

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

VILLAGE PROPERTY TAX RATE LOWEST AMONG AREA COMMUNITIES

If you're feeling a little grumpy right now, you're not alone. According to the latest census, almost all of us in Sherman are homeowners. That means we all just paid our last

installment of property taxes for the year.

Full breakdowns of the tax bills for residents in the two primary townships that cover Sherman are on page two. A reminder that all of those categories represent services that contribute to the standard of living that makes Sherman the great community it is, and keep our home values high.

That includes the small portion that comes back to the Village of Sherman for operations – less than 2% of the total tax bill, or about \$127 a year for a home valued at \$200,000.

SHERMAN CENSUS

Year	Population
1990	2,080
2000	2,871
2010	4,148
2017	4,701*

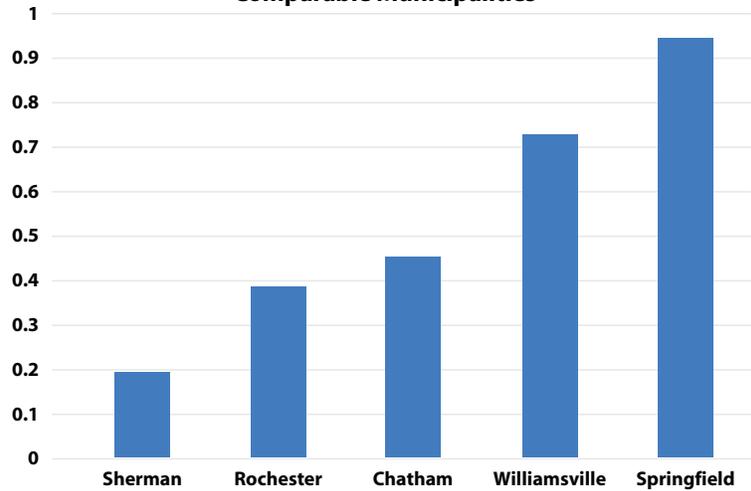
*Estimated US Census Bureau

We work hard to keep that rate as low as possible and are proud of how we stack up against the other comparable communities in Sangamon County. Not only is our Village tax levy the lowest, but when you compare all taxing bodies together, Sherman is STILL the lowest.

Break it down and you are paying between \$10 - \$25 per month for Village services for homes valued at \$150,000 - \$400,000. That's about 33 - 84-cents per day, less than the price of a cup of coffee. So, what does that fund?

- Highly Trained and Equipped Police Protection
- State of the Art Emergency Management Center with highly trained Director
- Public Works department to manage the day to day maintenance and repair of roads, drainage, sewer, sidewalks, mowing, limb pick up and much more
- Professional Administrative Staff to oversee all Village Business, including Budget, HR, and Community Event Planning
- Professional Economic Development Team to implement planning and development which has produced a major grocery store, Walgreens and much much more

2018 Property Tax Levy for Village Operations Comparable Municipalities



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- Professionally Trained Staff to implement comprehensive planning and development of Parks and Recreation
- Special Services - Semi Annual Village Wide Garage Sales, Annual Clean Up Day, Branch Pickup Program and more
- Recreational activities and events – such as car shows, concerts, movie nights, festive light pole banners, July 4th fireworks, holiday tree decorating and children's Christmas party

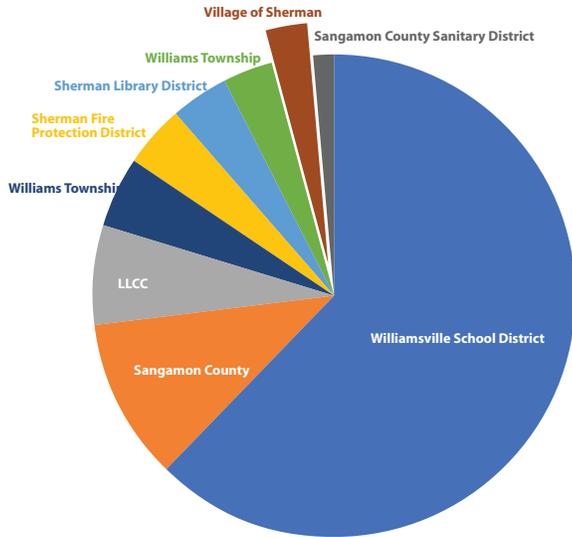
We are fortunate to have a growing business tax base to take some of the pressure off homeowners. But Sherman is growing, and more residents means more first responders, more maintenance and services, and so on.

It takes sound financial management and economic planning to make the Village budget work. I want you to know that your administration looks at every penny we spend with an eye toward living within our means and keeping the tax rate low, while continuing to grow the services, conveniences, and amenities that residents demand.

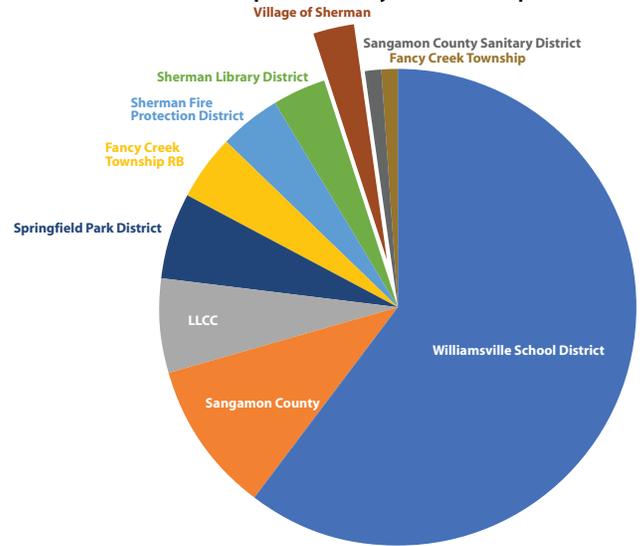
It takes work. But it's oh, so worth it. Happy fall, everyone!

KNOW THE BREAKDOWN OF YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILL

Properties in Williams Township



Properties in Fancy Creek Township



	Tax levy rate	Property Values (excludes exemptions)*		
		\$150,00	\$200,000	\$400,000
Williamsville School District	4.477900%	2,239	2,985.27	5,970.53
Sangamon County	0.7583	379	505.53	1,011.07
LLCC	0.488400	244	325.60	651.20
Williams Township RB	0.338000	169	225.33	450.67
Sherman Fire Protection District	0.303600	152	202.40	404.80
Sherman Library District	0.271900	136	181.27	362.53
Williams Township	0.242000	121	161.33	322.67
Village of Sherman	0.191000	96	127.33	254.67
Sang. Co. Sanitary District	0.095900	48	63.93	127.87

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Springfield Park District	0.430900	215	287.27	574.53
Fancy Creek Township RB	0.333900	167	222.60	445.20
Sherman Fire Protection District	0.303600	152	202.40	404.80
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Sang. Co. Sanitary District	0.095900	48	63.93	127.87
Fancy Creek Township	0.069000	35	46	92

*information from the Sangamon County Assessors and Clerks Office 2018

MOVIE IN THE PARK • FERDINAND • ANOTHER SUCCESS!



WELCOME HOME, KELSEY HICKMAN!

NASHVILLE STAR RETURNS FOR SEPTEMBER 29 CONCERT AT VILLAGE PARK



Kelsey Hickman with Longmeyer Band
Saturday, September 29
Village Park Amphitheater
Gates Open at 6pm \$10 Gate Fee

These days, she performs at the iconic Nashville honky-tonk, Tootsie's Orchid Lounge, but locals remember a talented, fresh-faced 16 year-old who launched her career fronting the country cover band Still Kickin'.

That was a decade ago. The 2010 WHS graduate and Sherman native has been in Nashville for five years now, writing music and performing at the historical landmark venue on the same stage that has showcased Charlie Pride, Garth Brooks, Luke Bryan, and others.

She returns home with her band on September 29 to perform at the Amphitheater. While mom (and manager) Lori lives nearby in Tennessee, Kelsey said she is eager to be home and see dad Ron Hickman, and to make a quick visit to a favorite pizza place that used to employ her.

"I am really looking forward to that food at Sam's Too!" said Kelsey, with a laugh. "I want a pan of that rigatoni."

While most people who follow Kelsey's career know about her hit single "Gone" two years ago, many don't realize the years of hard work and luck it took to get there.

"When I moved to Nashville, I just started going to honky-tonks all over town to ask for shifts," said Kelsey. "I went into Tootsie's and they said 'Yeah, here are some shifts', and that's really how it started."

The shifts were 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., then she said she would go home and sleep, and return to sing 10 p.m. – 2 a.m. five days a week. It was grueling, but she kept writing music and dreaming of an album.

Then, one day she sent an email to Kurt Wells, the producer and guitar player for Dolly Parton. He emailed her back.

"I was, like 'Whaaat?'" said Kelsey. "He agreed to help and I can't believe how fortunate I was. With their vision and experience, my single was released and they also helped me promote it."

"Gone" landed on the Music Row Top 100. The success changed things, moving Kelsey off the split shifts at Tootsie's and into the prime Friday-Saturday-Sunday 6 – 10 p.m. slots. In addition, mom Lori works to book tours and as many events as she can, as Kelsey and her bandmates like to perform on the road.



"Venues are hard to crack, but I was raised to keep going," said Kelsey. "I'm going to keep writing music for an album I hope to release next spring. This is not done yet."

That positive spirit will be on full display September 29 as Sherman opens its arms for a favorite daughter.

"I love it!" said Kelsey. "Being young in that town was so much fun."



"84" A Tribute to Van Halen with After Sunset
Saturday, September 15
Village Park Amphitheater
Gates open at 6pm. \$10 Gate Fee.



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Sean Newton, Public Works Director, uses a backhoe to dredge an area along St. John's Drive to improve drainage.



The Sherman Public Works Department recently installed donated soccer goals and new nets at the Crown Point Park in Crown Point subdivision. A new coat of paint is next.

President Clatfelter and the Village Board of Trustees present

5th Annual Route 66 Car Club Car & Truck Show
with Elvis Himselvis
from noon to 3pm

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Registration at 9am, Judging after noon, Awards at 4pm
Open to the Public

Village Park, 1200 Rail Fence Road, Sherman, IL

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Saturday, September 15** "84" A Van Halen Tribute Band, with After Sunset 7 p.m. Village Amphitheater
- Sunday, September 16** Route 66 Cruisers Event with Elvis Himselvis 11am - 4pm Village Park
- Tuesday, September 18** Village Board Meeting 6 p.m. Village Hall
- Saturday, September 29** Kelsey Hickman with Longmeyer Band 7 p.m. Village Amphitheater