

Village

OF SHERMAN

Welcome Spring!

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR BEING PREPARED FOR A DISASTER

Feel safe but be prepared. That's what your Village Board and administrators want for everyone who lives here. A low crime rate and outstanding first responders cannot prevent weather emergencies. We

also live near a major interstate, planes fly overhead on their approach to the Springfield airport, and busy rails run right through our peaceful community.

All of these important drivers of commerce come with risk. We know that. We prepare for that. In fact, we may be the most prepared community in Sangamon County outside Springfield. But we don't do it alone. We partner with multiple agencies and we depend on our residents to do their part to prepare for a disaster.

That's why we are devoting this issue of the newsletter to Sherman's emergency management operation. It's extensive and it's impressive. I strongly encourage you to read about what we are doing but, also, what YOU can do to keep your family safe. This is not about being afraid. It is about being prepared.



Photo credit: State Journal-Register

Brrrr! Sherman Elementary teachers braved the icy cold water of Lake Springfield on March 3 to raise money for Special Olympics.

TEACHING TO GIVE BACK



Hurray for all the students who raised \$100 or more! They earned the right to "pie" their teachers.

Together, teachers and students raised an astounding \$22,000 for Special Olympics by participating in the recent Polar Plunge (teachers) and Sherman Jump fundraiser (students). That's no small amount for a school our size. All were required to gather pledges, and generous family, friends and neighbors came through.

Congratulations to Sherman Elementary on a successful fundraiser and a great lesson on generosity and compassion.

On any day of the week, I can't say enough good things about the educators at Sherman Elementary. Now, I get to call them bona fide super heroes, along with their students.

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CONGRATS TO THE FIRST GRADE CLASSES!

The Hall Decoration contest at Sherman Elementary was won by the school's 6 and 7 year olds and their teachers Ms. Held, Ms. Bonner, Ms. Buttry, Ms. Moffit and Mr. Weller. They turned the hall green with paper frogs and our own Willie the Frog, who hopped over to help the kids win the coveted School Spirit Award!

WHAT THE VILLAGE DOES



SHERMAN EARNS SANGAMON COUNTY'S ONLY "STORM-READY" DESIGNATION

Picture this. The sky darkens. The wind picks up. A storm is bearing down on Sherman and you and your family finally head to the basement to hunker down. By then, Sherman Emergency Management Agency Director Mike Moos has already been on the job for hours, communicating with the National Weather Service, keeping Mayor Trevor Clatfelter updated, and monitoring countless screens with up to the minute information.



Sherman Emergency Operations Center

As the storm becomes dangerous, Mayor Trevor Clatfelter declares an emergency and arrives at the Center, and triggers an intricate plan that activates first responders, volunteer spotters, Village administrators and Public Works Department, and the Emergency Operations Center, located in the lower level of the Police Department.

"We start watching it when it hits the Mississippi River and that's based on a pattern of storms coming from that direction," said Mike Moos. "We coordinate with the County's



Mike Moos

office of Emergency Management. When the storm gets closer, an elert (electronic alerting system) goes out to residents who signed up for it. The sirens are only sounded when a warning comes directly from the National Weather Service."

Moos said extensive, carefully developed and rehearsed pre-action plans dictate protocol for who to call in and when, and where to direct resources.

Those plans also identify where utilities are in case of outages, list all radio frequencies needed to communicate, list all designated shelters in Sherman in case evacuation or equipment staging is needed. The plans also address vulnerable populations who may need extra assistance, such as The Villas, or the school.

"We think we're as prepared as we can be, whether it's a tornado, snow storm, train derailment, hazmat situation, or something else," said Moos. "But we stay flexible, and know that if we need to call for help from our neighboring responders, we won't hesitate."

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR ELERT

Go to www.shermanil.org

Click on Subscribe (left side)

Click on elert community alerts

Click on Sign up here

DID YOU KNOW?

- Sherman is one of the only communities in Sangamon County to have a full-fledged Emergency Management Agency and the ONLY community outside of Springfield and the County itself to maintain an Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
- Sherman has an Emergency Operations Plan that provides guidance but also a mechanism for pre-planning for disasters by the Mayor, Village Board and administration, police, public works, fire district, 9-1-1, and mutual aid partners including Williamsville and the Illinois State Police.
- Sherman responders and staff train and the EMA conducts drills for multiple scenarios, including crowd protection and weather emergencies at Village events such as the July 4th Fireworks Show at Waldrop Park.
- During threatening weather, the EMA activates a team of amateur ham radio operators who have been trained and are deployed outside Sherman to report on incoming weather. Police and fire personnel also double as weather-spotters in an emergency.
- The Village secured a grant to provide weather radios for public buildings.
- Village staff track every penny spent during disaster response to ensure costs are calculated into the county/state formulas for eligible reimbursement.
- Equipping the EOC was achieved by shrewd shopping – military grade generator and weather station; and generous donors – TV monitors (Gopal Reddy and Aaron's rentals), computers & printers (State Farm), 25' radio tower (Sherman police), and painting of the tower (1 Stop Auto Shop).

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

Be Ready Sherman!

1 Have an Emergency Supply Kit
At Home • In Your Vehicle • At Work

2 Have a Family Communications Plan
Know When to Go • Where to Meet • Have a Communications Plan

3 Be Informed
Have a Weather Radio • Learn First-Aid • www.ready.illinois.gov



Sherman Emergency Management Agency
For more information contact Sherman EMA at 496-2621 or mmoos@shermanil.org

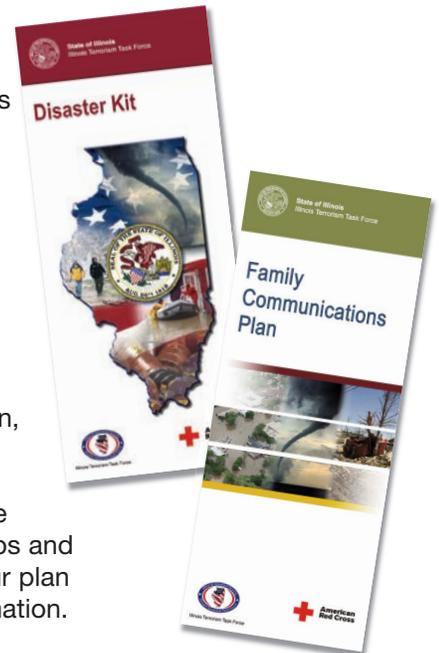


WHAT GOES IN AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT?

Keep the items you would most likely need during an evacuation in an easy-to-carry container such as a camping backpack or a duffle bag. You may need them in a “shelter at home” situation, too.

Find the list of suggested items under the categories of food, water, first aid kit and medicine, tools and sanitation supplies on the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) website: www.state.il.us/iema

It’s important to have a family communication plan, too, in case a disaster happens while you are separated. IEMA’s website has a handy guide with tips and a place to write down your plan and record contact information.



STAY INFORMED Before, During & After an Emergency

Service	What Is It?	How Do I Get It?
 <p>NOAA All-Hazard Radio (Weather Radio)</p>	<p>The most reliable source for comprehensive weather and other emergency information, including natural, environmental and public safety. An All-Hazard Radio receiver is a very inexpensive and the single preparedness item that every household should have, make sure to add one to your kit today!</p>	<p>Available at your local retail store (Walgreens, Wal-Mart, etc.)</p>
 <p>Sherman eLert</p>	<p>Free community alerting service via text and email. Sign up on the Village website at www.shermanil.org.</p>	<p>www.shermanil.org</p>
 <p>Text Alerts</p>	<p>The National Weather Service maintains a list of providers that can send out severe weather & other emergency alerts via text. Most of the services are free; stay informed when on the go!</p>	<p>www.weather.gov/subscribe</p>

LEGACY TREE PLANTING PROGRAM ANNOUNCED FOR NEW PARK

In partnership with the Village of Sherman, the organization of Sherman M.O.V.E. sparked a frenzy of interest with its initial planting of trees in the medians of Sherman Boulevard. With the generous donation from the Villas and a local resident (who wishes to remain anonymous), the tree planting was expanded along the Boulevard and into the new Park. Now, many residents and local businesses want to know how they can be a part of this project.

Sherman M.O.V.E., in conjunction with the Village of Sherman, is pleased to announce its “Legacy Tree Program”. Similar to that of the current park bench donation program, the Legacy Tree Program offers a chance to purchase a 3”-4” diameter tree with a personal inscription plaque placed near the tree. The cost of each tree and plaque is \$350. A limited number of trees will be placed on a first paid basis. Please contact Lorri Bandy (Lbandy22@gmail.com) or visit the Sherman M.O.V.E. Facebook page for an application, or pick one up at the Village Hall Administrative Offices, 401 St. John’s Drive, Sherman, IL.



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WARM AND WELCOMING SHERMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Have you been to the Library lately? The hundreds of books available just touch the surface of what is offered at NO CHARGE. Did you know you can check out video games, audiobooks, e-books, e-audiobooks, music, dvds, and blu-ray videos?

“We strive to get the most recent and popular movies and TV series, such as Game of Thrones, Homeland, and This is Us,” said Rachel Kocis, Library director. “And if we don’t have it, we can place holds or request materials to be delivered from all over the state.”

In addition to checking out materials, the Library offers many monthly programs for all ages, including story time every Monday at 10:30 a.m., craft nights, and history lectures. You can also get faxing, printing, and scanning services, as well as free Notary services and free Wi-fi. The Library has seven public access computers. To sign up for a free library card, you must reside within the Library District boundaries. Bring a piece of mail with your current address and a photo id to sign up.



Congratulations to the Williamsville High School Scholastic Bowl team that won the 2018 Class 1A State Championship!



Congratulations to WHS senior Casey Tuttle, who won a national online voting contest to compete in a 3-point competition during the NCAA Final Four games.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Village Board Meeting Rescheduled for **Tuesday, April 10** (from April 3) • 6 p.m. • Village Hall
- Tuesday, April 3** • Village Limb Pick-up Begins • Details at www.shermanil.org
- Tuesday, April 17** • Village Board Meeting • 6 p.m. • Village Hall
- REMINDER - April 27-28** • Village Wide Garage Sales
- REMINDER - Saturday, May 5** • Village Clean-Up Day • 8-11 a.m. • Waldrop Park