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Following the successful relaunch of shelbytwp.org in September 2020, the township migrated all of the Shelby Township Library and the Shelby Township Historical Committee content to new homes on the township's main site.

The migration allows residents and visitors to seamlessly move from exploring the township's parks and administrative offices to the library's services and the historical committee's archives without leaving the site.

"Between our library and historical committee, we have the best educational resources any local municipality could offer its residents," Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said. "My hat goes off to the library staff and historical committee volunteers for compiling so many resources.

"Now that the community relations department transferred them onto our new website, we have a one-stop-shop for all things Shelby Township. As a bonus, because the new sites are under the township's online umbrella, the library and historical committee can use the funds typically budgeted for the web for more service-oriented tasks."

All of the tools and resources library patrons are accustomed to seeing on the library's old site are on the new page with resources such as virtual programming

produced by library staff and the community relations department.

"We produce a lot of content with the library, and previously we relied on social media to distribute the content to the community," Community Relations Director Brad Bates said. "Now, all of the storytimes and programs our library creates are accessible regardless of whether or not they are on social media."

Users can navigate to the new library site at shelbytwp.org/library.

The historical committee archives begin with the township's earliest days in the 18th century. They feature countless maps and photos telling the township's story and include firsthand accounts from figures such as Libereta Lerich Green, whose parents, Peter and Sarah Lerich, served on the Underground Railroad at Spring Hill Farm in what is now River Bends Park.

"The historical committee developed one of the most extensive local history archives in the state, and it was an honor to help them coordinate it on our new site," Bates said. "It took more than 40 new web pages and loading many photos, maps and documents, but it was worth it to open these archives up to a larger audience."

Users can navigate to the new history website at shelbytwp.org/history.

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Whether you are interested in full-time employment in professions like public safety or public administration or looking for parttime work to fill out your schedule, Shelby Township may have an opportunity for you.

The township often has full-time openings in various positions, and interested parties can find all of those postings through our human resources department at shelbytwp.org/jobs. Once there, follow the links to explore openings in public safety or general civil service employment, including our office staff, maintenance positions and other full-time non-sworn posts.

We also regularly look for parttime and seasonal help. Whether it is helping your neighbors as a greeter in the township hall, tending the township's parks and gardens or serving as an office intern, we have opportunities to fit your needs and schedules.

Employment applications are accepted only during open recruitment periods for individual classifications. Applications must be completed with adherence to documentation requirements, such as driver's license or high school diploma, as noted in the job description.

For more information, contact the human resources department at hr@shelbytwp.org.

Democracy in action

Join Shelby Township Clerk Stanley Grot's team as an election worker for the special elections Aug. 3, 2021 and Nov. 2, 2021

In 2021, there will be a special primary election in August and a special general election in November to fill the vacant District 8 State Senate seat. Shelby Township is within this district. The special election also opens the door for local proposals to be placed on the ballot in August.

In addition to the Clerk's Office's full-time staff, the township relies on part-time election workers to staff and administer these elections. To serve

as an election worker, you must be a U.S. citizen and a registered voter, and anyone interested in working as an election worker is welcome. This exciting opportunity is perfect for students looking for a first-hand view of democracy in action. Election workers are compensated for their time working on Election Day.

For more information, contact Clerk Stanley T. Grot at clerk@shelbytwp.org or 586-731-5102.

Election worker wage scale

- Election inspector: \$170
- Primary electronic poll book inspector: \$185
- Secondary electronic poll book inspector: \$175
- Chairperson: \$210
- Co-chairperson: \$180
- Absent voter co-chairperson: \$275
- Absent voter inspector: \$180
- Training attendance: \$25
- Student inspector: \$9 per hour

Find and application at shelbytwp.org/clerk

From the Treasurer - James Carabelli

Summer property tax statements are issued **July 1** and payable through **Sept. 14, 2021**.

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. Drop boxes are closed at midnight on the due date.

- **Mail** a check to 52700 Van Dyke Ave., Shelby Twp., MI 48316. All payments must be in or postmarked by **Sept. 14, 2021**.
- **Fifth Third Bank** branches in Shelby Township. Visit 53.com for locations and hours. To pay your bill at Fifth Third Bank, you must present the entire bill that you received in the mail and pay in full with cash or check.
- **Pay in person** at the municipal offices with cash, check, credit, or debit (applicable fees for credit or debit).

For more information, contact the Treasurer's Office at 586-731-5145 or treasurer@shelbytwp.org.

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Think spring, think clean

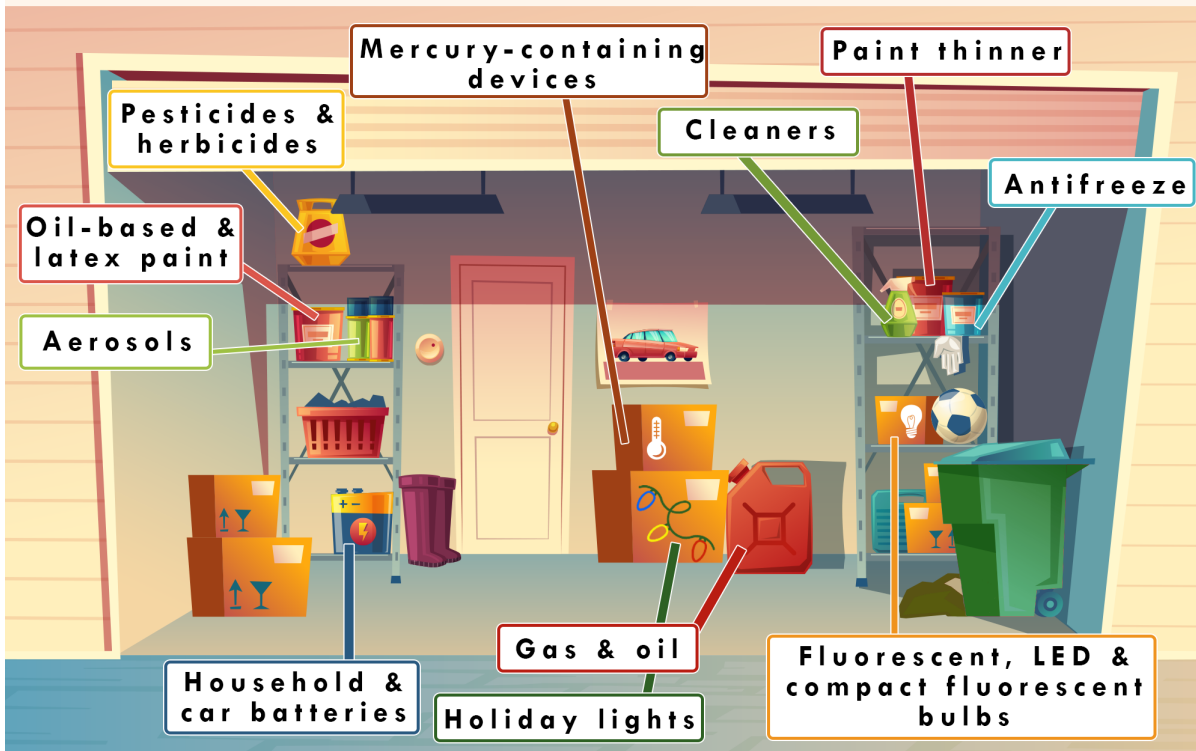
Spring is in the air in Shelby Township. That means residents are cleaning gardens, garages, basements and sheds to get their homes and yards ready for the summer.

Shelby Township has some of the most exemplary backyards in metro Detroit. We want to make sure everyone can enjoy their private oasis without visits from nuisance animals and other troubles.

To facilitate this environment, we ask residents to comply with our ordinances for outdoor maintenance, such as those that govern lawns, sidewalks and animal feeding.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

What can you bring to Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day?



Not accepted: propane cylinders, smoke detectors, fire extinguisher, medical waste, appliances, tires, trash

GFL Environmental Shelby Township residential waste service customers can participate in the township's annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, April 24. This event allows you to safely dispose of items such as household alkaline batteries, latex paint or fluorescent and LED light bulbs that may have accumulated in your home over the last 12 months or longer.

The event takes place 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at River Bends Park at 5700 22 Mile Road between Shelby and Ryan roads. Enter the park from 22 Mile Road and expect long lines as the event is very popular.

For more information, contact the Shelby Township DPW at 586-726-7272.

Yard Waste

Once you have trimmed your lawn and cleared sidewalk obstructions, place the waste in your GFL Environmental yard waste bin, paper biodegradable bags or labeled containers up to 35 gallons in size for collection.

Collection begins March 29 and ends Dec. 10. Yard waste consists of leaves, lawn cuttings, shrubs and tree trimmings.

We enforce a weight limit of 50 pounds. Brush and limbs greater than 2 inches in diameter must be in bundles no longer than 4 feet in length and not exceeding a total of 18 inches in diameter or more than 50 pounds.

Dirt, sod, large stumps, sand, gravel, concrete, rocks, animal feces and dead animals do not qualify as yard waste.

Garage sale guidelines

A great way to clear your home of unwanted items without placing them in the trash is through a garage sale. Shelby Township residents can run two sales per a 12-month period. Individual sales may last up to four days. While sellers cannot store goods and merchandise outside overnight, there is no permit required to hold a sale.

Sale signs are only allowed on sale property and other private property with the property owner's consent. Signs cannot be posted in a public right of way and cannot be larger than 4-foot-square and taller than 4 feet. Sellers must remove signs after the advertised event or sale. **To advertise your sale on Shelby TV, call 586-254-7130.**

Animal feeders and outdoor maintenance

The intentional placing of animal or bird feed on the ground, which encourages the lingering or gathering of animals or birds, is prohibited.

Use feeders hung off the ground at least 5 feet to avoid attracting mammals and large waterfowl. Only put out the amount of feed birds will eat in one day in the feeder and look for feeders that keep the area around your feeders clean.

Scattered seeds on the ground under bird feeders can attract deer and other mammals. Place a platform, at least 5 feet off the ground, under a hanging feeder to catch all spilled feed. Clean this platform daily, if not more often, depending upon the spilled seed.

Keep grass cut at a height no greater than six inches. On vacant property, grass cannot exceed 10 inches. Owners may be subject



to a citation and fine if not kept up to code. Keep sidewalks clear from obstructions. Low-hanging branches, shrubs or bushes protruding into and over sidewalks need to be trimmed behind the sidewalk's edge and high enough for a bicyclist to pass underneath.

For more information, contact the Shelby Township Ordinance Enforcement Office at 586-726-7248 or ordenf@shelbytwp.org.

Important Flood Information

FLOOD HAZARD AREAS — Portions of Shelby Township are encumbered by the 100-year floodplain. The areas most susceptible to flooding are along the main and middle branch of the Clinton River. Smaller floodplain areas exist proximate to the Harris, Longstaff, Decker, Dunn and Bannister Drains. Of course, any drain, stream, river or other body of water in the township poses a flooding risk.

Find out if your property is in the regulated 100-year floodplain by calling the Shelby Township Floodplain Management Office at 586-731-5969 or by visiting the Building Department. The township keeps records of elevation certificates for public view. Maps can also be reviewed online at fema.gov or by visiting the Building Department.

FLOOD SAFETY — Here are some things you can do to protect your family and property from flooding.

- **Contact your property insurance agent to see if a flood insurance policy would help you.** Even if you're not in the mapped floodplain, you may be subject to flooding from local drainage. In either case, flood insurance can be a good investment because most homeowner insurance policies do not cover damage caused by surface water flooding.
- **Do not walk or drive through flood water.** Currents are deceptive; just six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. Do not drive around barriers, as the road or bridge may be washed out.
- **Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.** If your house is about to be flooded, turn off the power at the service box. Electrical current can travel through water. Electrocutation is the second leading cause of death during floods.
- **Be alert to gas leaks.** Turn off the gas to your house before it floods. If you smell gas, report it to a township official or your gas company. Do not use candles, lanterns or open flames if you smell gas or are unsure if your gas has been shut off.
- **Keep children away from the flood waters, ditches, culverts and storm drains.** Flood waters can carry unknown items that have dislodged themselves. Culverts may suck smaller people into them rendering them helpless.
- **Clean everything that has been wet.** Flood water will be contaminated with sewage and other chemicals which pose severe health threats.
- **Look out for animals, especially snakes.** Small animals that have been flooded out of their home may seek shelter in yours.
- **Do not use gas engines, such as generators, or charcoal fires indoors during power outages.** Carbon-monoxide exhaust can pose serious health hazards.

PROPERTY PROTECTION

MEASURES — Talk to us about protecting your house or business. There are ways to modify your building to minimize flood damage. Where flooding is shallow, measures such as small flood-walls, regarding the yard, and flood-proofing the

walls or utilities can be relatively inexpensive. Where flooding is deep, a building may need to be elevated.

Check with the Shelby Township Building Department before you build, alter, regrade or fill on your property. Call 586-731-5969 first. A permit may be needed to ensure that a project is compliant with all regulations. These regulations are designed to protect your property from flood damage and to make sure you do not cause a water problem for your neighbors.

FLOODPLAIN PERMIT

REQUIREMENTS — All development within the 100-year floodplain (including construction of buildings, filling, excavation, fences, etc.) is required to obtain a permit from the Shelby Township Building Department. Other state and local permits may be applicable too. Applications must be made prior to doing any work in a floodplain area. Please contact the Building Department to receive all the information you will need in order to properly develop in the floodplain at 586-731-5969. You may report any unlawful development activities to the above number as well.

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT/DAMAGE

— For buildings within regulated floodplains, the National Flood Insurance Program requires that, if the cost of improvements to a building or the cost to repair damages (from any cause) exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the building (excluding land value), the entire building must be brought up to current floodplain management standards. Building improvement projects include exterior and interior remodeling, rehabilitation, additions, and repair and reconstruction projects. Please contact the Shelby Township Building Department at 586-731-5969 for further information.

FLOOD INSURANCE — If you do not have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. Flood insurance is only available

to participating communities in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), such as Shelby Township. Our commitment to floodplain management helps to minimize flood hazards and enables us to be a part of the NFIP. Additionally, because Shelby Township participates in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Community Rating System program, flood insurance premiums are discounted.

Be sure to check your policy to ensure you have adequate coverage. Usually these policies cover the building structure, but not the contents. Contents coverage can also be obtained by asking. There is a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance coverage becomes effective. Plan ahead; do not wait until a flood is predicted before purchasing flood insurance.

If you are building within a floodplain, the purchase of flood insurance is mandatory if using a federally regulated/insured bank for a loan.

NATURAL & BENEFICIAL

FUNCTIONS — Don't pour oil, grease, pesticides, or other pollutants down storm drains or into the ditches and streams. Our streams and wetlands help moderate flooding and are habitat for fish, frogs, and other species that provide us with recreation or food. Let's protect them and their homes. Floodplains play a valuable role in providing natural and beneficial functions to the area around, and including, Shelby Township. Floodplains that are relatively undisturbed provide a wide range of benefits to both human and natural systems. These benefits provide aesthetic pleasure as well as function to provide active processes such as filtering nutrients. Significant areas in Shelby Township's River Bends and Holland Ponds parks are located within the floodplain associated with the Clinton River. Both enhance waterfowl, fish and other wildlife habitats and provide feeding/breeding grounds. Lastly, such floodplain areas provide natural erosion control and open space so further flooding damage does not occur.



DRAINAGE SYSTEM

MAINTENANCE — As simple as it may sound, keeping smaller ditches and streams free of debris dramatically improves run-off capacity in low-lying areas and greatly reduces the occurrence blockage that significantly contributes to flooding. It is illegal to dump materials into a required waterway and violators may be fined. If you see someone in the act of dumping in one of our watercourses, please report it to the Shelby Township Building Department at 586-731-5969 or the Macomb County Public Works Offices at 586-469-5327.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

— If you have flooding or draining concerns call the Shelby Township Building Department at 586-731-5969 for on-site assistance. If you should require further or more detailed information regarding flood-related issues in Shelby Township here are some additional sources:

- **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**
15801 Michigan Ave.,
Dearborn MI, 48126
Phone: 800-621-3362
Web: fema.gov
- **Shelby Township Building Department**
52700 Van Dyke Ave.,
Shelby Township MI, 48316
Phone: 586-731-5969
Email: building@shelbytwp.org
Web: shelbytwp.org/building
- **Shelby Township Library**
51680 Van Dyke Ave.,
Shelby Township 48316
Phone: 586-739-7414
Email: shelbylib@libcoop.net
Web: shelbytwp.org/library

Staying & saving green

Adherence to township's Mandatory Irrigation Ordinance can save your lawn and wallet

Along with more than 1,200 acres of picturesque public parks, Shelby Township boasts some of the finest private yards and gardens in the metro Detroit area.

Especially during the hot summer months, these yards and gardens require home and business owners to turn to irrigation systems.

If you choose to irrigate your lawn to maintain a green, actively growing turf, you need to consider many factors to devise a schedule that works for you and your lawn.

Is the lawn shady or sunny? Is the soil type clay or sand? Is the turfgrass Kentucky bluegrass or tall fescue? How does Shelby Township's new Mandatory Irrigation Ordinance affect my yard?

According to the Michigan State University Extension, homeowners

should think outside the box and apply irrigation more regularly than the often recommended once weekly soaking of several inches of water.

For those with an in-ground irrigation system, MSU research has shown that light, roughly .25 inch of water, every-other-day water applications reduce damage from certain diseases, such as Necrotic ring spot and insects like European chafer grubs.

Homeowners can easily accomplish these benefits within the township's new watering ordinances. Set an automatic irrigation system to water lawns between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. Water on your respective allowable day as even-numbered addresses must sprinkle on even-numbered calendar dates, and odd-numbered addresses must sprinkle on odd-numbered calendar dates.

Follow these steps, and you can give your lawn what it needs without burdening the township's water system or your budget.

During last year's hot, dry July, the MSU Extension found frequent and limited watering reduced European chafer grubs' survival, a persistent pest, by roughly 60 percent.

Regular shallow irrigation also suits turf's shallow root system as most heavy, deep irrigation applications move past the root system and are not available for the plant.

To make the most of an every-other-day irrigation plan, research what soil type you have, determine if you have a shady or sunny site, and identify your turf species.

By irrigating every second or third day with 0.25 inches of water per application before 5 a.m., homeowners ensure the turf

gets what it needs while moving away from the idea that heavy, once-a-week irrigation is the only way to irrigate.

If you have questions regarding your turf species' specific needs and soil makeup, the MSU Extension labs can help. You can reach the local MSU Extension in Macomb County at **586-469-5063** 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday, Wednesday or Friday, April through September.

You can also call the State Hotline at **888-678-3464**, 9 a.m.-noon, Monday, Wednesday or Friday, October through March, and from April through September 9 a.m.- noon and 1-4 p.m. After all, there's not one irrigation recommendation that is going to work for everyone's lawn.

-- source *Michigan State University Extension* - extension.msu.edu

Mandatory Irrigation Ordinance

The Shelby Township Board of Trustees recently approved ordinance no. 292, the Mandatory Irrigation Ordinance. This ordinance restricts non-essential water usage to decrease the maximum normal water usage at peak hours. Together, we can keep our water and sewer rates stable and help avoid unnecessary rate increases in the future. This action also provides better water pressure for the complete system, ensuring protection to the public's health, welfare and safety.

Watering your lawn and landscape May 1–Oct. 1



Sprinklers connected to the municipal water system are **ONLY** allowed to water between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.

- **Even-numbered addresses** must sprinkle on even-numbered calendar dates.
- **Odd-numbered addresses** must sprinkle on odd-numbered calendar dates.



Manual watering is only allowed daily after 9 a.m. This practice includes hand watering gardens or potted plants and car washing with a shut-off nozzle.



For **newly seeded or sodded lawns**, for 21 days following planting, irrigate as often as required, but do not water 5-9 a.m.

Visit shelbytwp.org/dpw for more information on the Mandatory Irrigation Ordinance or call the Department of Public Works at **586-731-5990**.



Measure and manage your irrigation

If you can't measure the water your irrigation system or sprinklers are spreading and where they are spreading it, you can't manage your irrigation needs.

Start by collecting five to 10 cans that are the same size and shape. Tuna fish cans, coffee cans or soup cans work great.

For the in-ground irrigation systems, spread the cans evenly throughout one irrigation zone. Follow up with additional zones as you notice trouble spots, but do one zone at a time. For hose-end sprinklers, place the cans in a straight line from the sprinkler to where the sprinkler coverage ends.

Run the irrigation system or sprinklers for 15 minutes and then measure the water depth in each can.

Find the average depth of all cans by adding up all the depths and divide by the number of cans. Now, find the irrigation rate per hour by multiplying the average depth from the previous step by 4. This equation gives you the irrigation rate per hour.

When conducting the above test, observe the consistency of water distribution. If some cans have large amounts of water and others have significantly less, the system's consistency may be poor.

This inconsistency is common for hose-end sprinklers as the area near the sprinkler delivers more water than the perimeter. Note the inconsistencies and adjust the sprinkler to ensure proper coverage.

-- source *Michigan State University Extension* - extension.msu.edu



MSU RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT LIGHT, ROUGHLY .25 INCH OF WATER, EVERY-OTHER-DAY IRRIGATION REDUCES DAMAGE FROM CERTAIN DISEASES, SUCH AS NECROTIC RING SPOT AND INSECTS LIKE EUROPEAN CHAFER GRUBS.



Shelby Township DPW

Water Quality Report

The Pipeline

Available at

shelbytwp.org/waterqualityreport

To have a copy mailed to you, contact Shelby Twp. DPW at 586-731-5990 or email dpw@shelbytwp.org

Happy to see you

It's been quite a year since we closed the doors of the Shelby Township Activities Center, the Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center and the Shelby Township Library as part of the state's "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order.

After the statewide order, we shifted our focus to serving our residents and patrons with virtual programming and provided services via social media and at shelbytwp.org.

While we still have many programs and resources available on the web, we reopened our doors and are ready to welcome you back to your homes away from home with limited restrictions.

The library welcomes patrons back inside with access to technology, its collection and the best and friendliest library staff in the state. The library does ask you to reduce your stay to 60 minutes or less, wear a mask and maintain social distance. The hours are 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday–Thursday and 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. It is closed on Sunday.

Our library programming remains online at shelbytwp.org/library and [facebook.com/shelbytwplib](https://www.facebook.com/shelbytwplib), but we hope you can return to the library and say hi. If not, we are always available to help at **586-739-7414** or shelbylib@libcoop.net.

The Parks, Recreation and Maintenance staff at the Shelby Township Activities Center is ready for you to come back and enjoy senior center programming 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. and recreation activities after 5 p.m. You can view the full schedule of gym times, classes and activities at shelbytwp.org/parks. To ensure we have a spot ready for you at the activities center, book your appointment for gym and room

use at shelbytwp.org/parks and shelbytwp.org/seniors.

Senior center fitness and gym activities include pickleball, chair exercise, senior aerobics, yoga and walking. Senior center members can also enjoy Bingo, take-and-make crafts and seasonal events and activities. For more information, check out the "Senior Newsletter" at shelbytwp.org/seniors.

After 5 p.m. and on weekends, the activities center gym hosts volleyball, pickleball, basketball, walking, jogging and dodgeball. Text **@stac02 to 81010** to receive a weekly gym schedule.

At the Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center, we welcomed our home school class and Nature Tales for Pre-Schoolers patrons to start March. We have our first full event, Investigating Owls, tentatively planned for April 10 and April 11, and we plan to celebrate Earth Day on April 24. Please call us at **586-323-2478** for more information and confirm the schedule as all events are subject to change or cancellation.

The nature center is open to serve you with limited public access. The nature center is open 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Wednesday–Saturday and noon–5 p.m. Sunday. It is closed on Monday and Tuesday. We are limited to 10 visitors allowed in the center simultaneously, and visits are restricted to 45 minutes. Patrons can book appointments at shelbytwp.org/nature.

We are excited to host our residents throughout the summer, hoping for more events like adult softball leagues, youth baseball and our live concert series. Stay tuned for the summer 2021 edition of "Branching Out" for information on parks, recreation and library programs and events like the Shelby Township Art Fair, Fishing Derby and more.



Get back to the nature center

ONLINE REGISTRATION

We encourage online registration at register.shelbytwp.org. Whether you are interested in a free program or one that requires a nominal fee, online registration helps our staff plan programs for the correct audience size. If there is an activity number next to the listing, you can register for the event. Some events have a limited amount of space. Registration enables us to plan for adequate staffing to accommodate larger program attendance. All programs comply with COVID-19 guidelines with social distancing and mask wearing.

NATURE TALES FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Our assortment of seasonal stories delights children as they listen to an entertaining one-hour nature adventure with a story, snack, and craft or outing. Tales are suitable for ages 3–5 accompanied by an adult. Early registration is required as each class is limited to eight children with one parent or guardian accompanying each participant. **Fee: \$2 per child ages 3–5.**

Date	10-11 AM	1:30-2:30 PM
April 1	#YATALES.05	#YATALES.06
April 15	#YATALES.07	#YATALES.08

Get recreational

Shelby Township Parks, Recreation and Maintenance
Director Joe Youngblood

PRM Office
586-731-0300
shelbyprm@shelbytwp.org

Senior Center
586-739-7540
seniors@shelbytwp.org

Nature Center
586-323-2478
naturecenter@shelbytwp.org

Take time this spring and “get lost” in Shelby Township’s “Suburban Wilderness.”

Start your journey at shelbytwp.org/wilderness with videos through virtual park visits and maps to parks, trails and amenities. The site serves as a portal for residents and visitors to better understand the township’s recreation offerings.

With nearly 1,200 acres of township parkland, opportunities for active sports enthusiasts, family fun and rustic explorations on more than 18 miles of nature trails, opportunities abound in Shelby Township’s “Suburban Wilderness.”

You can enjoy rustic trails along the heron rookeries in Holland Ponds Park, the crack of the bat at Mae Stecker Park, the charm of historical

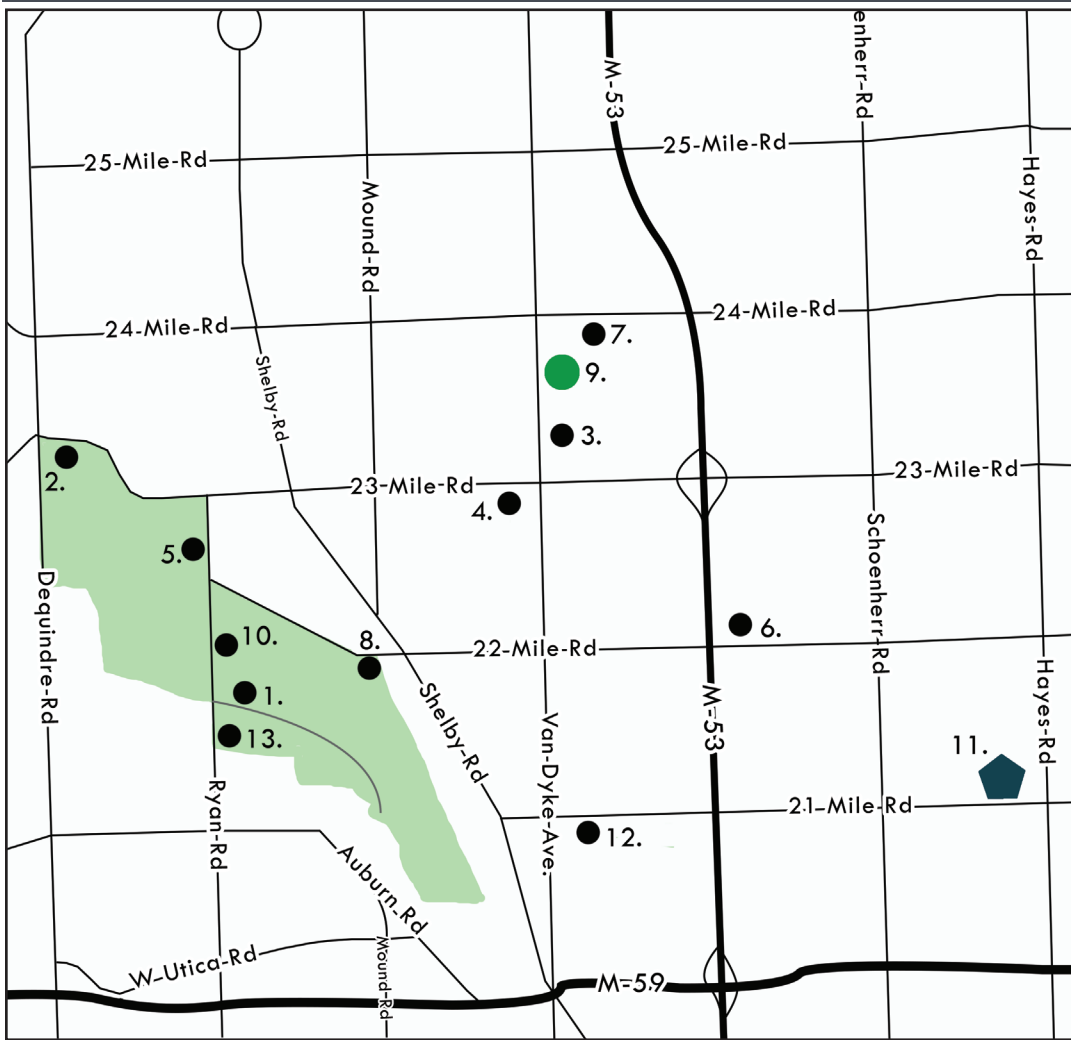
Hope Chapel, the trap and archery range at River Bends Park, and family picnics at the Chief Gene Shepherd Park Splash Pad.

In all, the township’s “Suburban Wilderness” offers all the allure of nature and countless prospects for recreation.

Home to more than 100 species of native birds and animals, including nesting American bald eagles, and more than 80 species of trees, shrubs and wildflowers, it’s hard to not fall for the township’s beauty.

Host your next family event at one of our pavilions used for graduation parties, family reunions and more. Dates for this summer are booking quickly so please call **586-731-0300** for availability.

Parks & Facility Locations



1. **Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center**
4101 River Bends Drive
Shelby Township, MI 48317
586-323-2478
2. **Chief Gene Shepherd Park**
2452 23 Mile Road
Shelby Township, MI 48316
3. **Lions Soccer Field**
51670 Van Dyke Avenue
Shelby Township, MI 48316
4. **Ford Field Central Park**
7460 23 Mile Road
Shelby Township, MI 48316
5. **Holland Ponds**
50385 Ryan Road
Shelby Township, MI 48317
6. **Lombardo Park**
11695 22 Mile Road
Shelby Township, MI 48315
7. **Mae Stecker Park**
8600 24 Mile Road
Shelby Township, MI 48316
8. **River Bends Park**
5700 22 Mile Road
Shelby Township, MI 48317
9. **Municipal Campus, Heritage Gardens & Hope Chapel**
52700 Van Dyke Avenue
Shelby Township, MI 48316
10. **River Bends Park Fishing Site & Organization Camp**
Ryan Road, South of 22 Mile
Shelby Township, MI 48317
11. **Shelby Township Activities Center**
14795 21 Mile Road
Shelby Township, MI 48315
12. **Whispering Woods Kiwanis Park**
11000 21 Mile Road
Shelby Township, MI 48315
13. **Woodall Neighborhood Park & Skate Park**
4550 River Bends Drive
Shelby Township, MI 48317

Investigating Owls – Investigating Owls is for curious beginner birders with a focus on Michigan’s native owls. Led by instructor Baylee Ruddell, we discuss adaptations and behaviors that make owls unique birds of prey. Learn more about their senses, behaviors and their diet as we dissect a real owl pellet. This program is for grades kindergarten-5. Registration is required, and there is a maximum of 20 attendees per session. Attendance allowances may change because of COVID-19 restrictions.

Fee: \$9 per person for residents; \$16 per person for nonresidents
NCOWLS.01 10 AM-noon April 10
NCOWLS.02 1-3 PM April 10
NCOWLS.03 2-4 PM April 11

Earth Day Extravaganza – Celebrate Earth Day and appreciate nature a little bit more. Learn about our impact on the Earth and how to make a positive impact together with eco-friendly family programs. This is a free event, but you must register online for one of two time slots. Bring an old or unwanted T-shirt for a craft. Register at shelbytwp.org/nature.

11 AM-12:30 PM April 24
1 PM-2:30 PM April 24

HOME SCHOOL CLASSES

Home-school programs are available for any child 4 and older and cover a variety of natural science, heritage and outdoor topics. The cost is \$3 per participating child. Younger nonparticipating siblings are welcome. Registration is encouraged. Classes typically occur at 1:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month, September through May. Occasional date variations may occur because of holidays or other nature center programs.

Spring Nature Hike in Holland Ponds – Join us as we look for the earliest signs of good weather. Make sure you bring your boots and coats because we will be outside for most of the class. The class meets at Holland Ponds Park at 50385 Ryan Road.

#YAHOME.02 1:30-3 PM Wed April 7

Nature Art – Nature is beautiful. Let creativity be your guide as we talk about patterns that you can find in nature before we re-create them.

#YAHOME.03 1:30-3 PM Wed May 5

Check it Out

Katie Ester
Library Director
 586-739-7414
 shelbylib@libcoop.net

51680 Van Dyke Ave.
 Mon-Thu 9 AM-8 PM
 Fri/Sat 9 AM-5 PM
 Closed Sunday

Spring 2021 Library Programs

As we keep our patrons, community and staff safe during the COVID-19 emergency, all Shelby Township Library programs will remain virtual through the fall. Information on how to take part in individual events will be posted at shelbytwp.org/library or on our Facebook page, facebook.com/shelbytwplib.

Money Smart Month

Celebrate Money Smart Month with the Shelby Township Library. Starting Monday, April 5, pick up a free copy of "Give It!" by Cinders McLeod, limit one per family. The book comes with an activity kit for each child to learn about using money wisely. The book and kit are recommended for grades PK-5. Supplies are limited.

ALL AGES:

Free Comic Book Day, all day, Aug. 14

Pick up a free comic book while supplies last. Wear a costume or T-shirt of your favorite comic book character for the chance to win a raffle prize.

For Teens:

Teen Advisory Board (grades 7-12), 6-7 PM, the first Thursday of every month, April 1 & May 6

Join a teen council that creates teen displays, decorates the library and plans teens' events 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), pickups Saturday, April 10 & May 1, 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 March 20 and April 17 for the next month's bag.

Teen Creations Kit (grades 7-12), pickups Saturdays April 10 & May 8, 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 March 27 and April 24 for the next month's kit.

Teen Anime Fun @ Home (grades 7-12), May 22, registration required

Take a screen break and enjoy a kit with crafts, snacks and activities inspired by popular anime series and Japanese culture. Share your creations with us @ShelbyTwpLib on Facebook or Instagram, or email a picture to shelbytwplib@libcoop.net. We'll raffle a prize basket with assorted treats with Pocky to one of the registrants. Registration begins May 8.

FOR CHILDREN:

Virtual Storytimes Little Bears (children under 3), Fridays April 16 & May 21, no registration required

Watch us on shelbytwp.org/library, on "Shelby TV Kids on YouTube" or at facebook.com/shelbytwplib for short stories, songs, rhymes and movement activities for children under 3 and their caregivers. We will offer new stories on select Friday mornings Feb. 19-May 21.

Once Upon a Wednesday, Wednesdays April 14 & May 12, registration required

Join us for a monthly themed-storytime with stories, songs, rhymes and activities. Register and pick up the activity kit on the second Monday of the month, and on Wednesday, we will email a link to watch the storytime video. If you missed picking up the kit but still want to watch the storytime, let us know. We can email you the video link. Pick up your craft the Monday prior to the storytime, April 12 and May 10, respectively.

April 14 "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus" by Mo Willems May 12 tea party and picnic stories

Kids Book Bag Club (grades 1-6), pickups Saturdays April 10 & May 1, 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. Registration opens March 20 and April 17 for the next month's bag.

Mystery Maker Monday (grades PK-5), pickups Mondays April 5 & May 3

Pick up a craft kit anytime on the first open Monday each month, while supplies last.

Show Me Science Saturday (grades K-8), pickups Saturdays March 27, April 24 & May 22

Kids enjoy learning about lab science and performing experiments with the Michigan Department of

Health and Human Services. Watch the Explore Lab Science Crew's video posted on the calendar at shelbytwp.org/library or facebook.com/shelbytwplib with a list of safe and easy-to-find ingredients.

Big Nate Fun at Home Kit (Grades 1-6), April 17, registration required

Enjoy crafts and activities at home with the popular series "Big Nate." Supplies are limited, so register to get your kit. The pickup is Saturday, April 17. Registered participants automatically enter a raffle for a copy of the newest book in the series. Registration opens on April 3.

Dork Diaries Fun at Home Kit (Grades 1-6), May 15, registration required

Enjoy crafts and activities at home with the favorite series "Dork Diaries." Supplies are limited, so register to get your kit. The pickup is Saturday, May 15. Registered participants automatically enter a raffle for a copy of the newest book in the series. Registration opens May 1.

FOR ADULTS:

Introduction to Bees and Beekeeping, March 24 and March 31

Macomb County Master Gardener Association Board Member Dave Putt explains the types of bees in Michigan and their roles as pollinators, followed by a primer on beekeeping with tips on becoming a beekeeper. Watch at shelbytwp.org/library or facebook.com/shelbytwplib. Part one debuts March 24 with part two following March 31.

Spicy Book Bag, pickups Saturdays April 14 & May 12, registration required

Warm your winter nights with a good read and good food



in a handy lunch bag you can keep. Register and fill out a brief questionnaire about your interests and food preferences, and our librarian will match you with a book and a cookbook full of tasty recipes. Register March 27 and April 23 for the next month's bag.

Adult Make and Take: Spice Kit for DIY Garam Masala, April 19

With this spice kit, you can make your garam masala and imagine you are in India or Pakistan. We've measured the spices and provided a recipe so you can create a delicious meal.

Friends of the Library Annual Perennial Swap, 8:30-9:30 AM, May 15, library parking lot

Plant swaps are a great way to share plants that have overgrown their spaces and a fun way to share your passion for gardening. Bring plants in pots to trade or come and see what others have that would be a great addition to your garden.

Adult Make and Take: Spice Kit for Shawarma, May 17

This month we head to Lebanon with our shawarma spice kit. This spice blend tastes excellent in various meats and poultry or sprinkled on roasted vegetables or salads. Request a kit and recipe collection while supplies last.

Visit us at shelbytwp.org/library for information on our book clubs and more.

We regularly add more library events. Check the online calendar or follow facebook.com/ShelbyTwpLib, so you don't miss an activity.



A new chapter for Shelby Township

As Shelby Township gets closer to its first standalone library, residents and patrons can see the library's exterior taking shape.

At shelbytwp.org/library, a live construction camera updates every 30 minutes and gives users an option to view a time-lapse video of the project.

There is also a construction update and walkthrough with Library Director Katie Ester from Shelby TV's "Living" program.

"Recently, they poured the floor, so we have a nice concrete floor," Ester said. "They're starting to rough in the interior walls, so you see steel walls, and the HVAC is going in. Over the next few months, you're not going to see too much going on outside because they are working hard inside."

Along with videos, users also have access to updated construction photos, interior floorplans and the facility's exterior renderings on campus on Van Dyke Ave.

"This is a tremendous addition to our community," Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said. "We are adding a state-of-the-art centerpiece for arts, culture and community, and we did it without adding debt or raising taxes."

The new library increases the current facility's footprint at 51680 Van Dyke Ave. from 12,400 square feet to 26,000 square feet. The new Shelby Township Library will feature a children's area, community 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.

"While we had delays because of the 'Stay Home, Stay Safe' order, construction is moving along, and we hope to be open before winter 2021," Ester said.



The Board of Trustees approved a budget of \$11.2 million Nov. 20, 2018 and awarded the construction contract to Bernco, Inc. for \$9,160,000 Sept. 17, 2019.



The Shelby Township Library project was paid in cash with funds from General Fund reserves and the Capital Improvement Fund with no increase in taxes or debt.

Coming soon, things to look forward to and the new Shelby Township Library

Along with 13,600 square feet of additional space, the new Shelby Township Library will be very different from the current facility at 51680 Van Dyke Ave.

Listed below are a few of the highlights:

- an 18'x7' Pewabic pottery mural donated by Carol McLaughlin
- a lounge with a floor-to-ceiling fireplace donated by Joseph and Karen Gale
- a one-of-a-kind "magic book" donated by the Friends of the Library
- a 30-foot tall interactive tree sculpture at the center of the children's room
- a 218-person meeting space
- two self-checkout stations
- separate rooms for teen and children's programs
- smart windows that tint to protect books from harsh sunlight
- 18 computers in the new technology lab
- expanded Friends of the Library used bookstore with twice the space

For more information on the new library, call 586-739-7414 or email shelbylib@libcoop.net.

Memorial Day Ceremony to honor veterans who died during COVID-19

Residents, military veterans and families are invited to Shelby Township's Memorial Day Ceremony at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 30, at the Veterans Memorial located just outside the township hall at 52700 Van Dyke Ave.

This year's ceremony will be in honor of our veterans who passed away during COVID-19 and were unable to have memorial services and funerals with their loved ones during this time.

The 2021 ceremony will feature an invocation by Dr. Philip Krist, Pastor at Lakeside Assembly of God Church in Shleby Township, as well as patriotic songs by the Lakeside Assembly of God choir. There will also be a 21 Gun Salute and performance of taps.

For more information about Shelby Township's Memorial Day Ceremony, please call Shelby Township's Veterans Events Coordinator, Mr. Philip Randazzo, at (586) 739-4046.



Pictured above: Randazzo placing the wreath at the Shelby Township Veterans Memorial during the virtual Memorial Day Ceremony in 2020.

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BRICK SIZE (CIRCLE ONE) 4" X 8" 8" X 8"

BRICK PRICE \$100.00 \$200.00

INSCRIPTION TO READ (PLEASE PRINT 1 CHARACTER PER SPACE):

4"x8" BRICK (UP TO 3 LINES - 12 CHARACTERS EACH)

8"x8" BRICK (UP TO 5 LINES - 12 CHARACTERS EACH)

Veterans Memorial Paver Program

The Shelby Township Veterans Memorial Paver Program gives families, veterans, donors and businesses a chance to share ownership of the memorial and support the local military community.

The township offers three paver options. For military families or veterans, the township offers a tan clay 4-by-8-inch paver or an 8-by-8-inch square. For private donors or businesses, a red clay 4-by-8-inch paver or an 8-by-8-inch square is available. A gray 16-by-16-inch square is also available.

Military memorial pavers are placed with honor at the foot of the memorial, while private donor pavers are placed surrounding the memorial.

Pavers cost \$100 for a 4-inch-by-8-inch engraved paver, \$200 for an 8-by-8-inch engraved paver and \$400 for a 16-by-16-inch engraved paver. Once set, pavers become part of the Veterans Memorial.

For more information, call the Supervisor's Office at 586-731-5154.

