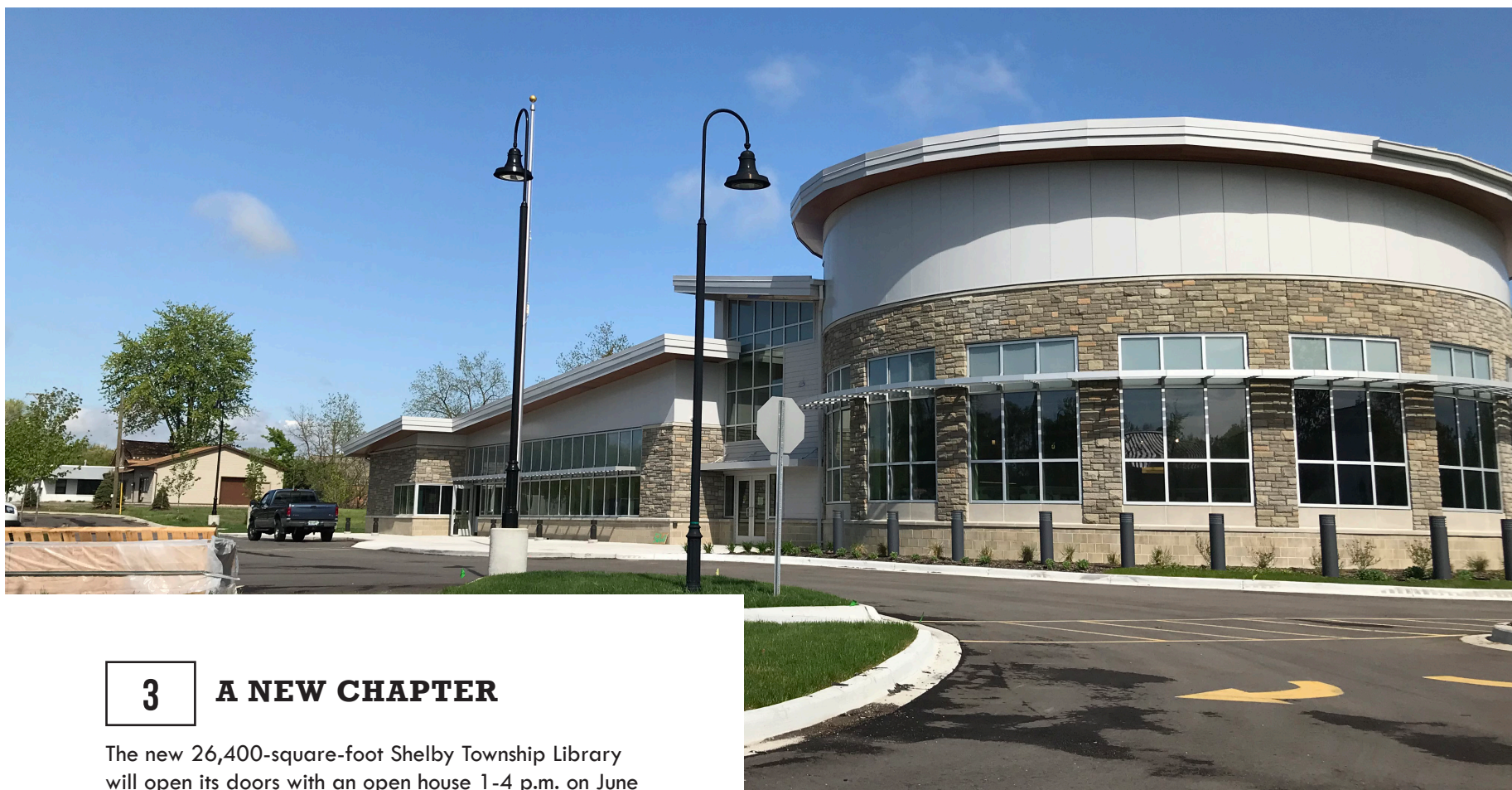




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Township News & Information



## 3 A NEW CHAPTER

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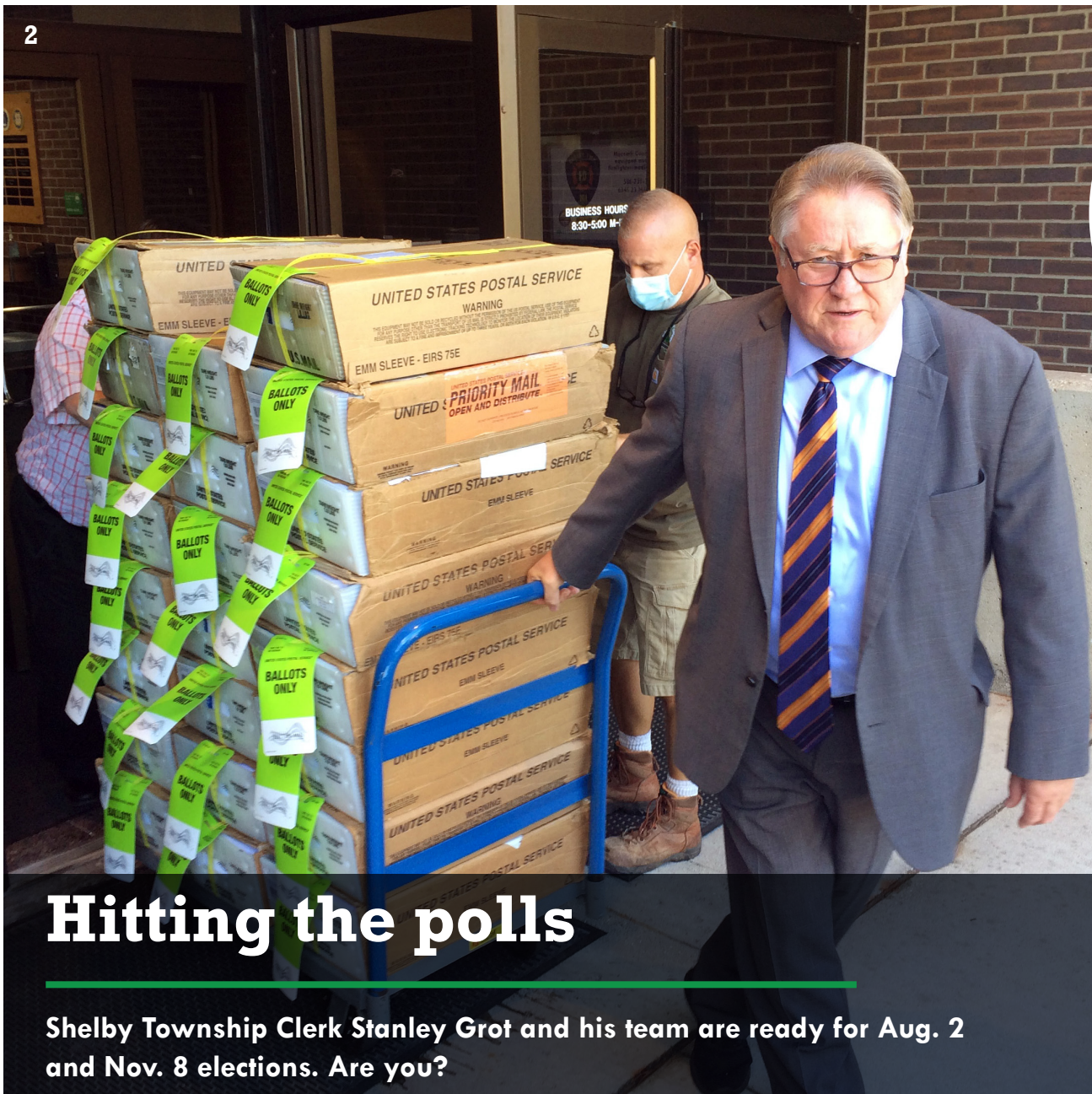
## 8 ART IN THE PARK

Mark your calendar for August 13 and 14 to stop by River Bends Park for the 39th Annual Shelby Township Art Fair. In addition to seeing fabulous art from national and local artists, this event features a variety of crafts, Michigan-based businesses and family-friendly entertainment.



## 4 KICK OFF YOUR SUMMER

To start your summer, Shelby Township invites families and the community to River Bends Park 4-8 p.m. June 17 for Summer Kickoff. Enjoy this free event with food trucks, touch-a-truck, a petting zoo, meet with police officers and firefighters, and participate in a live taping of the TV show, "The Treehouse." The night ends with an outdoor showing of "Encanto."



**From the Treasurer - James Carabelli**

Summer property tax statements are issued **July 1** and payable through **Sept. 14, 2022** without penalty.

**Pay Your Bill:**

- **Online** at [shelbytwp.org/treasurer](http://shelbytwp.org/treasurer) or phone, toll free, by calling 844-701-5086. Pay with **credit, debit** or (online only) **echeck**. Applicable fees will be applied.
- **Drop box** at the 24 Mile Road exit and North Entrance of the municipal building. Drop boxes are closed at midnight on the due date.
- **Mail** a check to 52700 Van Dyke Ave., Shelby Twp., MI 48316. All payments must be in or postmarked by **Sept. 14, 2022**.
- **Fifth Third Bank** branches in Shelby Township. Visit [53.com](http://53.com) for locations and hours. To pay your bill at Fifth Third Bank, you must present the entire bill that you received in the mail and pay in full with cash or check.
- **Pay in person** at the municipal offices with cash, check, credit, or debit (applicable fees for credit or debit).

For more information, contact the Treasurer's Office at 586-731-5145 or [treasurer@shelbytwp.org](mailto:treasurer@shelbytwp.org).

# Hitting the polls

Shelby Township Clerk Stanley Grot and his team are ready for Aug. 2 and Nov. 8 elections. Are you?

**WHERE CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE?**

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

**WHERE DO I VOTE?**

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

**WHEN ARE ELECTION DAY POLLS OPEN?**

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

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

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

**HOW DO I OBTAIN AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?**

Absentee ballot applications must be made in writing. Applications are available from the Township Clerk approximately six weeks before an election or at [michigan.gov/vote](http://michigan.gov/vote).

**HOW DO I VOTE ABSENTEE?**

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

# Democracy in action

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

In 2022, there will be a general primary election in August and a general election in November. In addition to the Clerk's Office's full-time staff, the township relies on part-time election workers to staff and administer these elections.

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

are compensated for their time working on Election Day.

To be considered, fill out an application and please return it to the Clerk's Office. Applications are available at [shelbytwp.org/clerk](http://shelbytwp.org/clerk). In addition, applications can be emailed to [elections@shelbytwp.org](mailto:elections@shelbytwp.org) or placed in the Township Hall dropboxes.

For more information, contact Clerk Stanley T. Grot at [clerk@shelbytwp.org](mailto:clerk@shelbytwp.org).

# Turning the page

**Shelby Township Library readies for June 25 opening of new library facility**

As the general contractor for the construction of the new Shelby Township Library finishes its work, the Shelby Township Library is closed as the staff moves to the new library and readies for the grand opening 1-4 p.m. on June 25.

The new library increases the current facility's footprint at 51680 Van Dyke Ave. from 12,400 square feet to 26,400 square feet and offers many more amenities for the township. The grand opening will be an open house to allow patrons and residents to tour the new facility.

While the COVID-19 pandemic delayed the new Shelby Township Library's opening, the project finished within its \$11.7 million budget. The facility is the township's first standalone library.

"I never expected to be managing a library building project, but it has been a fascinating and challenging labor of love for the past three and a half years," Library Director Katie Ester said. "I have been lucky enough to work with a talented group of designers, architects, construction professionals, engineers, technology professionals, skilled tradespeople and artists to bring the new Shelby Township Library to life."

"This library is filled with interesting spaces, contemplative nooks, exciting features and beautiful finishes. It is my honor to lead this devoted team of library staff into the newest chapter of our Library history. Opening the doors of the new Library ushers in an important legacy to Shelby Township, one in which our Trustees, Library Advisory Commission, library staff, volunteers and our entire community can take great pride."

The new Shelby Township Library features 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 materials.

"We're very excited about all of the new amenities our library will have to enhance service for our residents," Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said. "We've always had the best staff in Macomb County, and now we have a building that allows them to shine."

The new library will have unique features courtesy of private donors. Highlighted by its floor-to-ceiling fireplace, Joseph and Karen Gale furnished and funded the reading lounge. In addition, Carol McLaughlin donated an 18'x7' Pewabic pottery mural.

A 30-foot tall interactive tree sculpture in the children's room is courtesy of the Joan Walen Fund. A one-of-a-kind "magic book" was donated to the children's room by the Friends of the Library. The Utica-Shelby Township Rotary and Macomb Charity Connect donated an interactive Everbrite wall in the teen area.

Thanks to the Friends of the Shelby Township Library donor wall program, individuals, families or businesses can support the Friends of the Shelby Township Library and commemorate a name on a hand-painted 5"x3" glass plaque. Each unique plaque will be part of a custom art installation 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



**THIS LIBRARY IS FILLED WITH INTERESTING SPACES, CONTEMPLATIVE NOOKS, EXCITING FEATURES AND BEAUTIFUL FINISHES.**

**- Library Director Katie Ester**

Township Library. Plaques include a free one-year membership with the Friends and fund library events, programs, materials and special projects.

"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," said Ester.

Visit [shelbytwp.org/library](http://shelbytwp.org/library), call 586-739-7414 or email [shelbylib@libcoop.net](mailto:shelbylib@libcoop.net) for more information.

**FREE**

Shelby Township

# Summer Kickoff

**June 17 4-8PM**

**At River Bends Park**

**at 5700 22 Mile Road**

## What You Can Expect

- Food Trucks
- Touch-a-Truck
- Outdoor showing of "Encanto"
- Princesses
- "The Treehouse" Live
- Meet Shelby Township Police and Firefighters
- Shelby Township Library and Parks & Recreation Summer Programming
- Mad Science Demonstrations

**Thank You to our Sponsors**



**For More Information**

[info@shelbytwp.org](mailto:info@shelbytwp.org) (586) 254-7130

# SHELBY TOWNSHIP INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS

PRESENTED BY

**SIGNS**<sup>365</sup>



Set to light up the sky on June 24, the Shelby Township Independence Day Fireworks are back and better than ever.

Presented by Signs365, the Shelby Township; Independence Day Fireworks are one of the largest shows in Michigan. Shelby Township moved this year's demonstration to Stony Creek Metropark to accommodate such a large show.

Because of the move from Van Dyke Ave. to Stony Creek Metropark, officials canceled the annual food truck rally, but like last year, the show will include a drone demonstration before the fireworks.

**JUNE 24 @ 10 PM**  
**STONY CREEK METROPARK**  
(4300 MAIN PARK DR)

[SHELBYTWP.ORG/SUMMER](https://shelbytwp.org/summer)

| 586.731.5154

| [FIREWORKS@SHELBYTWP.ORG](mailto:fireworks@shelbytwp.org)

# Important Flood Information

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

Find out if your property is in the regulated 100-year floodplain and additional information on floodway, Historical Flooding and Wetland by calling the Shelby Township Floodplain Management Office at 586-731-5969 or by visiting the Building Department. The township keeps records of elevation certificates for public view. Maps can also be reviewed online at [fema.gov](http://fema.gov) or by visiting the Building Department.

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

- **Contact your property insurance agent to see if a flood insurance policy would help you.** Even if you're not in the mapped floodplain, you may be subject to flooding from local drainage. In either case, flood insurance can be a good investment because most homeowner insurance policies do not cover damage caused by surface water flooding.

- **Do not walk or drive through flood water.** Currents are deceptive; just six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. Do not drive around barriers, as the road or bridge may be washed out.

- **Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.** If your house is about to be flooded, turn off the power at the service box. Electrical current can travel through water. Electrocution is the second leading cause of death during floods.

- **Be alert to gas leaks.** Turn off the gas to your house before it floods. If you smell gas, report it to a township official or your gas company. Do not use candles, lanterns or open flames if you smell gas or are unsure if your gas has been shut off.

- **Keep children away from the flood waters, ditches, culverts and storm drains.** Flood waters can carry unknown items that have dislodged themselves. Culverts may suck smaller people into them rendering them helpless.

- **Clean everything that has been wet.** Flood water will be contaminated with sewage and other chemicals which pose severe health threats.

- **Look out for animals, especially snakes.** Small animals that have been flooded out of their home may seek shelter in yours.

- **Do not use gas engines, such as generators, or charcoal fires indoors during power outages.** Carbon-monoxide exhaust can pose serious health hazards.

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

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

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

## FLOODPLAIN PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

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

## SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT/DAMAGE

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

**FLOOD INSURANCE** — If you do not have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. Flood insurance is only available to participating communities in the National Flood Insurance Program

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

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

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

## NATURAL & BENEFICIAL FUNCTIONS

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



## DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

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

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

- **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

15801 Michigan Ave.,  
Dearborn MI, 48126  
Phone: 800-621-3362  
Web: [fema.gov](http://fema.gov)

- **Shelby Township Building Department**

52700 Van Dyke Ave.,  
Shelby Township MI, 48316  
Phone: 586-731-5969  
Email: [building@shelbytp.org](mailto:building@shelbytp.org)  
Web: [shelbytp.org/building](http://shelbytp.org/building)

- **Shelby Township Library**

52160 Van Dyke Ave.,  
Shelby Township 48316  
Phone: 586-739-7414  
Email: [shelbylib@libcoop.net](mailto:shelbylib@libcoop.net)  
Web: [shelbytp.org/library](http://shelbytp.org/library)

# Do not flush pill medication or put in trash

## NONCONTROLLED & CONTROLLED:

Shelby Township residents serviced by GFL Environmental may take noncontrolled and controlled pill medications to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day the last Saturday in April.

For more information, call the Shelby Township DPW at 586-731-5990.

The Shelby Township Police Department has a 24-hour drug disposal drop box for all pill medications at the station lobby window at 52530 Van Dyke Ave. Remove pills from bottles and place in a clear plastic resealable bag. The police department does not accept liquids.

For more information, call Shelby Township Police at 586-731-2121.

## NONCONTROLLED ONLY (no narcotics):

Noncontrolled medications are accepted 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, at the Macomb County Health Department at 43525 Elizabeth Road in Mount Clemens and at Macomb County hazardous waste collection.

Call 586-466-7923 for future county hazardous waste collection dates.

## Community Shred Day

Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022

8 AM - 12 PM

River Bends Park

5700 22 Mile Road

Enter off 22 Mile Road

The Shelby Township Police Department Community Shred Day allows residents and businesses to securely destroy documents for another level of protection against identity theft and financial fraud. After shredding, we recycle all documents and paper bags. The 2022 Community Shred Day takes place 8 a.m.-noon Oct. 15 at River Bends Park at 5700 22 Mile Road. Visit [shelbytownshippolice.org](http://shelbytownshippolice.org) for more information.



## Electronics Recycling for GFL Customers

Saturday, October 8, 2022

9 AM - 1 PM

River Bends Park

5700 22 Mile Road

Enter off 22 Mile Road

- Accepted items: all televisions, monitors, computers, laptops, printers, fax machines, copier combos, VCRs, keyboards, mice, DVD & CD players, microwaves, stereos, speakers, cables, computer parts, telephones, cell phones, game consoles, handheld electronics, vacuums, small appliances, and holiday lights.
- No hazardous waste or batteries.
- Open to Shelby Township residents serviced by GFL Environmental only.

## Trash Tips for GFL Customers

- Yard waste begins the first week of April and ends the second week in December.
- Cardboard boxes need to be flattened and put in your recycling bin or bound and placed next to your container.
- Mattresses and box springs must be wrapped in plastic before you put them curbside.
- Large items can be placed curbside on your pickup day.
- Place all trash at the curb by 7 a.m. or the night before your pickup day.
- GFL Observed Holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

# Mandatory Irrigation Ordinance

## Watering your lawn and landscape May 1-Oct. 1



Operate sprinklers connected to the municipal water system between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.

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



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



Irrigate newly seeded or sodded lawns as often as required for 21 days following planting. Do not water 5-9 a.m.



Visit [shelbytwp.org/dpw](http://shelbytwp.org/dpw) for more information on the Mandatory Irrigation Ordinance or call the DPW at 586-731-5990

# 39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SHELBY TOWNSHIP

# Art Fair



**Aug. 13 & 14,  
2022**  
Sat: 10 AM-5 PM  
Sun: 11 AM-5 PM  
  
River Bends Park  
5700 22 Mile Rd.

- Over 100 exhibits
- Live Music
- Free parking, shuttle & entry
- Free Kids Craft
- Monster Mural Interactive Art
- Live animals from Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center
- Better Pie Baking Contest

The fair features art from more than 100 national, regional, and local artists and artisans, crafts, and products from Michigan-based businesses. In addition, the festivities include family-friendly entertainment.

This event is presented by the Shelby Township Art Fair Committee, hosted by the Shelby Township Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department and supported by its sponsors, Christian Financial Credit Union, Dr. Ban Barbat, and Vince and Joe's Gourmet Market.

Get more information at [shelbytwp.org/artfair](http://shelbytwp.org/artfair). You can also find the Shelby Township Art Fair on Facebook or call the Shelby Township Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department on weekdays at 586-731-0300.

