

City of Shelby

January 2025 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 that 2025 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. The Civic Center offers 24/7 access with our key fob system and many local employers and organizations are taking advantage of the Business Recreation Program which offers employees/members half price savings on monthly membership to the facility. Included in this newsletter is information on Civic Center hours; classes; kids' zone and other amenities offered. If you have ideas or input on how to further improve the facility, please let us know. We want the facility accessible and fun for all!

In this issue, you will also find information on important assistance programs available in our community; information on the Toole County Combined Fund Drive; snow removal; and much more.

We thank you for your patience during all the projects completed in 2024. There are many projects in the works for 2025! We continue to work 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 wonderful 2025!

Special points of

Interest:

- Small Conversations
- Snow Removal
- Fund Drive
- Assistance Programs
- Civic Center
- Pet Licensing



FROZEN WATER METERS: Quick reminder that the cost of replacing a frozen meter is the responsibility of the resident. Please make sure water meters are properly heat taped and wrapped with insulation to prevent freezing.

2025 DOG & CAT LICENSES

Please purchase your 2025 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



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.



Assistance Programs

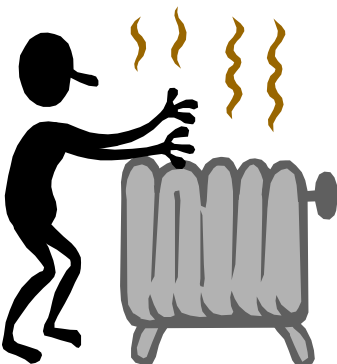
Winter is HERE! The City of Shelby would like to make you aware of the resources available to assist if you are in need.

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**.



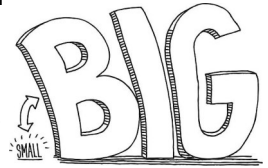
small conversations can make a **BIG IMPACT**

As we begin a new year, let's also begin a serious conversation with our teens about topics such as underage drinking. Some parents might think that battling underage drinking is a futile effort, but studies show that *parents who adopt a zero tolerance for underage drinking were the top reason that teens don't drink.*

Opportunities for underage drinking rise dramatically when students are not in school or structured activities. Underage drinking is a leading contributor to death from injuries, which are the main cause of death for people under age 21.

To help keep your kids safe and prevent alcohol and drug-related tragedies, here's some advice for parents:

- Talk to your teen ahead of time and prior to any school functions or teen gatherings and be clear in your expectations that they are prohibited from drinking and using illegal substances.
- Be a model for conscientious behavior. Your children look to you as a model for their behavior.
- If your child is going to a party at a friend's house, phone ahead and make sure there will not be any alcohol beverages available.



Short, frequent discussions can have a real impact on your child's decisions about alcohol. Lots of little talks are more effective than one "big talk."

Sitting down for the "big talk" about alcohol can be intimidating for both you and your child. Try using everyday opportunities to talk— in the car, during dinner, running errands or shopping, or while you and your child are watching TV. Having lots of little talks takes the pressure off trying to get all of the information out in one lengthy discussion, and your child will be less likely to tune you out.

Remember that the conversation goes both ways. Although talking to your child about your thoughts about alcohol is essential, it's also important to hear their point of view. Give your child the opportunity to ask you questions, and listen to what they have to say. Children who have parents who listen to their feelings and concerns are more likely to say "no" to alcohol.

• • • **TOGETHER 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 Girl Scouts • Shelby Swim Team • North Toole County Youth Program •

Hi-Line Help for Abused Spouses • Sagebrush Food Pantry • Toole County Crime Stoppers

Toole County Friends of the Library • Recycle Shelby • Prairie Oasis Animal Shelter • Toole County Garden Club

Alzheimer's Association • Carousel Rest Area of Shelby • Toole County Performing Arts & Entertainment • Lona's Inc • Toole

County Medical Auxiliary • American Legion Auxiliary Post #73

Last year the Toole County Combined Fund Drive only raised \$27,067! These funds are vital for sports programs, recycling efforts, construction 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. 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!**

Donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 378, Shelby, MT 59474..



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CIVIC CENTER

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The Shelby Civic Center is welcoming everyone to get out of the cold and bring your workouts to our facility! We have so many exciting things getting ready to happen for everyone! We invite anyone and everyone to come join the Civic Center any time! We offer day passes, class passes, monthly passes and key fobs that give you 24hr access to the facility! Our class schedule is as follows:

Monday

5:30-6:30 pm • Cardio Kickboxing
6:00-7:00 pm • Kids Karate

Tuesday

6:00-7:00 am • High Fitness
9:00-10:00 am • Silver Sneakers
4:30-5:30 pm • Roller Skating

Wednesday

9:00-10:00 am • Chair Yoga
10:00-11:00 am • Tai Chi



Thursday

6:00-7:00 am • High Fitness
9:00-10:00 am • Silver Sneakers
4:30-5:30 pm • Roller Skating
5:30-6:30 pm • Circuit Training

Friday

10:00-11:00 am • Tai Chi

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 10:00 am - 3:30 pm & 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm • Friday: 10:00 am - 3:30 pm & 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm