

# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

**HOT SUMMER NIGHTS IN SHERMAN** 

We have two major concerts and a movie night in the books already and we're just getting started.
Welcome. Summer 2019!

It was great to see hometown

favorite Kelsey Hickman and her band again, along with the Natu Band on June 1, followed by the return of Parrots in the Park with The Boat Drunks for a tropical tribute to Jimmy Buffett's music.



The impromptu dance parties taking place in front of the Amphitheater stage both nights were a delight to watch, reminding us once again how wonderful it is to have this

exquisite venue. Did you like our festive new garden lights strung from stage to sound booth?

This is only the beginning of the season! Check out the rest of our concerts and events on page 3, but also keep an eye on the website for new events, or any changes. Whatever the forecast, we don't cancel unless it's crystal



clear that the weather won't clear up. Always check first if you have a question. See you in the Park!

#### **BOARD ACTION**

The Public Works department is tackling a long list of prioritized road improvements given the green light by the Board. That work will continue through the Fall until the weather prevents further work until Spring. Please drive carefully around our work zones and when Village vehicles are doing maintenance on landscaping or other projects.

The Board is also making progress on the Route 66/Veterans Memorial Wayside Park. We have selected a Park Committee to begin formulating designs, plans, and funding opportunities so redevelopment can get underway as soon as possible.

Board members Kim Rockford and Pam Gray will lead this committee, with administrative support from City Manager Mike Stratton. We appreciate the expertise of the citizen volunteers, too - Ditmar Walker of the Route 66 Cruisers Car Club, and Geoff Ladd, Assistant Director of the Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway.

To have historic Route 66 running through our Village is a privilege and an opportunity. We will keep you posted on the project's progress.

#### THANKS, SHERMAN M.O.V.E.!

The latest masterpiece for Sherman M.O.V.E. and the Village Administration is at the corner of Sherman Blvd. and Andrew Road, in front of Seaney's Produce Market. Thank you to all of the



great volunteers! You truly make our Village exceptional!





### COME FOR THE ICE CREAM, STAY FOR THE BARBERSHOP

#### THE LAND OF LINCOLN CHORUS PERFORMS ALL SUMMER IN SHERMAN

The 38 musicians come from Litchfield, Jacksonville, Decatur, Taylorville, Lincoln, Springfield, and points in between. They are all male, all ages and from a myriad of professions, although most proudly carry the title of "Retired" these days. What they have in common is a love of Barbershop and a cappella music.

"Most of us just sang in high school or college, nothing professional, although some of our members have been performing for 35 to 40 years," said John Rigg, a retired school administrator, and six-year Chorus member. "We hold no auditions, in fact, unless you're completely tone-deaf, we welcome you to join."

Be prepared to practice, though. Chorus members get together every Tuesday night, 7 – 9:30 p.m., although the social aspect of these practices is as important as the music.

"With barbershop, there is no music in front of you during the performance," said Rigg. "Every song, every harmony, must be memorized. We can sometimes do up to 20 songs during a performance."

Not surprisingly, this affable group with its wholesome repertoire is in high demand. They have a solid schedule of performances every year, mostly at area festivals and fairs, assisted living facilities, and retirement ceremonies, but are also the opening act for theater productions, send quartets to roam the Illinois State Fair, and even do singing Valentines. They especially love Christmas shows and benefits, such as the one scheduled for a local food pantry in July.

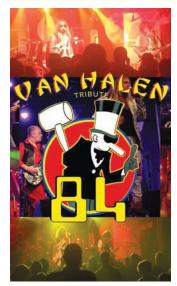
Rigg, who fell in love with barbershop decades ago after seeing The Music Man, said the group is encouraged by the recent influx of younger a cappella performers. He said they add a fresh, even edgy, feel to performances and will help ensure the lasting appeal of harmony. "Are we perfect?" said Rigg. "No, but we love what we do. And we're having fun."

Catch the Sherman performances this summer at Village Park Amphitheater. Did we mention there will be ice cream?

### **2019 SUMMER EVENTS**

### JUNE

- 28 6-11pm A Shot of Country featuring Dave Fenley, Drew Cooper, Natu Band, Poor Farm Road Village Park Amphitheater
- 29 Dusk (9pm) Green Dodge Outdoor Family Movie Series Wreck-It Ralph 2 Village Park Amphitheater



### **JULY**

- 4 Dusk (9pm) Annual Sherman Fireworks Spectacular Waldrop Park
- 6 6-10pm "84" A Tribute to Van Halen with Unchained Village Park Amphitheater
- 20 11am-5pm Noonan's Grand Rental Center Bounce House Festival Village Park
- 25 7-10pm Captain Geech & The Shrimp Shack Shooters Village Park Amphitheater
- 27 Dusk (9pm) Green Dodge Family Movie Series Wonder Park Village Park Amphitheater
- 28 5pm Land of Lincoln Chorus & Ice Cream Social Village Park Amphitheater

### **AUGUST**

- 2 6-10pm Concert Series-Lazy Bones (70s & 80s music) Village Park Amphitheater
- 24 Dusk (9pm) Green Dodge Family Movie Series Dumbo Village Park Amphitheater
- 25 5pm Land of Lincoln Chorus & Ice Cream Social Village Park Amphitheater
- 31 6-10pm Too White Crew 90s Hip Hop Band with FUN DMC Village Park Amphitheater

### **SEPTEMBER**

- 6 -10pm John Byrne Band (Celtic) with St. Andrew's Pipes & Drums Village Park Amphitheater
- 13 6-10pm Hair Banger Ball Band with Phantom Lordz Village Park Amphitheater
- 22 Noon-3pm "Go Fly a Kite" Kite Flying Festival Village Park

We're not done! We are still scheduling events for summer and fall. Keep up to date on all event details, times, changes and additions. Follow us on Facebook at shermanil.org, or visit www.shermanil.org. Seeking volunteers for Summer Events!

Call Village Hall at 217-496-2621 or email





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#### SHERMAN JOINS ILLINOIS FLOOD FIGHT TO ASSIST COMMUNITIES



Volunteers from the Village of Sherman and Sherman Fire Protection District were among the first to arrive to areas affected by some of the worst flooding in recent Illinois history. Mike Moos, Sherman's Emergency Management Agency Director, volunteers for the Red Cross and was deployed to the State Unified Area Command Post to coordinate Red Cross forward command activities as a non-governmental partner with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

Sherman Fire had numerous missions assisting throughout the flooded regions, too, providing resources and EMS protection through its association with the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS). A big thanks to Mike Moos, Fire Chief Todd Masterhan, and all the volunteer firemen/EMTs for their dedication: Deputy Chief Jake Dukett, Captain Shelby Bosie, Troy Sanderfield, Travis Smith, Casey Hansel, Andrew Dunlevy, Morgan Flynn, Alex Johnson, and Daniel Meyer.



#### HEALTH KIDS RUNNING SERIES

Fall 2019 Williamsville, IL Sun., September 8 -Sun., October 20

For registration and details: Facebook @HKRSWilliamsville



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Saturday, June 29 • Movie in the Park – Wreck-It Ralph 2 • Dusk 9pm • Village Park
Thursday, July 4 • Happy Birthday America! Fireworks • Dusk • Waldrop Park
Saturday, July 6 • Concert Series – "84" Tribute to Van Halen w/ Unchained • 6–10pm • Village Park
Tuesday, July 9 & July 23 • Village Board Meeting • 6pm • Village Hall
Sat., July 20 • Noonan's Grand Rental Center Bounce House Festival • 11am–5pm • Village Park
Thursday, July 25 • Captain Geech & The Shrimp Shack Shooters • 7 - 10pm • Village Park