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NEWSLETTER

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**SPECIAL SECTION:
HURRICANE HELENE REPORT**

UPCOMING EVENTS

City Council Meetings

Attend public City Council meetings to find out what's happening in your city. First and third Mondays of each month. (Holidays may affect the regular schedule) Meetings are being conducted at 6 pm at the Don Gibson Theatre until further notice. 318 S. Washington Street, Shelby Click [here](#) for Agendas.

Fall Bulky Item Pick-Up Week

Rescheduled for November 4-7, 2024
Semi-annual Public Works service

Shelby Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 1, 2024, 3 pm
Click [here](#) for more information.

Carrousel Christmas and Toy Drive

Saturday, December 7, 2024
Shelby City Park
850 W. Sumter Street, Shelby
Annual event featuring music, free carrousel and train rides, and a tree lighting ceremony.
Santa and his elves will be there from 3-5:15 pm!

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Mitchell Terrill Sr. Field Dedication



On Tuesday, October 22, 2024, City of Shelby staff, Shelby City Council members, Shelby mayor, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board members, and members of the Terrill family and community gathered at Holly Oak Park for the dedication of the Mitchell Terrill Sr. field.

Mr. Terrill had a tremendous impact on his community; especially the youth that he mentored while coaching and officiating baseball, football, and basketball sports programs at Holly Oak Park and later on coaching baseball at Shelby City Park.

His legacy was honored with the renaming of the baseball field at Holly Oak Park in his memory.

To read the full article about Mr. Terrill's legacy, published by the Star on September 25, 2024, click [here](#).



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City of Shelby's Fire and Rescue Department Earns Reaccreditation and ISO 1 Class Rating



On Monday, June 17, 2024, Davie Summey, Division Chief of Inspection and Ratings for the North Carolina Office of the State Fire Marshal, presented the City of Shelby's Fire and Rescue Department with a certificate designating the newly awarded ISO Class 1 public protection rating at the Shelby City Council meeting. Pictured with Mr. Summey are Shelby Mayor, Stan Anthony, and Fire Chief, William Hunt. The new rating went into effect on Sunday, September 1, 2024. For more information about the new rating, and to read the full press release, click [here](#).



On August 7, 2024, Fire & Rescue Department representatives appeared at hearings before the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) during the Center for Public Safety Excellence's (CPSE) Summer Symposium in Atlanta, Georgia, for action by the commission on its application for accredited status. The commission unanimously approved accredited status for the City of Shelby Fire & Rescue Department. Accreditation is for a five-year term and candidate agencies complete a strategic plan, a community risk assessment, a self-assessment manual of over 240 performance indicators, and an on-site evaluation by industry peers. The Fire & Rescue Department has been accredited since 2014. Pictured left to right: David Vanhoy, Assistant Fire Chief; William Hunt, Fire Chief; Steve Dirkson, CFAI Commission Chairman; Chelsey Martin, Professional Development and Logistics Officer; and Sean Daniels, Peer Assessment Team Leader (Mt. Lebanon, PA).



Cleveland County Crimestoppers is a non-profit organization that helps law enforcement obtain needed information for the investigation of crime. Crimestoppers is an independent board that works with law enforcement in gathering information and giving rewards for the information provided.

A person can anonymously provide tip information to help law enforcement in the investigation of a crime by following the link [here](#), or calling the anonymous tip line at 704-481-8477.

CrimeStoppers pays up to \$1000 in reward money for information that helps solve a crime.

Shelby Police Department Sponsoring Coat Drive

The Shelby Police Department is hosting a community "Coats for Kids" drive and is requesting new or like new coats for students in our local elementary schools during the month of November. Join in this worthy cause to help keep our kids warm!



Your donation of light-weight coats and jackets, new or gently used, in children's sizes x-small - adult large will bring comfort and smiles to the faces of these young learners.

Click [here](#) for more information about the Coats for Kids drive and to learn where you can drop off your coat donation.



Cut energy costs by switching to LED bulbs.

Lighting accounts for around 15% of an average home's electricity use and the average household saves about \$225 in energy costs per year by using LED lighting. If you are still using incandescent light bulbs, switching to energy-efficient LED lighting is one of the fastest ways to cut your energy bills. Click [here](#) for more information on LED savings.



Mark your calendars for the annual Carrousel Christmas and Toy Drive, hosted by the City of Shelby's Parks and Recreation Department! The event will be held at the Shelby City Park, located at 850 W. Sumter Street on Saturday, December 7, 2023 from 3-6:30 pm.

There will be music, FREE carrousel and train rides, and a tree lighting ceremony. Santa and his elves will be there from 3-5:15 pm!

Plan on joining us and bring a \$10 unwrapped toy to help a child in need this Christmas!



Shelby Christmas Parade



The annual Christmas Parade in Shelby is scheduled for Sunday, December 1, 2024 at 3 pm! Make plans to attend this exciting event in Uptown Shelby. As always, Santa will make his appearance, so make sure the kids are there to wave as he goes by on his float! For more information click [here](#).

City of Shelby Holiday Closings



City Offices Will Be Closed On:

- ◆ Monday, November 11
Veterans Day
- ◆ Thursday and Friday, November 28-29
Thanksgiving Holiday
- ◆ Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, December 24-26
Christmas Holiday
- ◆ Wednesday, January 1
New Year Holiday



City Seeks Input for updated Comprehensive Plan



The City of Shelby is working on its new Comprehensive Plan and is seeking input from the public. This initiative has been named "Imagine Shelby: The Community's Vision for the Future".

Click here to access the **Community Survey**

Please take a short 10-15 minute survey and tell us more about your priorities for land use, transportation, housing, parks, Uptown Shelby, and more!

The survey will be open until the end of November, 2024, and the information gathered from the public will serve as an important piece of our comprehensive plan strategy.

For more information about the City of Shelby's Comprehensive Plan initiative, click [here](#).



Fall Bulky Item Pick-Up Week

November 4-7, 2024



Rescheduled Dates

Fall Bulky Item Pick-Up Week was postponed due to Hurricane Helene, and the rescheduled dates are coming up soon! Bulky Item Pick-Up Week occurs twice each year: once in the Spring and once in the Fall. It's a great opportunity to discard unwanted items from your home.

What can be picked up:

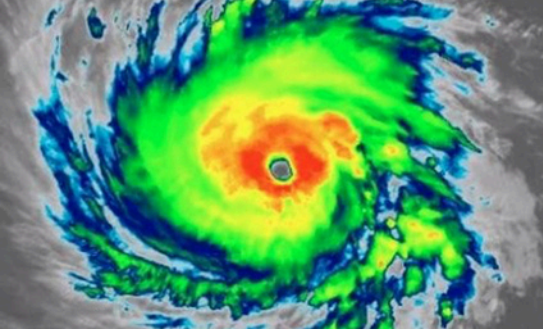
Items such as furniture, mattresses, boxes, bagged clothes, toys, bicycles without the tires, and grills without the propane tanks can be picked up.

What cannot be picked up:

Items such as tires, electronics, appliances, paint, oils, batteries, gas and propane tanks, stumps, and construction materials cannot be picked up.

Please remember that your bulky items will only be picked up on the same day your solid waste is collected. Place bulky items to be collected on your curb this weekend. Items placed or left on the curb after November 7 will be subject to fines and citations.

For more information, visit the [Bulky Waste](#) page.



HURRICANE HELENE

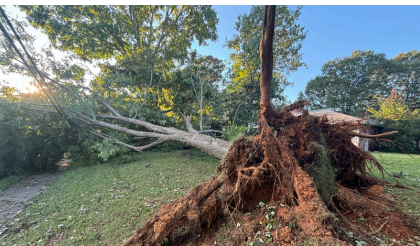
This special section features information related to the storm, as well as the recovery and relief efforts that followed.

Storm Causes Extensive Damage

Many communities in North Carolina experienced extensive damage due to the storm that occurred on Friday, September 27. Our area was impacted by flooding, fallen trees, downed power lines, and storm debris.



The storm caused widespread power outages across our area, and as a result, a number of City of Shelby electric customers were impacted by power outages.



City of Shelby crews from the Electric, Natural Gas, and Public Works Departments immediately responded to assess the damage, begin the process of restoring power to our customers, and clear roads that were blocked by downed trees and power lines.



We would like to express our gratitude to the **#PublicPower** agencies from the Town of Clayton, the City of Rocky Mount, the Town of Wake Forest, the City of High Point, and the City of Wilson for their assistance during our recovery efforts.



First Broad River Trail



The First Broad River Trail has been temporarily closed to the public due to damage caused to the suspension bridge by the recent storm. A timeline for repair and re-opening of the trail has not yet been determined at this time. Monitor the First Broad River Trail page for updates.

Storm Debris Removal



Due to the significant volume of debris to be removed following the storm, the City of Shelby has opted to participate in a prepositioned debris removal contract to be administered by Cleveland County.

These contracts are put in place by NC Emergency Management to properly procure and preposition disaster debris removal and monitoring that can be activated through the County in the event of a widespread local disaster.

Funding for these contracts is provided through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement process. This Federal, State, and Local process should enable debris removal in a much more timely and efficient manner.

For detailed information and a complete list of debris removal guidelines to follow, [click here](#).

Assisting Western NC Communities

In the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, teams from the City of Shelby's Fire and Rescue and Public Works Departments were deployed to assist with disaster relief efforts in Western North Carolina.

These efforts included operational support and humanitarian aid to areas that were devastated by the storm.



An industrial site on Randolph Road in Shelby became the headquarters for a partnership between the City of Shelby, Cleveland County, and United Way Cleveland County to collect and distribute humanitarian aid to our community as well as communities in Western North Carolina.

We would like to thank the many businesses, churches, organizations, agencies, individuals, groups, and families that donated much needed supplies for our community and Western North Carolina, and for the tireless work of all who volunteered to help at the donation site.



Donated Items for Western North Carolina

The City of Shelby's Police Department partnered with Road to Hope to collect donated supplies for Madison County in Western North Carolina. A fully loaded enclosed trailer with food, water, Gatorade, clothes, shoes, baby needs, paper products, and much more was delivered.



The City of Shelby's Fire and Rescue Department also delivered a fully loaded trailer of donated supplies to Buncombe County in Western North Carolina. In total, 8 pallets of Gatorade, 35 cases of toilet paper, 35 cases of paper towels, multiple boxes of diapers and baby wipes, boxes of non-perishable food, and many more items were delivered.

