

# Village

OF SHERMAN



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR BUILDING A BETTER SHERMAN, ONE PERMIT AT A TIME

What community doesn't love growth? New homes and businesses signal a healthy economy and declare "This is a place where people want to live".

Sherman is no different. We love new neighbors, and more choice and convenience for goods and services. At the same time, I want you to know that your Village is making sure that growth is managed, and all new structures meet guidelines designed to keep our hometown clean and beautiful.

So, this time, we're devoting the newsletter to a celebration of building, remodeling, change, and growth. Between 2012 and 2017, 125 new single family homes and townhouses/condos have been built here, with a value of almost \$33 million. That's a healthy community!

During the same time period, almost 300 "accessory structures" – pools, home additions, garages, storage sheds, pools, etc. – have been built, based on the number of building permits on file. That's why we're also including in this newsletter a few reminders that there are rules when it comes to those projects, whether you hire a professional or choose to DIY.

If you're planning a project this year, familiarize yourself with the process we have and plan to obtain a building permit. Ordinances are designed to regulate and place controls on property owners to keep Sherman looking exceptional. That

benefits all property values but, more important, makes sure we can be proud of our properties, our neighborhoods, and our community.

**Building permit applications available at [www.shermanil.org](http://www.shermanil.org) Click on "Apply for a building permit" on the left side of the home page.**

It's not all on you, though. Your Village Board and administration is here to help you keep your properties beautiful. On Saturday, May 5, it's the Annual Village Clean-up Day at Waldrop Park. We have also included the schedule for Branch Pick Up, and the list of Open Burning dates in this newsletter.

Did you know May is National Remodeling Month, and June is National Homeownership Month? It's that time of year. Happy building!



**SHERMAN M.O.V.E. "DEDICATE A TREE"**  
A \$350 donation plants and perpetually cares for a tree in Village Park and includes a personalized recognition plaque. Applications at Village Hall, or call 899-3332.



It was a pleasure for the Village Board and I to recognize the Williamsville High School Scholastic Bowl Team at the April 10 board meeting. We are proud of you, 2018 State Champions!

# KEEP SHERMAN LOOKING EXCEPTIONAL!

## BUILDING PERMIT Q & A

### Does my little project need a building permit?

It depends. Any structure of reasonable size or scope that alters your property is subject to inspection and, thus, a building permit process. Village administrators can confirm your need for a permit based on your application.

### Where do I apply for a permit and how much?

Applications are available at the Village Office (401 St. John's Dr.) and on the website: [www.shermanil.org](http://www.shermanil.org) 2018 fees are \$50 per property/request.

### What if my neighborhood has covenants or an HOA?

The application will require the signature of the HOA officer or the Developer before being processed.

### How do I prepare for an inspection and when does that happen?

Builders/Owners must locate and flag property line pins prior to inspection and stake out the area of the project. Once inspected and, if there are no issues, the permit will be issued.

### What happens when the project is complete?

A final inspection must be completed by the Village Zoning Enforcement Officer. If there are no issues, an Occupancy Permit is issued and the process is complete. If there are issues, the Village will work with builder/owner to resolve, and that may include additional fees to cover costs to the Village for mitigation.

### Why are permits needed?

The purpose is to give reasonable assurance that projects are structurally safe, no fire hazards, danger from electrical shock, or health risks. Also, that covenants were observed and the property rights of neighbors were not infringed upon.

### What are the penalties of no building permit?

Failure to obtain a building permit and properly obtained occupancy permit will subject the owner/builder to daily fines (up to \$500 per day) until completed in accordance with the Village Code (ordinance 2013-8, title 9-1-D-2).

## KEY ORDINANCES FOR VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS

*Note: For full ordinance descriptions, visit the Village website – [www.shermanil.org](http://www.shermanil.org)*

### VEHICLES

**Trucks:** It is unlawful to park trucks weighing nine (9) tons or more on streets of the Village except for the purpose of loading or unloading. Commercial vehicles used for travel to and from work must obtain a permit.

**RVs, Campers, Boats, Trailers, etc:** It is unlawful to park any recreational vehicles, buses (20 or more capacity), construction equipment, or trailers of any description or use on any public streets.

#### Abandoned/wrecked/dismantled vehicles:

Considered a nuisance and not allowed on lands within the corporate limits of the village.

**Advertisement of vehicles:** The display and selling of vehicles is not allowed unless it is owned by the resident or family member and it has a current license plate.

### SIGNS

Signs erected on a public right of way or easement must first obtain a permit from the Village. Limitations apply for signs posted on private property as well. Illuminated Signs/Signs with Flashing or Moving Parts are prohibited.

### DECLARED NUISANCES

**Weeds, Garbage, etc.:** Accumulation is unlawful and subject to fines. Weeds and grass growing to a height exceeding eight inches (8") is considered non-compliant.

**Fly-dumping:** Unlawful to cast, place, sweep or deposit any article or substance considered waste anywhere within the jurisdiction of the village, including occupied premises.

**Foreclosed properties:** All properties are placed on a list for on-going inspection by the Zoning Office to assure compliance with Village ordinances and codes.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP



- Be a good neighbor – take care of your properties.
- Cover your garbage cans and make sure recycling doesn't blow all over.
- Report continued nuisance issues to the Village Hall offices.
- Encourage your neighbors to keep their properties tidy and offer a helping hand if necessary.

*We're in this together! It's up to all of us to make Sherman exceptional.*

## LOCAL BUILDERS ENJOY HOT MARKET AT HOME

Sherman-based building contractors Phil Zinn of Zinn Construction and Stephen Brent of Brent Construction Inc. don't limit the projects they take on to just their hometown, but living in one of the hottest housing markets in the area has its benefits.

"I believe in the area," said Zinn, 42, who has been building and remodeling local homes for 15 years. Zinn is raising his own family in Sherman and can talk with authority on the advantages of living here – the strong school system, the services available, the community feel.

He said his clients for new homes in Sherman come from Springfield/Sangamon County and out of state, but said he also works with local families and empty-nesters.

"Some of my custom homes are for older people whose kids are grown but they are not necessarily downsizing," said Zinn.



Phil Zinn



Stephen Brent

Brent, 32, works on numerous jobs within a 30-mile radius but said building in Sherman subdivisions is as close to a sure thing as it gets.

"I've sold everything I've built in Sherman within 2 months," said Brent. "I recently sold a new home in Old Tipton Estates more than 2 months before it was completed."

The overall trend since 2012 has been steady growth for Sherman, which has helped local builders grow, too. At the same time, building contractors know better than most how their fortunes can change, depending on the economy.

Zinn and Brent are like most builders, remaining diverse in their portfolios, with remodeling, new additions, and commercial/light commercial projects an equally important part of their business.

*Phil Zinn – Zinn Construction (217) 496-3112  
Stephen Brent – Brent Construction (217) 415-5698*

## TASTY CAFÉ HITS THE GROUND RUNNING



Owner Frank Bekiri and daughter-in-law Tuta Bekiri

Frank Bekiri has owned and operated 23 other restaurants in his 41 years in the restaurant business. The new Tasty Café at 110 Villa Parkway in Sherman is his 24th. And last, he says. He and his family, currently driving an hour each way from Bloomington seven days a week to operate Tasty Café, are planning to move to Sherman.

"Business is good," said Frank, who has noticed he already has regulars for breakfast and lunch just two months after opening.

Enter the former Ray's Route 66 Diner now and you will see little sign of the nostalgia-themed restaurant of before. The

booths and tables & chairs are all new. The walls are freshly painted with minimal décor.

Just like the establishment's simple, yet descriptive name, the menu is straightforward, featuring traditional fare – eggs, skillet and pancakes for breakfast; burgers, sandwiches, salads, and wraps for lunch, along with a selection of pies. Hours are 6 a.m. – 3 p.m. 7 days a week.

It's strictly a family owned and operated business and it is clear that the Bekiris place an emphasis on personal relationships. Friends alerted Frank to the opportunity opening up. Frank took it from there, approaching Sherman businessman and the building's landlord, Jim Williamson, directly to negotiate. Residents of Williamson's surrounding Villas properties contribute to the healthy customer counts.

Besides Frank, the Bekiris include Frank's wife, known as "Momma", son Ben and daughter-in-law, Tuta. Frank walks from table to table, greeting customers warmly. The plan is to expand Tasty Café's hours to include dinner, although Frank said it will have to wait a bit. At least until the family eliminates the commute.

*Tasty Café is currently open 6 a.m. – 3 p.m. 7 days a week.*





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## Local Postal Customer

### BRANCH & LIMB PICK UP SCHEDULE THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2018

- Place material curbside by 6 a.m.
- Limb size no longer than 8 ft.
- **NO MORE THAN A SMALL TRUCKLOAD.**
- Entire trees not accepted.
- Limbs trimmed by professional service not accepted.
- No grass clippings, leaves, weeds, etc.

#### 1st & 3rd Tues. of month

**WEST** side of Business 55  
Brittin Place  
Flaggland Park  
North Haven  
Parkway/Amherst Drives  
Red Bud Run  
The Rail  
Crown Point  
Lyndale  
Old Tipton Estates  
Rail Estates  
Sebring Road  
Waterford

#### 2nd & 4th Tues. of month

**EAST** side of Business 55  
Birch Lakes  
Brookside Glen  
Golden Pond  
Prairie at Brookside Glen  
Quail Ridge  
Steeplechase  
Brierwood  
Georgetown Oaks  
Original Sherman  
Prairie Lake Estates  
Springlake Estates  
Timberline Estates

### OPEN BURNING OF LANDSCAPE WASTE SCHEDULE THROUGH NOVEMBER 28, 2018

*Note: Landscape waste only. There is a total ban on burning of garbage, grass, litter, construction materials, recyclables, etc.*

**Burning allowed 9 a.m. – sunset only.**

See website for further restrictions: [www.shermanil.org](http://www.shermanil.org)

No open burning authorized during May – August.

Sept. 1-2	Oct. 3	Nov. 3-4
Sept. 5	Oct. 6-7	Nov. 7
Sept. 12	Oct. 10	Nov. 14
Sept. 15-16	Oct. 17	Nov. 17-18
Sept. 19	Oct. 20-21	Nov. 21
Sept. 26	Oct. 24	Nov. 28



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Tuesday, May 1 • Village Board Meeting • 6 p.m. • Village Hall**

**REMINDER - Saturday, May 5 • Annual Clean Up Day • 8 – 11 a.m. Waldrop Park**

**Sunday, May 13 • Happy Mother's Day!**

**Tuesday, May 15 • Village Board Meeting • 6 p.m. Village Hall**

**Monday, May 28 • Memorial Day • Village Offices Closed**