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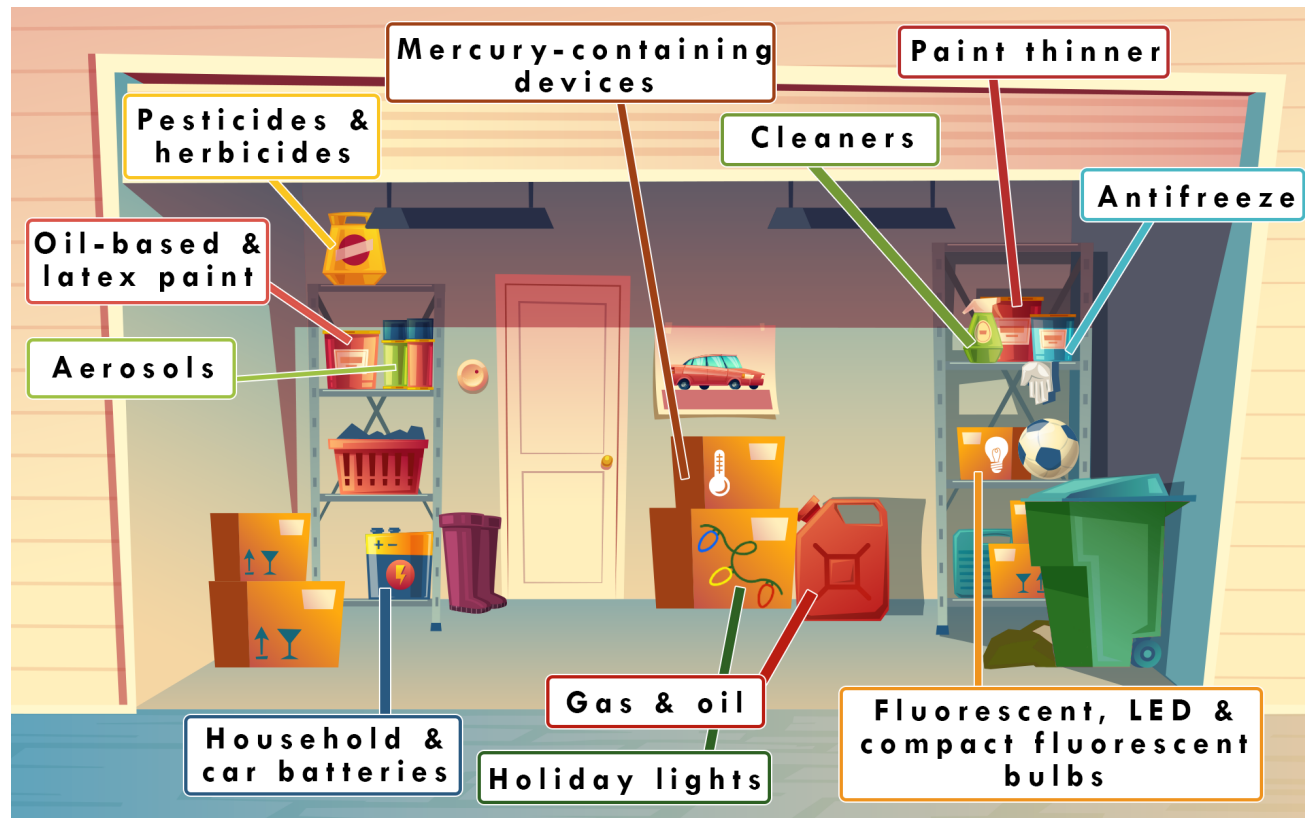
KICKOFF SUMMER WITH FOOD TRUCKS, AN OUTDOOR MOVIE AND FAMILY FUN!

² Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

GFL Environmental Shelby Township residential waste service customers can participate in the township's annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, April 30. 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 a full list of accepted items, visit shelbytwp.org/waste.

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



Garage Sales

Shelby Township offers online calendar to promote local garage, yard and estate sales.



One traditional summer site in Shelby Township is the emergence of garage, yard and estate 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 property owner's consent. Immediately remove all signs following the sale.

Shelby Township's Community Relations Department provides a free community service for any Shelby Township resident wishing to post a sale notice on the township's calendar at shelbytwp.org/sales. Sales accepted include garage, yard, estate sales and more.

Email info@shelbytwp.org for more information or submit a request to have your sale posted through the "Garage Sale Calendar Request" form at shelbytwp.org/sales.

Garage Sale Notice Guidelines

Any person or organization that wishes to have a sale posted on the township's calendar shall be subject to the following rules and regulations:

- The township's website cannot advertise in-home businesses, homes/property for sale, political fundraisers or special interest groups.
- Sale notices must be provided to the Community Relations Department for content review at least one week before the requested posting dates. The township reserves the right to edit, remove or reject any submitted message request.
- There will be a limit of two garage sale message requests per year per household. Sales cannot exceed four consecutive days. One garage sale is counted as consecutive days. Therefore, a notice containing sale dates with non-sale days in between will count as two garage sale message requests. If garage sale dates change because of weather on the planned date, the resubmission with the new date will count as a second garage sale message request.
- Requestors must provide a contact person, address, and phone number with all requested messages and include specific dates and times to start and stop the sale.



Clean Up Day

From the Clerk
Stanley T. Grot

The Shelby Township Clerk's Office and the Beautification Committee host Clean-Up Day on April 30 at the Shelby Township Activities Center at 14975 21 Mile Road.

Registration runs 8:30-9 a.m. at the activities center. Because of COVID-19, the annual roadside clean-up event was canceled in 2020 and 2021. This year's event features special prizes for volunteers instead of the annual lunch, which was canceled because of pandemic precautions.

All residents are welcome, including walk-ins. For more information about Clean-Up Day, visit shelbytwp.org/clerk or contact the Clerk's Office at 586-731-5102.



Safer By Design

The Shelby Township Police Department Community Services Unit has trained Crime Prevention Specialists to help local business owners and homeowners take a proactive approach to fighting crime.

Utilizing Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design theories and methods, specially trained officers can provide best practices for citizens, businesses, and community institutions to reduce crime and improve the quality of life for our citizens. We will send an officer to your home, business, or place of worship to conduct a security survey. They will walk the business/home with the property owner and make a written report with recommendations to help prevent crime.

This service is free of charge to Shelby Township residents and business owners. If you would like to set up an appointment for this service, please contact Sgt. Mark Benedettini at 586-731-2121 ext. 358 or mbenedettini@shelbytwp.org.



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 28 and ends Dec. 16. 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.



Be Prepared

Summer storms aren't unusual and weather is unpredictable. Packing an emergency kit can keep you safe during power outages, floods and other surprising incidents. For more information, visit ready.gov.



Emergency Packing List

- Water - one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days for drinking and sanitation
- Food - at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food. Don't forget a can opener
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio and an NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air
- Plastic sheeting
- Duct tape
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery
- Local maps
- Prescription medication
- Cash or traveler's checks
- Non-prescription medications such as pain relievers, anti-diarrhea medication, antacids or laxatives
- Glasses and contact lens solution
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Complete change of clothing appropriate for your climate and sturdy shoes
- Baby/Infant supplies - formula, bottles, diapers, wipes, diaper rash cream
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records saved electronically or in a waterproof, portable container
- Pet supplies - food, extra water, leash, crate, medications
- Fire extinguisher
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels and plastic utensils
- Additional items for people with disabilities - cane, walker, wheelchair

Get Recreational

Summer is coming and we have a lot of fun events and programs happening.

Remember to visit shelbytwp.org/parks to see our activities center calendar featuring drop-in basketball, volleyball, pickleball and more.

Looking for Adult Softball Players

ASA Certified – Slow Pitch Leagues
Held at Mae Stecker Park – 8600 24 Mile Road

Registration for returning teams, same season and division as the previous year, begins Feb. 24. Registration for new teams begins March 4. Play for all divisions begins the week of May 1. Contact Mike Adams at 586-731-0300 or email madams@shelbytwp.org for more information. A manager's meeting for registered teams takes place before the start of the season.

- Non-refundable team fees must be paid in full. Spaces for teams cannot be held without full payment by credit card, cash, check or money order.

- All teams in all leagues must pay a \$20 umpire fee before each game. Umpire fees are payable to the umpire by each team before each game.

- All leagues include game balls, 12 T-shirts for season champions, and 12 T-shirts plus a trophy for playoff champions.

- A \$50 forfeit fee is assessed upon forfeit for each game forfeited. Forfeit fees must be paid before a team is permitted to play its next game.

- All leagues are open leagues.

Men's Double-Header League – The season includes 11 double-headers (22 games) and playoffs. Games take place at 6:20 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8:40 p.m. and 9:50 p.m. weekdays. Sunday games begin at approximately 2:30 p.m. A new home run rule allows each team two home runs. Following the second home run, the one up rule takes effect. **\$800**

#AASOFT.01 Monday nights
#AASOFT.02 Tuesday nights
#AASOFT.03 Wednesday nights
#AASOFT.04 Thursday nights
#AASOFT.05 Sunday afternoons

Coed League – The season includes 12 regular-season games and single-elimination playoffs. Games start at 6:20 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8:40 p.m. and 9:50 p.m. Fridays. **\$600**

#AASOFT.06 Friday night

Women's League – The season includes 12 regular-season games and a single-elimination playoff. Playoffs may be combined with Sterling Heights Parks and Recreation. Games start at 6:20 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8:40 p.m. and 9:50 p.m. on Tuesdays. **\$500**

#AASOFT.07 Tuesday night

Register for classes and programs online
at register.shelbytwp.org.

Summer Recreation Day Camp

9 AM-4 PM
Mondays-Fridays
June 13-Aug. 12

No camp the week of July 4
For kids entering grades 1-6

This summer, give your children something to do that doesn't involve a screen or video chat. Instead, campers will participate in games, team-building activities, sports, arts and crafts, nature lessons, and more. Children will mostly be outside at the Shelby Township Activities Center at 14975 21 Mile Road, so sunscreen is encouraged and they must bring their lunch.

The cost for residents is \$80 per week for the first camper and \$60 for additional children. Nonresidents add \$10 per week per child. Registrations open for residents April 18 and for nonresidents April 25.

Register online by the week at
register.shelbytwp.org.



Meet Lily, The Awesome Opossum

Born blind, Lily is unable to survive in the wild. But, thanks to the support of Shelby Township residents, we can provide a safe and forever home for her. This marvelous marsupial and our other friendly creatures are excited to see you during your next visit to the Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center.

Sign Up for Professional Golf Lessons

TGA Premier Golf brings its youth program to the gym at the Shelby Township Activities Center. Golfers ages 5-13 learn swing fundamentals, putting, chipping, rules and etiquette in a safe, nurturing environment. TGA provides all equipment and guarantees a student-coach ratio of 8:1 or better. 6 weeks. **\$139 resident, \$146 nonresident**

#YATGA.01 5-6 PM Mondays
4/25-5/30



**OPENS
MEMORIAL DAY,
MAY 30**

Spring at the Nature Center

10 AM-6 PM Wed-Sat
12-5 PM Sun
Closed Mon & Tue

586-323-2478
shadbush@shelbytwp.org
4101 River Bends Drive

Nocturnal Hikes

Grant provides new technology for Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center 'bat hikes'

Thanks to an Environmental Education Grant from the Michigan Alliance for Environmental and Outdoor Education, the Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center hosts new evening bat hikes.

Nature center naturalists and guests explore River Bends Park at dusk, seeking bats in the night sky. Using an electronic echolocation detecting device, guests can see a visual display of each bat call on an interactive, scientific-level spectrogram.

"These new hikes are another example of how Lizzy Schultz and the nature center staff keep expanding the environmental education programs for our residents," Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Director Joe Youngblood said.

"The nature center has always been a great place for families to enjoy an afternoon together, but Lizzy has expanded our programming and turned River Bends Park into an 850-acre classroom to explore all of the unique educational opportunities in our backyards."

These hikes show nature enthusiasts young and old science in action with hands-on, authentic research tools. The first bat hike is already sold out with an additional bat hike taking place at **6 p.m., Saturday, April 30, at the Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center at 4101 River Bends Drive**. All ages are welcome, and registration is open at register.shelbytwp.org. A fall bat hike takes place Sept. 19.

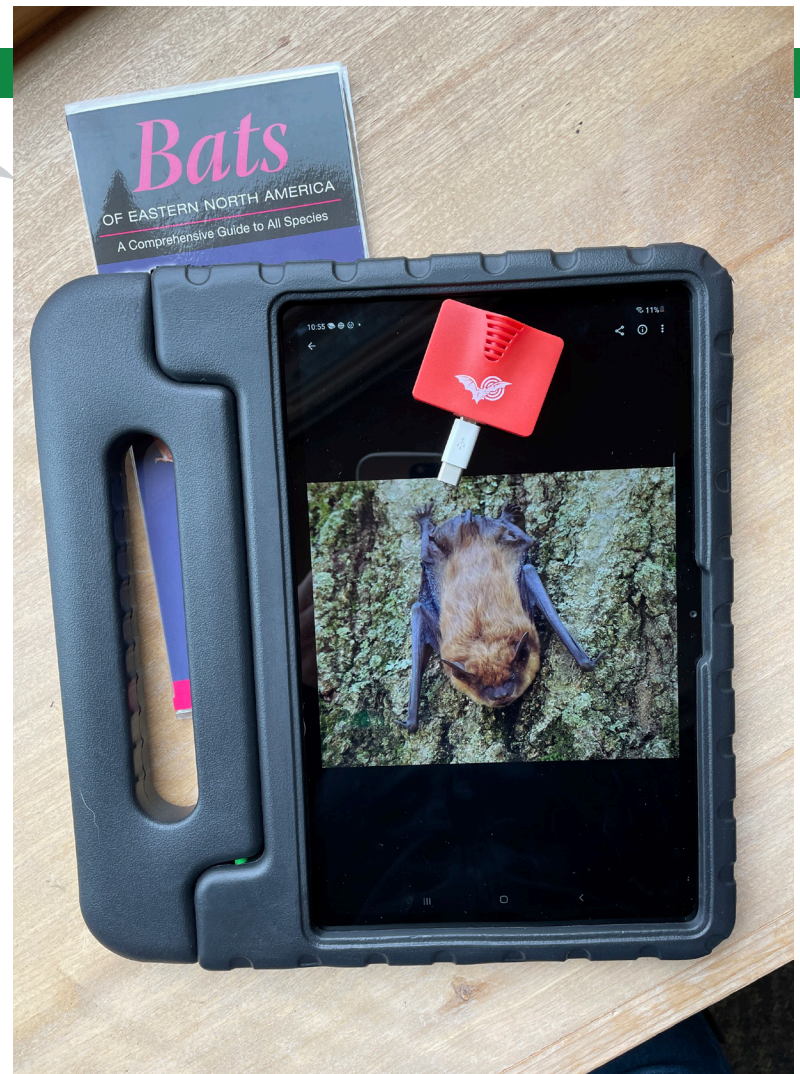
"Our bat hikes offer families a whole new way to explore nature and be active in the outdoors while also educating communities about bats," Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center Coordinator Elizabeth "Lizzy" Schultz said. "We are extremely grateful to MAEOE for providing us the funding to purchase the scientific and educational equipment that will make this program unique and engaging,"

Though often feared and even loathed, bats are vital to the health of the environment and the economy.

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, bats consume enough insects to save the agricultural industry more than \$3 billion in pest control. Further, while many bats eat insects, others feed on nectar and provide pollination for crops like peaches, cloves, bananas and agaves.

"With their populations declining across the globe, bats need our help more than ever," Schultz said. "They're fascinating creatures to learn about with amazing adaptations, so this program is a win-win situation for everyone."

Register at register.shelbytwp.org to find out which bat species live in River Bends Park and the significant role bats play in our ecosystem in this fun evening event for the whole family. For more information, contact the nature center at 586-323-2478 or email shadbush@shelbytwp.org.



Surprise your 'party animal' at the Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center

Looking for a unique birthday party experience for your party animal? Your child and their friends will meet snakes, turtles, frogs or even an opossum, sorry no cake for the animals. Then we hit the trails on a nature hike to search for signs of wildlife. What will we find?

Hosts are responsible for decorations, food, table covers, cake and party favors. Parties are available on select days when nature center events don't conflict. The fee is \$120 for Shelby Township and Utica residents and \$145 for nonresidents. Reservations include four hours in our multi-purpose theater room. Payment serves as a confirmation of your reservation. Register in person at the nature center with cash or check. Call the nature center at 586-323-2478 or email shadbush@shelbytwp.org for more details.

Spring Clean Up

It is a breathtaking sight when our Teaching Gardens are in full bloom, but we need your help to make them beautiful.

Join fellow volunteers to get the Teaching Gardens ready for the growing season. Come for an hour or the entire day. Enjoy this free opportunity to learn from our knowledgeable MSU Extension-certified Master Gardeners. In addition, volunteers can enjoy a free pizza and salad lunch at noon. All ages can join us with adult supervision required for all children. Bring your hand tools and gloves. **The Spring Clean Up starts at 9 a.m. April 2.**

Developed by Master Gardener Dianne Granthen, the nature center's Teaching Gardens offer visitors the opportunity to learn about various plants. The Pollinator Garden highlights the importance of pollinating animals and insects. The Herb Garden identifies the delicious herbs usually found in our kitchen. The Deer-Resistant Garden, a fenced area to keep deer out, demonstrates the impact deer have on our ecosystem.



We're Moving

As the general contractor for the construction in the new Shelby Township Library looks to finish its work this April, the library staff plans to move to the new library later this spring.

The new library at 52610 Van Dyke Ave. increases the current facility's footprint from 12,400 square feet to 26,400 square feet and offers many more amenities for the township. The library will be closed for most of May as officials plan a June opening of the new building.

"The move and subsequent set-up of the new library have many parts," Library Director Katie Ester said. "There are several tasks that need to be done in a specific order by different groups. Many of these tasks cannot take place at the same time. The move, facilitated by a company specialized in moving library collections, requires large equipment. For the safety of the public, we cannot be open during this time."

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. The new library will also have several unique features courtesy of private donors.

The reading lounge, furnished and funded by Joseph and Karen Gale, will be highlighted by its floor-to-ceiling fireplace. 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 Shelby Township Library. The Utica-Shelby Township Rotary and Macomb Charity Connect donated an interactive Everbrite wall in the teen area.

Thanks to the Friends of the Library donor wall program, individuals, families or businesses can support the Friends of the Library and commemorate a 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.

Patrons 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 special projects.

"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."

While crews finish the library's interior, this spring will also showcase some of the project's exterior improvements with plantings that include 53 new trees on the municipal campus. The construction and demolition of the old Parks, Recreation and Maintenance garage included removing 17 trees, so the project is a net gain of 36 trees.

The new trees include five tulip trees, 10 red maples, nine American hophornbeams, one swamp white oak, four tricolor beech, eight greenspire lindens, three eastern redbuds, two shadblow serviceberries, seven ivory silk Japanese lilac, one kousa dogwood and three Japanese flowering crabapples. In addition to the 53 trees, the landscaping plan developed by Felino A. Pascal and Associates includes 120 shrubs, 67 large and small evergreens, and 624 perennials and grasses.

"The gardens and trees on our campus make it an amazing place that brings nature into our lives," Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said. "Our new library will enrich our lives, and the trees and gardens around it will enrich our environment."

For more information, visit shelbytwp.org/library.

What to Expect When You're Expecting a New Library!

As the Shelby Township Library moves to its brand new library building this spring, it will likely close for about a month ahead of a planned June opening for most of May. We compiled the FAQ and answers below to help navigate library services during the closure.



Where can I get library services and materials while the library is closed?

Shelby Township residents with a valid library card can use it at any library in Macomb County to check our materials or use a computer. The card can also access digital services such as downloadable e-books, magazines, movies, TV shows, audiobooks and music through services like Libby, Hoopla and Freegal. Please stop by or call the library before it closes for instructions or visit shelbytwp.org/library for more information.

Can I return materials to the Shelby Township Library while the library is closed?

Yes, the outside drop box at 51680 Van Dyke Ave. will remain open, and staff will be on-site, Monday-Friday, during the move to check-in returned items.

Can I return items to other libraries?

Yes. You may return our items to other libraries during our closure. You may also drop them in our drop box at 51680 Van Dyke Ave.

But the new library is more convenient, can I return my books there?

No, during the move, we will not have the ability to check-in items at the new building. Please use the drop box at 51680 Van Dyke Ave. or return items to another Macomb County library.

What if I need to send a fax, print or use a computer?

The closest libraries with computers and printing are the Utica Public Library at 7530 Auburn Road, the Romeo District Library at 65821 Van Dyke Ave. and the Clinton Macomb Libraries. To ensure service, call before you go.

- Utica Public Library 586-731-4141
- Romeo District Library 586-752-0603
- Clinton Macomb Public Library Main Branch 586-226-5020

Can I request books while you are closed?

Yes, you may request books by calling neighboring libraries in Macomb County. You can also place requests at shelbytwp.org/library or through our app. In addition, you have the option to select another library location for pick-up.

Where can I get moving updates?

Visit shelbytwp.org/library or follow the library on Facebook or Instagram for regular updates.

What happens to my holds?

The library will suspend all holds while we are closed, and you will maintain your spot in line for those items when we reopen. If you prefer, you can re-route your holds to a different library while we are closed. Please ask a librarian to help you reroute your holds before we close. Hotspots, magazines and kits cannot be rerouted to other libraries.

What about inter-library loans through the Michigan Electronic Library?

We need to suspend our MeL inter-loan service for a few weeks before and during the closure. Then, when the new building opens, MeL service will resume.

Will my books accrue late fees if I don't return them during the closure?

None of our materials will be due while we are closed. No fines will accrue on our items during our closure. If you have items checked out from other libraries, you must return those to avoid fines. You can return them to the drop box at 51680 Van Dyke Ave. or to another library in Macomb County.

How will I know when the library is reopening?

We will announce a grand opening date at shelbytwp.org/library, the library's social media accounts and our outgoing phone message.

Do I need a library card to access online resources?

Yes, all of our online resources require a valid library card. Many also require that you know the four-digit PIN assigned to your card.

Can I apply for a library card online while the library is closed?

Yes. Apply for a card online at shelbytwp.org/library and click the box titled, "Apply for a Library Card." After completing the online application, you will receive a temporary card number to access a limited selection of online resources for 30 days. The library sends an email within 48 hours after receiving an application with an official library card number and instructions for upgrading your account for full access to our services. The library mails your physical library card within one week.

I have boxes of used books to donate to the Friends of the Library. Can I put those in the dropbox while you are closed?

No. Please hold all your donations until we have opened in the new building.

Why will the library be closed for so long?

The move and subsequent set-up of the new library have many parts. Different groups must complete several tasks in a specific order. Many of these tasks cannot take place at the same time. Facilitated by a company specialized in moving library collections, the move requires large equipment. For the public's safety, we cannot be open during this time.

Will you have any programs while the library is closed?

Yes. We will host book clubs, writers groups and children's storytimes in the former senior center cafeteria at 51670 Van Dyke Ave. Please enter through the old senior center doors. Find all programs on our calendar at shelbytwp.org/library.

Where is the new library?

At 52610 Van Dyke Ave., it is located on the township's municipal campus. The new library is across from the police station. It is steps away from 41 A District Court, Heritage Lake, Shelby Township Hall, Hope Chapel and the Andrews Schoolhouse Museum.

How can I contact the library while the library is closed?

Email shelbylib@libcoop.net or call 586-739-7414. A staff member will return your call as soon as possible.

FYI

While the Shelby Township Library is closed to move to its new location, visit the Shelby Township Activities Center at 14975 21 Mile Road for your computer needs.

The activities center welcomes seniors to use its free computer lab 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The computer lab is open to all users after 5 p.m. The activities center also offers free printing services and laptops with access to free wireless internet.

For more information on the activities center computer lab, contact the Shelby Township Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department at 586-731-0300.

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

Technology Time (By appointment) - The library offers one-on-one technology help with our technology librarian. We provide stress-free services such as setting up new devices, downloading library content, learning digital literacy and more. Call the library to make an appointment at 586-739-7414.

Pick My Books - Fill out a brief form telling us what you're in the mood to read (and what you're not) and we'll pick three items we think you'll enjoy. Within three days we'll have the books on hold for you, and ready for pickup at our Check-Out Desk.

WE'RE MOVING!
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TO LEARN MORE!

 Online program you can access at shelbytwp.org/library on the air date.

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

KIDS PROGRAMMING

Mystery Maker Monday

All Day Pickup Mon, 4/4 & 5/2

Pick up craft supplies while supplies last and use them to spark your creativity.

Drop-in Family Coding Hour

1:30 PM Sat, 3/26 Cafeteria

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: Family Storytime (All Ages)

6:30 PM Thu, 3/31 Cafeteria

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.

Michigan Safari (All Ages)

1:30 PM Sat, 4/2 Cafeteria

Presenter Carol Lindsay brings the outside in with preserved nature specimens like mammal skins, antlers, nests and skulls. Touch and feel these items obtained by special permit to learn about Michigan's feathered, furry and scaled wildlife.

Kids Book Bag Club (Grades 1-6)

All Day Pickup Sat, 4/2 

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. Registration begins 3/19 for pick-up 4/2.

Emoji Pictionary Family Scavenger Hunt

(PK- Grade 12)

April 2-9

Search the library youth area anytime during open hours April 2-9 for emojis on the bookshelves. Use the pictures to figure out the titles of popular books and earn a prize.

TEEN PROGRAMMING

Teen Advisory Board (Grades 7-12)

6-7:30 PM Thu, 3/3, 4/7 & 5/5 Cafeteria

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.

After-school Teen Hangout (Grades 7-12)

3 PM Wednesdays Cafeteria

Drop by after school to play some board and party games. We'll show you how to play. No event or April 6.

Teen Book Box Club (Grades 7-12)

All Day Pickup Sat, 4/2 

After answering an online survey about your interests, a librarian will surprise you with a special "Book Box." Monthly book boxes include your personally selected books, treats and surprise goodies. Eat the treats, keep the goodies and return the books. Registration begins 3/19 for pick-up 4/2.

Teen Anime Night (Grades 7-12)

6PM Fri, 4/22 

Join us for some anime fun with games and crafts inspired by popular anime and Japanese culture. Cosplay is encouraged. **Registration is required and begins April 9.**

ADULT PROGRAMMING

Cold Case Michigan: A True Crime Adventure with Tobin Buhk

7 PM Wed, 4/13

Tales of a family killed in Dowagiac, a trunk of skulls in a Ferndale attic, a Detroit cult leader with his head next to his chair, a typist left to die in a warehouse and a middle school kid who never came home haunt Michigan residents. Plunge into the world of unsolved homicides. Examine the evidence, ponder the forensics and consider the suspects in some of Michigan's most vexing murder mysteries.

Spring Cleaning Your Computer

7 PM Thu, 4/21 Online

Is your home computer running slow and having trouble completing tasks without freezing or having other problems? It may be time to clean your computer to enhance speed and performance. This program is recorded and will post on the library's web page and social media. Personal tech time appointments are available upon request.

DROP IN STORYTIMES

Preschool Storytime (Ages 3.5-5)

10 AM Tuesdays Cafeteria

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. No storytime April 5.

Toddler Storytime (Ages 2-3.5)

10 AM Wednesdays Cafeteria

Drop in for short stories, songs and activities. This program offers early literacy fun for toddlers with a caregiver. Siblings are welcome. No storytime April 6.

Baby Bears (Ages 2 & Under)

10 AM Fri

3/25, 4/8, 4/29, 5/13, 5/27 Children's Area
Drop-in for short stories, songs, lap bounces and playtime. This program offers early literacy fun for children under 2 with a caregiver.

Families & Jammies

6:30 PM Thu, 4/21 Children's Area

Put on your pajamas and drop in for stories, songs, and activities for the whole family.

BOOK & WRITING CLUBS

Not Your Parents' Book Club

7 PM | Tuesdays

3/29, 4/26, 5/31

Join us at Steakhouse 22 on the last Tuesday of the month.

Afternoon Book Club

1 PM | Thursdays

4/21, 5/19

Meets the third Thursday of the month.

Evening Book Club

6:30 PM | Tuesdays

4/12, 5/10

Meets the second Tuesday of the month.

Mystery Book Club

10:30 AM | Saturdays

4/9, 5/14

Meets the second Saturday of the month.

Writers Group

6:30 PM | Thursdays

3/24, 4/7, 4/21

Meets the second and fourth Thursday of the month.

SUMMER READING IS COMING!

This summer, the Shelby Township Library challenges patrons of all ages to read beyond the beaten path. Earn prizes and raffle tickets for grand prizes as you track your summer reading and activities. Registration opens April 1 at shelbytwplib.beanstack.org or on the library's free Beanstack app.

After registering, pick up your registration gift at the library at 51680 Van Dyke Ave. before May 1, or when we open at the new library at 52610 Van Dyke Ave. Then, log all of your summer reading activities from June 11-Aug. 27. Participants can visit us when the new library opens to claim their earned prizes.

Up & Running

Shelby Township 3.5 million gallon water reservoir ready for 2022 irrigation season



In less than 12 months, the Shelby Township Board of Trustees and Department of Public Works added a 3.5-million-gallon water reservoir and pump facility to the community's toolbox to combat possible water rate increases.

As crews wait to install the façade on the reservoir and pump house on 24 Mile Road just west of the M-53 Expressway, the facility is operational and ready to meet all water needs ahead of the 2022 irrigation season when demand is at its highest.

"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 got 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. We've tested, sterilized and filled the tank, so we are ready to go."

The construction of the water storage facility was in response to the Great Lakes Water Authority's, the township's wholesale water supplier, compulsion to adopt safeguards that ensure water use exceedances do not reoccur as recorded during the summer of 2020. In addition to the reservoir, the township also adopted a mandatory irrigation ordinance.

Effective between May 1 and Oct. 1, the ordinance requires 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 must sprinkle on even-numbered calendar dates, and odd-numbered addresses sprinkle on odd-numbered calendar dates.

In 2021, adherence to the irrigation 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.

"If we didn't reduce our peak-hour water usage, the GLWA could have increased our wholesale costs by \$1.8 million annually," Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said. This increase would have raised our residents' bills by roughly 13% annually through 2027, with no likely chance to be reduced.

"Last year 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."

The process to build the reservoir facility began at the Board's April 20, 2021 meeting with purchasing a 2.68-acre vacant property for \$224,000. The Board-approved project cost, including engineering and administrative fees and a 10 percent contingency, was \$14,079,875.

"Existing water infrastructure improvement funds financed the initial \$14 million investment for the reservoir facility," Stathakis said. "Anticipated savings in GLWA wholesale water costs will result in a payback on the initial investment within five years. And we did it by paying cash with no debt, no bonding and no increase in taxes."

On May 18, 2021, the Board approved the recommendation of the township engineer and 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.

"Now that we have our water reservoir complete and ready for operation, we can move ahead in our community without the threat of severe rate increases from the GLWA," Stathakis said.

"Over time, once the GLWA is satisfied that our reservoir is operational and addressing our usage needs, we can hope to remove the mandatory ordinance."

Memorial Day Ceremony

Residents, military veterans and families are invited to Shelby Township's Memorial Day Ceremony at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 29, at the Veterans Memorial located just outside the township hall at 52700 Van Dyke Ave.

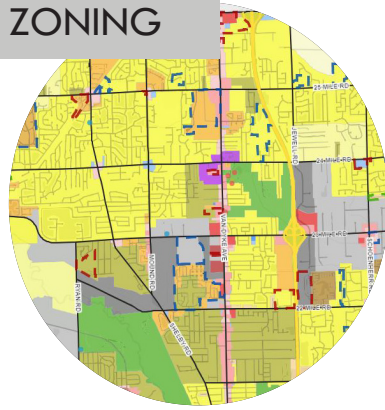
For more information about Shelby Township's Memorial Day Ceremony, please call Shelby Township's Veterans Events Coordinator, Mr. Philip Randazzo, at 586-739-4046.



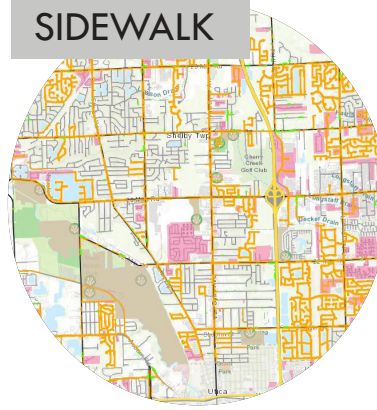
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Mapping the Township

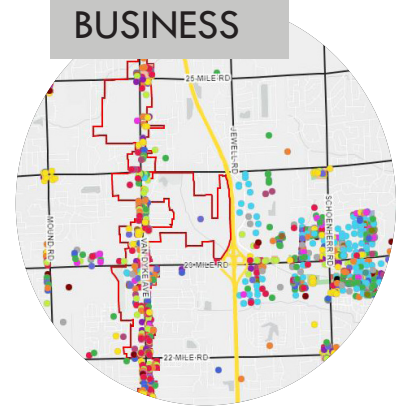
ZONING



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Thanks to Shelby Township's Planning and Zoning Department, the township's online geographic information system portal offers residents and property owners digital maps and applications to address issues and answer questions at shelbytp.org/planning or shelbygis.maps.arcgis.com.

Zoning Map

The zoning map is the township's most viewed mapping application displaying information relevant to all properties within the township. The zoning map shows each property's zoning district, which defines different types of land use and specific regulations including placement, spacing and size of land divisions and buildings. This map provides information on a property owner's available uses and how properties relate to their neighbors. This app encourages thoughtful land-use decisions highlighting spatial connections between properties.

Site Plan and Variance Applications

This map highlights developments and new construction throughout the township. This map catalogs all of the township's site plan applications, variance requests and rezoning applications so users can search for the current development on any parcel or any requested variances to stay informed of surrounding properties. The application also identifies site plans, rezoning requests, ordinance interpretations and variances scheduled for review by the Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals. Not all site plans require public notices, so this is the app for you if you want to stay informed.

Sidewalk Priorities

On this application, residents can view the status of sidewalk projects, including priority levels, deferrals and gaps in the sidewalk network. Viewing this map allows residents to find existing sidewalks to plan safe walking routes to their destination while also helping the township identify area of need for new sidewalks.

Parks and Recreation

This mapping application provides a guide to the township's 1,200 acres of public parks and all of their recreation amenities. Highlighted areas on this map also give a brief park history with an in-depth understanding of the numerous amenities provided throughout the township.

Investing in Shelby Township

This story map offers insight into blight removal and remediation efforts throughout the township. With highlights of local businesses that have invested in the township with façade improvements, blighted property removal and other property improvements, this app showcases innovative developments on the cutting edge of suburban architecture.

Shelby Township Historical Committee

To help students and residents better understand their community and realize their role in creating tomorrow, this application shows how the township has changed and features historical photos and information to explain our local history.

Address Density by Type

This map displays residential and commercial address types such as apartments, trailers, multi-business, condominiums and single-family addresses in a set area. This application provides a broader understanding of concentrations of various land uses around the township.

General Information

This map answers common questions regarding the day-to-day activities of the township. Residents can find trash collection days, school districts, trails, municipal facility and park locations, and local road designations.

Inventory of Businesses

This application tracks the township's existing industrial, commercial, agricultural or institutional businesses to showcase the economic well-being of the township. With information about each company, users can better understand what types of firms congregate nearby, where certain businesses are more successful, and the location of multi-business buildings and plazas.

Coming Soon

In the following year, the township plans to activate the following apps:

- **Election Information:** This digital interactive map displays voter precincts, polling locations and county commissioner districts to keep residents of informed for Election Day.
- **Residential Inventory:** This application features information about neighborhoods throughout the township with new residential developments, senior living facilities and other data.
- **Environmental Mapper:** This map displays wetland, flood plain, elevation contours and water feature information. This map is intended for reference purposes only and helps us understand the local environment to help plan for a sustainable future. Property owners should contact the Planning and Zoning Department, Macomb County's Department of Public Works, or the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy for precise information.

Terms of Use

Shelby Township provides this data as a public information service. Though the township attempts to validate the information, inaccuracies may exist. Therefore, users use the data at their own risk and contact the township for verification.

Summer Taxes

From the Treasurer
James Carabelli

The Treasurer's Office issues summer tax statements on July 1, payable without penalty through Sept. 14, 2022. After Sept. 14, 2022, all unpaid summer, winter, real and personal taxes 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 shelbytp.org/treasurer or call 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@shelbytp.org.

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

Shelby Township Summer Kickoff

June 17
4 - 8 pm

At River
Bends Park

What You Can Expect

- Food Trucks
- Touch a Truck
- Movie
- Live Music
- Princesses
- The Treehouse Live
- Meet Shelby Township Police and Firefighters
- Shelby Township Library and Parks & Recreation Summer Programming
- Mad Science Demonstrations



For More Information

info@shelbytwp.org
586-254-7130



The Treehouse

NEW EPISODES!

Starting April 9, 2022

Join our host Kelsey as she explores the Shelby Township parks, visits her animal friends at the Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center, discovers new exciting books at the Shelby Library and so many more adventures!

Come celebrate Earth Day, create fun crafts, go hiking, learn about our animal friends, and all things outdoors!



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