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Following mandates imposed by the Great Lakes Water Authority after the 2020 irrigation season, Shelby Township nears the successful end of an unprecedented two-part solution with its water reservoir and ordinance for residential lawn irrigation.

The water storage facility and the irrigation ordinance responded to the GLWA, the township's wholesale municipal water supplier, compulsion that the Shelby Township Department of Public Works adopt safeguards to ensure exceedances the community made during the summer of 2020 do not reoccur.

The Board's first action was modifying the township's previous Voluntary Irrigation Ordinance with a Mandatory Irrigation Ordinance, effective between May 1 and Oct. 1. Adherence to this ordinance shifted the township's peak water usage from 6 a.m., within the GLWA's red zone for peak usage, to 4 a.m., which falls within the GLWA non-peak hours.

"Because of the community's response and adherence to the ordinance, the GLWA will not be able to impose rate increases and penalties when we negotiate our contract," Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said. "We had one chance to stop the GLWA from penalizing us for our pandemic water usage, and I'm proud of the way we rallied and put an end to those threats."

The ordinance required residents to 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, even-numbered addresses had to sprinkle on even-numbered calendar dates, and odd-numbered addresses winter on odd-numbered calendar dates.

The water storage facility was the second step the Board took in response to the GLWA. The reservoir and pump will mitigate possible future



surges in peak water demand and minimize future wholesale rate increases from the Great Lakes Water Authority.

"Building a facility like this in less than 12 months during a pandemic with global supply-chain issues is nothing short of a miracle, but our team is getting it done," DPW Director Dave Miller said. "We were proactive ordering our materials and equipment before a lot of the supply issues took effect. If not for that, this facility would not have been operational to support the 2022 irrigation season."

Crews will finish installing the 3.5 million storage tank on Dec. 6. Crews install the pump station and pump house in January 2022 to make the facility operational by February, 2022.

"If we didn't reduce our peak-hour water usage, the GLWA could have increased our wholesale costs by \$1.8 million annually," Stathakis said.

"This increase would have raised our residents' bills by roughly 13% annually through 2027, with no likely chance to be reduced. This was our one chance to stop GLWA from exploiting the pandemic to raise our rates, and our community did not let that happen. Thank you."

Winter Taxes

From the Treasurer - James Carabelli

The Treasurer's Office issues winter tax statements on Dec. 1, payable without penalty through Feb. 28, 2022. On March 1, 2022, all unpaid taxes, summer and winter, real and personal, are forwarded as "delinquent" to the Macomb County Treasurer for payment, with additional penalties assessed by the Macomb County Treasurer.

Pay Your Bill:

- Online at shelbytwp.org/treasurer or phone, toll-free, by calling 844-701-5086. Pay with credit (2.5% fee), debit (\$3.95 fee) or (online only) echeck (\$1 fee).
- Dropbox at the 24 Mile Road exit and North Entrance of the municipal building.
- Mail a check to 52700 Van Dyke Ave., Shelby Twp., MI 48316. All payments must be in or postmarked by the required due date.
- Fifth Third Bank branches in Shelby Township. To pay by cash or check, you must present the entire tax bill at the bank. Visit 53.com for locations and hours.
- Pay in person at the municipal offices with cash, check, credit, or debit (applicable fees for credit or debit).

We do not recommend using online bill pay through your banking institution. However, if this is your preferred payment method, please consult with your banking institution before doing so.

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

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Shelby Township unveils 2022 priorities

Sidewalks, facility lead list

As the Shelby Township Board of Trustees unveiled the township's new 2022 priorities on Nov. 16, three new directives made the list laying a road map for a more connected community with investments in quality of life infrastructure.

Along with the new items, the township has a new top priority as "Redevelop Former Court, Library, Senior Center for Community Use" returned to the No. 1 spot it held in 2020 after falling to No. 2 in 2021.

"I am proud of the work we've done to build a new court, library and senior center paying cash, with no debt, no bonding and no increase in taxes," Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said. "Once the library moves next year, though, that leaves us with the old building. This feedback we received for our 2022 priorities tells the Board that our residents are concerned about repurposing that property."

Additions are No. 6 "Hold Concerts and Farmers Market on Municipal Grounds," No. 7 "Improve Pedestrian and Bike Safety at Crosswalks," and No. 10 "Connect Sidewalks at 26 Mile and Mound Roads."

The priorities came from information gleaned from the annual community visioning process, which included online surveys of the public, township department heads and the Board of Trustees. Tabulation giving all three groups equal weight determines the annual priorities. This year, the



After the 2022 visioning process, the top priority for the next year is redeveloping the old library, district court and senior center property at 51680 Van Dyke Ave.

process changed slightly, which resulted in the priority to "Hold Concerts and Farmers Market on Municipal Grounds."

In years past, township department heads and the Board of Trustees held their meetings first, and a town hall meeting with the public finalized information gathering. This year, the township surveyed residents ahead of the department heads and Board. Based on that format, the township added the "Hold Concerts and Farmers Market on Municipal Grounds" to 2022's goals.

"Shelby Township and our Board of Trustees always work to make local government more participatory," said Planning Director Julijana Misich-Rasaweher, who coordinates the annual visioning process. "We had an all-time high in resident

participation this year. It was exciting to see resident feedback direct a new priority that was not on our radar before the survey."

While vehicular traffic garnered one spot on the list as "Widen Schoenherr Road North of 23 Mile Road," placed eighth, pedestrian and bicycle traffic checked in on the list at Nos. 2, 7, 9 and 10.

"Increase Sidewalk Connectivity" moved from No. 3 in 2021 to No. 2 in 2022. "Improve Pedestrian and Bike Safety at Crosswalks" debuted at No. 7, "Improve Crosswalks Near Schools and Parks" ranked No. 9, and "Connect Sidewalks at 26 Mile and Mound Roads" was No. 10.

"These priorities show that our residents, Board and employees are serious about making Shelby

Township safer and more walkable," said Township Trustee Lisa Casali, who is the Board representative on the township's sidewalk committee.

"Back in the day, it wasn't required to put in a sidewalk in front of properties on major roads, and 30 years later, when pedestrian safety is more important, we want sidewalks. So for the betterment of our township, we want sidewalks, and we want sidewalk connections, so we don't have pedestrians in the road putting them in danger."

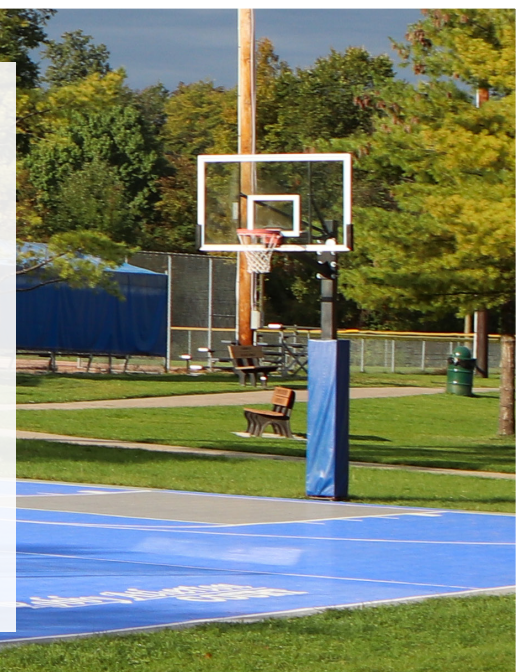
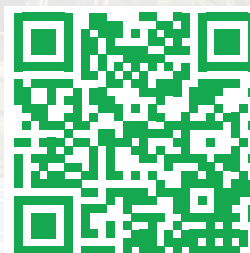
"We work to make government in Shelby Township more participatory, and I'm very grateful for all of the work Planning Director Julijana Misich-Rasaweher did to coordinate this and for the residents that took time to participate and set these priorities," Stathakis added.

Help guide the future of Mae Stecker Park and the municipal campus

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 and Garden.

Visit shelbytwp.org/campus to voice your opinion on what you would like to see to transform the campus into a better destination.

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



4 Detour Dequindre, naturally

Shelby Township offers trail detour for Yates Cider Mill during Avon/Dequindre closure



The Road Commission for Oakland County, which maintains Dequindre Road throughout Shelby Township, closed Avon Road between John R and 23 Mile roads and Dequindre Road between Hamlin and 23 Mile roads Nov. 1

The closure is part of a RCOC project to replace the Avon Road bridge over the Clinton River and replace the Avon/Dequindre intersection with a roundabout.

“As a charter township, we rely on our regional partners in the Macomb County Department of Roads, the Road Commission for Oakland County and the Michigan Department of Transportation to maintain and improve our roads,” Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said. “This project essentially cuts the western portion of our township in half, and it will impact a lot of our residents.

“We will keep our community informed of all updates, detours and changes as soon as they become available from the RCOC at shelbytwp.org/roads, our social media channels and Shelby TV.”

The demolition and reconstruction of the bridge started following the road closure, while the roundabout at the Avon Road/Dequindre Road intersection is expected to start in March of 2022. The roads are expected to remain closed until August 2022.

Throughout the closure, access to businesses and homes will be maintained.

The detour for Avon Road through traffic is John R Road to Hamlin Road to Ryan Road to 23 Mile Road, back to Avon Road and vice versa. The detour for Dequindre Road traffic is Hamlin Road to Ryan Road to 23 Mile Road, back to Dequindre Road and vice versa.

During construction, people heading to Yates Cider Mill can avoid the work zone and park at Chief Gene Shepherd Park at 2452 23 Mile Road and reach the cider mill by way of a .5-mile nature trail in the northwest corner of the park. It runs through a wooded nature area and connects to the northeast corner of Yates Cider Mill.

“This is another reason we are glad we invested in our trail system,” Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Director Joe Youngblood said. “We never envisioned a nature trail could serve as a detour for a road project, but it will make it easier for people to enjoy their cider and donuts after a gorgeous 10-minute walk through our park.”

For more information on the project, visit: rcocweb.org/606/Avon-Road-Dequindre-to-23-Mile-Road.

The Road Commission for Oakland County, which maintains Dequindre Road and its right-of-way properties throughout Shelby Township, closed Avon Road from John R Road to 23 Mile Road and Dequindre Road from Hamlin Road to 23 Mile Road to replace the Avon Road bridge over the Clinton River and replace the Avon/Dequindre intersection with a roundabout. The \$8.7 million project is funded with federal, RCOC and Rochester Hills dollars. In addition to the removal and replacement of the bridge and the construction of the roundabout, the project includes:

- Reconstruction of 1/4 mile of Avon Road, including milling and resurfacing between Cider Mill Boulevard and new roundabout
- Replacement of curbs, gutters and guardrails
- Clinton River bank stabilization
- Replacement of storm sewers, water main and street lighting
- Construction of a retention pond and placement of decorative concrete with aesthetic features
- Installation of High-Intensity CrossWalk pedestrian signals at all legs of the roundabout.
- Updated pathways on both sides of this section of Avon Road.

Make sure your property is up to code this winter

Snow – All sidewalks must be free from accumulations of snow, sleet, ice and water. After a snowfall or other precipitation, Shelby Township Ordinance Section 58-528(a)(3) and (d) requires the removal of accumulations within 24 hours for residential and 48 hours for commercial and industrial properties.

Sidewalk – Property owners are responsible for maintaining safe conditions for sidewalks adjacent to their property, which includes a property’s sidewalks in front and on the side. According to Shelby Township’s ordinance Section 58-528, sidewalks must be clear from obstructions such as low-hanging branches, shrubs or bushes that protrude into and over the sidewalk. Trim obstructions behind the edge of the sidewalk and branches need to be trimmed high enough to allow a bicyclist to pass underneath.

Firewood – Firewood is permitted on residential lots for personal home heating purposes, only. Shelby Township’s ordinance Section 3.35 requires that firewood be neatly stacked. While not required, firewood should be raised off the ground to prevent animals from nesting under it. The sale of firewood is prohibited.

Trash – All trash, recyclable materials and residential yard waste must be gathered, stored and placed in a closed container or containers sufficient in size and number to store the waste. Under Shelby Township’s ordinance Section 62-6(6), place containers at the curb after 5:30 p.m. the day before pick up and removed from curbside by 8 p.m. the day of pick up. For large amounts of waste, order a dumpster through a waste hauler. For large items such as furniture and appliances, single-family residences can call GFL Environmental at 888-877-4996 to schedule a pick-up. Place large items at the curb on your regular, scheduled collection day.

Sales – Personal garage, yard, estate or similar-type sales do not require a permit. Only two sales are allowed in a 12-month period at one location, and each sale can only last four or fewer days. Sale signs are only allowed on the property of the sale and other private property with the consent of the property owner. Immediately remove all signs following the sale.

Signs – Signs shall not be attached to any utility poles or trees and cannot encroach into any road right-of-way, which is typically the area between a sidewalk and street. Property owners must approve all sign placements on a property.

Shelby Township Ordinance Enforcement
52700 Van Dyke Ave., Shelby Township 48316
Phone: 586-726-7248
Email: orderf@shelbytwp.org
Web: shelbytwp.org/ordinance

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 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



Christmas IN SHELBY TOWNSHIP



Nov. 1 - Dec. 15

The Shelby Township Police Department is collecting new toys in the lobby of the police department. You can drop off your gifts 24/7 until December 15 to give deserving children the Christmas they've dreamed of.

**Shelby Township Police Department
52530 Van Dyke Ave.**

Letters to Santa

Nov. 29 - Dec. 11

Visit the library children's area starting Nov. 29 to write a letter to Santa and place it in our special mailbox by Dec. 11. Our elves will make sure you hear back from Santa by mail. This program is a cooperative effort between the Utica Shelby Township Kiwanis Club, the Shelby Golden K Kiwanis Club and the Shelby Township Library.

**Shelby Township Library
51680 Van Dyke Ave.**

Christmas Lights Contest

Dec. 9 - 20

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. 9-20 on shelbytwp.org/contests and announce the top two homes Dec. 22. Good luck and Merry Christmas. Please vote only once.

SHELBY TOWNSHIP

Giving Tree

Nov. 29 - Dec. 23

For an eighth-straight Christmas season, the Shelby Township Hall Giving Tree presents the opportunity to help the community spread goodwill and cheer.

Residents can follow the link on shelbytwp.org/christmas to the Amazon wishlist for the Giving Tree and purchase items that will be donated to the Samaritan House Food Pantry. Samaritan House operates with 17 churches in Shelby and other communities to distribute food and necessities to individuals and families in need.

Items purchased from the Amazon wishlist will be shipped to Township Hall to join the other Giving Tree gifts before being delivered to the Samaritan House in January.

If residents prefer to drop off items personally, they can purchase any of the items on the list below and place them in the donation baskets under the Shelby Township Hall Christmas tree at 52700 Van Dyke Ave., the Shelby Township Library at 51680 Van Dyke Ave. or the Shelby Township Activities Center at 14975 21 Mile Road. The collection runs through Dec. 23.

- Soup
- Coffee
- Crackers
- Jelly
- Condiments
- Pasta/Rice Sides
- Vegetable Oil
- Diced Tomatoes
- Canned Vegetables
- Toothpaste
- Tooth Brushes
- Deodorant
- Razors
- Shampoo
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Soap
- Paper Towel
- Dish Soap

Township Holiday Closures

Dec. 24 - Jan. 2, 2022

All Shelby Township offices are closed. The Shelby Township Activities Center, Senior Center, Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center and Shelby Township Library have special holiday hours. Please check their pages for more information.

All facilities will reopen and return to regular operation hours at 8:30 a.m., Jan. 3, 2022.

Emergency services will be available by dialing 911. For non-emergencies, dial 586-731-2121.



SHREVE



FREE

2 Dec. **Christmas Aglow**
Presented by the DDA
7 PM | 52700 Van Dyke Ave.

NEW THIS YEAR at the Shelby Township Christmas Aglow is the township's 34-foot Christmas tree. The Aglow features the Eisenhower High School show choir performing carols and free photos with Santa Claus at Hope Chapel until 8:30 p.m. There will be hot chocolate, kids crafts, marshmallow roasting and enhanced Christmas displays with more places for family photos and memories.

SOLD OUT
3 Dec. **Candy Cane Twist Senior Dance**
5 PM | Shelby Township Senior Center

SOLD OUT
4 Dec. **Breakfast with Santa**
10 AM | Shelby Township Activities Center

4&5 Dec. **Pioneer Christmas**
12-4 PM | Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center

SOLD OUT
6 Dec. **Senior Christmas Breakfast Bingo**
9 AM | Shelby Township Senior Center

SOLD OUT
9 Dec. **Dinner & Dancing with Santa Claus** Sponsored by Genisys Credit Union
6 PM | Cherry Creek Golf Club

15 Dec. **Senior Choir Sing-A-Long**
11 AM | Shelby Township Senior Center

FREE

SOLD OUT
17 Dec. **Enchanted Christmas Luncheon**
11 AM | Palazzo Grande

18 Dec. **Christmas Bird Count**
10 AM-3 PM | Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center

FREE

19 Dec. **Santa Visits the Nature Center**
12-2 PM | Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center

FREE

Visit

shelbytp.org/Christmas

for more information.

Don't Forget!

Christmas Tree pick-up begins Dec. 26. Trees over 7 feet should be cut in half before being put at the curb.

There will be no interruption in waste collection for the Christmas and New Year holidays. Place waste containers at the curb per your normal schedule.

After a long 2020, it was great to get back together with our neighbors throughout Shelby Township.

We had a great time at events like the Shelby Township DDA Independence Day Fireworks presented by Signs365 and Northpointe Development, and the Shelby Township Police and Fire department's open house events.

Our staff in the Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department and at the Shelby Township Library did an amazing job providing our friends and families with events like the Shelby Township Art Fair and the library's 50th Birthday Bash while keeping us safe.

We're excited for more memories in 2022 as we continue to build the bonds that make Shelby Township a better place to call home. Be sure to check our calendar at shelbytwp.org to stay up to date on all our events. Thank you for making 2021 unforgettable, and we look forward to more fun in 2022.



Princess Fantasy Fun Night



Running with Heroes Veterans 5K



Library Summer Reading



Independence Day Fireworks



Spooktacular

2021
SHELBY TWP.



Library Birthday Bash



Art Fair



Summer Concerts

2022

Shelby Township Events

JANUARY

- 22 Winter Fest
- 29 Owl Prowl

FEBRUARY

- 10 Daddy & Daughter Dance
- 13 Winter Hike

MARCH

- 5 Breakfast with the Birds
- 9 Mother & Son Dance
- 19 Maple Syrup Festival
- 26 Bat Hike

APRIL

- 9 Easter Bunny Lunch
- 9 Easter Egg Scramble
- 16 Spring Into Nature
- 23 Earth Day Celebration
- 30 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

MAY

- 5 State of the Township
- 7 Great Blue Heron Festival

JUNE

- 10 Splash Bash Summer Kickoff
- 11 Kids Fishing Derby
- 11 River Day
- 16 Community Touch-A-Truck
- 25 Pollinator BioBlitz

JULY

- 9 Kids Olympics
- 13 Free Summer Concert
- 20 Free Summer Concert
- 23 Flea Market
- 27 Free Summer Concert

AUGUST

- 6 Kid to Kid Sale
- 13-14 39th Annual Art Fair

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Sportsman Skills Day
- 10 Police Department Open House
- 10 Bow Wow Luau
- 17 Bat Hike

OCTOBER

- 8 Electronics Recycling
- 8 Creatures of the Night
- 14 Halloween Spooktacular and Movie Night
- 15 Fire Department Open House
- 15 Police Department Community Shred Day
- 21-22 Haunted Nature Center

NOVEMBER

- 4 Princess Fantasy Fun Night
- 19 Turkey Fest
- 20 Snack and Shop Shelby Township

DECEMBER

- 1 Annual Christmas Aglow Tree Lighting
- 3 Breakfast with Santa
- 3-4 Pioneer Christmas
- 8 Dinner & Dancing
- 9 Kids Night Out
- 17 Christmas Bird Count
- 18 Santa Visits the Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center



Patriot Day Prayer Ceremony



Electronics Recycling



Shelby Gardeners



Fire Open House



Check out the winner of the 2021 Better Pie Contest!



Fishing Derby



Library Butterfly Release



Haunted Nature Center





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Visit the library children's area starting Nov. 29 to write a letter to Santa and place it in our special mailbox by Dec. 11. Our elves will make sure you hear back from Santa by mail. This program is a cooperative effort between the Utica Shelby Township Kiwanis Club, the Shelby Golden K Kiwanis Club and the Shelby Township Library.

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.

100 Books Before Graduation

The 100 Books Before Graduation challenge for teens in grades 7-12 is to finish reading 100 books before graduating high school.

Participants can read or listen to any book they have yet to read, including school reading assignments and graphic novels. Complete the challenge to collect prizes and virtual badges along the way. Reading for fun can result in higher test scores, improved vocabulary and writing skills, increased social skills, reduces stress, and improved emotional health.

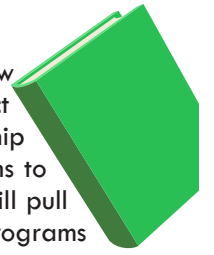
After completing 100 Books Before Graduation, participants will be more likely to enjoy a lifelong love of reading. Track your progress with the free "Beanstack" app or sign up at shelbytwplib.beanstack.org.

✓ Registration required. Register by calling 586-739-7414.

➔ Online program you can access at shelbytwplib.beanstack.org on the air date.

You need something new to read.

You know what you like to read, but you might not know what we have on our shelves. Let our library staff connect you with your next favorite book. The Shelby Township Library offer programs for youth, teen and adult patrons to fill out online surveys with the books they like, and we will pull books from our collection just for you. Check out the programs below and visit shelbytwplib.beanstack.org for more information or to register for your next personalized pick-up.



✓ Kids Book Bag Club (Grades 1-6)

After answering an online survey about your interests, a librarian will surprise you with a special "Book Bag." Monthly book bags include your personally selected books, treats and surprise goodies. Eat the treats, keep the goodies and return the books. See the table below for registration and pick-up dates.

✓ Teen Book Box Club (Grades 7-12)

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Registration Date	Pick-Up Date
Nov. 20	Dec. 4
Dec. 18	Jan. 8
Jan. 22	Feb. 5
Feb. 19	March 5

Pick My Books (Adults) - No Registration Required

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 shelbytwplib.beanstack.org to start your next literary adventure.

KIDS PROGRAMMING

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3.5-5 | 10 AM | Tuesdays | Drop-in | 1/11 — 3/29

Drop in for stories, rhymes and early literacy activities for preschoolers ages 3.5-5. Build social skills and prepare them for kindergarten. Younger siblings are welcome.

Toddler Storytime

Ages 2-3.5 | 10 AM | Wednesdays | Drop-in | 1/12 — 3/30

Drop in for short stories, songs and activities. This program offers early literacy fun for toddlers with a caregiver. Siblings are welcome. No storytime 2/9.

Baby Bears

Ages 2 and under with caregiver | 10 AM | Fridays | Drop-in
12/3 12/17 1/14 1/28 2/25 3/11 3/25

Drop in for short stories, songs, lap bounces and playtime. This program offers early literacy fun for children 2 and under with a caregiver.

Families & Jammies

All Ages | 6:30 PM | Thursdays | Drop-in | 12/9 1/20 2/17 3/17

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

✓ Winter Fun at Home Kit

Grades PK-5 | All Day Pick-up | 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.**

Maker Monday To Go

PK-4 | All Day Pick-up | Mondays | 12/6 1/3 2/7 3/7

Pick up a bag of mystery craft supplies anytime on the first open Monday each month, while supplies last. We supply different odds and ends with ideas to spark your creativity.

✓ Kids Book Bag Club

Grades 1-6 | All Day Pick-up | 12/4 1/8 2/5 3/5

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. See the registration dates above.

✓ Under The Sea

Ages 4-12 | 1:30 PM | 1/22

How deep is the ocean? What does it look like under all that water? What types of living things make the oceans their homes? With Longway Planetarium, we explore what lies beneath the surface, build a model of ocean zones, investigate ocean floor features and learn about marine habitats. **Registration for kids ages 4-12 begins Jan. 8.**

✓ Space Fun at Home Kit

Grades PK-5 | All Day Pick-Up | 2/12

Enjoy a bag of space activities and treats. Supplies are limited, so register to get your kit. The pick-up is Saturday, Feb. 12. **Registration opens Jan. 29.**

Pokémon Hangout

1:30 PM | 1/15

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 door prizes and themed activities.

Drop-in Family Coding Hour

1:30 PM | 1/29 2/12 3/26

Learning to code starts with curiosity. Drop in and join others in developing foundational skills used to understand coding language. These unplugged sessions do not require computer skills and are perfect for younger audiences and their guardians.



Leap Into Science @ Home Light and Shadow Virtual

Online | 2/23

Tune in for a science storytime and learn how light interacts with objects and surfaces and how shadows are made. Provide an email address when you register, and we'll send you the link to watch the video. Activity kits will be available for pick up Feb. 22 so you can follow along at home. Leap Into Science is a program in partnership with The Franklin Institute Science Museum to promote family and student engagement and achievement in science and literacy. **Registration begins Feb. 5.**



The Art and Science of Shadows: Shadow Puppet Workshop

1:30 PM | 2/26

Learn how light interacts with objects to create shadow puppets. Join us for special shadow puppet stories with Alex Thomas and Friends and a workshop where we'll bring shadows and stories to life using science during National Leap Into Science Week. **Registration begins Feb. 12.**

Peeps Party

1:30 PM | 3/19

What can you build or decorate using marshmallow Peeps? Put your creativity to use with several projects and enjoy a scavenger hunt with the chance to earn a raffle prize.

Leap into Science: Family Storytime

6:30 PM | 3/31

Join us as we investigate the concept of balance. Participants explore ideas by listening to stories and doing science activities created by The Franklin Institute. Leap Into Science is a program in partnership with The Franklin Institute Science Museum to promote family and student engagement and achievement in science and literacy.

TEEN PROGRAMMING (GRADES 7-12)

Teen Advisory Board

6-7:30 PM | 12/2 1/6 2/3 3/3

Join a teen council that creates teen displays, decorates the library and plans teen events 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 shelbtwp.org/library.

Afterschool Teen Hangout

3-4 PM | Wednesdays

Drop by after school to play some board and party games. We'll show you how to play. No program 12/22, 1/5 or 2/23.



Teen Book Box Club

All Day Pick-ups Saturdays

12/4 1/8 2/5 3/5

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Teen Snake Night at the Library

6 PM | 2/18

Meet and pet a snake from the Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center. Learn some cool facts about snakes and how they've influenced some of our favorite books and movies and then draw a picture of our slithering friend. **Registration begins Feb. 5.**



Teen Jurassic Escape Room

6 PM | 3/18

You've accidentally been sent back in time to the Jurassic age. Solve puzzles and discover clues to get home. The clock is ticking. Can you escape before the dinosaurs find you? **Registration begins March 4.**

ADULT PROGRAMMING



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 opens Dec. 1.**



Make a Résumé in Microsoft Word

7 PM | 1/13 | Online

The New Year brings new opportunities. Be prepared with a fresh résumé made in Microsoft Word. Learn to edit text and create a visually appealing layout while discussing trends in online job searches. This program is recorded and will post on the library's web page and social media. Personal tech time appointments are available upon request.

Local Wildlife Photography

7 PM | 1/19

Local nature photographer Robert Weir shares his beautiful photos and talks about capturing great moments in nature.

Helping our Aging Friends and Relatives

7 PM | 1/26

Hampton Manor of Shelby Activities Director Daniel Pridmore discusses how to help aging friends and relatives as they need more assistance.

In Our Own Voice: African American Art

7 PM | 2/9

Enhance your awareness of the creative contributions of African Americans from the 19th century through the present day. Presented by a Detroit Institute of Arts docent, this talk provides a lens to examine issues of race, gender, politics and culture.



Making LinkedIn a Part of Your Job Search

7 PM | 2/10 | Online

Take your résumé online with LinkedIn, a popular professional social media website with 800 million members. Learn profile dos and don'ts while understanding how to put yourself online. This program is recorded and will post on the library's web page and social media. Personal tech time appointments are available upon request.

Making Sensitivity Your Strength

7 PM | 3/16

Kristy Robinett, an author and psychic medium, shares her secrets to surviving as an empath and how you can better thrive through life when you feel alone in a crowded world with the overwhelming weight of negativity.



Let's Talk Code!

7 PM | 3/17 | Online

Coding is a hot topic in classrooms and workspaces. Discover different coding languages, how to get started and how to learn them for free. This program is recorded and will post on the library's web page and social media. Personal tech time appointments are available upon request.

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Purchasing a glass plaque will make them a lasting part of the new Shelby Township Library that they can enjoy for years to come.



Donor Wall Glass Plaque Application

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A tax-deductible \$250 personal donation or \$500 business donation supports the Friends of the Library, a 501c3 nonprofit that raises funds for the Shelby Township Library. Supported by the Friends of the Library, plaque purchases will help fund library events, programs, materials and special projects. **For more information, contact the library at 586-739-7414 or shelbylib@libcoop.net.**

COST: \$250 per glass plaque

Checks can be made out to "Friends of the Shelby Township Library." We cannot take credit cards.

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Mary Smith

The
Smith Family

John & Mary
Smith

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