

Committee, Club & Service Organization News

NEWS FROM THE SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Following are issues we feel are timely and of interest to our residents. Further information is available on these topics as well as all others related to Shelby Township's solid waste and recycling program on the Township's website, shelbytwp.org/recycle. Please visit often as the website is updated whenever new information becomes available.

AVOID LOST TOTES AND RECYCLING BINS by labeling your containers with your address in permanent marker. If found they can be returned to you. Remember to use your address, not your name.

SPECIAL PICKUPS of large items and white goods may be scheduled through Allied Waste Services at 800-959-9067. This is also the number to call for missed pickups and billing concerns.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION will end on Saturday, November 28, 2009. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, Thursday and Friday collections will be delayed one day. Allied will once again provide dumpsters on the Township municipal grounds for leaf collection beginning November 30. Leaves in paper yard waste bags may be deposited in the dumpsters. If leaves are in plastic bags, please remove them and dump the leaves freely into the dumpsters. At this time it is anticipated that the dumpsters will be located on the property accessible from the Hope Chapel entrance off of Van Dyke. Please check the Township's website shelbytwp.org under "Urgent Messages for Residents" for further information as the time approaches.

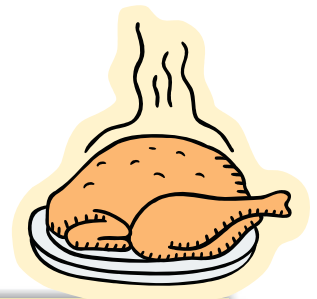
CHRISTMAS TREES will be collected January 11-16, 2010. Please be sure to remove plastic bags and all decorations including tinsel. If your tree is more than 6' tall, please cut it in half or into 3' to 4' sections. Trees are not to be put at the curb before the week of January 11 as they will not be picked up before that time.



RECYCLING BINS: If you live in a single-family home and do not have a recycling bin, Allied Waste Services has made a limited number of them available to Township residents at a reduced cost of \$5 each. These bins are available at the Department of Public Works office, 6333 23 Mile Road. If you have additional recycling, you may use clear plastic bags to dispose of it. These bags are available at VG's Grocery, 50820 Schoenherr (at 23 Mile Road); GFS Marketplace (Gordon Food Service); Stone's Ace Hardware, 45645 Van Dyke; Sam's Club and Costco. Please keep your recycling together and, if possible, on the opposite side of the driveway from your trash and yard waste as illustrated in the photo. Also, please leave a minimum of two feet of space between the trash and yard waste carts, and position them with the arrows on the lid facing the street.



GREASE AND COOKING OIL DISPOSAL: With the approach of the holidays, many residents will be deep frying their turkeys. Improper disposal of deep fryer oil/grease has created problems in the sanitary sewer and storm water systems, causing blockages and backups into residents' basements. Besides the property damage issues, disposing of oil/grease in the storm and sanitary sewer systems is also illegal. Grease/oil may be disposed of in the regular trash by mixing it with unscented kitty litter or sand to solidify the oil and then placing it in a plastic garbage bag (maximum weight 40 lbs). You can also dispose of the cooking oil/grease by freezing it in the original container and then placing it in a plastic bag in the trash. It is important that it remains in a frozen state, to prevent it from spilling out onto the road when the trash is compacted.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2010 (rain or shine) in the parking lot of the Shelby Township Municipal Building, 52700 Van Dyke, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm for Allied Waste Services single-family residential customers in Shelby Township. The collection is limited to household hazardous waste only - no commercial waste accepted and quantities may be limited. Please watch area newspapers and the Township's website for changes or updates to this information. *For a list of acceptable and non-acceptable items, please visit shelbytwp.org/recycle.*

- **Electronics**, i.e. computers, monitors, printers, VCR's, etc. will be accepted. For additional disposal sites at other times and for those who do not live in single-family homes, please see our website, shelbytwp.org/recycle.
- **Non-controlled medications** will also be accepted. Before bringing in your unwanted medication please remove pills from bottles and blister packs and combine together in an unmarked/unlabeled container such as a zip lock bag. Please do not bring pill bottles to the collection site. The Macomb County Health Department also accepts unwanted medications on a daily basis. Please call the hotline at 586-466-7923 for further information.
- **Eyeglasses, hearing aids and cell phones** will be collected for charity on this day. Please keep these items in the front seat of your car where they are easily accessible.

If you live in a manufactured home, condo or apartment, you are not included in this program at this time (except for the items collected for charity). Single-family residents pay for this service through their Allied Waste bills. However, you may take your hazardous waste to the Macomb County Health Department. Please call 586-469-5236 for details. Any Macomb County resident may take advantage of this free program.

HOUSEHOLD BATTERY RECYCLING UPDATE: Due to Department of Transportation regulations, currently we do not have a method of recycling household batteries. The Solid Waste and Recycling Committee is diligently working to find a safe, environmentally friendly, DOT approved option of disposal. PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR BATTERIES INTO THE TRASH OR INTO YOUR RECYCLING BIN! Please hold on to them until we are able to resolve this problem. We hope to have a means of recycling them in the near future. As soon as we have the information, it will be shared with our residents through our website - shelbytwp.org/recycle.

HOT ASHES: As the weather is getting cooler and thoughts are turning to fireplaces and woodstoves, please be sure that any ashes you discard for trash collection are cool. Each year there are occurrences of fires in the trash trucks due to smoldering ashes being placed in the trash. Allied Waste Services requests that all ashes be disposed of in plastic garbage bags.

Historical Committee



Tale of a Park

Shelby's newest park, Holland Ponds, is an ecological success story. In 2001, the 200 acre former EPA superfund site located west of Ryan north of 22 Mile Road, was declared free of contaminants by the EPA. On July 30, 2001, the property was transferred to Shelby Township from the State of Michigan. This new Shelby Township park, dedicated November 4, 2001, was named Holland Ponds to honor former Shelby assessor Don Holland.

The Township plans to use the parkland as a passive recreation area with nature trails available for hiking and wildlife viewing. An extension of the walking trail to Yates Cider Mill is planned for the future.

The marshland and woods provides a home to a variety of wildlife including deer, fox, blue heron, rabbits, geese, ducks, turtles, frogs and muskrat.

The remains of an old building foundation, possibly from an earlier farm or outbuilding, are visible near the 22 Mile Road entrance. From the parking lot a trail leads west through marshland ending at two large ponds. A well defined section of the Clinton and Kalamazoo canal cuts through this area. A small shelter with picnic tables exists at the west end of the property.

Historical Committee to Debut Shelby Cable TV Show

Do you have an interesting or amusing story about growing up in Shelby Township, or old photos of how things used to look in the good old days? The Shelby Township Historical Committee is looking for pictures and stories for their upcoming show about the history of the Shelby Township area. Stories will be recorded and all pictures used will be returned.

Share your local history with the Shelby Township Historical Committee. Please contact Arthur at the Shelby Township Cable TV Department at 586-254-2504 or e-mail shelbyhistory@yahoo.com.



History of the Parkland

This "new" parkland has an interesting past. About 128 acres of the site was undeveloped recreation land owned by the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority that was closed to the public because of contamination from the adjacent former G&H landfill company (1957-1974). The now open Holland Ponds section occupies part of the former Huron Clinton Parkland. The remaining acreage is undeveloped at this time. The EPA is maintaining the water purification plant on the site to ensure the high quality of groundwater.

About 72 acres of the 200 acre site includes land that was the former Swiss Valley Park (1921-1974) and also the 35 acre former Green Glen Park (1924-1974). These two privately owned Clinton River parks were very popular with city dwellers looking for inexpensive weekend summer entertainment in the country. The popularity of these parks peaked from the prohibition era through the 1950's. The parks offered picnic facilities, bars, music, and dance pavilions. Other activities included swimming and fishing in the uncontaminated Clinton River. Both park entrances were on the west side of Ryan Road and traffic jams were common at closing time. The two parks were later acquired by the Michigan DNR and closed to the public because of contamination leakage from the nearby landfill sites. Swiss Valley was located north on the Clinton River with Green Glen on the south side. The 37 acre Swiss Valley Park property was sold to the DNR in 1974 by Ted Godzisz the owner for 38 years. The DNR tore down all the existing buildings on the property at that time.

Green Glen, in addition to picnic facilities, boasted a ski jump built in 1937, and was used for one year by a Rochester ski club. A large sandy hill existed at the south end of Green Glen where motorcyclists would try their skill at hill climbing. Four toboggan runs were added to the site in 1940. In 1943 an eight lane bowling alley was built on the property complete with inside bar and kitchen. Shortly after World War II, three bridges were constructed over the Clinton River to connect Swiss Valley, Green Glen, and the adjacent Warsaw Park. It's estimated that the combined three parks at times drew as many as 12,000 to 15,000 people for one day.

The old Clinton River park property has returned back to Shelby Township for all to appreciate again. This valuable land is now preserved for future generations to enjoy.

Committee Meetings

Join us at one of our monthly meetings on the second Thursday each month except July and August at 6:30 pm at the Andrews Schoolhouse Museum on the Shelby Township Municipal Campus on Van Dyke south of 24 Mile Road. Bring your pictures, artifacts or stories to share with us or visit us on the web at www.shelbyhistory.com. We can also be contacted through the Clerk's office at 586-731-5102 or via e-mail at shelbyhistory@yahoo.com.

Shelby Township Music Society

If you play an instrument and are interested in playing with other musicians or playing solo for others why not consider attending an upcoming meeting of the Shelby Township Music Society. The Music Society meets the second Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Community Center located at 51670 Van Dyke, one light north of 23 Mile Road.

Themes for the upcoming months are:

- Oct 10 Octoberfest and Auction
- Nov 14 Earth, Wind, Fire and Water music
- Dec 12 Holiday Music - includes group sing-a-long & pot luck
- Jan 9 Black, White and Blue
- Feb 13 Evening will feature love songs and do-me-wrong songs

Don't feel like performing? We always like an audience! Look for more information about the Music Society on the Parks and Recreation Department's website: www.shelbyparksandrecreation.org or call Carolyn Borgula at 586-421-0862

Beautification Committee News



The summer marked one of the most pleasant duties of the Shelby Township Beautification Committee: the viewing of homes nominated for our annual Beautification Awards.

We are pleased to announce the winners of the 2009 Beautification Awards, in alphabetical order:

- Irene Fleming
- Karen and Larry McCuen
- Bill and Cathy Ireland
- Bob Marrocco
- Shirley Kindermann
- Randy and Audra Spondike
- Paul A. Lezanic
- Jim and Angie Vickery
- *Hall of Fame Winner* - Karen McCuen.

We thank these winners and all the nominees for their efforts in keeping our community beautiful. Their hard work and creativity enrich us all and make Shelby a more attractive place to live.

The Beautification Committee, a group of nine volunteers, continues to work with the Board of Trustees in our efforts to enhance the beauty of the township. These efforts include the Clean Up Day, the Beautification Awards, Welcome to Shelby signs and other landscaping and beautification projects.

Please mark your calendars for the **Clean Up Day, April 24, 2010**. It always falls on the last Saturday of the month of April. This year, a few sections of our roadways are available for 'adoption' by residents or local groups under the "Adopt-A-Road" program that the committee coordinates with the Macomb County Road Commission. Please contact the Clerk's office for details.

HELP KEEP SHELBY CLEAN AND GREEN

Shelby Township Fine Art Society

Do you enjoy painting or drawing? The Shelby Township Fine Art Society offers an open invitation to all budding and experienced artists. If you live in Shelby Township or its surrounding areas, come join us for an upcoming meeting. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month from September through June from 7:00 to 9:30 pm in the Card Room at the Shelby Community Center. As a group we provide artist demonstrators, teaching workshops, and the opportunity for our members to display and sell their two-dimensional artwork.

Informal general meetings include a short time set aside to provide updates and information about current and future activities. Following a short break for refreshments, a seasoned artist gives a demonstration of watercolor, oil, pastel, color pencil, or drawing for approximately 1 ½ hours. At times a speaker will provide information that is of interest to our members. Our teaching workshops are usually held in the fall and spring at the Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center.



Member Work Exhibitions Include:

- Shadbush Nature Center – September
- Shelby Township Library – November/December
- Shelby Township Municipal Building – April
- Shelby Township Art Fair – August



For more information contact the Shelby Township Fine Art Society President Carole Currier at 586-566-7544.

Utica Shelby Swim Club

Utica Shelby Swim Club, a USA age group competitive swimming club and non-for-profit 501-c-3 organization, is offering tryouts at Eisenhower High School by appointment for the Winter Session.

Our Winter Session runs January 4 through March 26, 2010. Participants must be able to swim the length of the pool. Ages 5–18 are welcome. Bring your suit, goggles and towel and be prepared to swim!

See <https://www.uticashelbyswimclub.com> for more information on our club. Contact Barb VanDoorne by phone at 586-786-7598 or by e-mail at bvandoorne@wideopenwest.com for an appointment or with questions.



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News from the DDA Promotions Committee

The purpose of the DDA promotions committee is to promote events in the DDA Van Dyke area to encourage people to have fun as well as shop, dine, and do business in our local DDA area; in other words, support our local businesses.

In 2009 the DDA promotions committee worked on bringing additional local events to the DDA area. Two free outdoor family movies were hosted at the Packard Proving Grounds with free face painters, bouncers, and characters. The movies shown were "Madagascar 2: Return to Africa", and "Kung Fu Panda". Local DDA sponsors Genisys Credit Union and Independent Bank were very generous in covering a lot of the costs for these events, plus Tea Party Castle provided princesses who sprinkled magic dust (hopefully for good behavior) on the children.

DDA also partnered with the Parks & Recreation Department to add events to "Shelby Week", held the first week of August. During the week several events were offered:

- The Parks & Recreation Department offered Kids Day at River Bends Park on Monday.
- On Wednesday a wine tasting event with over 50 wines and beers, plus finger foods, was held by DDA and the Macomb-Shelby Daybreakers Kiwanis Club at Cherry Creek Golf Club.
- Thursday the DDA held a Free Family Movie Night at Packard Proving Grounds.
- On Friday the DDA held an outdoor refreshment tent at Cherry Creek Golf Club offering food and music provided by a local band.
- On Saturday the "day the heavens rained upon us" the Shelby Township Art Fair Committee and the Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department hosted the first day of the Annual Art Fair and the DDA had planned a Bocce tournament at Cherry Creek Golf Club. Regrettably, the rain pour eliminated the Bocce Tournament and hampered people from attending the Art Fair as well. Fortunately, the Art Fair did open to much better weather on Sunday and ended the week on a better note.

Another idea that has worked out well is the local Shelby Township Farmers Market, brought in initially by the DDA promotions committee. In the spring local nurseries offered flowers for gardeners, then local farmers brought in fresh produce as it became available. Coffee and refreshments, crafts and various other items are offered through out the season as well. The market, which features local farmers and vendors, is held every Saturday, May through October at the Packard Proving Grounds 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, rain or shine. Fees from the vendors help support the Packard Proving Grounds restoration efforts. For more info about the Farmers Market, go to their website at: www.shelbyfarmersmarket.com.

The 2010 DDA events are currently being determined and will be announced when finalized. One event that will be offered again is the popular free outdoor family movies at the Packard Proving Grounds. We encourage you to check our website: www.shelbytwpdda.org or the Shelby Township website: www.shelbytwp.org for announcements of future events.



"Light tomorrow with today!" - Elizabeth Barrett Browning

The Shelby Community Foundation (SCF) is a local tax-exempt non-profit community foundation. Its purpose is to support and promote services that would not otherwise be funded by local government. Over the years, the Foundation has worked to improve life in Shelby Township through grants to numerous programs in the areas of recreation, education, beautification, the arts, health and safety. Each year it provides college scholarships for local high school seniors.

The SCF is able to support these programs through funds raised from area businesses and residents. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by federal and state law. The Foundation offers flexibility in the degree to which a donor would like to be involved in the management of funds. An important consideration for many donors is that their gift stays in the Shelby Township community, right here at home.

For more information on donations or volunteer service, contact the SCF at 586-909-5305.



Featuring a sampling of International Wines and Foods

Friday, January 22, 2010

6:00-8:30 pm at Cherry Creek Banquet Center

Cost: \$40 per person

Join the fun for a night out and a good cause

For information call the
Shelby Community Foundation at 586-909-5305