer for our children and families to walk and bike. The city has made great improvements over the years to the arterial sidewalks leading to the school campus and the bike path along Oilfield Avenue. All these projects are directed toward making our community more walkable and bikeable.

At the same time, a task force made up of city and school officials/staff, and the Toole County Sheriff's office continues with an education campaign. For the last 8 years, the task force has planned Walk n' Wheel Wednesdays and Fit Fridays with prizes for those children who take part. Shelby Elementary has also incorporated the Kid's Marathon to further encourage our children to become more active. This event has been a huge success and great achievement for the students and staff at Shelby Elementary.

This newsletter has very informative articles and information from our school district, Toole County Sheriff's Office and Safe Routes to School task force. Citizens of Shelby are encouraged to offer input or assistance in developing and initiating new programs and projects that continues to encourage, educate and engineer a more walkable and bikeable community. Please call Lorette Carter, City of Shelby at 424-8799 or e-mail shbcdc@3rivers.net if you're interested.

Together we can all work to continue to make Shelby a great place to live, work and raise our families.



Reminders from School District #14

Passing School Busses

Passing a bus when loading or unloading children is a **violation of the law**. This continues to be an issue every year and we hope that it never becomes a catastrophe. Bus drivers are legally bound to report passing violations to local law enforcement agencies. **Please, for the safety of all the children, do not pass a school bus that is stopped or preparing to stop.** Also, our buses use the stop signs mounted on the side of the bus at in-town stops. Please obey these stop signs just as you would the red flashing lights.

Traffic Flow, Parking, Student Drop-Off Areas

School District #14 is very concerned with student safety. One of the more dangerous times at school is in the morning and in the afternoon when children are arriving and departing from school. To insure that our students are safe we are asking the community's cooperation in adhering to the designated student drop-off and pick up areas as well as obeying all no parking or stopping areas.

- 1) RED ZONES:** Any area where the curb is painted red is considered a **no parking or stopping zone**. These red zones are fire lanes and must be kept clear at all times for emergency vehicles.
- 2) YELLOW ZONES:** **Are no parking zones**. Please do not park anywhere the curb is painted yellow. Also, do not stop in the yellow zone that is marked as the bus loading zone near the school buildings.
- 3) HANDICAPPED PARKING:** Do not park in handicapped parking spaces, unless you have the appropriate permit which allows you to do so.
- 4) SENIOR CITIZEN PARKING FOR EVENTS:** The parking spaces along the Vo-Ed building on the north side of the gym are reserved for Senior Citizens.
- 5) ELEMENTARY STUDENT DROP-OFF AREA:** The drop-off and pick-up area for students attending Shelby Elementary School is along Westwood Avenue on the east side of the school. Please use this area rather than the front of the school.
- 6) MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL DROP-OFF AREA:** The drop-off area for Middle School and High School students is at the West end of the high school building near the main entrance.
- 7) HIGH SCHOOL PARKING/PARKING FOR SCHOOL EVENTS:** The School District asks that you utilize the parking lot behind the high school for school activities. The back lot is paved, has very easy access and is well lighted. It is a much safer and secure location to park.
- 8) SPEED ZONES:** Please remember that the speed limit around the schools is 15 mph.

WE ASK FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN MAKING THE SHELBY SCHOOL CAMPUSES A SAFE PLACE FOR OUR CHILDREN!



WALK N' WHEEL WEDNESDAYS and FIT FRIDAYS!

Each Wednesday morning beginning September 2nd and Friday morning, beginning September 4th, elementary students are encouraged to walk or bike to school. Each participant will be entered into drawings for great prizes to be given away at the end of the school year as well as receive small prizes throughout the school year.

During the month of September, students will get to walk with very special people- our law enforcement officers. Sheriff Donna Whitt and officers will be walking with the kids during the month of September as their schedules allow.

Walking school buses are at the former Middle School and the intersection of Oilfield Avenue and Sheridan Street with adults stationed at each site to walk children to school. Participants will leave the old Middle School at 7:35 am and Oilfield/Sheridan intersection at 7:45 am.

All children riding bikes MUST wear helmets, walk their bikes over the viaduct and ride ahead of the walkers. If a child needs a helmet, please call Lorette Carter at 424-8799 for a free helmet.

Wednesday, October 7th is International Walk to School Day. Shelby is celebrating its 8th year participating in this walking event. Classes will be challenged to participate with the largest percentage class participating receiving a roller skating party compliments of the City of Shelby.

See you on Wednesdays and Fridays!



Are you a Safe Driver...?

Another school year is underway and the children in our community are walking or riding their bicycles to and from bus stops and school. As we patrol this area, we see many children walking across streets without looking and bicyclists who ride through stop signs and across busy intersections.

Many of us think that we are safe drivers. And yet, many exceed the speed limit, roll through stops signs and drive while distracted or in a hurry (talking on cell phones, changing a CD or just running late). These actions can turn deadly in an instant.

The cars that we drive are built for comfort and speed and drivers often forget that they are operating a piece of heavy machinery. There are more than 41,000 deaths on the road nationwide each year and 5.3 million injuries, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Please take a moment to look at your own driving habits. Most people do want to do the right thing...and by making a few simple changes in our daily driving habits, we can stop a tragedy before it happens.

Toole County Sheriff's Department

Civic Center Fall Schedule

669 Park Ave • 434-5114



Monday

9 am • Trail
Noon • Weight Room (lower)
4 pm • Weight Room (lower)
5 pm • Zumba

Tuesday

9 am • Trail
Noon • Weight Room (upper)
4 pm • Weight Room (upper)
5 pm • Step

Wednesday

9 am • Trail
Noon • Kickboxing Stations
4 pm • Kickboxing Stations
5 pm • Kickboxing Stations

Thursday

9 am • Trail
Noon • 1 Min Class
4 pm • 1 Min Class
5 pm • 1 Min Class

Friday

9 am • Trail
Noon • Spinning

Classes Start Wednesday, August 26th • Falls Hours Start Monday, October 5th

Fall Hours: Monday - Friday ~ 9 am to 9 pm



The Shelby Splash Park base construction has been completed. The grant didn't allow for all the water components and so a campaign has been started to fund the play equipment that enhances the park for children to enjoy now and for years to come. A water umbrella, bubbler nozzle, flower shower, fire hydrant soaker, crocodile cannon and dumping bucket are planned for the Shelby Splash Park. These items cost approximately \$30,000.00. We have received \$1,500 to date and hope you will consider a gift to the Splash Park. Together we can all make the Shelby Splash Park a wonderful summer play area for our children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends to enjoy for many years. Donations can be mailed to the "Shelby Splash Park Fund the FUN" account at the City of Shelby, 112 1st St. South.



Champions Park

Sanna Clark of Fieldstone Office Supply has made a generous commitment to the development of Champions Park. She is contributing 15% of the proceeds from this Dempsey-Gibbons print. She is also giving Champions Park Committee 15% of the matting and framing proceeds of this artwork as well.

In an update to Champions Park development, concrete work continues at Champions Park with Community Transportation Enhancement Program funds. The committee was also granted funds from the Montana Cultural Trust once again for 2016 work. The 2013 Cultural Trust grant allowed the group to erect the iron silhouettes of the fighters and referee and the interpretive signs ~ all in place at Champions Park. When all of the concrete work is finished, the group will move on to completing the irrigation system, landscaping and fundraising for donor pavers around the ring. The Champions Park Committee hopes you will consider a contribution to Champions Park. Generous individuals, groups and businesses such as Fieldstone Office Supply are truly bringing Champions Park to life.

VOLUNTEER SHELBY

Below please find some of our local organizations that rely on the generous commitment of volunteers. Please consider giving a little of your time to one of these very worthwhile organizations. Together we can all continue to make Shelby a great place to live, work and raise our families.

| Organization | Contact Name | Contact Information |
|---|-------------------------------|--|
| Adult Education Committee | Alice Burchak | 424-8350 aburchak@montana.edu |
| CASA/GAL | Kiersta Sullivan | (406) 576-7041 frontrangepcasa@3rivers.net |
| Champions Park Committee | Lorette Carter | 424-8799 shbcdc@3rivers.net |
| Elks Lodge #1696 | Mike Cullen Karen L. Young | 424-5824 424-2327 |
| Friends of the Library | Carol Mundt Heidi Alford | 450-4191 424-8345 |
| Girls Scouts | Lena Tronson | 450-5434 |
| Kiwanis | Dr. Pat Moore | 434-5146 |
| Marias Care Center ~ Activities | Amy Clark | 434-3265 |
| Marias Heritage Center ~ Activities | Judy Richman | 424-8390 |
| Marias Medical Center Auxiliary Gift Shop MMC Auxiliary Cedar Closet | Colleen Lee Jan Irvin | 434-3204 424-8123 |
| Marias Museum of History & Art | Larry Munson | (406) 432-2182 |
| Prairie Oasis Animal Shelter | prairieoasismt.org | 450-4039 hello@prairieoasisMT.org |
| Relay for Life | Crissy Bauman | CrissyBauman@yahoo.com |
| Sagebrush Food Pantry | Jane Shafer | 424-2076 |
| Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce | Audie Bancroft | 434-7184 shelbycoc@3rivers.net |
| Shelby Recycling Association | Lorette Carter | 424-8799 shbcdc@3rivers.net |
| Shelby School District #14 Safe Routes to School | Lorette Carter | 424-8799 shbcdc@3rivers.net |
| Shelby Volunteer Fire Department | Ron Buck, Chief | shelfire@3rivers.net |
| Toole County Combined Fund Drive | Carol Mundt | 450-4191 |
| Tri-County Shriners | Lester Nevins | 434-2392 |
| Triangle Squares Quilt Guild | | trianglequiltguild@yahoo.com |



Did you know?

The Shelby Recycling Association has been active since 2011. Since that time we have collected and kept nearly 300,000 pounds of aluminum, tin, paper, cardboard and e-waste out of our landfill ~ saving valuable space; recovering precious metals; reducing energy waste and pollution; and making new products that save our country valuable resources.

Did you know? Recycle Shelby offers aluminum and tin recycling as well as paper and cardboard. The trailers are all located at the Shelby Recycling site on the north end of Coyote Pass. Our Shelby Recycling Association asks that you follow the guidelines on the signage to keep loads clean for transport to recycling centers. Responsible recycling is a necessity to keep Recycle Shelby operating. The sustainability of recycling in Shelby is dependent on proper disposal of recyclable items.

Did you know? The Shelby Recycling Association partners with neighboring communities and the North Central Montana Joint Refuse District to recycle cardboard. Here in Shelby we collect over a ton of cardboard every 2-3 weeks.

Did you know? The Shelby Recycling Association has partnered with the Shelby High School National Honor Society for 4 years in the collection and transfer of recyclable paper at the Shelby School campus. As well, the SHS National Honor Society has helped to host annual recycling collection events at Shelby Elementary School.

Did you know? The Shelby Recycling Association has office recycling wastebaskets available for free. Your only commitment to receive one of these wastebaskets is to recycle your paper at our recycling site. Call Lorette at 424-8799 to obtain a recycling wastebasket.

The following information is placed in this newsletter as required by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. The department failed to notify us of the increase in sampling frequency from 3 to 4 times per month starting in July. None of our water samples failed.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Shelby City Of

Our water system violated drinking water standards. Even though these were not emergencies, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct these situations.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for total coliform bacteria on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During June 2015 we did not monitor for total coliform bacteria and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

*****We did three of the four required tests and all were good water samples showing no problems with the City of Shelby's water quality.*****

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time, however if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for, how often we are supposed to sample for total coliform bacteria and how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were (or will be) taken.

| Contaminant | Required sampling frequency | Number of samples taken | When samples should have been taken | When samples will be taken |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Total Coliform Bacteria ¹ | 4 | 3 | June 2015 | July 2015 |

¹ Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present.

What is being done?

I didn't get notified that it changed to 4 until July. We now have it scheduled to do 4 a month [Describe corrective action.]

For more information, please contact Larry Bonderud at 434-5222 [phone number] or 112 1st St South, Shelby, MT 59474

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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