



# Fountain

Township News & Information



**Rick Stathakis, Supervisor**  
**Stanley T. Grot, Clerk**  
**James Carabelli, Treasurer**  
**Lisa Casali, Trustee**  
**Lucia Di Cicco, Trustee**  
**John Vermeulen, Trustee**  
**Vince Viviano, Trustee**

## 2 ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Clean out your house of unwanted electronics before the cold weather rolls in. Find out more information on Page 2.

## 6 SAVE THE DATE!

The Shelby Township Library is turning 50 years old! Head to Page 6 for programs and a date for the Birthday Bash.

## 3 SHRED DAY

Important documents should be disposed off properly to keep your information safe. Find out when the next Shred Day event is, hosted by the Shelby Township Police Department.

## 8 SPOOKTACULAR IS BACK!

Get ready for Halloween with the annual Spooktacular trick-or-treat and movie event!

## 4 VISIONING SURVEY

Give us your input on what the township should focus on next year. Survey details on Page 4.



# Important Flood Information

See Page 5 for information from the Shelby Township Building Department on flood hazard areas, flood safety, flood-plain permit requirements, flood insurance and other flood safety measures.



## Think green

### Shelby Township Electronics Recycling Collection returns to River Bends Park Oct. 9

The Shelby Township Solid Waste and Recycling Committee and GFL Environmental host the popular Electronics Recycling Collection Oct. 9 at River Bends Park at 5700 22 Mile Road. Recyclers need to enter the park from its 22 Mile Road entrance to take part in the collection.

The Electronics Recycling Collection is part of the township's waste hauling contract with GFL Environmental, so it is open only to Shelby Township residents serviced by GFL Environmental.

"Shelby Township has always been a leader when it comes to recycling and protecting our environment, which is why I think this event is so popular," said Township Trustee Lucia Di Cicco, who serves on the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee.

"Some of the feedback our committee has received over the years is that the collection is too popular because of the long line of cars on 22 Mile Road heading into River Bends Park. But, I think we can all agree that one traffic delay every year is worth it to keep hazardous materials out of our landfills."

The collection runs 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and recyclers should expect long lines as this event is very popular. Since the event is so popular, the committee recommends attending after 10:30 a.m. to reduce your wait.

"My hat goes off to Trustee Lucia Di Cicco and her fellow members of the recycling committee for making sure we have an event like this," Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said. "I know this is very popular and important for our community. Because of our recycling committee, in 2020, we served 826 cars and kept 68,810 pounds of electronics out of landfills."

Accepted items are all televisions, monitors, computers, laptops, printers, fax machines, copier combos, VCR's, keyboards and mice, DVD and CD players, microwaves, stereos, speakers, miscellaneous cables, computer parts, telephones, cell phones, game consoles, handheld electronics, vacuums, small appliances, and holiday lights.

GFL will not accept hazardous waste or batteries at the Electronics Recycling Collection. However, residents can recycle hazardous waste and household batteries at the 2022 Household Hazardous Waste Collection, April 30, 2022.

For more information, visit [shelbytwp.org/recycling](http://shelbytwp.org/recycling) or contact the Department of Public Works at 586-731-5990 or email [dpw@shelbytwp.org](mailto:dpw@shelbytwp.org).



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### NEW WATER STORAGE FACILITY

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### CHRISTMAS COLORING CONTEST



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### NOW HIRING ELECTION WORKERS

## Directory

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# Fall events showcase fire, police services

Being the safest large community in Macomb County isn't easy. At several fall events this year, residents and families can get a look at how the pros in the Shelby Township Police and Fire departments make it happen.

With the Shelby Township Police Department Open House Sept. 25, the Shelby Township Fire Department Open House Oct. 9 and the Shelby Township Police Department Community Shred Day Oct. 16 at River Bends Park, township residents can see how the township's 9.2999 local millage rate, lowest among full-service Macomb County communities, makes it the safest.

"There's an adage that you can't be cheap, fast and good, but we prove that wrong every day in Shelby Township," Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said. "Our tax rate makes us the cheapest full-service community in the county, our quality of life features are better than good, and our officers and firefighters are fast. We have it all in Shelby Township."

At the STPD open house, residents and families can get an up-close look at some of the unique equipment and units that make the Shelby Township Police Department the standard for public safety in metro Detroit from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 52530 Van Dyke Ave.

On hand will be the department's tactical response unit and demonstrations from the drone unit, and K-9 officers, Morpheus and Niko, will provide demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. There will also be free food and prizes from Utica Van Dyke Towing. In addition, residents can tour vehicles and equipment, and children can enjoy bounce houses.

"It's not enough to have the best equipped and trained police force in the region," Township Trustee John Vermeulen said. "What sets our officers apart is that they are part of our community and neighborhoods. This event is a great way for our residents to see our department's capabilities and enhance the bonds between the residents and police officers."

The Shelby Township Fire Department will have its open house from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 9 at Fire Station No. 1 at 6345 23 Mile Road. The annual event returns after going virtual in 2020 with family-friendly educational demonstrations, a dunk tank to benefit the Great Lakes Burn Camp, and fire station and apparatus tours. Also on hand will be Sparky the Fire Dog as he helps youngsters through this year's fire prevention theme, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety."

"We missed a lot of great traditions in Shelby Township last year, but it was tough to miss our Fire Department's open house," Stathakis said. "Every year, it's great to watch our township's children light up with joy as they meet our firefighters and explore our fire station and fire trucks. It's a blessing to welcome our families back to Fire Station No. 1."

Rounding out the events is the annual Shelby Township Police Department Community Shred Day at 9 a.m. Oct. 16 at River Bends Park at 5700 22 Mile Road. Residents can dispose of sensitive paperwork at the annual shred day event sponsored by the STPD and Absolute Shreds of Auburn Hills.

The shred day is part of the police department's ongoing crime prevention measures. It is free to residents and businesses in Shelby Township.

Residents should bring documents to be professionally shredded. The shredder will recycle documents with any plastic/paper bags in which they are brought. Boxes will be returned to the individual who brought them. Businesses located in Shelby Township are urged to bring only two boxes of documents to be shredded. For more information, please call the Shelby Township Police Department at **586-731-2121**.

"We have an amazing team in Shelby Township that makes our community a better place," Stathakis said. "From our firefighters and police officers ensuring we are the county's safest community to our parks and recreation employees who maintain the county's largest footprint of developed parkland, all of our employees make Shelby Township the crown jewel of Macomb County."



**9/25**

**Shelby Township Police  
Department Open House  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
52530 Van Dyke Ave.**

**10/16**

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9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
5700 22 Mile Road**



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6345 23 Mile Road**

## Survey opens 2022 Shelby Township visioning process

The top priority after the 2021 visioning process was redeveloping the old senior center at 51670 Van Dyke Ave.

Shelby Township residents can add their input in township governance as officials set the date to open the online survey for the annual resident community visioning session.

The township will hold the residents' 2022 Community Visioning Exercise via a survey on the township website at [shelbytwp.org/visioning](https://shelbytwp.org/visioning) to help establish the 2022 Top 10 Priorities for Shelby Township.

The survey will be available to residents from Sept. 8 to Oct. 6. The Shelby Township Board of Trustees and department heads will follow up with their visioning sessions.

"We want to know what items, policies or actions our residents want the township to address in 2022 and beyond," Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said. "Because of our priorities, we have a new Shelby Township Activities Center, and we will open a new 26,000-square-foot library next year. We have these facilities because people took part in our visioning and told us they were important."

Scan the QR code to be taken directly to the survey.

The township combines the residents' community visioning feedback with input from the Board of Trustees and township employees. Tabulation, which gives all three groups equal weight, sets the township's top 10 priorities.

Administered by the Planning and Zoning Department, the visioning processes are a part of the Board of Trustees' continued efforts to have the government in Shelby Township be more participatory. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Planning Director Julijana Misich-Rasaweher at **586-726-7243**.

"Our residents do a good job communicating immediate needs to our offices, but we rarely hear requests or plans for long-term improvements," Misich-Rasaweher said. "The visioning process is a chance for our residents to raise awareness for new issues or ideas for our community."



## Let us hear it!



Look for this icon in future editions of the "Fountain" for ways to make Shelby Township better than ever.

## Making a plan

Shelby Township is creating a long-term vision for its properties near 24 Mile Road and Van Dyke Ave. Consultants from SmithGroup are guiding the township through a master planning process for facilities, amenities, open space, parking and pedestrian connectivity with the municipal campus, Mae Stecker Park and Heritage Lake. Stay tuned for a survey to voice your opinion on what you would like to see to transform the campus into a better destination.



## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, Public Law 116-136, was signed by President Trump March 27, 2020. The CARES Act makes available supplemental Community Development Block Grant funding for grants to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19. Shelby Township may apply for up to \$525,000 of CDBG-CV funding through the Macomb "Urban County" CDBG-CV Program.

A public hearing will be held Sept. 21, 2021 at 7 p.m. at the Shelby Township Board Room at 52700 Van Dyke Ave. to obtain the views of citizens concerning community development and housing needs that will prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 as required by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

Citizens residing in blighted areas or lower-income persons are encouraged to participate. If you cannot attend this meeting and want your views known, please write or call the Shelby Township Planning Department at **586-726-7243**.

Shelby Township will make every reasonable effort to encourage the participation of minorities, non-English speaking persons, limited English proficiency persons and persons with disabilities. Any individual requiring a reasonable accommodation to participate in the public hearing should contact the Shelby Township Clerk's Office at **586-731-5102** at least five days in advance of the hearing.

# 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 and additional information on floodway, Historical Flooding and Wetland 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](http://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](http://fema.gov)
- **Shelby Township Building Department**  
52700 Van Dyke Ave.,  
Shelby Township MI, 48316  
Phone: 586-731-5969  
Email: [building@shelbytwp.org](mailto:building@shelbytwp.org)  
Web: [shelbytwp.org/building](http://shelbytwp.org/building)
- **Shelby Township Library**  
51680 Van Dyke Ave.,  
Shelby Township 48316  
Phone: 586-739-7414  
Email: [shelbylib@libcoop.net](mailto:shelbylib@libcoop.net)  
Web: [shelbytwp.org/library](http://shelbytwp.org/library)

# 6 Check it Out

shelbytwp.org/library

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586-739-7414  
shelbylib@libcoop.net

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

## TECHNOLOGY TIME

Book an appointment for the library's one-on-one technology help sessions with the technology librarian. Our staff provides stress-free services to help with setting up new devices, downloading library content, improving digital literacy and more. Call the library to make an appointment at **586-739-7414**.

## FOR ADULTS:

### Decluttering Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow Part 1

7 PM | 9/1

In part one of a three-part series, decluttering expert Linda Malotke helps us sort through keepsakes, collectibles and other items we've inherited and decide what to keep and how to let go.

### What are Chromebooks & Are They Right For You?

7 PM | 9/15

You may see the trend of corporations moving to Google software instead of Microsoft products. As a result, Google Chromebooks are a popular option for many. Our technology librarian will discuss what makes a Chromebook different and if they meet your technology needs. This program is recorded and will post on the library's web page and social media.

### Farming in Northern Macomb County

7 PM | 9/22

Local author Linda Osborne Cynowa visits the library for a book talk and signing for her latest book, "Farming in Northern Macomb County." Linda shares images and experiences of early settlers and farmers in the Shelby Township area.

### Stream Away: Learn How To Access Subscription-Based Digital Content

7 PM | 9/28

This program will help you understand your streaming options and the technology needed to access it frustration free. Topics include internet and technology requirements, terminology and various streaming services. This program is recorded and will post on the library's web page and social media.

### Computers: Just the Basics

7 PM | 10/5

Computers constantly evolve and can be intimidating when you're not up-to-date on the latest gadgets. Our technology librarian will discuss the hardware components of popular devices, what the numbers mean, and all the info you need to know to purchase a new computer. This program is recorded and will post on the library's web page and social media.

### Decluttering Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow Part 2

7 PM | 10/6

In part two of the decluttering series, local organization expert Linda Malotke provides cleaning tips to sort and organize a busy household. Learn tips to find what you need when you need it.

### Michigan's Most Haunted

7 PM | 10/20

Hillary and Jessica of Mystic Mitten Paranormal Group share chilling and thrilling tales from their investigations around the state of Michigan.

### Trick or Treat: Deceit & Treachery through Technology

7 PM | 10/20

Be the hero your community needs this Halloween by learning to guard your loved ones' assets against technological scoundrels. Identify fraudulent websites, deceitful tech help and money-losing schemes with our technology librarian. This program is recorded and will post on the library's web page and social media.

### Decluttering Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow Part 3

7 PM | 11/3

In part three, it's time to organize, stage and decorate your home while taking care of yourself and your possessions for the future. Clutter causes stress for you and future loved ones, so learn how to reduce the clutter and the stress with Linda Malotke.

### Sister Pie

7 PM | 11/10

Lisa Ludwinski, founder of the Sister Pie Bakery and author of "Sister Pie: The Recipes and Stories of a Big-Hearted Bakery in Detroit," visits the library. She will talk about her cookbook and growing her bakery from humble origins in her parent's kitchen to its success today.

### International Games Day

7 PM | 11/17

Learn the fun of board games on Celebrate Games Day by joining us for a game collaborative game of Pandemic Hot Zone—North America and help resolve the next global pandemic.

### Using the Internet for Good: Finding Help in Macomb

7 PM | 11/17

While holidays should be the most wonderful time of the year, they can be challenging for many in our community. This online session will highlight how we can use the internet to find help and services throughout Macomb County. This program is recorded and will post on the library's web page and social media.

### Making Custom Photo Gifts Online

7 PM | 12/1

The internet makes giving custom order gifts more effortless than ever. These services make excellent and cost-efficient gifts. Our technology librarian will walk you through the steps of using your mobile device or computer to order a blanket, magnet or mug in minutes. This program is recorded and will post on the library's web page and social media.

### Jewelry Craft Night

7 PM | 12/15

Need a break from the holiday stress? Join us for a relaxing evening making a beautiful bird's nest necklace. You can keep it for yourself or give it as a gift. Registration is required and opens Dec. 1.

## PICK MY BOOKS

Fill out a brief form telling us what you're in the mood to read and what you're not interested in, and we'll pick three items we think you'll enjoy. Then, within three days, we'll have the books on hold for you and ready for pick-up at our check-out desk. Click the "Pick My Books" button on [shelbytwp.org/library](http://shelbytwp.org/library) to start your next literary adventure.

## ALL AGES:

### Pokémon Hangout

1:30 PM | Sept. 18

Calling all Pokémon trainers, bring your cards and handheld games and play, trade and meet other Pokémon fans at this casual event. The event includes refreshments and door prizes.

## FOR TEENS (GRADES 7-12):

### Teen Advisory Board

6-7 PM | 10/7, 11/4, 12/7

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. Want to join? Call the library to request an application at 586-739-7414 or visit [shelbytwp.org/library](http://shelbytwp.org/library).

### Teen Book Box Club

All Day | 11/4, 12/6

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 Oct. 23 and Nov. 20 for the next month's box.

### Afterschool Teen Hangout

3 PM | Wednesdays

Drop by after school to play some board and party games. We'll show you how to play. No event Nov. 24 & Dec. 22.

### Teen Build-a-Monster Workshop

6 PM | 10/22

Build a spooky monster using dolls, plushies and other materials provided. Join us afterward for some spooky fun with ghost stories.

### Teen Mystery Night: Attack at the Arcade

6 PM | 11/19

It's 1987, and someone attacked a local arcade owner during a gaming event. You're the detective and have to figure out who's responsible. You will question suspects and witnesses, discover evidence and solve the case. Registration is required and opens Nov. 5.

### Teen Canvas Painting Party

5:30 PM | 12/10

Join us for a relaxing painting session at this special teen-only craft night. Registration is required and opens Nov. 29.

## FOR CHILDREN:

### Baby Bears (ages 2 and under)

10 AM | Fridays

9/17, 10/1, 10/15, 10/29, 11/12, 12/3 & 12/17

Drop-in for short stories, songs, lap bounces and playtime. This program offers early literacy fun for children under 3 with a caregiver.

### Families & Jammies

6:30 PM | Thursdays

9/23, 10/21, 11/18 and 12/9

Drop-in for stories, songs and activities for the whole family. Wearing pajamas is welcomed.

### Kids Book Bag Club

ALL DAY PICK-UP | 9/11

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 Bag." Book bags include your personally selected books, treats and surprise goodies. Eat the treats, keep the goodies and return the books. Register Sept. 18 for next month's bag.

### Storytime with Farmer Nate

1:30 PM | 9/25

Learn about farming through activities, crafts and storytime with Farmer Nate from Upland Hills Farm as he reads his farm storybooks. After storytime, the library will provide take-and-make crafts and activities.

### Halloween Fun at Home Kit (grades PK-5)

All Day Pickup | 10/30

Enjoy a bag of Halloween activities and treats. Supplies are limited, so register to get your kit. The pick-up is Saturday, Oct. 30. Registration opens Oct. 16.

### Build-a-Buggy Challenge (ages 4-12)

1:30 PM | 11/20

Design and build a buggy to explore forces and motion. Longway Planetarium provides the wheels, axles and materials to build the body, and you engineer a way to make the buggy move. Are you up for the challenge? Registration is required and opens Nov. 6.

### Winter Fun at Home Kit (grades PK-5)

All Day Pickup | 12/11

Enjoy a bag of cheer with winter and holiday activities and treats. Supplies are limited, so register to get your kit. Pick-up is Saturday, Dec. 11. Registration opens Nov. 20.



# SAVE THE DATE

## NOV. 13

### CELEBRATE THE LIBRARY'S 50<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

## Patrons can support library with donor wall

Shelby Township Library patrons and township residents or businesses can be part of history at the community's first standalone library.

Thanks to the Friends of the Shelby Township Library donor wall program, participants can support the Friends of the Shelby Township Library and commemorate a family name on a hand-painted 5" x3" glass plaque. Each unique plaque will be part of a custom art glass donor wall in the new library entrance.

"We wanted to do something in our lobby that gave our patrons and residents a chance to be part of the new library," Library Director Katie Ester said. "A lot of libraries have donor plaques, but we wanted something more significant and more impactful that celebrated the community and enhanced our new library's design.

"We decided on our mosaic art glass wall, which has a portrait of Heritage Lake, to welcome our residents and patrons while celebrating our donors. It will be a perfect way to greet everyone that comes to the new library next year."

Participants can purchase a plaque with a tax-deductible \$250 personal donation or \$500 business donation to the Friends of the Library, a 501c3 nonprofit that raises funds for the Shelby Township Library. Plaque purchases include a free one-year membership with the Friends and funds library events, programs, materials and projects.

**"Because of our donors and community, this library will be totally unique. Thanks to them, our library will be a beautiful, engaging community library for our residents to use and enjoy for generations."**

**-- Katie Ester  
Shelby Township Library Director**

**To participate in the donor wall program, call 586-739-7414, email [shelbylib@libcoop.net](mailto:shelbylib@libcoop.net) or visit [shelbytwp.org/library](http://shelbytwp.org/library)**

"A \$250 donation to the Friends of the Library goes a lot further than you might think, too," said Ester. "For \$250, we can provide a year of children's storytimes, a presentation from an author or a cooking demonstration at the library, three adult craft projects, or an entire year of teen hangouts. Between the Friends of the Library and our staff, we excel at making the most of every dollar donated."

Along with the donor wall, the new library will have several unique features courtesy of donors.

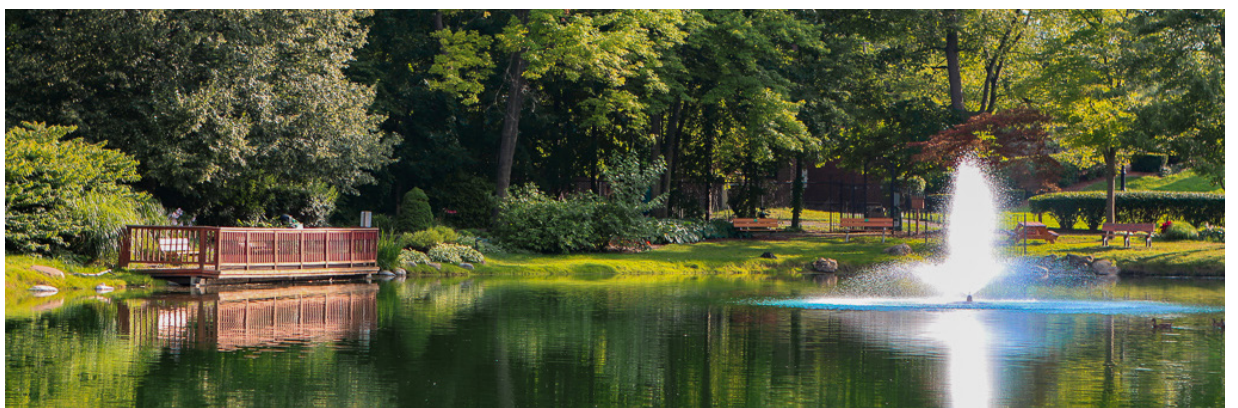
The reading lounge, with its floor-to-ceiling fireplace, was furnished and funded by Joseph and Karen Gale. Carol McLaughlin donated an 18'x7' Pewabic pottery mural. A 30-foot tall interactive tree sculpture in the children's room is courtesy of the Joan Walen Fund. A one-of-a-kind "magic book" was donated to the children's room by the Friends of the Library. The Utica-Shelby Township Rotary and Macomb Charity Connect donated an interactive Everbrite wall in the teen area.

Residents can track the progress of the construction on the library's website at [shelbytwp.org/library](http://shelbytwp.org/library). In addition, the webpage provides access to a live outdoor construction camera that updates every 30 minutes. The camera also gives users an option to view a time-lapse video of the project.

"As the interior starts to take shape and new features begin to emerge, I become more eager for the day that I can share this building with our community," Ester said. "Because of our donors and community, this library will be totally unique. Thanks to them, our library will be a beautiful, engaging community library for our residents to use and enjoy for generations."

Slated to open in early 2022, the new library increases the current facility's footprint at 51680 Van Dyke Ave. from 12,400 square feet to 26,400 square feet. In addition, the new Shelby Township Library will feature a 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.

For more information or to donate, contact the library at **586-739-7414** or [shelbylib@libcoop.net](mailto:shelbylib@libcoop.net).



A mosaic art glass wall, which has a portrait of Heritage Lake, will welcome residents and patrons, while celebrating our donors, next year at the new Shelby Township Library.

Shelby Township Parks, Recreation & Maintenance

**FREE**  
for residents

**\$10**  
for nonresidents

# HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

**Friday, October 15**

**TRICK OR TREATING**

starts at 6:30 PM

**MOVIE**

starts at 7:30 PM

# SCOOBI!

**Heritage Lake**

**52700 Van Dyke Ave.**

Want to pass out candy?  
Contact PRM at 586-731-0300.

Visit [shelbytwp.org/events](http://shelbytwp.org/events) for more info.

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# Hitting the polls

Shelby Township Clerk Stanley Grot and his team are ready for the Nov. 2 special election. Are you?

Scan the QR code to be taken to the Clerk's website.



## WHERE CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE?

You may register at any of the following locations:

- the township or county clerk's office
- any Michigan Secretary of State branch office
- at [michigan.gov/vote](http://michigan.gov/vote)

## WHERE DO I VOTE?

Each voter must vote in the polling place designated to serve the precinct in which they reside. This location is indicated on your voter ID card. If you prefer to vote by absentee ballot contact the Township Clerk.

## WHEN ARE ELECTION DAY POLLS OPEN?

Polls open at 7 a.m. and remain open until 8 p.m. Anyone in line at 8 p.m. will be allowed to vote

## DO I NEED TO SHOW A VOTER ID CARD TO VOTE?

No, voter ID cards list districts and polling locations. Voters should bring a photo ID on Election Day. Voters not in possession of a photo ID must sign an affidavit stating they are not in possession of an ID.

## HOW DO I OBTAIN AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?

Absentee ballot applications must be made in writing. Applications are available from the Township Clerk approximately six weeks before an election or at [michigan.gov/vote](http://michigan.gov/vote). To be added to the township's permanent absentee list, contact the Township Clerk.

## HOW DO I VOTE ABSENTEE?

Registered voters may request an absentee ballot by submitting a completed application to the Township Clerk via mail, fax, email or in-person drop-off. The Township Clerk will mail a ballot to applicants promptly. Voted ballots sealed in AV return envelopes with the voter's signature in the required section must be received by the Township Clerk no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day.

# Election Workers Wanted

Join Shelby Township Clerk Stanley Grot's team as an election worker.

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](mailto: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](http://shelbytwp.org/clerk)

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## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:treasurer@shelbytwp.org).



## Construction camera for water facility unveiled

As work moves ahead with the 3.5 million gallon water reservoir facility in Shelby Township, residents can get daily updates on construction progress at [shelbytpw.org/dpw](http://shelbytpw.org/dpw).

The township unveiled a new web feature that provides access to a live construction camera that updates regularly. The camera also gives users an option to view a time-lapse video of the project.

“This is an exciting process, and it’s interesting to watch it take shape,” DPW Director Dave Miller said Aug. 31 as crews poured the floor for the 3.5 million gallon tank. “Crews had to pour the floor at one time with no stopping, so we had a stream of cement trucks on 24 Mile Road to make sure we did the pour properly. You don’t see that every day.”

Along with the camera feed, users also have access to video updates on construction and exterior renderings of the facility at 11441 24 Mile Road. Despite construction setbacks because of heavy rains, the facility will be ready for service before the spring of 2022.

“This facility ensures our safety with a reliable emergency water supply. It gives us the flexibility to purchase water at a reduced rate and store it for peak-hour use. It gives us the financial stability to ensure we are not surprised by future wholesale water rate increases from the GLWA,” Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said. “Most importantly, though, it restores our freedom and allows us to remove the mandated irrigation ordinances. Once this facility is complete, our Board will be able to remove the irrigation ordinances that GLWA forced on our community.”

The reservoir and pump facility is part of the Shelby Township Board of Trustees’ response to help mitigate possible future surges in peak water demand and minimize future wholesale rate increases from the Great Lakes Water Authority. Existing water infrastructure improvement funds will finance this initial investment of \$14 million. In addition, anticipated savings in GLWA wholesale water costs will result in a payback on the initial investment within five years.

The Board approved the recommendation of the township engineer and Department of Public Works Director Dave Miller to award the construction contract for the reservoir and pump facility to Pamar Enterprises, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$9,939,050 at its May 18 meeting. At its April 20 meeting, the Board approved purchasing the 2.68-acre vacant property to house the facility for \$224,000. The project’s total cost, including engineering and administrative fees and a 10 percent contingency, is not to exceed \$14,079,875.

The water storage facility is the second step the Board has taken after the GLWA, the township’s wholesale municipal water supplier, compelled the Shelby Township Department of Public Works to enact certain safeguards to ensure that exceedances the community-made during the summer of 2020 do not reoccur.

The Board’s first action was modifying the township’s existing Voluntary Irrigation Ordinance with a Mandatory Irrigation Ordinance. This action took effect on March 10. As a result, between May 1 and Oct. 1, residents will reduce non-essential water usage such as lawn irrigation by operating sprinklers connected to the municipal water system only between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. In addition,



**CREWS USED A LARGE BOOM  
AUG. 31 TO MAINTAIN A  
CONSTANT POUR FOR THE  
CONCRETE FLOOR OF THE  
TOWNSHIP’S NEW 3.5 MILLION  
GALLON WATER STORAGE TANK.**

even-numbered addresses must sprinkle on even-numbered calendar dates, and odd-numbered addresses must sprinkle on odd-numbered calendar dates.

“Failure to reduce our peak-hour water usage, per the GLWA contractual limit, risks significant increases to our wholesale costs from the GLWA of \$1.8 million annually,” Miller said. “This wholesale increase would result in a mandated increase to our ratepayers of roughly 13% of a household’s water bill, and these increases would last through 2027 and likely never be reduced. Adhering to the Mandatory Irrigation Ordinance is our one chance to avoid these recurring increased rates.”

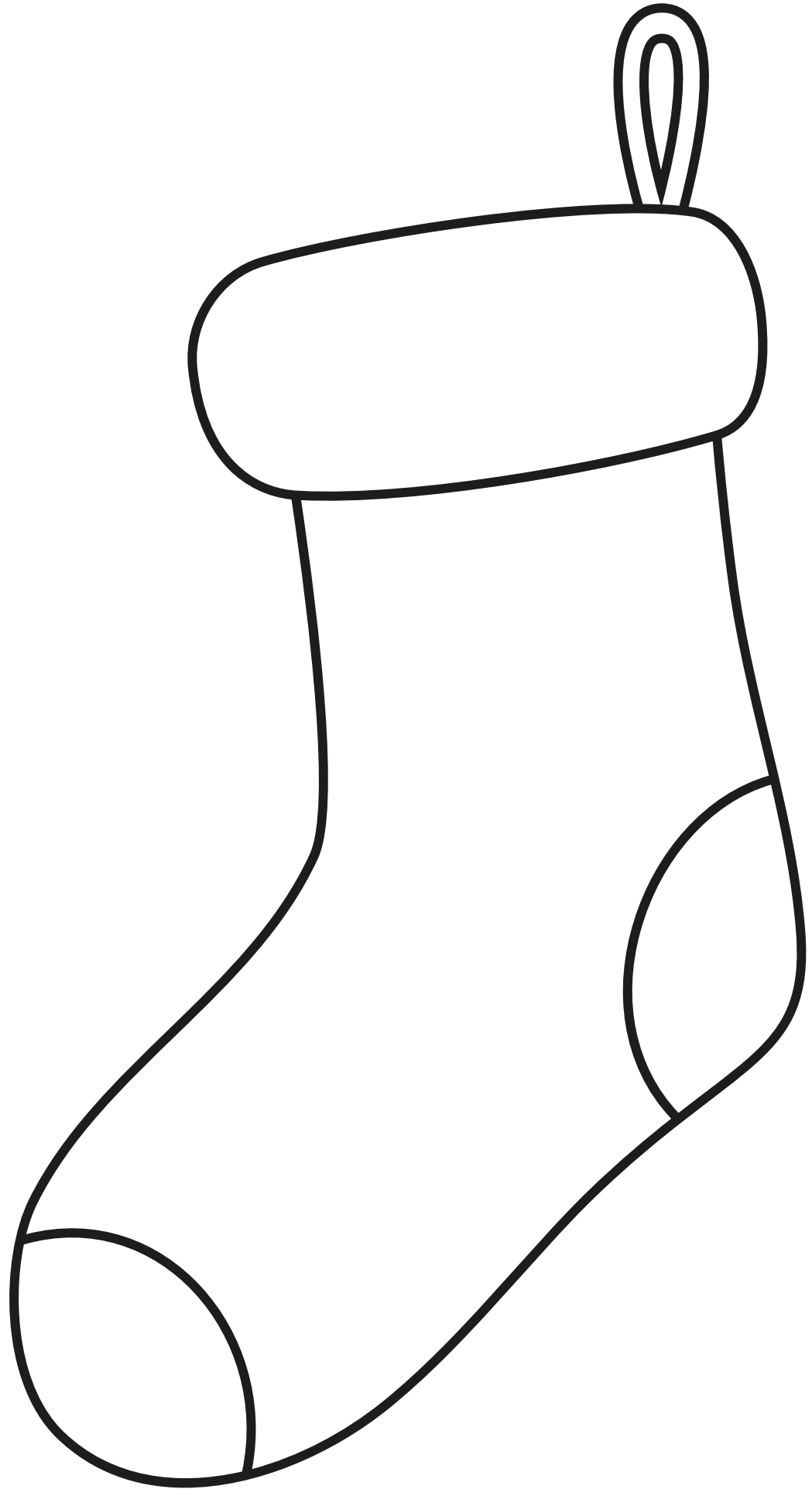
“This is our one chance to stop GLWA from exploiting the last year to raise our rates,” Stathakis added. “Until we get our reservoir built, we must follow these ordinances.”

# 2021 Shelby Township Christmas Coloring Contest

**Participants:** Students: Grades K- 2; Special needs: Any age

**Rules:** Open to Shelby Township residents only. Color the stocking and include your name, address and phone number on the back of the coloring sheet. One entry per person. Additional coloring sheets available at [shelbytwp.org](http://shelbytwp.org). Drop-off or mail your coloring sheet to the Shelby Township Library (51680 Van Dyke Ave., Shelby Township, MI 48316). Coloring sheets must be received by **November 18 at 5 p.m.**

**Prize:** Judges will review the submissions. Winners will welcome Santa Claus to Shelby Township and award him the "Key to the Township" prior to the Christmas tree lighting during Christmas Aglow, 7 p.m., Dec. 2 at 52700 Van Dyke Ave. All entries will be displayed at Township Hall until Jan. 3, 2021



## 12 Patriot Day Prayer Service

Please join us in honoring the men and women who served our nation during this annual ceremony.

The ceremony will be at 1:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 10 at 1:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial at 52700 Van Dyke Ave.

## Veterans Day Ceremony

Join us for the Veterans Day Ceremony at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021. The event will be held at our Municipal Campus located at 52700 Van Dyke Ave. in Shelby Township. Help us celebrate the men and women who have served our nation.



NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PRIMARY PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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**.

Don't miss

# Branching Out

Find out about all our winter programs and events Sept. 22.



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