



SUMMER 2017 NOTES

CAUTION....CHILDREN AT PLAY

Schools out for Summer!! Please look twice and be aware of summer fun. Hiking, biking, and walking is a great way to get out and exercise this summer. Shelby has only a few sidewalks; so many residents walk/jog or exercise their dogs along the roads. We are asking drivers to follow posted speed limits and to be aware of pedestrian activity at all times.

Some residents have expressed concern to our Town Board regarding vehicles going at excessive speeds. The Shelby Police will be paying special attention to Town roads where complaints have been received and will be issuing citations to those who violate the posted speed limit.

If there is a problem in your neighborhood, please contact the Shelby Police with a description of the vehicle and the license plate number.

PET WASTE

Pets are not allowed to run or roam at large. This means cats as well as dogs. Please pick up all pet feces and dispose of it properly. We are having numerous complaints about residents walking their dog and not taking the pet feces home with them. Please do not leave them in the parks or in trash cans at the parks, take it home with you.

SHELTER RENTALS

We still have many dates available to reserve your Shelter 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

NEW!! We are hoping for a late summer start date to take reservations in the new 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.

911 Property Numbers

The Town will be continuing the installation of the 911 property numbers this summer. Arbor Hills and the Boschert Additions will be done this summer

Street lights

Street lights are maintained by your power utility company, either Xcel or Vernon Electric. Utilities welcome 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

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Town Hall will be closed Tuesday, July 4th for Independence Day and Monday Sept. 4th for Labor Day.

Right of Way / Dumpster Permits

are required before placing any structure (a dumpster for example) in the road right-of-way. In most cases they are not allowed. No obstructions may be placed in the Town road right-of-way without a permit. This includes trees and shrubs, lawn watering systems, mail box posts other than standard wooden posts or other structures that may be damaged or destroyed by plow trucks or utility installments. Any activity within the Road Right of Way needs to be approved by the Town. Dumpsters, construction materials and machines, or obstructions. As well as excavation, plantings, down spout or drain tile, or general landscaping.

Parks Committee Update

The Parks Committee had a neighborhood meeting on March 15 to discuss the Pammel Creek Park and shelter possibilities. It was a great meeting with lots of ideas from area neighbors and the Parks Committee will move forward with their suggestions. Plans for an open shelter that would hold picnic tables and provide for weather shelter as well as permanent bathrooms instead of the porta-potty.

TAXES

The second installment of property taxes is paid to the **La Crosse County Treasurer, 212 6th Street, Room 1900, La Crosse, WI 54601 by July 31st, 2017.** Please note – **do not send your tax payment to Shelby and their address has changed.**

BRUSH CHIPPING

Please call the Town Hall @ 788-1032 ext 3 and ask to be placed on the brush list. Curbside brush chipping is done every 2 weeks. 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. Brush piles are limited in size to 4'X4'X8'.**

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.

Large Item drop

Large Item drop off is the 2nd Saturday of the month from April - November from 7am-Noon. There is no large item drop off in July. Please consult your Recycler Calendar for acceptable and unacceptable items. Reminder that this is for large items only, not a large amount of regular trash or demolition materials. Large amounts of cardboard is not acceptable.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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.



BURN 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. Burning trash, clothing, tires, railroad ties, etc is illegal.

The Fire Department would like to put in a THANK YOU to all the people that support the Chicken Q fundraiser. The money raised will go toward replacing old equipment as well as 10 sets of turn out gear, an ice rescue boat, and additional ice rescue suits and ropes. These items will total over \$26,000.

All of this is from Fire Department fundraisers, not the Town fund.



***Please mark your calendars -
the waffle breakfast is on Sunday, September 10, 2017.***

BURN BARREL AMNESTY PROGRAM

Did you know that yearly just **two burn barrels** release more toxic dioxin into the air than the **Xcel Energy** plant on French Island? Burn barrels pose a significant health risk, particularly for women of childbearing age, the elderly, and children.

Burn barrels burn about 1800°F less than municipal incinerators, releasing harmful pollutants into the air, which can be absorbed by plants, inhaled in smoke, or leak into groundwater. These toxins can enter our food supply from animals eating contaminated grasses, some at high enough levels to pose a significant cancer risk.

To reduce these harmful health impacts, **The Solid Waste Department** will be accepting burn barrel drop-offs **free** of charge from **October 2-15, 2017** - a **\$25** savings. Residents will be asked to sign a **pledge** stating they will no longer use burn barrels on their property and be entered into a **drawing for a \$100 and \$50 Visa Gift Card.**

Recycling information is available at your municipality. For additional information on the Amnesty Program, please contact Megan Muehlenbruch at mmuehlenbruch@lacrossecounty.org.

FIRE DEPT.

The Shelby FD Chief Mike Kemp Retires and Town of Shelby Hires Chief Karl Blanton.

Chief Mike "Gabby" Kemp has served as Shelby FD Chief since 2008. He will be retiring from the FD at the end of June 2017. Thank you for over 20 years of service as a Firefighter/First Responder and Chief!

Chief Karl "KJ" Blanton has been hired by the Town of Shelby and will be working with Chief Kemp until he officially retires at the end of the month. Chief Blanton had been previously serving as a Firefighter/First Responder for ShelbyFD since 2007. Please welcome our new chief!



THE POLICE SHOP

Greetings for the Shelby Police Department,

Spring has sprung and that can only mean our lawns are the recipients of copious amounts of rainfall and sunshine. The Shelby Police Department is reminding all Town residence(s) that lawn grasses and weeds will be growing, growing, and growing. With that said, we would like to have everyone in compliance on maintaining their lawns. This will provide for a well-manicured property and create harmony in property maintenance.

It should be known the Town of Shelby does have an **Ordinance regulating lawn grasses and noxious weeds** to a height of eight inches or less in length. This regulation is to promote the safety, health, and general welfare of the public. For detailed information concerning the ordinance please visit the Town of Shelby website at www.townofshelby.com. Look under **Chapter 3** and **Section 8** "Regulation of Lawn Grasses." Information regarding this ordinance is also available at the Town Hall. Or by contacting the Shelby Police Department.



Thank you for your voluntary compliance in making Shelby a beautiful place for everyone.

LA CROSSE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO FIND CONTAMINATED PRIVATE WELLS

La Crosse County health officials continue to find increased levels of nitrates in private wells. Last month, the La Crosse County Health Department notified 2,000 households their private wells may be contaminated. Since then, 451 wells have been tested for nitrates, with 29 percent showing nitrate levels over the allowable 10 parts per million. Carol Drury, environmental health and lab manager at the county health department, said most of the 130 that tested positive were between 10 and 14 ppm. "We actually have seen some in the higher ranges, getting up where they're over 20 parts per million, which can be an issue," Drury said. Drury said 448 were also tested for bacteria, and 7 percent came back positive for coliform bacteria. <http://www.wpr.org/la-crosse-county-health-officials-continue-find-contaminated-private-wells>

USDA ANNOUNCES FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIRS

STEVENS POINT, Wis., March 16, 2017 – U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Housing Program Director Dave Schwobe announced today that funding is available for Wisconsin residents to make repairs to their homes.

"During the cold, wet, short days of winter, you probably enjoy spending more time inside with a blanket by the fire and less time outside enjoying the beauties of nature," Schwobe said. "As the days begin to lengthen, the temperatures rise and you start to think about spring cleaning, keep in mind what's in your yard that you don't see---your septic system."

If an inspection of your septic system indicates that it needs to be repaired, replaced or upgraded, USDA Rural Development can provide assistance through home repair loans and grants. Loans are available for up to \$20,000 at a one percent fixed interest rate for up to 20 years. Individuals who are age 62 and older and who do not have repayment ability for a loan, may be eligible for a grant of up to \$7,500. Funds can cover all upfront and construction costs, including septic system designs, permits and installations.

Program eligibility is based on household income that cannot exceed 50 percent of the area median income and the property must be located in a rural community. Portions of all counties in Wisconsin are eligible for Rural Development's housing programs with the exception of Milwaukee County.

For more information on USDA Rural Development's Home Repair Loan and Grant Program and to verify if your income and property qualify, please call USDA Rural Development at 715-345-7611 or visit our website at www.rd.usda.gov/wi.

Refuse Collection/ Recycling

Please do not mark or spray paint your can. You



can add a luggage tag or zip tie to the handle to mark your address on it.

*Stickers for additional bags may be purchased at the Town Hall and are \$15 for 5 stickers.

Equipment Update

We are looking to purchase an end loader large enough to handle the asphalt grinding machine. This will reduce costs by not having to remove materials from the roads and also by reducing the additional material needed as we will not need to purchase as much replacement materials.

Driveway 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. Allow at least 3 days for processing before a permit is issued **BEFORE** you start your driveway project.

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LA CROSSE, WI 54601**

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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 Karl Blanton 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 Tim Padesky 608-780-1322

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

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

**New Enclosed Shelter at Mormon
Coulee Park**

The Lions Club is currently accepting donations towards a new enclosed shelter for the Mormon Coulee Park for the Town of Shelby. You can pay on-line by credit card on townofshelby.com using the website main page. Please contact Marie MacGlashin the President at 608-780-3275. Donors will be recognized on a commemorative plaque in the shelter for the following donation levels:

Corporate - \$5,000 and above
Platinum - \$1,000 to \$4,999
Gold - \$500 to \$999
Silver - \$100 to \$499
Bronze - \$99 and under



Tim Padesky Bio

I am proud to be a Town of Shelby resident, living in the same home, since 1989. I am married to Tara Johnson. We have two college aged children, Nicholas and Layna. I have owned T.D. Padesky Electric for 35 years. I look forward to serving the residents of Shelby as Town Supervisor.

ROADWORK AHEAD

The 2017 roadwork is in progress, which re-purposes our employees, trucks, loader and backhoe into manpower and equipment that constructs or repairs roadways in the Town. The Town Board Supervisor's review reports presented by the Administration and public concerns to evaluate which roads need the most immediate attention.

This year about 9 miles of Township roads will be resurfaced or about 19.7% of our total roads. You may ask, "What is the total amount budgeted for roadwork material; approximately \$140,000 dollars. Fortunately, the Town of Shelby received State Aid money to assist in the Breidel Coulee RD reconstruction project. Chipmunk RD is another location Federal Aid money's is being requested to reconstruct a ditch embankment; because of erosion.

Although repurposing equipment is the highest and best value of ownership, equipment wears out and needs to be replaced. The Road Crew continues to try out different types of frontend loaders to determine which will serve the Township the best. Cost is a determining factor, but service is also very important, whereas downtime is critical in snow emergencies. The Township will be selling access equipment later this year. The old front-end loader will be offered for public sale. (1992 Trojan Loader)