

Branching Out

Shelby Township Events & Programs

Creating a Better Place through people, places and events



It won't be long before Shelby Township is a winter wonderland.
For our township's Christmas programs, see pages 7-10.

Shelby Township Parks, Recreation & Maintenance Catalog

Winter 2020



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Serving the residents of Shelby Township at the
Shelby Township Activities Center, Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center,
the Shelby Township Senior Center and more than 1,100 acres of picturesque parks.



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"We Create Community through People, Parks & Programs"
 Shelby Township Activities Center
 14975 21 Mile Road, Shelby Township, MI 48315

OFFICE HOURS
 8:30 AM-noon and 1-5 PM, weekdays
 Office closes daily for lunch noon-1 PM

CONTACT INFORMATION
 Phone: 586-731-0300
 Fax: 586-323-3054
 Email: shelbyprm@shelbytwp.org
 shelbytwp.org/parks
 facebook.com/shelbytwpparksandrec

PRM MISSION STATEMENT

The Shelby Township Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department staff provides progressive leisure, organized sports, cultural and educational programs to the township. It protects our natural resources and offers outdoor recreational opportunities to members of the community in a safe, healthy and enjoyable environment. The staff provides innovative and quality services to residents, businesses and service organizations in Shelby Township.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department Office and Shelby Township Senior Center will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

- Dec. 25-Jan. 1 Christmas Holidays
- Feb. 15 Presidents Day (observed)
- April 2 Good Friday

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NEW REGISTRATION AND RESERVATION PLATFORM

Watch for our upcoming switch to RecPro for online registration and reservations. If you have done business with us within the past three years, your information will be in the new system, so you can continue to register for classes from your computer or mobile device. If you are a new customer, call 586-731-0300, and we will add you to our database. With our new system, residents can make online payments with Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover credit cards.

SEE PAGE 7 FOR 2020 Shelby Township Christmas Aglow

SEASONAL HELP WANTED!

Are you interested in earning a little extra money next summer? The Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department will be hiring enthusiastic and dependable staff for several seasonal positions.

- Grounds & Park Maintenance
- Recreation Aide (scorekeeping, concessions, events, building attendant, etc.)
- Gene Shepherd Park Splash Pad Recreation Aide

For further details on the wage scale, hours and job duties or to apply, visit the township Human Resources Department website at <https://shelbytwp.applicantpro.com/jobs>. Please call **586-731-0300** or email martelc@shelbytwp.org if you have any questions.

INSTRUCTORS WANTED

Do you have a unique talent or skill that you can share with others? We're always on the lookout for instructors to teach classes, host workshops, hold seminars and lead camps for residents of all ages. If you're interested in sharing your talent and knowledge, we'd love to hear your ideas. The new Shelby Township Activities Center has a craft room, computer room, meeting rooms, a multipurpose room and a full-size gymnasium available to meet any needs.

If you enjoyed a class or workshop elsewhere and would like to suggest that we offer it, please share that with us. Send your ideas and proposals to Mike Adam madams@shelbytwp.org or call **586-731-0300** for more information.

Catalog Key

Who's offering the class

Business or location offering the class, including the address
 Fee: \$ (Sometimes here)

Program

Title of Program – Description of program including, any additional equipment needed or included. Fee: \$ residents, \$ nonresidents (Sometimes here)
 #111111-A# TIME DAY(S) DATE LENGTH \$ (SOMETIMES HERE)
 Fee placement depends on listing

Title of Program – Description of program including any additional equipment needed or included. Fee: \$ residents, \$ nonresidents (Sometimes here)
 #111111-A# TIME DAY(S) DATE LENGTH \$ (SOMETIMES HERE)

Activity Number

REFUND POLICIES

- PRM honors most refund requests if the request is made before a class meets for the second time.
- See league information for refund deadline dates, fees and policies for our athletic leagues.
- Requests for refunds for one-day events or classes, camps or for programs that meet for consecutive days must occur at least seven business days prior to the scheduled date.
- A \$7 per enrollment fee will be deducted from refunds for processing unless the description lists a different fee.
- A refund check will be mailed three to four weeks from the date of request for cash and check transactions.
- PRM credits refunds to you card for Visa or Mastercard refunds.
- Fees of \$7 or less are not eligible for refunds.
- Partial refunds are not issued.
- PRM does not grant refunds for Heritage Garden or Hope Chapel reservations.
- Refund requests for shelter reservation can occur up to 30 days before the reservation date. Requests must be in writing. PRM deducts a 10% cancellation fee from the refund.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Event reservations or ticket sales - A \$2 per family mailing fee is added to reservation or sales not made in person if a receipt cannot be emailed. This fee does not apply to class enrollment. Event reservations are not available online.

Enrollment confirmation - Walk-in enrollment confirmation occurs at the time of registration. A receipt will be emailed for any enrollment not taken in person if an email address is on file.

Late registration and partial attendance - PRM does not prorate fees because of late registration or partial class attendance.

Check Return Policy - Any check returned for insufficient funds or any other reason is subject to processing and bank fees payable before further participation or registration.

Cancellations - PRM reserves the right to cancel an activity or program because of a lack of enrollment or other circumstances beyond its control. If a cancellation is necessary, PRM will contact enrollees by phone, and a full refund will be processed.

Senior Discount - Enrollees 65 or older are eligible for a 10% discount on their class enrollment upon request at the time of registration. If applicable, the discount occurs after the nonresident fee. A senior discount is not available for facility, park or event reservations.

Notice to Students - Instructors and staff members are not permitted to sell any product, service or espouse any spiritual or religious activity while performing duties as an instructor or facility member for the Charter Township of Shelby. Said persons must state their occupation and commercial role at the first class meeting. Also, literature with commercial content or business cards may be made available to students only upon the student's request. The Charter Township of Shelby, PRM and its staff are not responsible for any activities that may take place inside or outside the classroom or off township properties.

EVENT & ACTIVITY LOCATIONS



- Shelby Township Activities Center**
14975 21 Mile Road
Shelby Township, MI 48315
- Argentine Tango Detroit**
7758 Auburn Road
Utica, MI 48317
- Body Images**
51204 Danview
Technology Court
Shelby Township, MI 48315
- Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center**
4101 River Bends Drive
Shelby Township, MI 48317
586-323-2478
- Cherry Creek Golf Club**
52000 Cherry Creek Drive
Shelby Township, MI 48316
- Chief Gene Shepherd Park**
2452 23 Mile Road
Shelby Township, MI 48316
- Dream Dance Co**
51756 Van Dyke Ave
Shelby Township, MI 48316
- Ford Field Central Park**
7460 23 Mile Road
Shelby Township, MI 48316
- Graceful Moves Dance**
54728 Shelby Road
Shelby Township, MI 48316
- Henriksen's Golf Range**
51655 Van Dyke Ave.
Shelby Township, MI 48316
- Heritage Garden & Hope Chapel**
52700 Van Dyke Ave.
Shelby Township, MI 48316
- Holland Ponds**
50385 Ryan Road
Shelby Township, MI 48317
- Joe Dumars Fieldhouse**
45300 Mound Road
Shelby Township, MI 48317
- Lombardo Park**
11695 22 Mile Road
Shelby Township, MI 48317
- Mae Stecker Park**
8600 24 Mile Road
Shelby Township, MI 48316
- Master K's Karate**
50658 Van Dyke Ave.
Shelby Township, MI 48317
- New Rink Roller Sports Complex**
50625 Van Dyke Ave.
Shelby Township, MI 48317
- New Way Martial Arts Academy**
48075 Van Dyke Ave.
Shelby Township, MI 48316
- River Bends Park**
5700 22 Mile Road
Shelby Township, MI 48317
- Shelby Lions Football & Soccer Fields**
51670 Van Dyke Ave.
Shelby Township, MI 48316
- Wag 'N' Tails Activity Center**
56776 Mound Road
Shelby Township, MI 48316
- Wag 'N' Tails Studio**
53153 Hayes Road
Shelby Township, MI 48315
- Whispering Woods Park**
11000 21 Mile Road
Shelby Township, MI 48315
- Woodall Neighborhood Park**
4550 River Bends Drive
Shelby Township, MI 48317



Shelby Township Activities Center

ACTIVITY REGISTRATION

We accept walk-in registrations, in person, at the Shelby Township Activities Center at 14975 21 Mile Road. It's not necessary to complete a form for walk-in enrollment. Use cash, check, Visa, Mastercard or money order for walk-in payment.

Online enrollment for most classes and activities is available at shelbytwp.org/parks. Use the "Webtrac Online Registration" link in the left column and follow the prompts. Facility reservations and ticket sales are not available online.

Call the Parks, Recreation & Maintenance Department at **586-731-0300** to enroll by phone using your Visa or Mastercard. You will receive a receipt by email if your household has an email address on file with PRM. Otherwise, your credit card bill is confirmation of your enrollment.

For your convenience, a registration drop box is available for after-hours enrollment at the front doors of the activities center. To register by mail or drop-box, enclose a check, or Visa or Mastercard information and a completed enrollment form in an envelope and mail it to our new address, Shelby Township Activities Center, 14975 21 Mile Road, Shelby Township, MI 48315.

You can fax or email registration by sending a completed enrollment form and Visa or Mastercard information. To fax, submit your documents to **586-323-3054**, or, to email, send all documents to shelbyprm@shelbytwp.org.

For mail, fax or email registration, please complete and sign the enrollment form below.

REGISTRATION DATES

Residents of Shelby Township and Utica may register now. Unless otherwise noted, resident enrollment using any of the methods listed in the catalog are processed upon receipt. Nonresident registration begins Thursday, Oct. 24. Nonresidents must add \$7 for each activity unless the description contains a different fee.

ENROLLMENT FORM

FOR MAIL, FAX OR EMAIL ENROLLMENT. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY -- COMPLETE ENTIRE FORM & SIGN

Registrations will be processed **upon receipt** for Shelby Township and Utica residents. Registrations for non-residents will be accepted beginning Thursday, Oct. 24. **Enrollees will be notified if a class is full, canceled, or requires a supply list.** A receipt will be sent via email if you have provided an email address. If you would like a receipt mailed to you, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your mail-in or drop-box registration. **Don't forget to sign the signature line.** Include your check, money order, or credit card information. Make checks payable to **Shelby Township Parks, Recreation and Maintenance**. Event tickets not sold in person will be assessed a \$2 mailing fee if the receipt cannot be emailed. **This fee does not** apply to class registrations.

First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sex _____	Date of Birth _____	Grade _____	Sex _____	Date of Birth _____	Grade _____
Activity # _____	Activity Name _____	Activity # _____	Activity Name _____	Activity # _____	Activity Name _____
Start Time _____	Start Date _____	Start Time _____	Start Date _____	Start Time _____	Start Date _____
Activity Fee _____	NonRes Fee if Required _____	Activity Fee _____	NonRes Fee if Required _____	Activity Fee _____	NonRes Fee if Required _____
Total Fee: \$ _____		Total Fee: \$ _____		Total Fee: \$ _____	

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check/Money Order # _____	Credit Card # _____	Expiration Date _____
Credit Card - circle <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard <input type="checkbox"/>	Cardholder's Name _____	

FAX-IN REGISTRATION ACCEPTED WITH CREDIT CARD PAYMENT ONLY! FAX FORM TO 586-323-3054

Mail registration form to: Shelby Township Parks, Recreation & Maintenance, 14975 21 Mile Road, Shelby Township, MI 48315

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY & SIGN BELOW

Street Address _____ City or Township _____ Zip Code _____
 Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____
 Name of Parent or Guardian of Minor Child _____
 Emergency Contact Person _____ Emergency Phone _____ Relationship to Enrollee _____

PLEASE COMPLETE APPLICABLE INFORMATION:

Jersey/Shirt Size: Youth Adult XS S M L XL
 Is someone in the household volunteering? Circle: Coach Asst Other _____
 Name _____ Phone _____
 Team with (name) _____

NOTE REGARDING PRINTING ERRORS - Our office staff does its best to make sure the information, including fees and dates contained in our newsletters, on flyers and posted online is correct. However, from time to time mistakes are made. We apologize for any misprints, but reserve the right to charge the corrected fee where an error is found.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY - In registering for the above, I hereby release the Charter Township of Shelby, its representatives, successors, and instructors of all liability for all types of damages or injuries, whether foreseeable or not, sustained by myself, my child, or other family members while participating in, observing, and traveling to or from the above listed activity. In addition, I hereby give my permission for the use of photos, video, or other likenesses of me or my minor child to be used in promotional materials for Shelby Township.

PLEASE SIGN HERE _____
 (Signature of Student or Parent of Minor Student)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Processed by _____ Date _____ Receipt # _____
 Fax _____ Email _____ Mail _____ Drop-Box _____
 Notes _____

DEPARTMENT POLICIES

Anti-Discrimination - The Parks, Recreation & Maintenance Department does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, gender identity, expression of sexual orientation or disabled status in the employment of or the provision of services.

Insurance - While the Parks, Recreation & Maintenance Department is committed to the safety of all of its participants, it takes no responsibility for personal injuries or loss of personal property while using township facilities or participating in activities. It is recommended that anyone enrolled in a program or using the facilities make provisions to provide adequate coverage with their own insurance program.

Photo Policy - The township frequently takes photos or video images of event and activity participants, visitors to our parks, and persons utilizing our facilities. These photos and video images are the sole property of the township and may be used for promotional and marketing purposes at its discretion.

REGISTRATION DATES

Residents of Shelby Township and Utica may register now. Unless otherwise noted, resident enrollment using any of the methods listed in the catalog are processed upon receipt. Nonresident registration begins Thursday, Feb. 13. Nonresidents must add \$7 for each activity unless the description contains a different fee.

RESERVATION POLICY

Park pavilions, Hope Chapel and Heritage Garden can be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis with no restrictions on the date. Reservations can be made for any date, based on availability, for any month or year. Full payment is due at the time of the reservation. You may be subject to any price increases that go into effect between the date the reservation is made and the event date.

PRM does not grant refunds for Heritage Garden or Hope Chapel reservations. Refund requests for pavilion reservations can occur up to 30 days before the reservation date. Requests must be in writing. PRM deducts a 10% cancellation fee from the refund.

HOLIDAY THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

The staff from the Shelby Township Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department sends its sincerest thanks and best wishes to the many generous individuals, businesses, and service organizations that supported of our activities, events and programs throughout 2020.

- Bob & Diane Labadie**
- Christian Financial Credit Union**
- Dr. Ban R. Barbat, DDS-PC**
- Genisys Credit Union**
- Macomb Orthodontics**
- MC Dental Care, PLLC**
- Michael Ward**
- Motor City Appliance**
- Oakstreet Health**
- Senior Center Volunteers**
- StoryPoint of Chesterfield**
- Waltonwood at Lakeside**

LOST & FOUND

Return found items from parks, events and games to PRM at the Shelby Township Activities Center at 14975 21 Mile Road. We tag items with where and when they were found. When possible, we contact the owner to let them know we have the lost item. PRM keeps lost and found items for 30 days. Following that, PRM disposes of items or donates them to a local charity. If you have lost an item, call **586-731-0300** or email shelbyprm@shelbytwp.org with a description.

CANCELLATIONS BECAUSE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

When the weather calls for enough precipitation to cancel games, practices or classes, PRM places a phone message at 586-726-4556 and posts it to shelbytwp.org/parks and [facebook.com/ShelbyTwpParksAndRec](https://www.facebook.com/ShelbyTwpParksAndRec). Please check these areas before phoning PRM.

VISIT US ON THE WEB

To view winter programs from the **Shelby Township Senior Center**, visit shelbytwp.org/seniors and download the new edition of the "Senior Newsletter."

For information regarding winter programs at the **Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center**, visit shelbytwp.org/nature.

CLASSES & PROGRAMS

TGA PREMIER SPORTS GOLF

TGA Premier Sports Golf brings the golf course to the Shelby Township Activities Center gym. A safe and nurturing environment helps children learn swing fundamentals, putting, chipping, rules, etiquette and life values. All equipment is provided, and TGA Premier Sports guarantees a student/coach ratio of 8:1 or better. Class meets at the Shelby Township Activities Center. There is no class Feb. 15.

Fee: \$119 resident, \$126 nonresident

#211128-A1 5-6 PM Mon Jan. 25 6 wks

BELLY DANCING

Belly Dancing – Level 1 & 2 – Basics and Beyond – Are you interested in trying something different in a fun, laid-back atmosphere? Belly dancing is a beautiful form of exercise and expression. Meet new people while learning various belly dance choreographies. Optional performance opportunities are available at our October show. Classes serve ages 16 to adult. Dress comfortably. Contact Lori at underthemoonbd@gmail.com or 586-803-1918 with any questions. Lessons take place at the Shelby Township Activities Center at 14975 21 Mile Road. **Fee: \$36 resident, \$43 nonresident.**

#221507-A1 6:05-7 PM Wed Jan. 13 6 wks

2021 SUMMER RECREATION DAY CAMP

Are you looking for something for your child to do this summer that doesn't involve video games or TV? The Shelby Township Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department is bringing back the popular Summer Recreation Day Camp. At the camp's new home at Mae Stecker Park, children will participate in fun activities, games, team building activities, sports, arts and crafts projects, and more. Check shelbytwp.org/parks, [facebook.com/shelbytwpparksandrec](https://www.facebook.com/shelbytwpparksandrec) and the next "Branching Out" for more information.

Belly Dancing – Performance Group – Want to perfect existing moves and learn new moves and advanced choreography? This class will offer different styles of dance and how to layer movements to a variety of music. Optional performance opportunities are available. Please note, this class requires an invitation from the instructor. Contact Lori at underthemoonbd@gmail.com or 586-803-1918 with any questions. Lessons take place at the Shelby Township Activities Center at 14975 21 Mile Road. **Fee: \$48 resident, \$55 non-resident.**

#221507-B1 7:05-8:30 PM Wed Jan. 13 6 wks

SPORTS PROGRAMS

SHELBY BASKETBALL CLUB

Register for youth & teen basketball leagues

Leagues begin in late January unless it is deemed necessary to delay the season.

Grades 1 and 2 play once per week, and the schedule includes seven practices and four games.

Grades 3 through 9 have one to two practices or games per week with seven practices and seven games. This section also includes playoffs.

Weekday start times are as early as 5:45 p.m. and as late as 8 p.m. Fees listed are for Shelby Township or Utica residents. Nonresidents add \$10 per player.

Both players must request to be on each other's team for "buddy requests" to be honored. All players in divisions covering grades 1 through 9 may request one person as their buddy on the same team.

Rosters in the Boys Grades 7-9 league have a maximum of six players per team. Teams may form their own entire team roster by submitting all names of the team's players with registration.

Register online at shelbytwp.org/parks. Online payment must be made using a Visa or Mastercard. To register by phone, call parks and recreation staff at **586-731-0300**. Phone payment must be made using a Visa or Mastercard. Register in person 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the parks and recreation office in the Shelby Township Activities Center at 14975 21 Mile Road. The office is closed noon-1 p.m. for lunch. Cash, check, Visa or Mastercard can be used for in-person registration.

Refunds will be issued up until the first practice with a \$10 processing fee subtracted from refund. Call **586-731-0300** with questions.

	Before Jan 10	After Jan 10
Instructional Co-ed Grades 1/2 (Sunday Mornings)		
#111118-A1	\$70	\$80
Boys Grades 3/4 Division (Saturdays late mornings)		
#111118-A3	\$80	\$90
Boys Grades 5/6 Division (Saturdays early afternoons)		
#111118-A4	\$80	\$90
Boys Grades 7-9 (3 on 3) (Sunday late mornings)		
#111118-A7	\$80	\$90

2021 YOUTH BASEBALL PROGRAM

Youth baseball registration for Shelby Township and Utica residents runs **Jan. 13–March 20** with online, walk-in and phone-in options available. Nonresidents can register **Feb. 3–March 20**. Nonresidents add \$10 per player. When registering online, you need your Household ID number and password. Email shelbyprm@shelbytwp.org or call **586-731-0300** to acquire that information. Register at webtrac.shelbytwp.org.

Pee Wee Tee begins **May 8** and runs for seven weeks. All other leagues begin in late April or early May, depending on field conditions. Leagues are completed by **July 4**. Pee Wee Tee refunds are available through **May 8**. Refunds in all other divisions are available through **April 18**. PRM deducts a \$10 fee from all refunds.

Pee Wee Tee

#111112-C1	Sat	\$55	\$65
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Coed Coach Pitch Ages 6-8

#221112-A1	Mon & Wed	\$80	\$90
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Pitch Machine Ages 8-10

#221112-A2	Tue & Thu	\$80	\$90
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As a guide, most players play one to two seasons in each division before moving up to the next division. Games and practices may also be on Fridays and Saturdays for all divisions if needed. **Game times are 6:30 p.m. on weekdays and vary on Saturdays if required.** Minor league players that are 11-years-old should be players that are not ready for the 50/70 Division. All divisions will have approximately four practices and 12 games. Managers are allowed to request up to two other coaches, and one buddy request is allowed per player. Forming teams will NOT be permitted. Requests are not guaranteed, and your other coach or buddy must also request you.

The registration fee includes a team shirt, hat and an end-of-season award. Players supply their glove. No games take place Memorial Day weekend. Practices and games take place at parks located throughout Shelby Township.

Volunteer coaches, officials and staff play a vital role in our sports leagues. Please consider taking some time to make your child's sports experience a positive one by volunteering as a coach or assistant coach. To assist you, we'll provide general rules and guidelines at a volunteer meeting held before the season. No coaching experience is necessary. For more info on volunteering, please call **586-731-0300**.

Boys' Baseball Ages 9-11

#211909-N3	Tue & Thu	\$90	\$100
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Boys' Baseball Ages 11-13

#211909-N6	Mon & Wed	\$90	\$100
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Boys' Senior Ages 13-16

#211909-S1	Tue & Thu (may vary)	\$90	\$100
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Boys Baseball 16-18

#211909-S2	Mon & Wed	\$90	\$100
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ARTISTS & VENDOR APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR 2021 SHELBY TOWNSHIP ART FAIR

April 1 Deadline

The Shelby Township Art Fair Committee is seeking artists and vendors for its 38th annual juried show **Aug. 14-15, 2021**. This event, which is co-hosted by Shelby Township, the Art Fair Committee, and the Shelby Township Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department, provides an excellent experience for more than 15,000 visitors from near and far. The fair includes more than 100 artists, artisans, crafters and Michigan Made Market vendors. There is also food, music, a kids' craft and activity area, and more.

The 2021 Shelby Township Art Fair takes place at beautiful River Bends Park at 5700 22 Mile Road, just west of Shelby Road. This new location provides a more substantial area for exhibitors and entertainment, almost twice as much parking, and convenient free shuttle buses. This lovely park with plenty of mature trees, flat grassy areas and three pavilions is a favorite place for special events.

Applications are available by visiting shelbyartfair.org. To receive an application, email marshallp@shelbytwp.org or call 586-731-0300. The deadline to apply is **April 1**, and jury results get mailed on or around **May 1, 2020**.

SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Local, regional and national businesses and organizations are invited to support the art fair. A variety of sponsor options and marketing opportunities fit almost any budget. Sponsor support allows the committee and the PRM Department to continue hosting this family-friendly event.

Options include event partner, entertainment sponsor, shuttle bus sponsor, promotional sponsor and more. Details about the options are at shelbyartfair.org. Call Pam Marshall at **586-731-0300** to discuss sponsor options.

2020 Shelby Township Christmas Aglow

7 PM, Dec. 3, 2020

NEW LOCATION:

Whispering Woods Kivanis Park

11000 21 Mile Road

- Anonymous

The 2020 Shelby Township Christmas Aglow is a drive-thru Christmas experience with four “cheer” stations featuring Christmas crafts, hot cocoa and snacks, a gift from Santa, and more. The night includes a socially-distanced visit from Santa Claus and lighting of the township’s Christmas tree. End the experience with a drive-in viewing of “The Santa Clause.”





SHELBY TOWNSHIP *Giving Tree*

The Charter Township of Shelby has received Samaritan House's Christmas Wish List once again.

Join the township in our 7th annual Giving Tree as we work to give back to an organization who's entire purpose is giving back to us. To participate, donate or purchase any of the items listed, then drop them off at one of our collection locations. The Giving Tree will run from Monday, Nov. 30 until Wednesday, Dec. 23.

For more details, contact the Township Supervisor's Office at 586-731-5154 or info@shelbytwp.org.



SAMARITAN HOUSE *Wish List*

Select any of these items to donate:

- Tea Bags
- Coffee
- Crackers
- Syrup
- Spam
- Granulated Sugar
- Toothpaste
- Tooth Brushes
- Deodorant
- Disposable Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Shampoo
- Kleenex
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Soap
- Dish Soap
- Paper Towel

If there are any other items you may wish to donate, please feel free to do so. Donations will be collected at the following locations:

Township Hall
52700 Van Dyke Ave.

Shelby Township Library
51680 Van Dyke Ave.

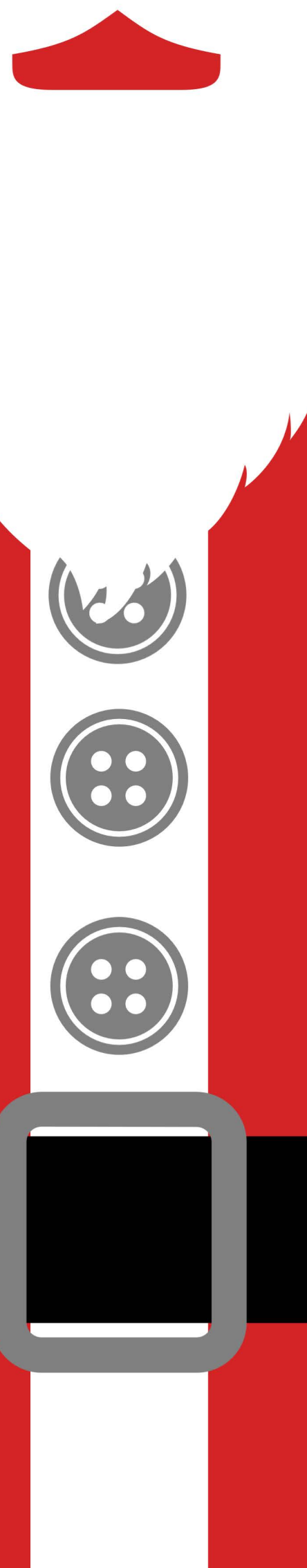
Shelby Township Activities Center
14975 21 Mile Road





Virtual Santa Visits

While many of the township's Christmas traditions are on hold because of the pandemic, Santa Claus made special plans to make sure he didn't miss meeting Shelby Township's kids before Christmas. Santa is working with the township's Parks, Recreation and Maintenance and Community Relations departments to schedule free virtual visits with local youngsters. Through the magic of Christmas and Zoom, kids can see and speak to Santa live to ask questions and share their Christmas wishes. Appointments are limited, so don't delay making your reservation.



Virtual Visit with Santa

Reserve one free 10-minute appointment per family to meet with Santa on Dec. 8, 10 or 12. Making your reservation by contacting the Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department at 586-731-0300. Visits are limited to Shelby Township and Utica residents.

Session 1 - 5-8 PM, Dec. 8

Session 2 - 5-8 PM, Dec. 10

Session 3 - 8:30-11:30 AM, Dec. 12



2020

Christmas Lights Contest

Shelby Township is looking for the best light displays in the community. Send three to four pictures of your decorated home in full illumination to madams@shelbytwp.org by Dec. 9 or call 586-731-0300 for more details. We will post entrants for voting Dec. 10-17 on shelbytwp.org/contests and winners will be announced Dec. 21. The top two houses will receive prizes. Good luck and Merry Christmas.



ADDRESS

51680 Van Dyke Ave.,
Shelby Township, MI, 48316

CONTACT

Phone: 586-739-7414
Fax: 586-726-0535
shelbylib@libcoop.net

HOURS

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

CLOSED

Feb. 17
April 10 & 11



Virtual Storytimes



no registration required

Whenever your family needs a break, catch up with our free storytimes. You can see them at facebook.com/shelbytwplib or on Shelby TV Kids on YouTube. Search "Shelby TV Kids" and subscribe.

Little Bears (children under 3), 10 AM, Fridays Nov. 13-Dec. 18

Enjoy short stories, songs, rhymes and movement activities for children under 3 and their caregivers.

Family Storytime, 10 AM, Tuesdays Nov. 17-Dec. 22

Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, and fun from your own home's comfort

FOR CHILDREN:

Take the "Mission: Read" challenge

"Mission: Read" challenges kids in grades K-3 to take on the mission to read for 1,000 days before grade 6. A thousand days sounds like a lot—and it is—but Mission: READ makes it fun!

Readers can read whatever they want, for as long as they wish. At the end of the day, readers should ask, "did I read today?" If the answer is "yes," then whatever they read counts towards the 1,000 days.

When you complete your mission, report back to a librarian, and we'll have a surprise reward for you that's out of this world. To start, sign up at shelbytwplib.beanstack.org.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Set a goal to read 1,000 books to your little ones before they start kindergarten. You can start reading together from the day children are born.

Babies' brains grow at an incredible rate. Reading together is enjoyable and builds language skills children will need even before they go to school. Earn digital badges as you track your progress at your own pace. Every book you read together counts, every time you read it.

Children will receive a sticker for every 100 books read, and a free book and tote bag when they finish all 1,000 books. Show a librarian your digital badges to earn the prizes. Sign up at shelbytwplib.beanstack.org.

Kids Book Bag Club (grades 1-6), pickup Dec. 5, registration required

Get paired with some new books each month. After answering an online survey about your interests, a librarian will surprise you with a unique "Book Bag." Book bags include your personally selected books, treats and surprise goodies. Eat the treats, keep the goodies and return the books. Register Nov. 21 for the Dec. 5 bag.

Maker Monday To Go (all ages), pickups Monday, Dec. 7

Pick up a craft kit anytime on the first open Monday each month, while supplies last. Watch the "craft-along" video posted at facebook.com/shelbytwplib posted that week at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday. The supply list and instructions are also available on the calendar at shelbytwplib.org.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Fun at Home Kit (grades 3-6), Nov. 21, registration required

Enjoy crafts and activities at home with the favorite series "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" by Jeff Kinney. Supplies are limited, so register to get your kit. Pickup is Saturday, Nov. 21. Registered participants automatically enter a raffle for a copy of the new book "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Deep End." Registration opens Nov. 7.

Wings of Fire Fun at Home Kit (grades 3-6), Dec. 19, registration required

Enjoy crafts and activities at home with the favorite series "Wings of Fire" by Tui Sutherland. Supplies are limited, so register to get your kit. Pickup is Saturday, Dec. 19. Registered participants automatically enter a raffle for a copy of the graphic novel "Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy." Registration opens Dec. 5.

FOR TEENS:

Teen Advisory Board (grades 7-12), 6-7 PM, the first Thursday of every month, Join a teen council that creates teen displays, decorates the library, and plans events for teens at the library. Earn community service hours every month for attending. TAB members receive invitation emails before each Zoom meeting. Want to join? Call the library to request an application at 586-739-7414.

Teen Book Box Club (grades 7-12), pickup Dec. 5, registration required

Get paired with some new books each month. After answering an online survey about your interests, a librarian will surprise you with a special "Book Box." Book boxes include your personally selected books, treats and surprise goodies. Eat the treats, keep the goodies and return the books. Register Nov. 21 for the Dec. 5 box.

Teen Creations Kit (grades 7-12), pickup Dec. 12, registration required

This monthly club uses different media to create art pieces such as painting, collage, sewing, and sketching. Supplies are limited. Register for each kit. Register Nov. 21 for the Dec. 12 kit.

Teen Mystery Night (grades 7-12), Nov. 13

Join us for an online mystery. Someone broke into a beloved 19th-century bed and breakfast, ripped up the floorboards, and painted "MURDERER" on the original owner's portrait. What was the burglar looking for, and what is the truth about the original owners? You are the detective. Examine the evidence, read witness testimony and uncover the truth. Please check the calendar at shelbytwplib.org for more information.

FOR ADULTS:

Michigan Military History, 7 PM. Nov. 11

In honor of Veteran's Day, we share the expertise of Joe Coppens and Chris Causley from the Michigan Military Technical and Historical Society. This organization preserves and shares the stories of Michigan citizens who served and sacrificed during conflicts dating from World War I to today. The program premieres on shelbytwplib.org/library and on Facebook at facebook.com/shelbytwplib.

Flavors of Fall, 7 PM. Nov. 18

Watch Chef Colleen Serra as she creates a fantastic pumpkin sage risotto and an accompanying cocktail to celebrate the season's flavors. The program premieres on shelbytwplib.org/library and Facebook at facebook.com/shelbytwplib.

Adult Winter Craft-Along, Dec. 8, supplies required

Please stop by the library Dec. 1 to pick up our Winter Snowman Craft Kit while supplies last. The Craft-Along will air Dec. 8 on shelbytwplib.org/library and Facebook at facebook.com/shelbytwplib.

ADULT LIBRARY CLUBS: Newcomers are always welcome. Virtual meetings take place on Zoom. Email shelbytwplib@libcoop.net to join.

Not Your Parents' Book Club, 7 PM (no December meeting)

Nov. 24 "Fourth of July Creek" by Smith Henderson
Jan. 26 "The Fruit of the Drunken Tree" by Ingrid Rojas Contreras

Afternoon Book Club, 1 PM

Nov. 19: "Normal People" by Sally Rooney
Dec. 17: Discuss potential selections and vote on books for 2021.

Evening Book Club, 6:30 PM

Dec. 8: "Chances Are" by Richard Russo
Jan. 12: "The Great Believers" by Rebecca Makkai

Mystery Book Club, 10:30 AM, the second Saturday of each month

Nov. 14: "The Silent Patient" by Alex Michaelides
Dec. 12: "Gone" by Lisa Gardner

We regularly add more library events. Check the calendar at shelbytwplib.org or follow facebook.com/ShelbyTwPlib, so you don't miss an exciting library activity.

BRANCHING OUT



Charter Township of Shelby
52700 Van Dyke Ave.
Shelby Township, MI 48316

2021 OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL LEAGUES

Pickleball is one of the fastest-growing sports in America. Thanks to the Robby Atherton Foundation's generosity, Shelby Township has four new outdoor pickleball courts behind the Shelby Township Activities Center at 14975 21 Mile Road. These courts are already a success, and this spring, we'll be offering outdoor pickleball leagues. Watch for details to be posted at shelbytwp.org/parks and in the next edition of "Branching Out."

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please note that dates, events and locations are subject to change.
For more information please call **586-731-0300** or
visit shelbytwp.org/parks.

JANUARY

Sat, Jan. 23
Winter Fest & Cookout
Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center

FEBRUARY

Thu, Feb. 11
Daddy-Daughter Dance
Cherry Creek Golf Club

Sat, Feb. 13
Winter Hike
Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center

MARCH

Wed, March 3
Mother & Son Dance
Cherry Creek Golf Club

Sun, March 7
Exotic Animal Day
Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center

Sat, March 21
Maple Syrup Festival
Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center

Sat, March 27
Easter Bunny Lunch
Shelby Township Activities Center

Easter Egg Scramble
River Bends Park

Sun, March 28
"Egg"citing Easter Event
Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center

APRIL

Sat, April 10
Spring is Springing
Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center

MAY

Sat, May 1
Heron & Spring Festival
Holland Ponds

Fri, May 14
Princess Fantasy Fun Night
Shelby Township Activities Center

Sat, May 15
Camp Sampler Day
Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center

JUNE

Sat, June 5
River Day
Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center

Fri, June 11
Splash Bash Summer Kickoff
Chief Gene Shepherd Park

Sat, June 12
35th Annual Kid's Fishing Derby
Heritage Lake

Sat, June 19
Pollinator Bioblitz
Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center

Sat, June 26
History of River Bends Park
Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center

JULY

Sat, July 10
26th Annual Kid's Olympics
Whispering Woods Kiwanis Park

Wed, July 14
Free Concert: Dan Rafferty Band
Municipal Campus

Wed, July 21
Free Concert: Jay Daniel Band
Municipal Campus

Sat, July 24
14th Annual Flea Market
Whispering Woods Kiwanis Park

Wed, July 28
Free Concert: Katmandu
Municipal Campus

AUGUST

Wed, Aug. 4
Free Concert: Square Pegz
Municipal Campus

Sat, Aug. 7
Kid to Kid Sale
Shelby Township Activities Center

Sat & Sun, Aug. 14 & 15
38th Annual Art Fair
River Bends Park

SEPTEMBER

Sat, Sept. 4
Sportsman's Skills Day
Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center

Sat, Sept. 11
Bow Wow Luau
Chief Gene Shepherd Park

Sat, Sept. 18
The Night the Animals Talked
Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center

OCTOBER

Fri, Oct. 8
Halloween Spooktacular
& Movie Night

Fri & Sat, Oct. 15 & 16
Haunted Nature Center
Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center

Sat, Oct. 23
Spidermania
Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center

NOVEMBER

Sun, Nov. 21
Snack & Shop Shelby Township
Shelby Township Activities Center

DECEMBER

Thu, Dec. 2
Christmas Aglow Tree Lighting
Municipal Campus

Sat, Dec. 4
Breakfast with Santa
Shelby Township Activities Center

Sat & Sun, Dec. 4 & 5
Pioneer Christmas
Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center

Thu, Dec. 9
Dinner & Dancing with Santa
Cherry Creek Golf Course

Mon, Dec. 10-17
"Light Up the Holidays"
Christmas Decorating Contest

SUN, DEC. 19

Santa Visits the Nature Center
Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center