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# **Keep Notified**

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Email Notifications: Want to keep up-to-date on the latest information from the Charter Township of Shelby? We will send you emails with information for you to share with your neighborhood. Register your email at shelbytwp.org/register.

Nixle Text Message Alerts: To register by phone, text your zip code or keyword SHELBY to 888777, or register online at Nixle.com.

#### **About the Cover:**

Picking a cover is never easy, so we decided to hold a contest — a pie contest. The winner, a rhubarb and strawberry custard pie titled "Farm to Fork" by Chantel Shaw, makes a deliciously appealing cover. Learn more about the pie, the winner and the contest on Page 5.

Photo by Elite Photography.

# **Community Relations**

Did you know you can watch your local high school sports, township meetings and special programs right on your TV? Shelby TV is busy bringing the township to your television. Shelby TV operates three channels on the Comcast Cable System (channels 5, 12 and 20), two channels on the Wide Open West system (channels 10 and 18) and one channel on AT&T U-Verse (channel 99). Check out some of the special programming we've been working hard to bring you:



#### Football Season

High School football can really bring the drama. Check out full games weekly as well as the Eisenhower Football Review and the Utica Chieftain Rewind for all your high school football needs.

#### **Shelby This Week**

Your local township news is new every Monday. Catch highlights from the real stories that you might not have heard about. Join Courtney Bennett for all the highlights of the week.

#### Living in Shelby Township

Wondering what to do with your time? "Living in Shelby Township" is a great way to get to know the township. From "critter" highlights with our Nature Center to historical facts on some of the township's favorite locations, you'll find new ways to spend your time.

#### Straight Talk with Chief Shelide

Sit down with the Chief of Police for the latest news and advice from our own Shelby Township Police Department.

Never seem to find your show? Check out our YouTube channel for on-demand programming. Review all of our past shows and get notified when we upload new shows by clicking the "subscription" button. Best part? It's absolutely free.

This publication is brought to you by the Shelby Township Community Relations Department. For questions, concerns and updates, please call 586-254-7130 or email us at info@shelbytwp.org.

# **Stay Connected**

The official social media accounts for Shelby Township



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# **Calendar of Events**



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Sept. 26
Free Public Forum Opioid Epidemic
6 PM, Emagine Macomb

**OCTOBER** 

Oct. 2 Board of Trustees 7 PM, Township Hall

**Blood Drive** Senior Center

Oct. 3 Hike to Holland Ponds 1:30 PM, Nature Center

**Township Priorities Visioning Session**7 PM, Township Hall

Oct. 4 - 5
Flea Market
Senior Center

Oct. 8
Planning Commission/Public
Hearing
7 PM, Township Hall

Gardener's Club Meeting
10 AM, Nature Center

"The Late Show"
Gardener's Club
1 PM, Nature Center

Oct. 13 Halloween Spooktacular Noon, River Bends Park

**Fire Department Open House** 10 AM, Fire Station #1

Oct. 16 Board of Trustees 7 PM, Township Hall

**Library Advisory Commission** 6 PM, Library

Oct. 17
Psychic Medium Kristy
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8 PM, Library

Oct. 19 - 20
Haunted Nature Center
6 PM, Nature Center

Oct. 21
The Sky is Falling
4 PM, Nature Center

Oct. 22
Planning Commission / Public
Hearing
7 PM, Township Hall

Oct. 24
Not All Sugar & Spice: Bad
Women of the Mitten
7 PM, Library

Oct. 26
Monstrous Movie Night
6:45 PM, Municipal Grounds

Oct. 27
Electronics Recycling
9 AM, Municipal Grounds

**Trick or Read** 11 AM or 2 PM, Library

**Spidermania** Noon, Nature Center

Oct. 31
Halloween
Trick-or-Treating
6 PM - 8 PM

**NOVEMBER** 

Nov. 6 Election Day

**The Shot that Killed Millions** 7 PM, Library

Nov. 7
Mother & Son Fall Fun Dance
6 PM, Cherry Creek Banquet
Center

Nov. 8
"Our Great Lakes Today"
Gardener's Club
1 PM, Nature Center

Nov. 9 "Stranger Things" Night 6 PM, Library

Nov. 11
Running with Heroes 5K
10 AM, Veterans Memorial

Veterans Ceremony
1:30 PM, Veterans Memorial

Nov. 12 Veterans Day Observance Offices Closed

Nov. 14 Ancestry.com - Beyond Basics 8 PM, Library

Nov. 20 Board of Trustees 7 PM, Township Hall

**Library Advisory Commission** 6 PM, Library

Nov. 22 - 23 Thanksgiving Offices Closed

Nov. 26
Planning Commission / Public
Hearing
7 PM, Township Hall

Nov. 29 Library Tree Trimming 6 PM, Library

**DECEMBER** 

Dec. 4
Board of Trustees
7 PM, Township Hall

Christmas Aglow 7 PM, Municipal Grounds Dec. 8
Breakfast with Santa
9:30 or 11:30 AM, Community
Center

Dec. 9 & 10 Pioneer Christmas Noon, Nature Center

Dec. 10
Planning Commission / Public
Hearing
7 PM, Township Hall

Dec. 12 Winter Craft Night 7 PM, Library

Dec. 13

**Dinner & Dancing with Santa** 6 PM, Cherry Creek Banquet Center

Dec. 14
Teen Fortnite Battle Royale
5:30 or 6:45 PM, Library

Last Day for Yard Waste Collection

Holiday Storytime with Mrs. Claus 2 PM, Library

Santa Visits the Nature Center Noon, Nature Center

Dec. 18
Board of Trustees
7 PM, Township Hall

Offices closed Dec. 24 - Jan 1

Throughout the autumn see the Scarecrows and Pumpkins displayed at Heritage Gardens by the Garden Club

Dec. 6



# The Bottom Line

Your trusted source for making sense of Shelby Township's dollars and cents

### Shelby Township audit shows proof of Board policy's financial stability, success

At its presentation of the 2017 audit for the Charter Township of Shelby, Plante & Moran, PLLC outlined an increase in revenue for the township and a continued commitment to sound budgeting as driving forces behind the community's financial stability.

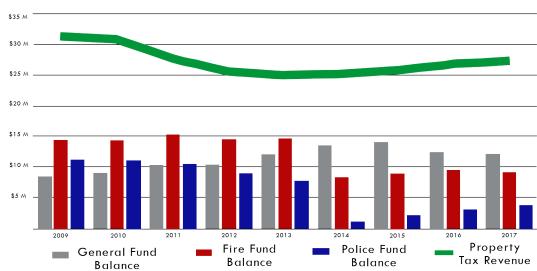
Overall, Plante & Moran outlined an increase of revenue of more than \$15.9 million in governmental funds in 2017, comprised of the \$14.3 million transfer to the general fund from sale of the Shelby Manor apartment complex, a 1.8 percent increase in property tax revenue and \$800,000 in revenue from permit fees associated with large projects such as the Amazon fulfillment center being built.

"(Shelby Township finances) are in excellent shape," said David Herrington of Plante & Moran at the Aug. 21 Board meeting.

"Your police and fire pension fund is over 100 percent funded; (Other post-employment benefits) were expected to be over 50 percent funded, and you see that trend in the last five to 10 years, and that is outstanding.

The increased revenues totaling \$87.5 million were offset by \$75.2 million in total expenditures across all of the township funds. The township's combined net position increased by \$12.3 million in 2017 from \$211.6 million to \$223.9 million. While revenues increased, property tax revenues, which typically account for 30 to 35 percent of total revenues, are still short of where they were prior to the 2008 economic downturn.

"It's nice to see an increase in revenue, and this audit shows the real value of the policies enacted by our conservative Board of Trustees



In 2017, total property tax revenues collected by Shelby Township were roughly \$4 million lower than those collected in 2009. Despite that drop in revenue, township finances are stable with gains in fund balance used to fully fund the Police & Fire Pension Fund in 2014, build a new police station, two new fire stations as well as transfer funds to the Capital Improvement Fund in 2016 and 2017 for a new senior center and library.

since 2008," Shelby Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said noting the total property taxes collected in 2017 are still nearly \$4 million less than those collected in 2009.

"These policies allowed Shelby Township to maintain a steady and growing course while revenues dropped without raising taxes, and they serve as our path for continued growth and stability."

A significant portion of the township's 2017 expenses were realized with a one-time \$5 million contribution to help further fund the township's retiree healthcare obligations, known as OPEB, which Plante & Moran lauded as a "prudent decision."

"The fact that we put the additional \$5 million in the OPEB trust and changed the way we recalculate how we do our annual contribution, so we are not leaving money on the sideline is a great story," Treasurer Michael Flynn said. "These are the types of moves that will have us ahead of the game when other municipalities are scrambling to catch up."

To view the full audit, go to shelbytwp.org/finance

#### Shelby Township maintains state's financial 'best practices' without increasing tax burden

The Michigan Stability Board (MSB) released its best practices and strategies document, and it read like a narrative of the steps the Shelby Township Board of Trustees has taken to ensure the township's long-term financial success.

A draft of the document, which aims to help local units of government meet the challenges of funding pension and other post-employment benefit (OPEB) obligations, was



released July 20 with the MSB accepting public comment and feedback until Aug. 9. It highlighted several strategies and approaches to retiree administration to ensure municipalities can maintain their financial commitments to retirees while ensuring stable government finances for operations.

"There are several key takeaways that show how far ahead of the curve Shelby Township is from a finance and long-term planning perspective," Township Treasurer Michael Flynn said. "Shelby Township has already implemented or is planning to implement the most prominent recommendations in the document.

"The Township Board has already put in place an OPEB trust. We closed the pension and reformed the OPEB system for new hires and changed from a defined benefit to a defined contribution retirement system. We're also over contributing to OPEB and finding new revenue and funding sources for the system like the Shelby Manor sale. The list goes on, and it's nice to see this level of verification from the state of Michigan."

There was one portion of the document that did not mesh with the financial philosophies of the Shelby Township Board of Trustees, though.

"The one recommendation our taxpayers will thank us for not implementing, or even considering under this Board, is millage increases in any form," Flynn said. "Sadly, many of our neighbors will have no choice but to raise millage rates if they are to remain solvent."

Flynn said it is a testament to the township as a whole and all of the employees and department heads that implemented the directive from the Board to reduce costs, maintain or improve services, and direct those savings to ensure sound finances to promote a firm foundation for the community.

"It's not very exciting to hear we have made our retiree systems more sound, but it is the first step to ensuring we can grow as a community," Flynn said. "Because we have our obligations on stable ground, we can focus on more exciting initiatives like the splash pad at Chief Gene Shepherd Park and improving our roads and facilities."

# Farm to Fork

Chantel Shaw stepped up to accept the Better Pie Blue Ribbon with a disbelieving smile and a hand shake from Supervisor Rick Stathakis. Her pie, once as gorgeous as the cover photo suggests, was now lovingly half the size behind her on the tasting table. The other bakers, each with their own half-eaten pies, applauded and eagerly crowded around to see what the competition tasted like.

Chantel was kind enough to share some of her winning knowledge with us to pass along.

#### Hi Chantel and congratulations. How long have you been baking?

I started baking pies about two years ago.

#### What got you started on pies?

Whenever I went to a party or a family gathering, I was never sure what to bring when I needed a "plate to pass." Desserts are always a big hit and good for any occasion, so I decided to learn to make pies from scratch. Despite the saying, it's not "as easy as pie" to make a decent pie.

#### What makes them so difficult?

It takes a lot of trial and error to be good at pie. You have to be fluent in crusts, filling, topping... The good news is there are a lot of excellent bakers and resources available online. The best tip I was ever given, and I'd like to pass along, is to use the best, freshest ingredients. Get your fruits from your local produce stand. Don't get discouraged if your pie doesn't look like the picture in the recipe. Take notes as you bake and adjust your recipes. Baking pies requires practice, practice, practice.

# And all that practice means pies, right? So what do you do with the practice ones?

It's just me and my husband at home, and we can't eat every pie I make so we enlisted the help of my meet-up group, the Macomb Fancy Friends. I have a select few members of the Fancy Friends in my pie club. They get to sample the pies I make with one condition, honest feedback. They've been a great taste test group, (complimentary and brutally honest). I note their feedback on my recipes and make changes the next time I bake that pie.

# That sounds like a lot of fun. What made you decide to enter the Better Pie contest?

When I saw the flyer for the Pie Contest I was in. I wanted to see how my pies compared to my neighbors. I'd never entered a baking contest before, so I was nervous about putting creativity on display.

#### You had us fooled, it's a beautiful pie. Can you tell us more about it?

My favorite pie to make is the one I entered. I call it the "Farm to Fork." It's a rhubarb custard with strawberries and an oatmeal crust. Unfortunately, rhubarb is out of season and my freezer stock was depleted. I searched all over for rhubarb, fresh or frozen, but there was none to be had. My final stop was Blake's on 32 Mile and North. I explained why I needed rhubarb, and the incredible staff made it happen. They explained there may be a second cutting of Rhubarb out in the field, and they would drive out and see what they could find. When they returned they had enough rhubarb, so I could make this pie.

That's amazing. Thank you so much for sharing your pie with us. We'll see you soon on "Living in Shelby Township."



# **A Holiday Treat**

Chantel keeps her winning pie recipe TOP SECRET but she'll share her husband's favorite with us. With chocolate and espresso, it'll have all your guests licking their lips for dessert.

#### Crust:

Cookie style crust made with Biscoff cookies

#### Fillina:

Heat and whisk the following ingredients in a pan:

- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- ½ cup light corn syrup
- A splash of coffee liqueur
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 8 oz chocolate

When melted, pour into your crust. Refrigerate for 1 hour.

#### Topping:

Combine and whip the following:

- 1.5 cups heavy whipping cream
- 1/3 cup hazelnut spread
- 1.5 tbsp espresso powder
- 2 tbsp vanilla extract

Place the topping on top of the filling and smooth out.

Garnish with chocolate covered espresso beans.



Fall 2018

# Get Recreational

with Shelby Township Parks, Recreation & Maintenance

#### Joe Youngblood, Director 52700 Van Dyke Ave. (586) 731-0300

Weekdays 8:30 AM-5 PM Closed Noon-1 PM

# What's Happening

**TOWNSHIP EVENTS** 

Scarecrow Contest
Oct. 17 - Oct. 26

**Spooktacular** Noon, Oct. 13

Monstrous Movie Night 6:45 PM, Oct. 26

Mother & Son Fall Fun Dance 6 PM, Nov. 7

Christmas Aglow 7 PM, Dec. 6

**Breakfast with Santa** 9:30 AM, Dec. 8

Dinner & Dancing with Santa Claus 6 PM, Dec. 13

#### **NATURE CENTER EVENTS**

Haunted Nature Center 6 PM, Oct. 19 & 20

Spidermania 11:30 AM. Oct. 27

A Pioneer Christmas Noon, Dec. 8 & 9

Santa Visits the Nature Center Noon, Dec. 16

#### **SENIOR CENTER EVENTS**

See the Senior Nov-Dec newsletter for details Visit shelbytwp.org/seniors

**Harvest Delight Luncheon** 

Gobble & Wobble Dinner Dance

Christmas in Michigan Luncheon

White Christmas Dinner Dance

#### **Fall Fun Events**

For more information about any of these events, check out our Facebook pages or call us for more details.

#### **Senior Center Success**

There are so many fun times to be had at the Senior Center and so many events, classes and social groups we can't even name them all. Check out some of the highlights the center offers and call for more information.

#### **ShelbyTwpSeniors**

Are you online? So are we. Check out our **Facebook** page to see fun pictures from the events and get updates on everything happening at the center. You don't want to miss it.

#### **Weekly Senior Fun**

#### **MONDAYS**

BINGO 10 AM Bible Study 1 PM Balance Exercise 1 PM

#### **TUESDAYS**

Mahjongg 9 AM Aerobic Exercise 10:15 AM

#### WEDNESDAYS

Knit & Crochet Group
Choir
Chair Exercise
Shanghai Rummy
Quilting
9:30 AM
10 AM
10:15 AM
12:30 PM

#### **THURSDAYS**

Cookies & Coloring 10 AM
Walking Group 10 AM
Hand & Foot 12:30 PM

#### **FRIDAYS**

Card Making Class 10 AM Happenings 1 PM Bridge 1 PM

#### REGISTRATION

You must register for the Shelby Senior Center every year to participate in our events and activities. The cost is \$3 for residents of Shelby Township and Utica or \$4 for non-residents. Membership is required for all programs.

Phone: 586-739-7540 Fax: 586-323-3054 51670 Van Dyke, Shelby Twp., MI 48316 email - seniors@shelbytwp.org

#### Need A Bus?

Call us at 586-739-7540 8:30 AM - 5 PM Mon - Fri Detailed information available at the front desk





at the Shelby Township Library

#### Booked for the holiday? The library is making gift-giving easier

What better way to celebrate the season than to give the gift of reading? The Friends of the Shelby Township Library are offering their Books by the Bundle Sale starting Nov. 20 and running through Dec. 21 or while supplies last.

Themed book bundles are beautifully wrapped in ribbon, bowed and ready for affordable gift giving at only \$7 each. All proceeds from this popular annual sale are given directly back to the Library to fund library events and programs, emerging technology, supplies, furniture and art. Support your local library and shop smart this season!

#### **Storytimes**

No registration required:

**Baby Bears** 10 AM, Fridays Oct. 5, 19 Nov. 2, 16

Families & Jammies 6:30 PM, Thursdays

Dec. 7, 21

Oct. 11, 25 Nov. 8 Dec. 13

Registration Needed: **Preschool Pages** 11 AM, Tuesdays (ages 3 1/2 - 5) (No storytime Nov. 20 or Dec. 25)

**Toddler Tales** 10 AM or 11 AM, Wednesdays (ages 2 - 31/2) (No storytime Nov. 21 or Dec. 26)

#### **Book Clubs**

Library unless stated.

Not Your Parents' Book Club, 7 PM

Meets at Nick's 22nd Street Steakhouse "Sourdough", Oct. 30 "Everything I Never Told You", Nov. 27

Afternoon Book Club, I PM

"The Lilac Girls", Oct. 18 "The Winter Garden", Nov. 15 Voting for 2019 Books, Dec. 20

Evening Book Club, 6:30 PM

"All Things Cease to Appear", Oct. 9 "Killer of the Flower Moon", Nov. 13 "Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk", Dec. 11

Mystery Book Club, 10:30 AM

"Black Echo", Oct. 13 "The Woman in Cabin 10", Nov. 10 "Bad Things Happen", Dec. 8

Newcomers are always welcome. Meets at the

#### **Registration Required** ADULT PROGRAMS

Katie Ester, Director

51680 Van Dyke Ave. (586) 739-7414

Mon - Thurs 9 AM - 8 PM

**Closed Sundays** 

What's Happening

9 AM - 5 PM

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Psychic Medium Kristy Robinett 8 PM, Oct. 17

Fri & Sat

Not All Sugar & Spice: **Bad Women of the Mitten** 7 PM, Oct. 24

The Shot that Killed Millions 7 PM, Nov. 7

Ancestry.com -**Beyond the Basics** 8 PM, Nov. 14

Winter Craft Night 7 PM, Dec. 12

#### **TEEN PROGRAMS**

**Teen Advisory Board** 6 PM, Oct. 4

Teen Hangout 3 PM, Wednesdays

Teen Mystery Night 6 PM, Oct. 12

"Stranger Things" Night 6 PM, Nov. 9

Fortnite Battle Royale 5:30 / 6:45 PM, Dec. 14

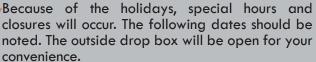
#### **ALL AGES**

Trick or Read 11 AM or 2 PM, Oct 27

**Tree Trimming Party** 6 PM, Nov. 30

Holiday Storytime with Mrs. Claus 2 PM, Dec. 15

#### Follow Us Online





## Michael Flynn, Treasurer

without penalty through Feb. 28, 2019.

**Pay Your Bill:** 

WINTERTAXES
Winter property tax statements are issued Dec. 1 and payable

Online at shelbytwp.org/treasurer or phone, toll free, by calling 844-701-5086. Pay with credit (2.5% fee), debit

**Drop box** at the 24 Mile Road exit and north entrance of the

Fifth-Third Banks in Shelby Township. Pay by Cash or Check.

Pay in person at the municipal offices with cash, check, credit,

municipal building. Or mail in a check to 52700 Van Dyke

Ave., Shelby Twp, MI 48316. All payments must be in or

(\$3.95 fee) or (online only) e-check (\$1 fee).

or debit (applicable fees for credit or debit).

586-731-5145 treasurer@shelbytwp.org

586-731-5102 sgrot@shelbytwp.org Stanley Grot, Clerk



#### **VOTER REGISTRATION**

To register to vote, visit your local Secretary of State branch or the Shelby Township Clerk's Office located at 52700 Van Dyke Avenue.

#### **ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

Voters may receive an application for an absentee ballot from the Clerk's Office for any election. Voters can also be placed on the permanent absentee application list for automatic mailing of election ballots each year. Please fill out the application with the reason that you need an absentee ballot and return it to the Clerk's Office; or, you may decide to vote in-person and not return the application.

#### **PASSPORTS**

Beginning Monday, Oct. 22, 2018 passport processing will be suspended because of the election and will resume on Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018.

Tim Wood, Director Weekdays 8:30 AM to 5 PM

postmarked by Feb. 28.

Visit 53.com for locations and hours.

**Building Bulletin** 

586-731-5969 Fax: 586-803-2099 building@shelbytwp.org

#### **Check Your Permit**

As the weather gets cooler, homeowners may be getting their last-minute remodeling or repair projects done. Some projects require permits. If your's does, keep the following in mind:

- Permits allow the inspector to verify and approve work according to code commission standards.
- Safeguard yourself by using a qualified state-licensed inspector concerned with meeting the requirements for health and safety standards.
- A permit and inspection may prevent the need for costly repairs caused by poor labor or from improperly installed parts.
- The minor fee required for a permit will provide satisfaction of the project, and protect your investment for years to come.

For information regarding permits please contact the Building Department at 586-731-5969.

# et your pipes and furnace ready for cold weather

- Check pipes on the outside walls, windows and uninsulated
   areas as these are the most vulnerable to freeze.
- Insulate pipes with insulation sleeves, wrapping or slip-on foam insulation.
- Caulk openings, cracks and holes in walls to protect against cold air entering.
- Insulate crawl spaces.
- Winterize hose bibs by draining and insulating covers.
- Check the U.S. CPSC for safety recommendations when using heat tape to winterize pipes.
- Clean your furnace before winter, making sure burners are clean of dust and debris.
- Check and change your furnace filter, replacing it if needed for better efficiency.
- Inspect furnace chimney of obstructions like bird nests and soot
- Check your thermostat for optimal use.
- Unblock heating vents to make sure your get the most out of your heating.

# Supervisor's Office

586-731-5154 rstathakis@shelbytwp.org

Rick Stathakis, Supervisor

The Shelby Township Veterans Memorial Paver Program gives families, veterans, donors and businesses a chance to physically take ownership of the Memorial and helps them express the stake they have as a part of our military community.

Pavers cost \$100 for an 8x4-inch engraved brick and \$200 for a 8x8-inch engraved square brick. They're located on the township municipal grounds as part of the Veteran's Memorial.

For more information and how to purchase, call 586-731-5154.

# **Department of Public Works**

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586-731-5990 dpw@shelbytwp.org

#### Online for your convenience

Visit shelbytwp.org/dwp for helpful information like:

- Payment options
- Sprinkler meters
- Final read information
- Leak information
- Backflow information
- Watershed information





#### **Water Bills**

Have you paid your water bill? Any unpaid balance six months overdue on **Oct. 31** will be added to the owner's current year's tax roll. You can call us until **Oct. 15** for questions regarding your balance or the balance of your tenant.

#### **Pay Your Bill Online**

You will need your bill's account number (9 digits plus the 3 digit code) along with the last name on the account to access the eSuites link. The convenience fee for credit/debit cards is 2 ½ percent of the payment amount and the convenience fee for eChecks is \$1. Go online to shelbytwp.org/dpw to pay.

The 2018 edition of the annual **Water Quality Report**, "The Pipeline", is available online at **shelbytwp.org/waterqualityreport** or you can request a printed copy via email or phone. Learn the details of your drinking water and helpful tips to save money.

# Solid Waste & Recycling Committee

Meets first Wednesday of the month

#### **Fall Yard Waste Collection**

Lynn Wilhelm Board Representative 586-731-5990

As the leaves start to fall, your curb may be getting crowded on collection days. Here's what you need to know about leaf and yard collections this Fall:

- Collections end Dec. 14.
- Twigs, brush and branches should not exceed 2-inch in diameter. Tie these in bundles 4 feet long or shorter and 18 inches in diameter for easy pick-up.
- Bundle scrap lumber and other similar materials under the same guildelines as above.
- Do not put stones, dirt, plastic containers, landscape timbers, brick, landscape fabric or plastic weed barriers in the yard waste container. These can't be composted.
- Please clearly label your yard waste container. Trash containers not properly labeled can be missed and won't be collected.
- Weight restrictions on 32 gallon containers is 60 pounds. For 95 gallon carts, weight restrictions are 200 pounds.
- You can use extra paper waste bags for yard waste collection.
- No plastic bags will be accepted for yard waste.

Last Electronics Recycling, Oct. 27 - See Back Cover for more details

# **Up To Code**

#### Code Enforcement Office Weekdays 8:30 AM - 5 PM

586-726-7248 ordenf@shelbytwp.org

**Trash** - Containers should be placed at the curb 5:30 p.m. the day before pick up. Containers should be removed from curbside by 8 p.m. the day of pick up. For large items, remember to call ahead of time for a special pick up.

**Sidewalk** - Keep the sidewalks clear from obstructions. All low hanging branches, shrubs or bushes that protrude into and over the sidewalk need to be trimmed back behind the edge of the sidewalk and high enough for a bicyclist to pass under.

**Yard** - Keep the grass cut at a height of no greater than six (6) inches. On vacant property, grass cannot exceed ten (10) inches. Owner may be subject to a citation and fine if not kept up to code.

**Sales** - No permit required for garage, yard, estate or similar type sales. Limit is two (2) per year (12 month period). Sale cannot exceed 4 days.

**Signs** - Sale or political signs shall not encroach into any road right-of-way nor shall they be attached to any utility poles or trees. No political sign shall be erected more than 45 days prior to an election and shall be removed not more than three days following an election. Approval of the property owner shall be required prior to the placement of a political sign on any site.

**Firewood** - Shelby Township ordinance requires that firewood be neatly stacked. While not required, it is recommended that the firewood be raised off the ground so as to prevent animals from nesting under it. No wood sales are allowed.

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# Holiday Hurrah

# Scarecrow Contest Due Oct. 15

You're invited to enter our new scarecrow contest. Individuals, businesses, organizations and families are all welcome to submit your creative, one-of-a-kind scarecrow. Submit an application to enter by Oct. 1 and then get ready to build. They will be displayed on the municipal grounds from **Oct. 17 through Oct. 26.** Vote for your favorite on the Parks and Recreation Facebook page. Winners will be announced at the Monstrous Movie Night Oct. 26.



#### Spooktacular Noon, Oct. 13

#### Free to Residents, \$10/child for non-residents

Pick out your costume and stock up on candy because Spooktacular is back at River Bends Park. Kids can Trunk-or-Treat in the 22 Mile Road entrance parking lot, play fun games, go on a hayride and so much more. Rain or shine, this event shouldn't be missed.

#### Haunted Nature Center 6 PM, Oct. 19 & 20 \$3 per person

Experience the Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center like never before. Enter a spook-filled building full of costumed characters, fun scenes and tasty treats. There's no gore or blood so it's fun for the whole family. Pre-registration encouraged.



#### Halloween Trick-Or-Treat

6 PM - 8 PM, Oct. 31

Celebrate this fun holiday safely by trick-or-treating during designated hours. Sirens will sound at the beginning and end.



Take in the fresh fall air and hit the pavement for a good cause. This 5K run/walk sponsors our Veterans Memorial, located right on municipal grounds. Run through the grounds and end in front of our veterans tribute to help us celebrate and thank our veterans. Our Veteran's Day Celebration will take place after the race at the memorial at 1:30 p.m.

Register at shelbytwp.org/running\_with\_heroes



### Christmas Coloring Contest

Due 4 PM, Dec. 5

Once again we're choosing our Christmas Ambassadors with a fun coloring contest. Participants in grades K-2 or any resident with special needs can color our holiday picture and submit it for a chance to welcome Santa to Shelby Township at Christmas Aglow. For more information, go to shelbytwp.org/coloringcontest.



#### Christmas Aglow 7 PM, Dec. 6

Come see Santa, sing carols and join in the spirit of Christmas as we light up the big tree. Enjoy crafts, cookies and horse-drawn carriage rides. This year's theme is "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" so come on out to start the season right.

#### Jingle Bell Run 9 AM, Dec. 16

Celebrate the holidays with a good ol' fashioned 5K around the community. All proceeds go to charity, so sign up by going to eastsideracingcompany.com



# The Badge

Police Department 52530 Van Dyke Shelby Twp, 48316

586-731-2121

Chief Robert Shelide



Do we make you nervous when we follow you?

Follow us back!



@ShelbyTwp911



**ShelbyTwpPolice** 



ShelbyTwpPD



The Shelby Township Police Department is hosting the community shred day this year so everyone can properly dispose of all their important papers without risk of your information being stolen. Bring your paper to the Municipal Grounds for proper disposal.



Back to school safety tips

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- ALWAYS obey crossing guards and school zone speed limits.
- ALWAYS stop for school buses that are loading and unloading children.
- Make sure your children use the same route every day when walking to school.
- Teach your children to NEVER get into a car with someone, even someone they know, without your permission.
- Teach your children that if a stranger approaches them to IMMEDIATELY report the incident to you or a teacher.

#### **Child Car Safety**

Install child car seats correctly. Make an appointment with our certified passenger safety technician to install or inspect car seats and reduce risk to your child.

This fall, Officers Lukas and Knobelsdorf will be returning to the high schools to serve as School Resource Officers. They are available to the students and staff as educators, mentors, and law enforcement officers.

# Winter Fire Hazards

Fall means cooling down but fire hazards are on the rise. Make sure to read these tips to have a safe and comfortable winter.

- Burning Leaves Shelby Township prohibits the burning of yard waste.
- Heating This is the second-leading cause of fires in the U.S. Never leave
  a space heater unattended while it's on and keep flammable objects
  at LEAST three feet away. Only plug one heat-producing item into an
  electrical outlet at a time.
- Carbon Monoxide Increased heating and appliances usage means increased carbon monoxide chances. Have a qualified technician inspect heating systems, water heaters and other gas-, oil- and coal-burning appliances. Install an alarm, and check it once a month. Keep generators, camp stoves and other oil-burning devices outside the home.
- Chimney It's easy to miss, but chimneys can be a big fire danger. Have a
  professional clean and inspect your chimney at least once a year and be
  sure to vent it when having a fire.
- **Decorative Lights** 'Tis the season to be festive but be sure to turn those outside and decorative lights OFF when you leave your house or go to bed.

# The Ladder

Fire Department 6345 23 Mile Road, Shelby Twp, 48316

586-731-3476

Chief James Swinkowski



Follow the fire:



@ShelbyTwpFire



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#### **CPR Training**

Two levels are offered: Health Care Provider Basic Life Support (for healthcare professionals) and Heartsaver CPR. Heartsaver CPR is an introductory course to train the public in adult CPR. These two courses alternate monthly and are held at the Shelby Township Fire Department Headquarters located at 6345 23 Mile Road. Class times and dates are below. Call 586-731-3476, ext. 5 to register.

Healthcare Provider BLS \$65

9 AM - Noon Nov. 10 Heartsaver CPR \$55 9 AM - Noon Oct. 20, Dec. 15

Please call **586-726-7295** for further information. This course must have a minimum of five students to be held.





# **Directory**

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County Clerk — Kathy Smith County Prosecutor — Eric Smith County Public Works — Commissioner Candice S. Miller County Sheriff's Office — Sheriff Anthony Wickersham County Treasurer — Lawrence Rocca Macomb County Animal Control Macomb Community Action Macomb County Health & Community Services Department Macomb County Department of Roads Macomb County Senior Services Macomb County Veterans' Services	586-469-7001 586-469-5120 586-469-5350 586-469-5325 586-469-5151 586-469-5115 586-469-6999 586-469-7190 586-463-8671 586-469-5228 586-469-5315	executive@macombgov.org clerksoffice@macombgov.org public.works@macombgov.org sheriff@macombsheriff.com treasurer@macombgov.org animalcontrol@macombgov.org mca@macombgov.org hcs@macombgov.org geninfo@rcmcweb.org mca@macombgov.org

Township Offices are CLOSED on the following dates:

Nov. 12 Nov. 22 & 23 Dec. 24 - Jan. 1

For non-emergency services, dial 586-731-2121 to reach the Police Department or dial 911 in an emergency. All emergency personnel will still be available.

# **Important Dates**

# Township Priorities Visioning Session

7 PM, Oct. 3

If you've wanted to participate in the development of Shelby Township, come to this open community meeting to express what you hope are your goals for the coming year.

### **Shred Day**

9 AM, Oct. 20

It's finally here! Shelby Township Police Department is hosting the community shred day this year so everyone can properly dispose of all their important papers without risk of your information being stolen.

#### Free Electronics Recycling

9 AM, Oct. 27
Free for all communities

This is the LAST electronics recycling event of the year so make some room in your house by properly getting rid of your old TVs, computers, phones and other electronics. For a full list of accepted items, visit **ShelbyTwp.org/recycle**.