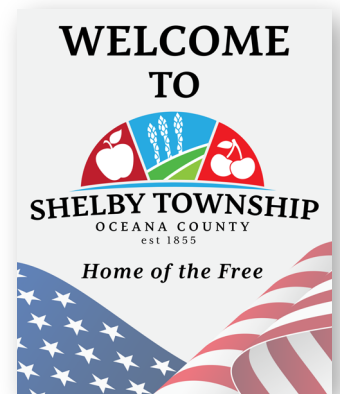




Welcome to the Shelby Township Winter Newsletter where we will update all Shelby Township residents with a recap of our activities in 2021 and also preview what is planned for 2022 and beyond. We can't control the weather, but we certainly can provide you with timely information on the happenings in Shelby Township.

## 2021 Recap:

1. 16 miles of roadwork was completed, and this is a **single year record for Shelby Township**.
2. Our Township Cemetery was upgraded with improvements to the building and the paving of the road.
3. New "Welcome to Shelby Township" signs were installed at entrances to the Township. The signs have an American flag and freedom theme.
4. The Shelby School District Bond was approved by voters.
5. The Shelby Township Master Plan was completed by the Shelby Township Planning Commission.
6. A new webpage was launched for Shelby Township.
7. The Shelby Township Planning Commission approved three new business builds.
8. The Shelby Township Board and Planning Commission held a strategic planning session and approved plans for the next 5 to 10 years.
9. The Shelby Township office facade was upgraded.
10. Shelby Township helped plan and execute the Fall Festival held in the village. The same Steering Committee is now working on this upcoming year's Festival. New Era is also working intensely on their Fall Festival.
11. Shelby Township was successful in receiving a 500K grant for the new Township Park. The dollars will arrive to the Township in 2022.



Welcome to Shelby Township

Welcome to the official website of Shelby Township, located in Oceana County on the west coast of Michigan. This website is for the purpose of providing township information for the benefit of our residents and visitors.

If you cannot find the information here that you are seeking, please feel free to contact us, and we will do our best to provide what you need.



12. Shelby Township received a 650K Road Improvement Appropriation from the State of Michigan. This effort was spearheaded by Senator Jon Bumstead and we all owe Senator Bumstead a big "Thank You" for his efforts. These funds will be available to Shelby Township in 2022. What we have learned this past year is that Shelby Township officials need to "keep asking" for assistance on good projects. If Shelby Township is not pro-active, these dollars will go elsewhere.





**SHELBY TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK  
MASTER PLAN**  
Shelby Township, MI



## 2022 and Beyond:

1. Shelby Township will break ground on the new Shelby Township Park.
2. Shelby Township will complete approximately 11 miles of additional roadwork.
3. Shelby Township will approve several additional commercial sites for business.
4. The Shelby Township Water Main project and affordable housing initiative will move forward.
5. Shelby Township is preparing to apply for approximately 1.5 million dollars in State and Federal grants.
6. The Shelby Township Board and Planning Commission will

receive additional training. (We can always get better and learn new things.)

7. Shelby Township has been asked to make presentations to other Oceana County township boards. We have been asked to share how we were able to complete roadwork without adding additional taxes.

The Shelby Township Board was approached by a group of citizens who requested that we Opt-in with the State of Michigan new marijuana laws. Although the law allows the Township Board to make the decision, your Township Board voted unanimously to bring this issue to referendum and allow Shelby Township residents to decide. A Shelby Township resident group completed a petition, with the required signatures, so there will be a vote in May. Here are the facts:

- A. Shelby Township would be a Limited License Township, restricting how many licenses are available.
- B. Facilities would be restricted to Shelby Township's Commercial Zone, which is on the M-20 corridor.
- C. There would be 20 Licenses for Farmers to grow marijuana.
- D. It is estimated that Shelby Township could receive approximately 165K from the State of Michigan's Revenue Sharing and Project Donation Programs. This yearly 165K equates to one mile of new road a year and approximately 35% of Shelby Township's yearly budgeted operating costs.

The reality of the situation is, based on the law in the State of Michigan, these facilities will eventually open within our County boundaries and your Township Board felt that having a conservative, restrictive approach to this law would be the best approach. The voice of Shelby Township residents will be heard in May and that outcome will determine what happens in Shelby Township. Your Shelby Township Board is determined to allow the democratic process to provide the direction for us. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time. My cell number is 214-674-2539.

Respectfully,

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