



SPRING GENERAL ELECTION - Be Sure To Vote! It's Your Right!

Spring Town Board Election

The Shelby Town Board is on the ballot at the April 4th election. Chairman Tim Candahl is running unopposed. There are three candidates running for the two Supervisor positions. Incumbent Tim Ehler is running along with Tim Padesky and Robert McMahon. Electors may vote for two.



Spring Referendum for 5-person board

The Shelby Town Board recently voted to place an advisory referendum on the April ballot, asking if Shelby residents support a 5-person Town Board. Shelby has had a 3-person Board since its beginning, however State Statutes allow for a 5-person Board. With a 5-person Board there would be a chair with 4 Supervisors. The 4 Supervisors would have staggered terms, allowing two to be voted on each year. Having more people on the Board provides an opportunity for more ideas, however additional members require additional costs to the Town for payroll and additional elections.

County Proposal for Premier Resort Area Tax

La Crosse County is proposing a Premier Resort Area Tax or PRAT. The funds raised by the PRAT will be used to fund road improvements. Any funds generated by this proposal, and sent to the Town for road improvements would help. The Town, like all Municipalities, are having difficulty in keeping its roads in good repair. The Town Board has passed a resolution supporting the proposal. The County has a website dedicated for the project, <https://www.lacrossecounty.org/resorttax.asp> and everyone is encouraged to view the website for information.

The Spring Election will be held on Tuesday, April 4th 2017.

Apply on-line to register to vote at <https://myvote.wi.gov> or apply at the Town Hall. Complete the questions and mail your application **along with your proof of residence** (where you live) to the Clerk. Wisconsin law requires you to live at your current address 10 days consecutive prior to the election.

Absentee ballots: you can apply on-line or at the Town Hall. You will need to provide a Photo ID to obtain an absentee ballot. You can make a copy of it & mail it in with your application.

**Post Office Mailing times are averaging 4-5 days to get TO you and 4-5 days to get RETURNED, please plan to request your Absentee ballot as soon as possible. Ten Postal days before the Election is March 22nd!

Polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm and Voter ID is required. In-person absentee voting will be available at the Town Hall from 8am-4pm Monday 3/20/2017 - Thursday 3/30/2017, and on Friday March 31st, from 8am-5pm. A sample ballot will be posted under the Elections tab on the website.

Pammel Creek Park Improvements/ informational meeting

The Park Committee and Town Board have been discussing the further development of Pammel Creek Park. A bathroom facility, with small open shelter attached has been discussed. The Park Committee is holding an informational meeting at the Fire Station on Wednesday March 15, 2017 at 6:30 to discuss the improvements to the park and gain information on future improvements to the park.

LEAF / GRASS BIN

There is a concrete bunker located near the town shop on 28th Street for residents to drop off grass clippings, leaves and garden debris only....not for brush or tree limbs. These items are spread on a farm field and used for compost. This will open April 1st weather permitting.

Large Item Drop Off

LARGE ITEM DROPOFF will begin Saturday, April 8th from 7am to noon. Please consult your Recycler Calendar for acceptable and unacceptable items. Reminder that this is for Large Items **only**, not a large amount of smaller items or demolition materials. Paints, light bulbs, chemicals, and cardboard are **not** accepted.



Come early!

Shelby Fire Department

50th Annual Chicken Q

Sunday March 19, 2017

\$9 Ticket/Donation
includes 1/2 chicken with all the trimmings

Serving
10:30 a.m. – 5:30
p.m.
or until sold out
At Shelby Fire
Station
28th and Ward
Avenue
(come early)

SHELTER RENTALS

Reserve your Shelter today for this summer's picnic, Graduation, or family gathering! Shelters are available from May to October and can be reserved in person at the Town Hall or by phone @ 788-1032 ext 3. Discounts for Shelby residents are listed below:

Open Shelter:

Cost \$30 for residents & \$45 for Non-Residents.

Enclosed Shelter:

- Shelby residents: Cost \$60 for 1-50 people, \$70 for 51-100 people, and \$80 for over 100 people.
- For Non-Residents: Cost is \$90 for 1-50 people, \$105 for 51-100 people.

The enclosed shelter is being re-done so there will be no rental until after June 15h.

Boundary

The negotiations between the Town of Shelby and the City of La Crosse continue to move forward. A public informational meeting was held in December, and the Board continues to communicate with those residents who will be impacted the most. While no deadline exists, it is hoped an agreement will be reached in a few months. Once an agreement is reached, another informational meeting for discussion as well as formal hearings will be held. More information regarding the status of the agreement is available on the Town's website. In addition, a Town wide mailing is hoped to be able to be sent in the next couple of weeks.

ADMINISTRATOR CHANGE

Congratulations to Jeff Brudos, Shelby's Administrator since 1998, as he is retiring April 1st after 19 years serving Shelby. Jeff has had many hats here at Shelby, working as the Town Clerk, Administrator, Treasurer, and serving as the Town Chairman. I have had the privilege of knowing Jeff for many years, and I can say that Jeff's heart has always been in the best interest of the Town. The Town of Shelby is today what it is because of Jeff's dedication and hard work. The Town has had many changes over the years including two major floods, Jeff has been able to smooth things out as best as possible for a favorable outcome for the Town. The Boundary agreement with the City of La Crosse has been a consistent endeavor to watch out for the future of the Town of Shelby.

At this time, I would like to personally thank Jeff for all of his hard work. Jeff and his wife Kathy intend to spend plenty of time at their cabin with their children and grandchildren. Congratulations and Best Wishes Jeff!

The new Administrator Carroll Vizecky began work on February 20th. This gives Carroll 6 weeks "learning the ropes". The Town Board, last fall appointed a search committee to help fill the position and hired People First to conduct a search committee for a new Administrator. Several candidates were interviewed and ultimately a position was offered to Mr. Vizecky. The Board is anxious to have Mr. Vizecky on Board and looks forward to working with him.

Residents should feel free to stop in and wish Jeff well in retirement and meet Carroll.

New Administrator Carroll Vizecky

I would like to introduce myself... my name is Carroll Vizecky. I am excited to be stepping into my new position here with the Town of Shelby. I will be serving as your Town Administrator. I hope to provide the Town with everything they need for their continued growth and protection from outside interests.

I have more than 15 years of experience in City Administration/Economic Development/Public Works and supporting community interests just like Shelby's. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and numerous attributes in Vocational Education.

My wife Mary Anne and I are moving to Shelby, from Freeman SD. We are so happy to have this opportunity bestowed upon us with the Town of Shelby. Prior to our 10 years in South Dakota, I served as a Director of Public Works in Winneconne, WI, for ten years. I have been very devoted to each community where I have served.

We considered moving to the La Crosse area about five years ago; however, the opportunity did not materialize at that time. I will be working very close with everyone to protect and preserve all that the Town of Shelby has built over the years. I look forward to meeting everyone. So please stop in anytime so we can get better acquainted.

Carroll Vizecky



SYB 2017 BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Registration for Shelby Youth Ball is now available on-line. You can register and pay with a credit or debit card at the Shelby Youth Ball website: shelbyball.org. Questions regarding SYB, sponsorship and donation opportunities, please contact Matt Thornton at matt@jaybuckley.com or 608-780-7597.

Following registration, parents should attend one of the scheduled Parent Meetings:

- Softball – Tuesday March 28 at 7:00 Central High School Commons
- Baseball – Thursday March 30 at 7:00 pm Central High School Commons
- Shelby Youth Ball Fundraiser – Friday March 24th Fish Fry at New Villa

If you do not want to register on-line, you can register at one of the Parents Meetings.

Please check out the Shelby Youth Ball web site for more information (shelbyball.org). Programs have been expanded to include tee ball and younger children.

Parent involvement is essential to SYB's continued success. This includes fund-raising, working at the concession stand, uniform distribution, coaching, or assisting with field maintenance.

MORMON COULEE PARK

Mormon Coulee Park Enclosed Shelter Improvements

The enclosed shelter in Mormon Coulee Park, has for years been a gathering place for graduations, family reunions and friendly gatherings. The condition of the facility however has deteriorated over the last few years, making it necessary to replace the shelter with a new facility. Plans for a new shelter were drawn up by HSR architects, bids were obtained, and construction on the new facility will begin March 20, 2017. The old shelter is scheduled for demolition the week of March 6th, after the fire department uses it for training.

The new shelter will have an enclosed area with large screened windows and big dormers for light. The interior will feature an updated kitchen area with refrigerator and serving counters. Bath facilities will be accessible from the interior and exterior. The ceiling, both inside and outside will be vaulted. The new facility will be in roughly the same footprint as the old shelter, and the elevation will make the structure handicapped accessible. A new septic system will need to be installed, and most likely a new well.

Funding for New Mormon Coulee Enclosed Shelter

During the discussion regarding the new shelter, the Mormon Coulee Lions Club indicated a willingness to contribute to the shelter, and numerous individuals indicated a they would contribute to the costs. The Lions have been strong supporters of the park for many years and their efforts are always appreciated.

A plan is being put in place to have a fund raiser to allow residents an opportunity to donate toward the facility. These funds, along with a contribution from the Lions will assist in the funding. The private contributions will be recognized by having bricks placed in the floor of the facility. The total cost of the shelter is estimated to be approximately \$250,000.

Mailings will be sent to residents in the area for an opportunity to contribute to this improvement to Mormon Coulee Park and the Hwy 14/61 corridor, but please feel free to come out and see the new facility and support our parks.

Mormon Coulee Park Tree Update

Last winter the Town removed the large Cottonwood trees located in Mormon Coulee Park. When replacing the trees, the Town did more "clumping" of trees, and will leave the area around the clumps more natural. The natural areas have been seeded in with wild flowers and more native grasses and plantings. This will decrease the amount of grass to mow and give the park a more natural look as the new trees develop.

PET LICENSING

2017 Pet Licenses were DUE January 31st

However no penalty is assessed until after April 1st

Please bring your current rabies certificate



\$5 All Cats

\$22 Male/Female dogs

\$12 Neutered/Spayed

La Crosse County will assess a SIGNIFICANT penalty after April 1, 2017

BRUSH CHIPPING TO START APRIL 13TH

Brush chipping was discontinued during the winter months. Once the snow melts and spring clean up begins, the Road Crew will begin chipping the first week of April...weather permitting. I normally wouldn't add that last comment, but this year it seems like anything goes weather-wise! Tree limbs may be any length, but are limited to 8 inches or less in diameter, and should be piled loosely and spread out by the road side, cut ends toward the street. Only one pick up load at a time is accepted.

To notify us of your pickup, please email gloria.johnson@townofshelby.com OR call 788-1032 ext 3. If the office is closed you may leave a message. Consult your 2017 Recycler for the schedule. It is also posted on the website: townofshelby.com.

Drive Way Permits

Driveway permits are required for reconstruction or resurfacing of existing driveways. It allows the Town an opportunity to review drainage at the property and to determine if the driveway culvert needs to be replaced. These permits are available at the town hall and are FREE of charge. Do not replace a culvert under the driveway or replace concrete or asphalt on your driveway until you have been issued a permit.

Permits are also required before placing any structure (a dumpster for example) in the road right-of-way. **In most cases they are not allowed.**

Fire Chief Kemp would like to remind you to clean up any dry brush around your home. In the Spring, there is always the chance of a grass or forest fire if the conditions are dry. Removing brush and dried out plants near your home help prevent fire.

Return Service Requested

WEB SITE
townofshelby.com

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TOWN OF SHELBY PHONE DIRECTORY Dial 788-1032, then

Administrator Carroll Vizecky Ext 9
Clerk Michelle Kind Ext 7
(property taxes, elections, sewer & water, shelter reservations)
Administrative Assistant Gloria Johnson Ext 3
(brush, sewer & water, road problems, shelters, pet licensing)
Fire Chief Mike Kemp Ext 4
Police Department Ext 5
Road Crew / Shop Ext 3 or 7
(Gloria/Michelle will contact road crew and relay messages)
Public Works Foreman Jeff Fogel Ext 8

Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc
(assessor) **800-721-4157**
Building Inspector Jim Webb 608-780-4672
Town Chairman Tim Candahl 608-780-3564
Town Supervisor Tim Ehler 608-788-0541
Town Supervisor Joyce Wichelt 608-788-4602

Town Hours Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:00pm

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

MEMOS / REMINDERS

Soon it will be time to sweep the sand and salt out of the garage and off the driveway! Time to clean up yards and look for shoots from your crocus and daffodils, open the window and let a gentle breeze flow through.....Ahhhh. Please keep the following in mind:

FIRE RING PERMITS

Apply ON-LINE! Fire Ring Permits no longer have to be renewed annually. Beginning with your 2014 permit, it will remain in effect unless you move the fire ring to a new location or you sell your home. In those cases, a new application must be completed and a permit approved by the Shelby Fire Chief.

BRUSH PERMITS

Apply ON-LINE! Burning Permits to burn brush or clean, unpainted or untreated wood, must be applied for and approved **each time** you burn. Visit dnr.wi.gov/wisburn for details on items allowed or prohibited.

ALLOWED	PROHIBITED
*Brush	*Garbage *Metal *Needles
*Clean Wood	*Plastics *Aluminum *Grass
	*Shingles *Vinyl products *Unrecyclable
	*Foam *Rubber products paper
	*Furniture *Oil-based products *Unrecyclable
	*Wire *Leaves cardboard

The Town does not repair damage caused by snow plows on the Town road right-of-way. The areas that are sometimes scraped by the plow are generally in the road right-of-way. This area is needed for

snow storage. While the snow plow drivers are careful not to scrape up the area, occasionally there is damage.

FYI: Street lights are maintained by your power utility company, either Xcel or Vernon Electric. The Town does not maintain street lights. The Utility welcomes information from residents regarding the lights. For your convenience, please call the following to report if your street light needs attention:

Xcel: 1-800-628-2121 **Vernon Electric:** 608-634-3121

Shelby parks are open as soon as weather permits. If you have any problems or concerns about any of our parks, please call the Town Hall @ 788-1032 Ext 3.

Spring is often the time when the Shelby Police Department receives a number of calls relative to speeding. Some of the streets where complaints have been received are: Hagen, Hiawatha, Boma, Bloomer Mill, Ebner Coulee Road and North Chipmunk. Police will be stepping up patrol in the area. If you see any suspicious activity in an area, report it **immediately** to the Police Department. Too often, the police get called well after the incident has occurred. Then, in many cases, it is too late.

New this year is a portable speed indicator. The indicator is trailer mounted and will be used to indicate a vehicles speed.

And finally, the annual reminder to **CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG**. All feces must be picked up and disposed of in a waste container. **NOTE TO CAT OWNERS...**cats are not allowed to run at large. Please keep your cat in the house, on a leash or contained on your premises at all times.