

October 23, 2017 Member Meeting Minutes
Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce

The Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce serves to promote a positive business environment as a voice and resource in partnership with business, education, agriculture, civic and community organizations throughout Shelby and Toole County.

Members present: Doug Fender, Cheri Hirst, Lorette Carter, Cindy Combs, Mike O'Brien and Brent Madrid

REPORTS:

City of Shelby

- Monday, October 23, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Shelby High School Auditorium, former NFL player and inspirational speaker, Brandon Bair, will be sharing his life story. Brandon, through his affiliation with Life of an Athlete, has spoken to thousands of people about empowerment and factors that can influence mental and physical performance. Factors such as diet, sleep, stress, alcohol and marijuana are all lifestyle choices that can hold you back from success. Thanks to funding from the MT Dept. of Transportation and the coordinating efforts of the City of Shelby-Toole County Transportation Safety Committee, the community will be treated to an engaging and informative evening; we encourage young and old alike to take advantage of this free opportunity. He will speak to Shelby Junior and Senior High students and North Toole County students at 1:15 pm on Tuesday, October 24th as part of Red Ribbon Week.
- The Shelby Recycling Association has been approached by Steel Etc. of Great Falls to place a paper trailer back in Shelby. The trailer is now located at the recycling site. The bin will be accessed from the back door, with people stacking paper and newspaper toward the front of the trailer. No strings twine or plastic bags are allowed as the load must be clean for bailing.
- A new grant opportunity is now available from the Montana State Parks for accessible playground equipment for the playground on the old Bitterroot school property.
- The Toole County Combined Fund Drive brochure will be in the mail in the next week or so. Please consider a contribution to the 23 worthwhile organizations represented in the Fund Drive.

Marias Medical Center/Heritage Center

- "Bingo or Bust" will be held on Oct. 27 at the Civic Center from 6 - 9 pm. Snack will be provided and drinks will be available for purchase. Funds raised will go to the Marias Medical Infusion Center. (See attachment for more info)

CoreCivic Safety

- Warden Fender has been offered a position with CoreCivic in Indianapolis and he has accepted it and will be transferred to that location in mid November.

Merchants Association

- At the October 17 meeting the upcoming "Making Spirits Bright" holiday season was discussed. The following activities were discussed:

- Shop Small Saturday on Nov. 26 will feature “Browse & Brunch” with Breakfast Bites at participating businesses.
- Christmas Stroll on December 3 with music selections at various businesses. Table tents will be in area restaurants with more details. The chili feed will be at The Griddle from 3 to 5 pm.
- Dec. 3 – 9. “Christmas Cash” will be introduced on the day of the Christmas Stroll, and will run through December 9. Shoppers will receive tickets for making purchases and winners will be drawn from these tickets and receive Shelby Script money.
- Family Fun Weekend on Dec 16-17 will feature hay rides, free kids’ matinee, and fun treats and contests on Saturday and a classic movie on Sunday.
- Last Chance Christmas Dash is the weekend of December 22-23. Some businesses will have extended hours in the final days before Christmas.

OLD BUSINESS:

2018 Coupon Book is being finalized and will go to print soon. The goal is to have them available for sale on November 1.

Central MT Planner The final draft for the Shelby page in 2018 Central MT Planner needs to be ready and submitted by Oct. 31.

Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, October 30 at Ten Pin Alley. A President’s report, Executive Director’s report and Chamber income and expense report will be given.

NEW BUSINESS:

2018 Chamber After Hours openings- The only dates spoken for in 2018 for Chamber After Hours is Oct at Marias River Electric in October and the Comfort Inn for December. If any business is interested in hosting this event at their business please call or email the Chamber office. This event is very popular within the Shelby community. Minimum attendance is about 25 to 35 and is a great way to let community know about your business for a minimum of cost.

Open Forum:

CoreCivic is hosting a FREE tailgating barbeque at 11 am in Aronow Park on Saturday, October 28 prior to the Shelby Coyotes football playoff game.

Nea Rice volunteered to be Santa’s helper elf at the chili feed during the Christmas Stroll.

Meeting adjourned. Reported by Audie Bancroft.

Featured Coupon from the new 2017 Chamber Bonus Book:

**Best Western Shelby Inn & Suites- 20% of a double queen room for 1 night
(Upon availability)**

**Buy a Chamber Bonus Coupon Book at Chamber office, Larson Clothing,
Spa 30 & Boutique**