

# TOWN OF SHELBY NEWSLETTER



## Winter 2021

### SINCERE THANKS FROM THE TOWN OF SHELBY

The Town would like to thank all the residents for their patience while the Town continues to navigate the after effects of the storm in August. Many roads were badly damaged and many residents noted damage to their private property. We are grateful for the Road Crew working diligently to make as many repairs as possible before Winter. Work will continue into 2022 to repair road damage and our Administrator is working on a flood mitigation plan in hopes to minimize problems in the future.

### PAYING PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Town Hall will be open from 8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday to accept payments for tax bills beginning December 8th. The Town Hall will be closed on December 24th and December 27th for the Christmas Holiday. The red drop box outside of Town Hall can be utilized 24/7. If you drop off or mail in your tax payment and would like a receipt, please also provide a self addressed, stamped envelope and a receipt will be mailed to you. Tax payments may take between 3-5 business days to be processed. Tax bills may be paid online, but please remember that fees and charges may apply for online payments at [townofshelby.com](http://townofshelby.com).

### PET LICENSES

Need to register your Pet? Bring your pet's most current rabies certificate and cash or check to complete the purchase of their license before January 1st. If not paid by April 1st, penalties are assessed by La Crosse County.

***All Cats are \$5.00 each***

***Unaltered Dogs (not spayed/ neutered) are \$24.00 each***

***Spayed/Neutered Dogs are \$13.00 each***



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### FREE E-WASTE & CARDBOARD RECYCLING EVENT

After the Holidays, come recycle your old electronics and flattened cardboard at our annual E-Waste and Cardboard Recycling Event. This event is free to Shelby residents. Encourage your friends and neighbors to Reduce, Reuse, & RECYCLE!

#### Electronic items accepted:

Computers, monitors, hard drives, keyboards, mouse), laptops, printers, fax machines, scanners, TV's, DVD Players, VCRs, DVRS & microwaves.

**Date:** Thursday January 6th

**Time:** 7:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Town Shop, 2801 Ward Ave, La Crosse, WI 54601 (behind Fire Station)

\*Backup date if snowed out, is Friday, January 14th.



## SCHEDULE HOUSE CHECK

Contact the Shelby Police Department or visit Town Hall to fill out a request form. The Police will drop by your house from time to time to make sure your home stays safe while you are traveling.

## ABSENTEE BALLOTS

If you will be away from home and would still like to cast your ballot, please fill out a Absentee Ballot Application. Be sure you make your request allowing for mailing timeframes to receive and return the ballot. All ballots must be received by 8:00 p.m. on Election day to be counted. You will need to provide photo ID in order to receive a ballot per Wisconsin State Law.

## REGISTER TO VOTE

If you need to register to vote, change your address or name, visit: [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) or visit Town Hall. State Law requires you be a town resident for 28 days prior to the election. You will need proof of address.



## TOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

The Comprehensive Plan will document the goals, values, and vision for the Town's future. To view the current Comprehensive Plan and to find information on the update process, see the "Comprehensive Plan" tab on the town website: <https://www.townofshelby.com>

### Updated Meeting Schedule and Subject Matter: (Visit [townofshelby.com](https://www.townofshelby.com) for most up to date agendas, times and locations)

December 21, 2021: Future Land Use and Housing

January 18, 2022: Economic Development

February 15, 2022: Transportation

March 15, 2022: Utilities and Community Facilities

April 19, 2022: Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources

May 17, 2022: Implementation

June 21, 2022: Final Comments & Public Hearing

July 19, 2022: Final Comments

August 15, 2022: Recommend Adoption of Plan by Town Board

La Crosse County Comprehensive Plan: La Crosse County is also updating their Comprehensive Plan. You can find more information on the County Comprehensive Plan Update at: <https://lacrossecounty.org/comprehensiveplan>

Boundary Agreement: The Town of Shelby and the City of La Crosse plan to have a meeting before the end of 2021 to pick up where negotiations were prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## SNOW! SNOW! SNOW!

The Town Crew is ready for snow and has a few reminders to assist with the snow removal process as the drivers plow snow on the steep, narrow and curvy roads. We are asking residents to park in their driveways as often as possible. If it is necessary to park on the street, please do not park across from mailboxes or signs. In many cases this narrows the street, making it nearly impossible for the plow to get through. When it snows, the Road Crew will plow as early as possible to make sure the roads are open for your morning commute. If the snow is persistent, they will make a second trip with the plow. Keep this in mind when shoveling snow from your driveway. Plowing or pushing snow on the Town right-of-way is not allowed. If you plow snow across the road, you must have permission from the other land owner. Please remember to keep your refuse and recycling bins off the paved road and remove them from the road as soon as possible. Thank you!

## 2022 BUDGET SUMMARY

The Town's Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting to set the levy was held on November 16th, 2021. The levy of \$1,674,429.00 was adopted. See Budget Summary from November 16th below.

REVENUE	Approved 2021	Proposed 2022	% CHANGE
Taxes – General, Mobile Home, MFL	\$1,670,104	\$1,715,464	2.72%
Special Assessments	\$9,000	\$9,000	0.00%
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$735,000	\$826,000	12.38%
Licenses and Permits	\$60,000	\$57,200	-4.67%
Fines and Fees	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.00%
Public Charges for Services	\$329,000	\$326,000	-0.91%
Intergovernmental Charges for Services	\$59,000	\$60,000	1.69%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$35,000	\$34,000	-2.86%
Other Financing Sources	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTALS	\$2,898,104	\$3,028,664	4.51%
EXPENSES	Approved 2021	Proposed 2022	% CHANGE
General Government	\$471,000	\$497,300	5.58%
Public Safety	\$382,000	\$349,100	-8.61%
Public Works (Roads and Sanitation)	\$1,523,000	\$1,494,764	-1.85%
Culture, Recreation	\$126,104	\$137,500	9.04%
Conservation and Development	\$5,000	\$0	-100.00%
Capital Outlay	\$66,000	\$210,000	218.18%
Debt Service	\$325,000	\$340,000	4.62%
Miscellaneous Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTALS	\$2,898,104	\$3,028,664	4.51%

Under state law (sec. 66.0602, Wis. Stats.), levy limits provide the maximum amount a town may implement as a property tax levy on parcels within their boundaries. In recent years, including 2021, the Town of Shelby tax levy was adopted at the maximum allowed. There are very few options to increase the tax levy limit, and unfortunately, inflation often outpaces these increases. Through careful planning, the proposed town budget for 2022 maintains the existing level of services and project funding. Although, in the future, it may be necessary to borrow funds or propose a referendum to increase the levy limit in order to cover expenses.

## MORMON COULEE LIONS LIGHT UP THE PARK

From December 4th to January 2nd, Mormon Coulee Park will have lights and decorations displayed to spread Christmas cheer! The Park will be lit from 5-10 each night. The enclosed shelter will have cocoa and cookies available from 5-7 on 12/4, 12/11, and 12/18 to help visitors escape from the cold. On Saturday, December 11th, Santa will visit the enclosed shelter from 5-7 to visit with you and your family. Non-perishable food items and monetary donations will be accepted for the Mormon Coulee Little Free Food Pantry. All are invited to attend and enjoy!

## ELECTION WORKERS

If you're interested in working at the polls on election day, please contact the Town Clerk, Fortune at: [fweaver@townofshelby.com](mailto:fweaver@townofshelby.com) or call 608-788-1032 x2.

## WATCH FOR DEER

Please exercise extreme caution while driving during this season! Deer are always out and about. The Town wants to make sure you stay safe and avoid accidents. Be careful while driving and don't forget to buckle your seatbelts!

## PARK SHELTER RESERVATIONS

Shelter reservations can be made at Town Hall beginning Mon. Jan. 3rd.

## TOWN HALL CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Town Hall will be closed ALL DAY on Fri. Dec.24th, & Mon. Dec. 27th. Happy Holidays!





## FIRE RING PERMITS & BRUSH BURNING PERMITS

Fire Ring Permits and Brush Burning Permits are FREE! You can apply online at [townofshelby.com](http://townofshelby.com). Once a Fire Ring Permit has been approved, you do not need to reapply unless the owner, address or location of fire ring has changed. Brush burning permits will need to be applied for EACH time you want to burn.

**Please allow up to 5 business days to get those approved.**

***No Burning of Leaves is allowed in the Town of Shelby.***



### TOWN OF SHELBY DIRECTORY-OUR OPTIONS HAVE CHANGED

Dial 788-1032, then

Brush/ Roads/ Shelters/Concerns ..... Option 1  
 Elections/Clerk, Fortune ..... Option 2  
 Office Manager/Treasurer, Sara ..... Option 3  
 Administrator, Christina ..... Option 4  
 Road Crew/ Shop ..... Option 5  
 Police Department (Non-Emergency) ..... Option 6  
 Fire Department (Non-Emergency) ..... Option 7

Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc .... 920-749-1195  
 Building Inspector, Jim Webb ..... 608-780-4672  
 Town Chairman, Tim Candahl ..... 608-780-3564  
 Town Supervisor, Renee Knutson ..... 608-461-2107  
 Town Supervisor, Tim Padesky ..... 608-780-1322  
 Town Supervisor Marlene Heal ..... 608-790-6543  
 Town Supervisor, Tim Ehler ..... 608-792-6955

**NO EXTENDED HOURS ON ANY DAY. • EMERGENCY DIAL 911**

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☆ **Holidays:** No refuse or recycling pickup. Collections following these holidays will be a day late.

♻️ **Recycling Weeks**  
 FREE E-Waste Event Jan 7, 7:00 am-3:00 pm.  
 Bring items to Town Shop. Snow make up date is 1/14/21, 7:00 am-3:00 pm.

🎄 Christmas tree pick up will begin Jan. 4, ending Jan. 29.

🟡 Large item dropoff 7 am-noon  
 🟠 Brush Collection