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**SHELBY COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES ANNOUNCE “CELEBRATE SHELBY,”
HONORING COUNTY BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY ON NOVEMBER 24th**

FREE FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT TO TAKE PLACE AT SHELBY FARMS AND FEATURE THE UNIQUE SPIRIT OF
EVERY MUNICIPALITY ACROSS SHELBY COUNTY

Memphis, TN – Friday October 25th, Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris, Shelby County Commission Chairman Mark Billingsley Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland, Germantown Mayor Mike Palazzolo, Bartlett Mayor Keith McDonald, Collierville Mayor Stan Joyner, Arlington Mayor Mike Wissman, Millington Mayor Terry Jones, and Lakeland Mayor Mike Cunningham announced “Celebrate Shelby,” the celebration for Shelby County’s 200th anniversary. On November 24th, each municipality and Shelby County will welcome all residents to come together for a day-long celebration. The event will honor Memphis, Germantown, Bartlett, Collierville, Arlington, Millington and Lakeland. This will be a memorable, free to the public birthday party for Shelby County. The theme for Celebrate Shelby is “A New Century of Possibilities.”

Celebrate Shelby is a free, family-oriented event that bookends the year-long bicentennial celebration of our community. More than a birthday party, it’s a moment to reflect on what the past 200 years have brought in Shelby County and what the next 200 years will bring. Produced by the Memphis In May International Festival, the event will feature live music on the T-Mobile Stage, fireworks, food trucks, family activities and more, honoring the unique spirit each municipality brings to our diverse community.

“I encourage all to join us as we honor our 200-year history and embrace the possibilities of our next century,” says Mayor Lee Harris. “What began as a rural farming center with about 300

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residents has grown to encompass seven municipalities and serve over 900,000 residents. That is worthy of a celebration.”

“The County Commission has gladly worked with all seven municipalities. We have seen great growth and development throughout our community over the past 200 years. We are excited about how far we’ve come and even more, how far we can go,” says Shelby County Commission Chairman Mark Billingsley.

“From music to food, civil rights to science, Memphis has proudly changed the world and we’re not done yet,” said Mayor Strickland, City of Memphis. “We are proud to stand with all our partners across Shelby County as we honor this powerful moment and support a new generation of change-makers embracing our great legacy of innovation, culture and service. It is the unique soul of our community and what inspires us to change the world yet again.”

“The City of Germantown is looking forward to celebrating the bicentennial of Shelby County. Germantown is a community that brings innovation and creativity to Shelby County,” says Mayor Mike Palazzolo. “Shelby County is a very special County and we are excited to play our part for the next 200 years.”

"The Town of Collierville is honored to be one of seven great municipalities in Shelby County celebrating our region's rich history and bright future together. Shelby County grew and developed significantly over the past 200 years, and we are looking forward to discovering what the new century will bring to our communities," said Stan Joyner, Mayor of the Town of Collierville.

“As the geographical center of Shelby County, Bartlett is happy to be a part of the celebration recognizing the 200th anniversary of our county,” says Mayor Keith McDonald of Bartlett.

“The Town of Arlington is excited to celebrate the bicentennial of Shelby County. Arlington has seen significant of growth for the past 100 years and plans to continue moving forward making Arlington a great place to live,” says Arlington Mayor, Mike Wissman.

“Millington is honored to be one of the municipalities to share in the celebration of Shelby County’s Bicentennial,” says Mayor Terry Jones. “Maintaining that small town feeling with baseball, goats, and the opportunity to host an active duty military base for over 100 years, we are excited about what the future holds for every community in Shelby County.”

For more information on the free event, visit www.CelebrateShelby.com.

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Hyde Lake, Shelby Farms Park

Gates: 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm

**FIREWORKS
FREE EVENT
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
FOOD TRUCKS
PETTING ZOO
FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN**

Entertainment featuring Marcella & Her Lovers, Kevin and Bethany Page and a Fireworks Finale!

Celebrate the Bicentennial of Shelby County on Sunday, November 24 with a free, family-friendly event at Shelby Farms, the urban park that's the jewel of Shelby County.

The best of **Memphis, Germantown, Bartlett, Collierville, Arlington, Millington and Lakeland** will be on hand for this county-wide birthday party (complete with cake!), and visitors can enjoy a few exciting surprises to end the celebration with a "bang!"

Be sure to visit each community area to discover more about the cities and towns that make Shelby County great as we Celebrate 200 Years and a New Century of Possibilities!



www.memphisinmay.org/events/celebrate-shelby/