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Shelby Township Events & Programs
Creating a Better Place through people, places and events

Serving the residents of Shelby Township at the Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center, the Shelby Township Activities Center and more than 1,100 acres of picturesque parks.

Summer 2020

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COVID-19 Emergency Update

We miss you, and we miss seeing kids on our playgrounds and at the Chief Gene Shepherd Park Splash Pad. We miss welcoming seniors and families to the Shelby Township Activities Center and Senior Center and the Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center. As we work together to combat the spread of COVID-19, we invite you to enjoy the outdoors and maintain social distancing in our parks.

To help facilitate this, we’ve closed some amenities such as playgrounds and active recreation sites such as basketball and volleyball courts. Active recreation sites and programs will remain closed until Shelby Township is in “phase 5” of Governor Gretchen Whitmer’s “MI Safe Start Plan.” For more information on the Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department’s re-opening schedule visit shelbytwp.org/parks. For updates on the “MI Safe Start Plan,” visit michigan.gov/coronavirus.

As closures limited some of our summer 2020 parks and recreation offerings, the Shelby Township Parks, Recreation and Maintenance and Community Relations departments produced this edition of, "Branching Out" to raise awareness of the options available to help you enjoy our 1,100 acres of parks. In this edition, you will find detailed information on our 10 public parks and features such as hike and bike trails, access to fishing on the Clinton River, tennis courts, pickleball courts, the River Bends Park Disc Golf Course, the River Bends Park Trap and Archery Range, the Woodall Park Skate Park, Heritage Gardens, the Burgess-Shadbush teaching gardens and the new Pioneer Park dog park in the city of Utica. Please continue to check shelbytwp.org/parks for updates on township facilities and programs. Information is also regularly updated at shelbytwp.org/covid-19. Most importantly, though, please remember to play safe and stay safe.

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Active recreation areas where social distance can’t be adhered.

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Call us at 586-731-0300 for updates.

Because of the current situation, conditions can change daily.

Parks & Facility Locations

1. Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center
   4101 River Bends Drive
   Shelby Township, MI 48317
   586-323-2478

2. Chief Gene Shepherd Park
   2452 23 Mile Road
   Shelby Township, MI 48316

3. Lions Soccer Field
   51670 Van Dyke Avenue
   Shelby Township, MI 48316

4. Ford Field Central Park
   7460 23 Mile Road
   Shelby Township, MI 48316

5. Holland Ponds
   50385 Ryan Road
   Shelby Township, MI 48317

6. Lombardo Park
   11695 22 Mile Road
   Shelby Township, MI 48315

7. Mae Stecker Park
   8600 24 Mile Road
   Shelby Township, MI 48316

8. River Bends Park
   5700 22 Mile Road
   Shelby Township, MI 48317

9. Municipal Campus,
   Heritage Gardens & Hope Chapel
   27200 Van Dyke Avenue
   Shelby Township, MI 48316

10. River Bends Park
    Fishing Site & Organization Camp
    Ryan Road, South of 22 Mile
    Shelby Township, MI 48317

11. Shelby Township Activities Center
    14795 21 Mile Road
    Shelby Township, MI 48315

12. Whispering Woods
    Kiwanis Park
    11000 21 Mile Road
    Shelby Township, MI 48315

13. Woodall Neighborhood Park & Skate Park
    4550 River Bends Drive
    Shelby Township, MI 48317
Parks, Recreation, & Maintenance
Mission Statement

The Shelby Township Parks, Recreation, & Maintenance Department staff has made it our mission to provide organized sports, and progressive leisure, cultural and educational programs, as well as to protect our natural resources and offer outdoor recreational opportunities to members of the community in a safe, healthy, and enjoyable environment.

We are committed to providing innovative and quality services to residents, businesses, and service organizations in Shelby Township.

Lost & Found

Found items typically end up at Parks, Recreation and Maintenance. Items are tagged with where and when it was found and will be kept for 30 days.

Please contact us if you have lost an item, so we can keep an eye out, or, if you find something in our parks you feel is “lost.”

Special Recreation Programs

Shelby Township’s Special Recreation Program allows teens and adults who are developmentally and/or physically impaired to gain confidence and a feeling of independence by meeting new friends and sharing in fun social activities. Membership is free and the group continues to grow with more than 120 registered members ranging in age from 12 through their late 40’s.

Monthly activities include dinner outings, dances, sports nights, pizza and movie nights, craft days, bingo and seasonal bowling, basketball and softball leagues. Nominal fees are required and will vary for each activity.

Please call 586-731-0300 to register and be placed on the mailing list to receive the calendar of events and learn more about upcoming activities and events.

To receive a sponsor packet or discuss options, please email shelbyprm@shelbytwp.org or call 586-731-0300.

Sponsor benefits

- Name/logo on promotional materials
- Link on shelbytwp.org/parks “sponsor” page
- Inclusion in social media and email marketing
- Sponsor-provided promotional information placed at event
- Sponsor table/area to greet attendees and distribute information at events
- Sponsor-provided banner placed at the sponsored event
- Full color display ad in an edition of the Shelby Township Parks and Recreation catalog
- Listing on the “Thank You” page of the next edition of the PRM catalog
- To receive a sponsor packet or discuss options, email shelbyprm@shelbytwp.org or call 586-731-0300.

Connect with your community

Shelby Township Parks and Recreation invites businesses and organizations to take advantage of a promotional opportunity and to show their support of the community. Sponsors play an important role in the success of our annual free or low-cost family events and youth sports. Sponsor support helps purchase supplies and offset operating costs. Several levels of sponsor benefits are available depending on the level of support.

PARK AMENITIES

The following are available without a reservation to park visitors:
- A number of picnic tables (6’ each) and grills scattered throughout the parks
- Disc golf located within River Bends Park
- Horseshoe pits are available at River Bends Park, Woodall Neighborhood Park and Chief Gene Shepherd pavilions at no charge. Parties that rent the shelters are given priority for use. You must provide your own horseshoes.
- All general park rules apply to those renting any picnic shelter. Please review the rules and guidelines prior to your event.

PARK AMENITY SYMBOLS

- Playground
- Picnic Pavilion
- Restrooms
- Charcoal Grill
- Fire Pit
- Pet Waste Bags
- Bike Repair Station
- Parking
- 5K Marked Trail
- Walking Trails
- Soccer Fields
- Basketball Courts
- Ball Diamonds
- Tennis Courts
- Horseshoe Pits
- Sand Volleyball
- Pickleball
- Fishing
- Disc Golf
- Ice Skating
- Skateboarding
- Sledding
- Paved Path
- Unpaved Path
OPERATING HOURS
Park visitors should note that all facilities are to be vacated upon closing. Parks are free to enter and are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. or dusk, whichever comes first, every day. Parks may be closed on major holidays and in extreme weather. We also reserve the right to close any or all parks due to circumstances beyond our control.

ADMISSION FEES
No party reserving a shelter is permitted to charge a fee to enter any park. Any entry fee charged to participate at a special event must be disclosed and approved at the time the reservation is made.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
No alcohol of any kind is allowed from April 1 through June 15 in any Shelby Township park. No glass containers permitted. Beer and wine are the only alcoholic beverages allowed during the rest of the year. During permissible dates, no group shall sell beer or wine, or charge an admission fee where beer or wine will be served. A representative from the group must also submit proof of liability insurance for approval by the Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Director.

DRUGS
The use or possession of illegal drugs or controlled substances other than those expressly prescribed by a physician for a medical purpose is prohibited. No person who appears to be under the influence of any illegal drug or controlled substance shall be allowed to remain at the shelter or the park.

DECORATIONS
Banners, streamers, balloons, table covers and other decorations or materials used in or around the shelter must be completely removed and disposed of properly at the end of the event or function. The use of nails, glue or any fasteners that may damage or leave permanent marks on the shelter or surrounding trees is strictly prohibited.

PETS
Pets are permitted if kept on a leash no longer than 6’, do not create a public nuisance, are in immediate control by their owner, and their waste is removed and disposed of properly. No domestic animal or pet shall be permitted within 20’ of the perimeter of the field of play at any athletic event.

TRASH & RECYCLING
All shelters are cleaned regularly. Trash and recycle barrels are provided. Please clean up all trash, decorations and debris before your group leaves the park. Failure to do so may result in an extra charge for labor and is a violation of state law and the local ordinance. Park recycle bins are provided for park patrons only. Any other use is prohibited.

DRONES
The use of drones is strictly prohibited in all Shelby Township parks.

FIRE PREVENTION
The use of open flames is prohibited including bonfires. The fire pit located in the Organizational Camp area is the ONLY place where a bonfire is permitted. ONLY groups that have the area reserved and have a responsible adult present may use the fire pit. Electrical and extension cords and decorations must have no exposed wire and be UL rated and approved. The use or possession of fireworks in any Shelby Township park is prohibited.

RESTROOMS
Shelter restrooms are available for use by all park visitors and are not for the exclusive use of shelter renters during normal park hours. Restrooms are winterized and closed seasonally.

VEHICLES
Cars, trucks, vans or other motorized vehicles are not permitted to leave the parking area to unload or load for any other reason without prior approval.

ADVERTISEMENT
All advertisement is forbidden in the park unless prior specific written approval is obtained from the director of the Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department.

MUSIC
Amplified sound must be kept a suitable volume as to not create a disturbance of the public peace. Any sound that is bothersome or offensive to other patrons of the park is prohibited.

LOST & FOUND
Found items from our parks, events, and games typically end up at the Parks, Recreation, and Maintenance Department. Items will be tagged with where and when they were found, and when possible, we will contact the owner to let them know we have the item they lost. All lost and found items will be kept 30 days at which time they will either be disposed of or given to a local charity.

ELECTRICAL OUTLETS
One duplex outlet is provided in all park pavilions with the exception of the Organizational Site and Holland Ponds Shelter. The capacity of each circuit is 20 amps, which should handle about 2,400 watts, and is usually sufficient for two small electrical appliances. Please check the amperage rating of any appliances that you intend to use.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Please contact the Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department at 586-731-0300 for questions pertaining to park rules and regulations. The office is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

5K EVENT HOSTING INFORMATION
• Only one 5K event will be permitted in River Bends Park in any given day.
• Proof of Event/Runners’ Insurance must be submitted at least 3 days prior to the event.
• If any items or equipment (bounce house, tents, tables, chairs, catering cooking on-site, etc.) will be rented, that business must provide proof of liability insurance listing Shelby Township as an additional insured for the date of the event. See the sample insurance certificate and instructions for details.

PARKS & RECREATION’S RESERVATION POLICY
A. Individuals may reserve a park pavilion, Hope Chapel, or Heritage Garden on a first come first served basis with no restrictions on date. Therefore, based on availability, any date may be reserved for any month and/or year that you wish. Full payment is due at the time of the reservation.

B. Contractors may be subject to any price increases that may go into effect between the date the reservation is made and the actual date of the event.

C. Fees for Hope Chapel and Heritage Garden are non-refundable.

D. Refunds for pavilion rentals are available up to 30 days before reserved date. A 10% cancellation fee will be assessed and requests must be submitted in writing.

SHELTER RESERVATIONS
In accordance with the Shelby Township Ordinance Article II: “Public Parks, Section 20-33 Permits, a permit is required for picnics, outings, or gatherings of 20 or more persons.”

All reservations provide for use from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. or dusk, whichever comes first. A fee is assessed to reserve the use of a shelter at all parks. Please see individual park information for rental fees and amenities.

Inquiries and reservations may be made at the parks and recreation office (14975 21 Mile Road, Shelby Township MI, 48316) in person or by phone at 586-731-0300. All reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis, and cannot be held without full payment. Reservation fees may be made by cash, check, Visa, MasterCard. If contract/receipt cannot be emailed, a $5 mailing fee will be assessed.
River Bends Park is rich in plant and animal life and has historical significance as well. Two sections make up this 626-acre park, which is divided by the Clinton River that flows for roughly six miles through the park. A pedestrian bridge connects the park's two sections, evidence of the historic Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal on its eastern boundary.

**RIVER BENDS PARK BRIDGE**

Visitors to River Bends Park have access to the entire park via a bridge that crosses the Clinton River connecting the 22 Mile Picnic Park to Woodall Community Park and the trap and archery range in the Ryan Road section. The bridge is open to foot and bicycle traffic only. No vehicles other than those of the rangers are allowed on the pathways or bridge.

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### BITTERSWEET SHELTER

**SIZE:** 45' X 33'

**CAPACITY:** 170 parking spaces

**FEE:** $170 - Residents  
$200 - Nonresidents

**AMENITIES:**  
- Electricity and water  
- One barbecue grill  
- Nine 12' picnic tables  
- Seating for 90-100  
- Horseshoe pits (must provide horseshoes)  
- Modern restrooms - located close to shelter  
- Water spigot located on south side of restrooms building

### HICKORY GROVE SHELTER

**SIZE:** 40' X 30'

**CAPACITY:** 170 parking spaces

**FEE:** $170 - Residents  
$200 - Nonresidents

**AMENITIES:**  
- Electricity and water (in restrooms only)  
- One barbecue grill  
- Nine picnic tables - 12' each - seating for 90-100  
- Horseshoe pits (must provide horseshoes)  
- Modern restrooms - attached to rear of pavilion  
- Playground and 4 belt swings

### MAPLEVIEW SHELTER

**SIZE:** 50' X 30'

**CAPACITY:** 170 parking spaces

**FEE:** $110 - Residents  
$140 - Nonresidents

**AMENITIES:**  
- Electricity and water  
- One barbecue grill  
- Nine picnic tables - 12' each - seating for 90-100  
- Horseshoe pits (must provide horseshoes)  
- One portable toilet (maintained regularly)

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### RIVER BENDS PARK DISC GOLF COURSE

Shelby Township owns and maintains a disc golf course located within River Bends Park. Access the course from the park’s 22 Mile Road entrance at 5700 22 Mile Road. It is comprised of 27 holes, is free of charge and is open to all users during regular park hours. You must provide your discs for play.

Any groups or persons operating a league must obtain a special use permit from the Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department. Fees may apply.

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### RIVER BENDS PARK FISHING SITE

**FISHING SITE RULES**

1. An adult must accompany children as banks along the river can be unstable.

2. All persons fishing at River Bends Park must have the proper license. Patrons should refer to the DNR Rules and Regulations Fishing Booklet for license requirements.

Fishing licenses may be purchased at most sporting goods stores as well as:

- Meijer (Hall & Hayes roads)
- Meijer (26 Mile Road and Van Dyke Ave.)
- Walmart (23 Mile Road and M-53)
22 Mile Picnic Park - The trail is part gravel, part paved and approximately 2.5 miles in length.

Woodall Community Park - The paved trail is approximately 1.6 miles long.

Shelby Township’s trail inventory is vast and ever expanding. Trails are open to foot and bicycle traffic only. No vehicles other than those of the rangers are allowed on them.

River Bends Park also offers several MMBA two track and single track trails for those interested in mountain biking. For more information please call the Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department.

Several miles of trails are located within Shelby Township. Some connect to the Macomb Orchard Trail, Clinton River Trail and the Paint Creek Trail. Stop into the Shelby Township Activities Center for a directory of trails or visit michigantrails.org or alltrails.com.
RIVER BENDS PARK

4863 River Bends Drive, east side of Ryan, south of 22 Mile Road

See map on Page 7 for location.

DAILY RANGE PASS FEE
Regular Day Pass - $6 per shooter
Junior, Senior & Military Day Pass - $4 per shooter

ANNUAL RANGE PASS FEE
Regular Annual Card - $40 per shooter
Junior, Senior & Military - $30 per shooter
Senior - over 65
Junior - under 15, accompanied by an adult

Because of the COVID-19 emergency, some park amenities may be closed. Before visiting our parks, go to shelbytwp.org/parks to find out which features are open.

WOODALL PARK SHELTER

SIZE:
40’ X 30’
CAPACITY:
60 persons
FEE:
$100 - Shelby/Utica residents
$130 - Nonresidents

Located inside River Bends Park, Woodall Neighborhood Park features a 1,200 square-foot picnic shelter with restrooms, a barbecue grill, and six 8-foot picnic tables. Also, in the 60-acre park, visitors will find a 1.6-mile paved fitness trail, a pickleball court, a sledding hill, eight baseball diamonds, Patriot Soccer Field and a skate park with a belt swing and a tot swing.

Amenities include water in restrooms only, one single barbecue grill, and electricity. Please note that a reservation guarantees the use of the pavilion only; all other amenities are open to the public.

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RIVER BENDS PARK TRAP & ARCHERY RANGE

OPERATING HOURS
Jan & Feb
Sat & Sun  9 AM until dusk
Closed Mon - Fri
March through Dec.
Thu - Sun  9 AM - 8 PM (or until dusk)
Closed Mon - Wed
Closed on major holidays & in extreme weather

ARCHERY RANGE RULES
1. Compound, long and recurve bows and target arrows are permitted
2. Crossbows are permitted. A crossbow arrow (bolt) stopper is recommended. Special crossbow rules apply - please see range officer for details.
3. No hunting or broadhead arrows (bolts) permitted.
4. Use approved targets only.

There are 11 trap and 16 archery stations located at the range. Archery targets are placed at 10, 15, 30, 40 and 50 yards.

TRAP RANGE RULES
1. Shotguns only - no rifles or handguns of any kind
2. All shotguns will have the gauge size on the side of the barrel. Acceptable sizes (smallest to largest) are as follows: 410 - 28 - 20 - 16 - 12
3. All shooters are required to wear eye and ear protection.
4. No more than two (2) shells allowed in a shotgun at a time.
5. Flying clay targets (skeet) only - no patterning ground targets or slightly elevated targets.
7. Maximum two shooters allowed at each shooting station.
8. Slugs or buckshot only - no deer hunting loads.
9. No black powder is permitted in any type of gun.
10. No discharge of pistols of any kind.
11. All shotguns must have overall length of 26” or more.

The use of BB guns is prohibited unless prior arrangements have been made with a Range Officer who MUST be present during use. 177 caliber pellets are not allowed.

WOODALL NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

4550 River Bends Drive - east side of Ryan Road, south of 22 Mile Road

Located inside River Bends Park, Woodall Neighborhood Park features a 1,200 square-foot picnic shelter with restrooms, a barbecue grill, and six 8-foot picnic tables. Also, in the 60-acre park, visitors will find a 1.6-mile paved fitness trail, a pickleball court, a sledding hill, eight baseball diamonds, Patriot Soccer Field and a skate park with a belt swing and a tot swing.

Amenities include water in restrooms only, one single barbecue grill, and electricity. Please note that a reservation guarantees the use of the pavilion only; all other amenities are open to the public.

Because of the COVID-19 emergency, some park amenities may be closed. Before visiting our parks, go to shelbytwp.org/parks to find out which features are open.
Built in 2013, Chief Gene Shepherd Park is the newest addition to Shelby Township’s list of parks. Named in memory of the late Fire Chief Eugene Shepherd, the park has two tennis courts, bocce ball, horseshoes and a soccer field. Chief Gene Shepherd Park offers many options for those looking to get outdoors and have some fun. Visitors will also find a walking path that wraps around the park and restrooms.

Pavilion visitors have access to 12 6-foot picnic tables, electricity, a nearby playground area, indoor restrooms, water in bathrooms only and a barbeque grill.

**CHIEF GENE SHEPHERD PARK SHELTER**

- **SIZE:** 40’ X 60’
- **CAPACITY:** 170 parking spaces
- **Seating for 70-80**
- **FEE:**
  - $170 - Shelby/Utica residents
  - $200 - Nonresidents

Because of the COVID-19 emergency, some park amenities may be closed. Before visiting our parks, go to shelbytwp.org/parks to find out which features are open.

**WHISPERING WOODS KIWANIS PARK**

This 49.5-acre park offers a variety of recreational opportunities for all ages.

Features of Whispering Woods Park include nine soccer fields, an irrigated baseball diamond, a comfort station, two picnic shelters, picnic tables, a 1.2-mile asphalt trail and walking/jogging paths.

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Inside Holland Ponds lies 200 acres of natural plant and wildlife. Known for its heron rookery and beautiful walking trails, Holland Ponds welcomes bird watchers and hikers. The park also displays some of Shelby Township’s history with remains of the abandoned Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal project, which date to 1838. A small pavilion sits towards the back of the park with portable restrooms at the entrance.

The park, which is adjacent to the former G & H Landfill, was feared lost because of environmental contamination. Because of clean-up efforts, though, it houses thriving wildlife, fish and plant communities. Visitors regularly see proof of this success as they share the park with blue herons, green herons, great blue herons, little green herons and great egrets.

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Mae Stecker Park

8600 24 Mile Road, east of Van Dyke Ave.

Mae Stecker Park Shelter

Size: Approximately 15’ X 15’
Capacity: 25-30 persons
Fees: $50 - Shelby & Utica residents

The crack of a bat and the roar of a crowd are some of the sounds of summer you’ll hear at Mae Stecker Park. Named in memory of a former Shelby Township Clerk, this 14-acre park opened in 1974. The tennis courts provide activities for the summer, while a lighted, portable ice rink opens in the winter. Other features of this park include a 1.5-mile hiking trail, picnic tables, a small picnic shelter, a single barbeque grill and restrooms. The ice rink is open to hockey on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and for family skate on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays when weather permits.

Because of the COVID-19 emergency, some park amenities may be closed. Before visiting our parks, go to shelbytwp.org/parks to find out which features are open.

Heritage Garden

Shelby Township’s beautiful Heritage Garden is located behind the Municipal Offices at 52700 Van Dyke Ave., east side, south of 24 Mile Road. The Garden runs adjacent to a 2 1/2 acre spring-fed lake and are surrounded by ornate wrought iron fencing. Completed as part of the Shelby Township Bicentennial Committee project in 1975, Heritage Garden is available to reserve on an hourly basis for wedding ceremonies, wedding photos, family photos and more. An attendant is scheduled during reserved times to ensure that only the contractor and their designated party members will be permitted into the garden.

A Note to Photographers

Photographers and paid professionals are encouraged to make a reservation to ensure private use of the garden area and to offset operating and maintenance costs.
Shelby Township’s 48-acre campus is home to the municipal offices, police station and the 41 A District Court. Each December the Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department kicks off the holiday season with Christmas Aglow.

Visitors will also find history preserved at Hope Chapel, the Andrews Schoolhouse Museum and the antique train display.

Hope Chapel is available to rent for weddings, vow renewals and memorial services.

Please contact the Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department at 586-731-0300 for available dates.

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**HISTORIC HOPE CHAPEL**

52700 Van Dyke Ave., south of 24 Mile Road

**CHAPEL AMENITIES**

- Electricity, heat and air conditioning
- 132-square-foot wedding party preparation room
- Two restrooms
- Fixed podium for speaker/clergy
- Sound system with CD, MP3 inputs and Bluetooth speakers, cordless microphone and remote
- Small table for unity candle or sand ceremony
- Seats up to 80 guests, no extra chairs allowed due to fire safety regulations
- Handicapped-accessible entrances on both sides of porch
- Chapel attendant opens and closes chapel for rehearsals and weddings

Hope Chapel was built in the 1890s and served as Hope United Methodist Church for many years. Its original home was on the west side of Van Dyke Ave., just north of 24 Mile Road.

In 2001, the building was moved from that site and placed on the Shelby Township Municipal Grounds next to the Andrews Schoolhouse Museum.

Thanks to several generous donations of funding and labor, the chapel has been renovated. It is available for wedding ceremonies year-round, except for major holidays and during special events.

**CEREMONIES**

- **Fridays**
  - 4-6:30 PM
- **Sat & Sun**
  - Noon-2:30 PM
  - 3-5:30 PM
  - 6-8:30 PM

**WEDDING RESERVATION TIMES**

**REHEARSALS**

- Thursdays for one hour
  - 4-9 PM

**FEES**

- $335 - Shelby Township & Utica Residents
- $435 - Nonresidents

Celebrate your wedding at Shelby Township’s Hope Chapel. This quaint venue has all the charm of a small-town fairytale near beautiful Heritage Garden. Reservations include a 2.5-hour time block and a one-hour rehearsal.
NEW DOG PARK
from the City of Utica

Operating Hours
Dawn - Dusk

Patrons register online at shelbytwp.org/dogpark
for an annual fee. Fees include a key fob for entry
to the park. Keys can be picked up at the Utica
City hall located at 7550 Auburn Road when
submitting liability waiver and documentation.

- Dogs must be up-to-date on vaccinations and
  well-trained.
- Patrons must clean up after all pets.
- Park hours are from dawn to dusk, daily.

Fee:
$20 - Shelby Township/Utica residents per year
$35 - nonresidents per year
$10 - key fob replacement

Contact Utica City Hall at
586-739-1600 for more information.

How the 2020 Census will invite
everyone to respond

Every household will have the option of responding
online, by mail, or by phone.

Nearly every household will receive an invitation to participate
in the 2020 Census from either a postal worker or a census worker.

95% of households will receive their census invitation in the mail.

Almost 5% of households
will receive their census invitation
when a census taker drops it off.
In these areas, the majority of
households may not receive mail
at their home’s physical location
(like households that use PO
boxes or areas recently affected
by natural disasters).

Less than 1% of households
will be counted in person by a census
taker, instead of being invited
to respond on their own. We do this
in very remote areas like parts of
northern Maine, remote Alaska, and
in select American Indian areas that
ask to be counted in person.
(This is separate from our follow-up efforts;
census takers will visit all households that were
invited to respond on their own and haven’t.)

Note: We have special procedures to count people who don’t live in households, such as students living in
university housing or people experiencing homelessness.

For more information, visit
census.gov.

WHAT WE WILL SEND IN THE MAIL

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Statistics provided by
census.gov.

The 2020 Census will
determine how many
congressional representatives
each state gets.

The Census Bureau is
bound by Title 13 of the
U.S. Code to keep your
information confidential.

2020 Census data will help
inform how billions of dollars
are distributed to states and
communities every year for
the next 10 years.
The Recycled Art Competition is moving online. Use your creativity to transform discarded materials into a piece of art.

Residents of Shelby Township and neighboring communities are invited to participate in this friendly competition designed to promote recycling and “green” living.

Submission Deadline: Aug. 12
Voting begins: Aug. 17
Voting Ends: Aug. 24
Results will be posted after voting ends.

**RULES & INFORMATION**

- All entries must be family-friendly and made entirely from recycled items with the exception of glue, tape, nails, paint, etc.
- One entry permitted per person.
- All submissions will be presented anonymously before voting.
- Personal information is used to contact winners and will not be displayed.
- All submissions must have at least 1 clear photo of the art piece.

Entry forms available at shelbytwp.org/recycling
We're back and taking a safe, measured approach to re-opening. We're currently offering curbside service to provide materials with a contactless check out and pickup.

Call us to check out and look for the green tent in our parking lot to pick up your items. In the tent, we also have tax forms, used books for sale from the Friends of the Library and staff available to answer any questions.

Our return box is open as well. All materials returned to the library are quarantined for 72 hours before being available for check-out. Our staff is wearing masks and face shields along with gloves while handling material.

While there is not a date set for reopening the library building when we do reopen you’ll notice new safeguards such as plastic barriers at all service desks, floor decals to indicate sufficient social distance, a reduced number of patrons allowed in the building, disposable keyboard and mouse covers on all computers and spaced seating.

High-touch areas like door handles, bathrooms and public service desks will be cleaned multiple times a day.

In the meantime, storytimes with our beloved youth librarians, Mrs. Bethany and Mrs. Jennifer, are happening weekly on our Facebook page. You can also find them making crafts every Wednesday with kits available for you to pick up curbside every Monday.

Our adult librarian Elizabeth has moved books clubs into the virtual world. Members have been given contact information and if you’d like to join, email us at shelbylib@libcoop.net. She’s also booked several speakers to feature on our Facebook page at special dates and times.

Libby by Overdrive
The Shelby Township Library has access to thousands of ebooks and audiobooks through its partnership with Libby by Overdrive. Patrons can borrow them for free using any device after downloading the app in the iTunes app store or through Google Play. Libby has a ground-breaking, built-in ebook reader and a beautiful audiobook player. If you prefer, you can send books to your Kindle for reading. To use, open the Libby app, find your local library, and input your library card and PIN. Then you can search, sample, borrow and enjoy.

RBDigital
Check out your favorite audiobooks and magazines from the library. Download the RBDigital app in the iTunes App Store, Google Play or Amazon, select your library and log in with your library card number and PIN. You’ll have instant access to more than 35,000 audiobooks without placing a hold. New magazines are available monthly.

Freegal
All you need is your Shelby Township Library card number, and you can access more than 8 million songs and more than 15,000 music videos, including Sony Music’s catalog of legendary artists. No software downloads or digital rights management restrictions apply. Visit freegalmusic.com to get started.

Mango Languages
Mango offers a fun-infused way to learn a new language by preparing learners for realistic conversations with everyday communication skills. It provides more than 70 world languages, including English. Visit learn.mangolanguages.com to get started today.

TumbleBooks
Tumblebooks offers an online collection of books for preschoolers, elementary school children and their families with no need for checkouts, waitlists or downloads. TumbleBooks provides on-demand access to audiobooks and ebooks. Make reading a fun experience for kids with read-along storybooks that feature adjustable online text and complete audio narration. Children can also access popular, award-winning and classic favorites in fiction, nonfiction and graphic novel categories. Accessible on any desktop or mobile device at tumblebooklibrary.com.

TumbleMath
TumbleMath offers a comprehensive collection of math picture books with animation and narration to help kids have fun with math. Designed for kindergarten to grade 6, TumbleMath provides lesson plans and fun activities and quizzes for each book.

Visit tumblemath.com to get started.

Digital Resources
TeenBookCloud
TeenBookCloud provides an online collection of books for middle school and high school students with no need for checkouts, waitlists or downloads. Teens can read and listen to books on-demand, improve reading and comprehension skills from a collection of hi/lo literature, and experience enhanced novels that feature professional narration and line-by-line text highlighting. Get instant access to the high school curriculum, including Shakespeare’s plays and other classic works. Students can also access popular, award-winning and traditional favorites in fiction, nonfiction and graphic novel categories. Available on any desktop or mobile device at teenbookcloud.com.

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Get unlimited access to a curated collection of romance ebooks with RomanceBookCloud. Discover your next great romance read browsing contemporary, historical, time travel, paranormal or inspirational titles. With a core collection of 1,800 titles, including award winners, bestsellers, and new books, you will never run out of romance to read.

Ancestry
The Shelby Township Library’s subscription to ancestry.com is usually only available in the library, but ancestry.com is currently offering remote access to library cardholders. Go to https://sdbb.ent.sirsir.net/client/en_US/shbl/lib to log in to your library catalog and click on “Ancestry Remote Access” in the top left corner to get started.

Tutor.com
Tutor.com offers students of all ages and job seekers a network of more than 3,000 professional academic and career tutors. Self-study tools provide additional modes of support that are available 24/7. Services include:
• Kindergarten through second-year college and adult learners can get help with homework, test preparation, skills and concepts they are learning in class as well as Advanced Placement test preparation and college entrance exams. Subjects include math, science, writing, English, Spanish, social studies, ACT, SAT, GED, HiSET and Microsoft Office.
• Students or adults working on essays, book reports, short stories, college or scholarship application essays, résumés, cover letters or tough math problems can submit their document or problem for an overnight review to receive detailed guidance and explanations.
• Use the Princeton Review’s self-study modules to help prepare for the SAT or ACT, SAT/ACT Essentials includes full-length practice tests, a diagnostic score report, supporting video lessons and practice drills and college application advice.
SAME FAIR. SAME EXPERIENCE. ONLINE.

See work from a variety of artists, crafters and Michigan Made Market vendors. Learn about exhibitors and shop for the perfect item.

Vote for your favorite exhibitor for a chance to win a Visa gift card courtesy of Christian Financial Credit Union.

Check out the Recycled Art Contest hosted by the Shelby Township Solid Waste and Recycling Committee and vote for your favorite.
BICYCLISTS SHOULD: 

- Ride with traffic and follow the rules of the road
- Use hand signals when turning or stopping
- Obey traffic signals, signs and markings
- A white front light and rear red reflector are required when dark
- Ride on trail, paved shoulder, bike lane or bike route

BE VISIBLE: Wear high visibility safety gear, including a helmet

Watch for debris that might make you fall or swerve

Watch for turning traffic

Ride no more than two abreast

STAY SAFE ON THE TRAILS

Maintaining social distancing while on the trails is important in preventing the spread of COVID-19

STAY 20+ feet behind other riders except to pass.

RIDING

Stay 20+ feet behind other riders except to pass.

PASSING

Pass using the full lane or trail.
Pass quickly and safely. Call out to others that you are passing.

DO NOT RIDE IF YOU EXPERIENCE:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath