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Township News & Information

Learn about the new additions coming to Shelby Township, pg. 3



Keep a look out for our **winter** events and tips.

SHELBY TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

Supervisor: Rick Stathakis

Clerk: Stanley T. Grot

Treasurer: Michael Flynn

Trustees: John Vermeulen,
Vince Viviano, Lynn Wilhelm &
Douglas Wozniak



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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).

Keep Notified

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.

Stay Connected



TheShelbyTwp ShelbyTownshipTV



Living
IN
SHELBY TOWNSHIP



TV Schedule

AROUND THE BLOCK - Noon, 5 PM & 10 PM

Everyday

Introducing "Around The Block", an hour and a half of original programming all about Shelby Township. Stay up-to-date with what's going on locally with "Shelby This Week" then take a closer look at the community with "Living in Shelby Township." "Straight Talk with Chief Sheldie" rounds it out with tips that will keep you safe and aware.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT - 7 PM

Planning Commission
Board Meetings
Special Events & Sports

**Mon, Wed
Tue, Thu
Fri, Sat, Sun**

**Township offices will be closed
Dec. 24 through Jan. 1.
Offices will reopen Jan. 2, 2019.**

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.

DECEMBER

Dec. 8 SOLD OUT
Breakfast with Santa
9:30 AM, Senior Center

Dec. 8-9
A Pioneer Christmas
Noon, Nature Center

Dec. 11
Christmas in MI Luncheon
11 AM, Senior Center

Dec. 12
Special Rec Dinner Outing
6 PM, Art & Jakes

Winter Craft Night
7 PM, Library

Dec. 13 SOLD OUT
Dinner & Dancing with Santa
6 PM, Cherry Creek

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

Dec. 15
Christmas Bird Count
10 AM, Nature Center

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

Special Rec Christmas Dance
6 PM, Senior Center

Dec. 16
Jingle Bell Run 5K
9 AM, Senior Center

Santa Visits the Nature Center
Noon, Nature Center

Dec. 18
Board of Trustees
7 PM, Township Hall

Dec. 16
Jingle Bell Run 5K
9 AM, Senior Center

Dec. 17
Dinner & Lights
3:15 PM, Senior Center

Dec. 20
Lunch Bunch
Meadowbrook Theatre
10:40 AM, Senior Center

Dec. 20
Deer Resistant Gardening
5:30 PM, Nature Center

Dec. 21
White Christmas Dinner Dance
6 PM, Senior Center

JANUARY 2019
Jan. 9
Hibernation Station
1:30 PM, Nature Center

Jan. 15
Board of Trustees
7 PM, Township Hall

Jan. 16
Trivia Night
7 PM, Library

Jan. 17
Just How Creepy Are Those Crawlies?
5:30 PM, Nature Center

Jan. 19
Dragons vs. Unicorns
1:30 PM, Library

Jan. 23
Faygo: A Taste of History
7 PM, Library

Jan. 25
Princess Fantasy Fun Night
6 PM, Cherry Creek Banquet Hall

Jan. 26
Winter Fest
Noon, Nature Center

Pokemon Hangout
2 PM, Library

FEBRUARY 2019

Feb. 2
Science Olympiad
10 AM, Nature Center

Feb. 5
Board of Trustees
7 PM, Township Hall

Feb. 6
Nature Art
1:30 PM, Nature Center

Close Up & Personal
7 PM, Library

Feb. 9
Science Olympiad
10 AM, Nature Center

Feb. 14
Daddy & Daughter Dance
6 PM, Cherry Creek Banquet Hall

Feb. 15
Teen Oreo Taste-off
6 PM, Library

Feb. 16
Winter Hike
Noon, Nature Center

Feb. 19
Board of Trustees
7 PM, Township Hall

Feb. 21
Feeding the Birds
5:30 PM, Nature Center

Special thanks to Elite Photography for event and township pictures.



The Bottom Line

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

Township approves 57,500 square feet of new quality-of-life amenities with no tax increase, debt

The Shelby Township Board of Trustees addressed two of the township's longest-standing priorities with 57,500 square feet of new facilities paid in cash with no increase in taxes or any form of debt.

At its Oct. 16 and Nov. 20 meetings, the Board of Trustees approved concepts for a new 25,000-square-foot Shelby Township Activities Center at the renovated Boys and Girls Club facility at 14975 21 Mile Road, a new 25,000-square-foot Shelby Township Library and a new 7,500-square-foot community relations facility on the municipal campus

"A lot of people said it couldn't be done, but, because our Board has been patient, creative and fiscally conservative, the township is in an amazing position to make these improvements without increasing the tax burden on our residents or incurring debt for future generations,"

Township Trustee Lynn Wilhelm said. The activities center will house offices and programming space for the Shelby Township Senior Center and the township's Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department on 8.03 acres of property. The building, constructed in 1995, provides enough space to house all current senior center events and programs as well as a gymnasium and activity rooms to provide for evening activities for the Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department.

"This will provide endless activities for our seniors, youths and families with crafts, games, movie nights, dances, fitness classes, special events, sport leagues, a computer lab, a reading/leisure room, a card room, teen programming, open gym, sport fields and much more." Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Director Joe Youngblood said.

The Board approved \$2.25 million to purchase property and \$1.5 million in building and site improvements that will give the township a facility that could have cost as much as \$6.25 million in new construction.

The 25,000-square-foot library is budgeted not to exceed \$11.2 million, and the community relations building, with studios for Shelby TV, is not to exceed \$1.87 million. Total cost of the 57,500 square feet of new construction is \$16.82 million.

"Often we get calls, emails and questions such as, 'Why don't you build a senior center like Rochester Hills' Older Persons Commission, or a recreation center like the one in Macomb Township and a library like the Clinton-Macomb Library,'" Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said. "The answer is because it would not be a responsible decision.

"The total cost for Shelby Township to build a senior center, recreation center and library comparable to the OPC, Macomb Rec Center and Clinton-Macomb Library Main Branch is \$61.6 million. The total tax increase for operations, without building debt, for these facilities would be 2.056 mils, a 22 percent tax increase on Shelby Township's current rate," Stathakis added

"This increase would cost the owner of a \$225,000 home an additional \$462.60 per year in taxes, and the annual membership fees for a family of four at the Macomb Township Recreation Center is \$960. By contrast, Shelby Township is building a new 25,000-square-foot library and a new 25,000-square-foot senior/activity center with no tax increase and no annual membership fees beyond the \$3 annual senior center membership."

Township Board approves budget, site for new library and community relations facilities

The Shelby Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved the first step toward a new Shelby Township Library and a new home for the township's community relations department including Shelby TV studios at its Nov. 20 meeting.

The Board authorized the township engineer to move forward to craft plans for a 25,000-square-foot library on the municipal campus at 52700 Van Dyke Ave. for a cost not to exceed \$11.2 million. The Board also authorized a plan for a new 7,500-square-foot community relations building, with studios for Shelby TV, on the campus at a cost not to exceed \$1.87 million.

"Until tonight, Shelby Township has never had such a significant capital outlay investment for a library in its entire history," Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said after the vote. "On that note alone, the approved cash expenditure of \$11.3 million, set aside for a brand new library, is historic.

"We pride ourselves in having the best services in Macomb County at the best value to the taxpayer - with no bonding, no borrowing and no tax increases," Stathakis added. "Once this library is built, we will ensure that we continue down this path of having the best value and best services in Macomb County because of the way this Board of Trustees has managed our township's resources."

Both plans were presented to the Board by Trustee Lynn Wilhelm, who helped craft the proposals as part of the Library Community Relations Advisory Board. Wilhelm was joined on the advisory body by her co-chair, Trustee Doug Wozniak, as well as Township Engineer Carol Thurber, Library Director Katie Ester, Community Relations Director Brad Bates, Parks, Recreation, and Maintenance Director Joe Youngblood, and Department of Public Works Director David G. Miller II.



"Our goal with the advisory board was to present the most financially sound, viable solution to meet the needs of the library and community relations department," Wilhelm said. "This plan for a new 25,000-square-foot library puts us in place to continue to offer the best quality-of-life services in Macomb County without incurring any financial hardships or debt. I am very proud of the team effort that went into this, and I know our residents, staff and taxpayers will really enjoy these new facilities."

The new library will be the first standalone library structure in the township's history. Prior to its current location, the library was housed in the lower level of Township Hall. Among other amenities, the new building will feature space for a dedicated children's area, community event spaces, a teen room, a technology lab, individual study rooms, a children's storytime and programming space, a reading lounge, and additional space for library materials.

"Our residents showed up in force and spoke eloquently and passionately in support of the library," Ester said of the feedback the Board

received from residents prior to its vote. "When the 'yes' vote came down, we burst into cheers, applause, and, admittedly, tears. It was a touching, career-affirming community outpouring that we will never forget."

While the Board still needs to review and approve construction proposals, early estimates place the beginning of construction for fall 2019 and with possible openings by fall 2020.

The Board also outlined how, despite the combined price tag of \$13.17 million for the new buildings, township finances will remain strong and allow the township to address financial obligations such as retiree benefits plans, also known as OPEB.

"I could not support this large of an expense without being absolutely sure that we remain in a position to meet all of our long-term financial obligations," Township Treasurer Michael Flynn said. "After turning over every stone, twice, we know that we can do this and maintain a very strong financial position."

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

@ShelbyTwpParksandRec
@ShelbyTwpSeniors
@BurgessShadbushNatureCenter

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

PRM Offices	Nature Center	Senior Center
Dec. 24 - Jan. 1	Dec. 23 - 26, Dec. 30 - Jan. 1	Dec. 24 - Jan. 1

Nature Tales for Preschoolers

\$2 per child, Ages 3-5

Our Nature Tales series has been so popular that we are once again extending Nature Tales to include two daily sessions fall through spring. Youngsters can attend even if they spend half of the day at school. Children are delighted as they listen to an assortment of seasonal stories sure to please the youngest of listeners. This is an entertaining one-hour nature adventure with a story, snack, and craft/outing. Suitable for ages 3-5 (must be accompanied by an adult). **Early registration is required as each class is limited to 24 children.**

Date	10 AM - 11 AM	1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
Dec. 6	#212220-D1	#212220-D3
Dec. 20	#212220-D2	#212220-D4
Jan. 3, 2019	#212220-E1	#212220-E3
Jan. 17, 2019	#212220-E2	#212220-E4
Feb. 7, 2019	#212220-F1	#212220-F3
Feb. 21, 2019	#212220-F2	#212220-F4

Special thank you to Macomb Charity Connect for making Nature Tales possible.

Township Events

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

Dinner & Dancing with Santa
6 PM, Dec. 13 **SOLD OUT**

Princess Fantasy Fun Night
6 PM, Jan. 25, 2019

Daddy & Daughter Dance
6 PM, Feb. 14, 2019

Mother & Son Dance
6 PM, March 6, 2019

Senior Center Events

Christmas in Michigan
11 AM, Dec. 11

Dinner & Lights
3:15 PM, Dec. 17

Lunch Bunch: Meadowbrook Theater
10:40 AM, Dec. 20

White Christmas Dinner Dance
6 PM, Dec. 21

Nature Center Events

Pioneer Christmas
Noon, Dec. 8-9

Christmas Bird Count
10 AM, Dec. 15

Santa Visits the Nature Center
Noon, Dec. 16

Winter Fest
Noon, Jan. 26, 2019

Winter Hike
Noon, Feb. 16, 2019

Science Olympiad
10 AM, Feb 2, 2019

Science Olympiad
10 AM, Feb. 9, 2019

Exotic Animal Day
11:30 AM, March 9, 2019

Maple Syrup Festival
11 AM, March 16, 2019

Winter Events

For more information about any of these events, go to shelbytwp.org/parks.

Check It Out

at the Shelby Township Library



Katie Ester, Director
51680 Van Dyke Ave.
586-739-7414

Mon - Thu 9 AM - 8 PM
Fri & Sat 9 AM - 5 PM
Closed Sundays

Closures
Dec. 23-25, 31
Special Hours
Dec. 26 - 30 9 AM - 3 PM

Winter/Spring Storytime registration for Shelby Township residents begins Saturday, Jan. 5. Patrons can register online, in person or by calling the library. Register for the first class and your child will be signed up for the entire session.

Toddler Tales

Ages 2-3^{1/2}

Toddler Tales features stories, songs and early literacy activities for toddlers and their caregivers. Register for the first day of the winter/spring series and you will be registered for the whole series.

Registration begins Jan. 5, 2019.

10 AM - 10:30 AM
11 AM - 11:30 AM

Wednesdays

Preschool Pages

Ages 3^{1/2} - 5

Our storytime librarian shares stories, songs and activities with preschoolers. Caregivers can participate in the program or browse the library. You only need to register for the first date of the series.

Registration begins Jan. 5, 2019.

11 AM - 11:30 AM

Tuesdays

Families & Jammies Families with children ages 2 & up

This storytime offers creative fun for everyone. We've got stories, songs and activities for the whole family. Wearing pajamas is welcomed.

No registration required.

6:30 PM

Children's Area

Dec. 13 Jan. 10, 24, 2019 Feb. 7, 2019

Baby Bears

Ages 2 & Under

This program offers early literacy fun for children under 2 years of age with a caregiver. Drop in for short stories, songs, lap bounces and play time. **No registration required.**

10 AM

Children's Area

Dec. 7, 21 Jan. 11, 25, 2019 Feb. 8, 2019

Adult Programs

Trivia Night

7 PM, Jan. 16, 2019

Faygo: A Taste of History

7 PM, Jan. 23, 2019

Close Up & Personal: The

Life of Maya Angelou

7 PM, Feb. 6, 2019

All Age Programs

Holiday Storytime with

Mrs. Claus

2 PM, Dec. 15

Dragons vs. Unicorns

1:30 PM, Jan. 19, 2019

Pokemon Hangout

2 PM, Jan. 26, 2019

Teen Programs, Grades 7-12

Teen Fortnite Battle Royale

5:30 PM or 6:45 PM, Dec. 14

Teen Advisory Board

6 PM, Jan. 3, Feb. 7, 2019

Teen Hangout

3 PM, Wednesdays

Teen Oreo Taste-Off

6 PM, Feb. 15, 2019

For more events, go to shelbytwplib.org

Programs sponsored by the Friends of the Library



@ShelbyTwpLib

Registration Required

Township Hall

Mon - Fri 8:30 AM - 5 PM
52700 Van Dyke Ave.

Holiday Closure
Dec. 24 - Jan. 1, 2019

Michael Flynn, Treasurer
586-731-5145
treasurer@shelbytwp.org

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

WINTER TAXES

Winter property tax statements are issued **Dec. 1** and payable without penalty through **Feb. 28, 2019**.

Pay Your Bill:

- **Online** at shelbytwp.org/treasurer or **phone**, toll free, by calling **844-701-5086**. Pay with credit (2.5 percent fee), debit (\$3.95 fee) or (online only) echeck (\$1 fee).
- **Drop box** at the 24 Mile Road exit and North Entrance of the municipal building. **Or mail** a check to 52700 Van Dyke Ave., Shelby Twp., MI 48316. All payments must be in or postmarked by Feb. 28.
- **Fifth Third Bank branches** in Shelby Township. Pay by cash or check. Visit 53.com for locations and hours.
- **Pay in person** at the municipal offices with cash, check, credit, or debit (applicable fees for credit or debit).

PASSPORTS

Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
No appointments necessary.

The Shelby Township Clerk's Office is a certified Passport Acceptance Facility of the U.S. Department of State / Bureau of Consular Affairs. Passport photo services are available for a **\$10 fee** during days and hours of passport operations.

Application forms are available at the Clerk's Office. For payment types accepted and fees, visit shelbytwp.org/clerk.

Find up-to-date information on processing turnaround times, fees, and additional requirements at travel.state.gov.

Building Bulletin

Tim Wood, Director
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](tel:586-731-5969).

Supervisor's Office

586-731-5154
rstathakis@shelbytwp.org

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 in this as a part of our military community.

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

"The paver program is important because it gives soldiers and veterans from all generations a chance to come together and stand with those who were not able to come home."

- Shelby Township Veterans Events Coordinator, Phil Randazzo

For more information and how to purchase, call [586-731-5154](tel:586-731-5154).

Up To Code

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.

Snow removal - Property must be clear from accumulation of snow, sleet, ice and water.

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. Approval of the property owner shall be required prior to the placement of a 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.



Prepare Now

Use these tips from the Department of Homeland Security to be prepared for winter storms and bad weather.

- Prepare your home with insulation, caulking and weather stripping. Insulate pipes and learn how to keep them from freezing. Install smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors with battery backups.
- Tune into the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio for emergency alerts. Keep a battery-powered radio in the house in case of power loss.
- Gather supplies in case of power outage. Remember specific needs of children including medication. Don't forget pets. Keep extra batteries and flashlights. Test them to make sure they work - don't assume.
- Create an emergency supply kit for your car including jumper cables, sand, flashlight, warm clothes and blanket, bottled water, and non-perishable snacks. Refill your tank often in the winter, never letting it reach "empty".

Get more tips at ready.gov/winterweather.

Department of Public Works

David G. Miller II, Director
Weekdays 8 AM - 4:30 PM
6333 23 Mile Road,
Shelby Twp., MI 48316

586-731-5990
dpw@shelbytpw.org

Closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 1, 2019

Last week for yard waste pickup begins Dec. 10.

Christmas Tree Pick-up

Pick-up begins the day after Christmas.
Trees longer than 7 feet should be cut in half.
Please remove all tinsel and decorations prior to curbing.

Pay Your Water Bill Online

You will need your bill's entire account number (including the dash) along with the last name on the account to submit a payment. The convenience fee for credit/debit cards is 2 1/2 percent of the payment amount and the convenience fee for eChecks is \$1. Go online to shelbytpw.org/dpw to pay.

Get in Touch with GFL

If you have any questions regarding missed pick-ups, billing or container replacements, contact GFL directly at [844-464-3587](tel:844-464-3587) for faster results.

The 2018 edition of the annual **Water Quality Report**, "The Pipeline," is available at shelbytpw.org/waterqualityreport. Learn the details of your drinking water and helpful tips to save money.

Winter Roads

1. All township roads are under the jurisdiction of the Macomb County Department of Roads (MCDR).
2. The MCDR must request assistance from Shelby Township before the township can assist with plowing.
3. Shelby Township may assist in clearing subdivision roads only - this does not include private streets, apartment complexes or condo communities.
4. The township does not salt when clearing subdivisions, therefore residents and motorists may still see snow after the township plows.
5. Even in heavy snowfall, the MCDR may choose not to contact the township to help clear roads. Circumstances like ice or heavy snowpack are better dealt with by the MCDR.
6. There are over 30,000 homes lining residential streets and plows are unable to manually clear driveways or direct plowed snow away from driveways.
7. MCDR will clear main roads first before subdivisions. It may take a day or two after snowfall.

The township will forward all calls for service to the MCDR. If you feel your street has been missed, you may contact them directly at [586-463-8671](tel:586-463-8671) or visit roads.macombgov.org/roads-home-request.

Fill in your 2019 Calendar

Mark your 2019 calendar with these township events so you don't miss anything in the upcoming year.

January 2019

- 25 - Princess Fantasy Fun Night
- 26 - Winter Fest at the Nature Center

February 2019

- 14 - Daddy & Daughter Dance
- 16 - Winter Hike at the Nature Center

March 2019

- 6 - Mother & Son Dance
- 9 - Exotic Animal Day
- 8 - Shelby Township Business Awards
- 16 - Maple Syrup Festival

April 2019

- 6 - Spring is Springing
- 13 - Easter Bunny Lunch and Easter Egg Scramble
- 14 - "Egg" citing Easter Event
- 26 - Arbor Day Celebration
- 27 - Household Hazardous Waste Collection & Clean-Up Day

May 2019

- 4 - Heron & Spring Festival
- 30 - Summer Kick Off Movie & Food Truck Rally

June 2019

- 1 - River Day
- 8 - 33rd Annual Kids Fishing Derby
- 14 - Splash Bash

July 2019

- 13 - 24th Annual Kid's Olympics
- 27 - 12th Annual Flea Market

August 2019

- 3 - Kid to Kid Sale
- 10 & 11 - 36th Annual Art Fair

September 2019

- 7 - Sportsman's Skills Day
- 11 - Patriot Day Prayer Service

October 2019

- 12 - Spooktacular
- 18 & 19 - Haunted Nature Center
- 26 - Spidermania

November 2019

- 3 - Running with Heroes 5K & Veterans Celebration

December 2019

- 5 - Christmas Aglow
- 7 - Breakfast with Santa
- 7 & 8 - Pioneer Christmas
- 12 - Dinner & Dancing with Santa
- 15 - Santa visits the Nature Center

The Badge

Police Department
52530 Van Dyke Ave.,
Shelby Twp, 48316

586-731-2121

Chief Robert Shelide



Do we make you nervous
when we follow you?

Follow us back:



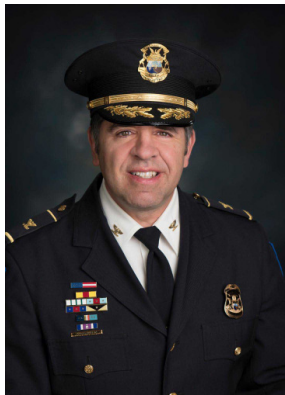
@ShelbyTwp911



ShelbyTwpPolice



ShelbyTwpPD



To Shelby Township Residents and Business Owners:

I have had the distinct opportunity as a law enforcement officer to serve the southeast Michigan areas in all three major counties. For seven years I was a Detroit police officer (Wayne County) where I learned the essence of hardcore policing in a major urban area. Later, the opportunity came to serve in the Detroit suburb of Southfield with the Southfield Police Department (Oakland County). Southfield is a city of over 72,000 residents with very specific policing needs as they share a six-mile stretch of border with the City of Detroit. It was here that my leadership skills were honed and I learned the essence of crime prevention and community policing. Packaging my skill set, mind set and toolset from the Detroit P.D. and Southfield P.D. and moving to Shelby Township Police Department (Macomb County) has been the highlight of my 32-year career in law enforcement.

I have been honored to become chief after all of my years in service. You may be thinking that is the reason why moving to Shelby Township P.D. was my highlight. Not true. The reason why is that the community in which I serve is the best kept secret in southeast Michigan. Our community is thriving in so many ways. We now have a population of over 78,000 residents and are still growing. Our builders have developed spectacular homes and subdivisions all over the township. Our multiple-zoned industrial areas are growing and thriving, adding to our tax base. We have added two major additions to our business communities in the last year -- Amazon and Antolin, which have provided thousands of jobs. Driving around the township you see new construction going up daily in our residential, commercial and industrial areas. This is an exciting time for our community.

It is nice to have the community thriving with new developments. Our school district, Utica Community Schools, is the second largest district in the State of Michigan. Superintendent Dr. Christine Johns and her staff have partnered with our police department, making the protection of our children a top priority. Many of the things that I have listed make our community good; however, what truly makes our community great are the residents and business owners. In all my years, I have never seen such a warm, caring, respectful and supportive community. Shelby Township and I have very similar values: family, faith, the importance of education, looking out for one another, and home sweet home. These values make it the best place to live in southeast Michigan.

The fine men and women of our police department are the best and brightest this profession has to offer. I have the distinct honor to lead 75 sworn officers and a total staff of over 100 who embrace their most important function: preservation of life. Make no mistake – that is our number one goal, our primary mission, and our life’s calling. I give you my solemn word: our officers will protect you, your children, and your businesses with our lives.

Humbly,

Robert J. Shelide



New Michigan Law - Move Over Law

When a stationary emergency vehicle has activated lights, drivers need to carefully move over a lane if possible. If not possible because of road conditions, weather or traffic, they need to slow down and pass with caution.

The law applies to police, fire, rescue, ambulance and road service vehicles such as tow trucks.

Violation of the “Move Over Law” is a misdemeanor, subject to four points on a license and fines and fees of \$150. There are enhanced penalties for motorists of up to 15 years in prison and/or a \$7,500 fine if the violation causes injury or death to emergency response personnel.

The Ladder

Fire Department
6345 23 Mile Road,
Shelby Twp, 48316

586-731-3476

Chief James Swinkowski



Follow the fire:



@ShelbyTwpFire



ShelbyTwpFire

Ice safety

Minimum thickness of clear, hard ice

Never leave children unattended outside or on ice.

12"	9"	6"	5"	4"	0-3"
Pickup truck or SUV*	Small automobile*	Snowmobile or ATV*	Small group spread out	1 person with personal gear	Unsafe! Stay off!

* Not recommended, but if you must, proceed at your own risk.

UTAH DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Ice Safety:

- To check ice thickness, use a tape measure to find the true thickness. Put the tape measure into the hole and hook the bottom edge of ice before taking measurement. As you move across the pond or lake, check the ice at least every 150 feet.
- Ice may be safe in one area, but it does not mean the entire pond or lake is safe.
- White or “snow” ice is half as strong as new, clear ice and needs to be twice as thick as the guidelines to the left.
- Do not go out alone on the ice. Always tell a friend or family member where you will be and when they should expect to hear from you.
- Call 911 immediately if someone falls through the ice. Do not approach the hole. Use a pole, branch or rope to help from a safe distance.



C H A R T E R T O W N S H I P
O F S H E L B Y

Directory

Department

Phone

Email

Supervisor's Office — Rick Stathakis
Clerk's Office — Stanley T. Grot
Treasurer's Office — Michael Flynn
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