

Village

OF SHERMAN

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2018



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

KEEPING SHERMAN CLEAN AND GREEN

It's the month for shamrocks and leprechauns, and hints of spring, so it's fitting that this issue of the newsletter is dedicated to all things green in Sherman.

Four pages are hardly enough to describe the efforts going on that not only help the environment but beautify our Village. Both increase our property values and enhance the quality of life we value even more.

If you've noticed that there are a LOT more trees gracing our community these days, you're not imagining it. In the past several weeks, trees have been planted in the Sherman Blvd. medians and in the new Village Park and there are more to come. Our kids know that trees absorb carbon dioxide and potentially harmful gasses, such as sulfur dioxide and carbon monoxide, from the air and release oxygen.

Science aside, trees just make a community better - leafy, livable, and beautiful. So do perennial planting beds, which are being installed in the medians that have too many power lines to risk digging too deep. So does landscaping and hard-scaping and recycling, and having a system in place to report violations such as fly-dumping or unsightly yards and lots.

Your Village Board has taken a strong position on creating opportunities to keep our community green and we're proud of that. However, it's not just the Village that is taking leadership on this, it's Sherman residents and businesses that are also making amazing things happen.

I invite you to take a few minutes to read about these efforts. And, as we get ready to mark the 48th Earth Day next month, perhaps think about how to get involved. Helping make Sherman more beautiful will pay off in a healthier, cleaner, and even happier community.

To quote a famous Muppet, **it's good to be green.**



SHERMAN MAYOR TRAVELS TO D.C.

Sherman Mayor Trevor Clatfelter and 44 other mayors from Illinois were invited to the White House on February 22, where they met with senior administration officials to talk about a variety of issues impacting their Illinois cities and towns, including infrastructure, transportation, housing, Veterans' affairs, and school security.

Mayor Trevor Clatfelter on the steps of the White House. (below) Mayor Clatfelter and Springfield Mayor Jim Langfelder in Washington D.C.



Trees being planted in Village Park with assistance from Public Works.

SHERMAN M.O.V.E. CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR

RESIDENTS HAD A VISION TO MAKE OUR VILLAGE EXCEPTIONAL

Lorri Bandy laughs when she points out that, despite a planting frenzy the past few months to turn Sherman green, the organization she chairs has no pictures to share.

“Nothing has had a chance to bloom yet,” said Bandy, the chair of Sherman **M.O.V.E.** “All the trees and perennials were planted after the season. When spring arrives, it will be beautiful.”

Sherman **M.O.V.E.** – Make Our Village Exceptional – turns one year this March and Bandy is proud of what they’ve been able to accomplish with a core group of a dozen volunteers and about 12 more who come out for big projects like weeding the Waldrop Park playground area. She views **M.O.V.E.’s** role as supplementing, with special touches, the work that the Sherman Public Works department does in keeping the Village clean and mowed.



One of three large planters at The Crossing Shopping Center is partially decorated for Spring.

“The Village was key to getting the IDOT approvals we needed for planting the trees on Business 55,” said Bandy. “In fact, everyone at Village Hall bends over backwards to help us whenever we have a good idea.”



M.O.V.E. volunteers keep the planting beds on the Meredith Drive overpass trimmed and weeded.



Over the past few weeks, Oaks, Sugar Maples, and Ivory Silk Lilacs have been planted in Village Park and in the medians. Bandy said it was important to **M.O.V.E.** to source the trees locally and they worked with the Harold Carter tree farm in Williamsville.

“We used donations to purchase trees on the north edge of Sherman Blvd.,” said Bandy. “Then the president of the Villas – Jim Williamson – paid to continue the trees in front of his businesses.”

The Village, with the help of a substantial donation from a generous local donor who wishes to remain anonymous, paid for the tree planting to extend the remaining distance south to the end of the medians.

Bandy said **M.O.V.E.** is just getting started. They are raising money through fun events like the recent, sold-out “Glo Bingo” and are drawing up plans for a Touch And Feel Garden where kids can play on rock structures, touch leaves that feel like caterpillars, and smell fragrant flowers and bushes.

*Interested in getting involved? “Like” Facebook page Sherman **M.O.V.E.** or call Village Hall to volunteer or donate and be a part of Making Our Village Exceptional.*

Sherman Volunteers Make Things Happen!

M.O.V.E. Volunteers

Lorri Bandy, *chair*
Taryn Fickas, *vice-chair*
Joyce Fuiten, *Treasurer*
Erin Greer, *secretary*
Pam Gray

Chris House
Lora Murgatroyd
Carol Philips
Kim Rockford
Nancy Zibutis

VILLAGE TAKES THE LEAD IN THE GREENING OF SHERMAN

Three different waste haulers serve Sherman homeowners and businesses but the goal is not to send everything to the landfill. Quite the opposite, said Mayor Trevor Clatfelter.

“We want to partner with residents and business owners to make this community a clean, safe, environmentally-sustainable place to live,” said Clatfelter. “That means taking some leadership on providing opportunities to be earth-friendly, and the Board is dedicated to doing that.”

Clatfelter said the efforts by the Village are paying off. Tons of discarded material is either collected or recycled in Sherman each year. “That’s tons of waste that doesn’t end up along roadsides or in ditches, or in our treasured parks and wooded areas,” said Clatfelter.

VILLAGE OF SHERMAN – ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

- Village Ordinance requires waste haulers to offer curbside recycling.
- Dedicated green spaces, landscaping throughout Village, and support for park initiatives, such as tree plantings, bike racks, bench installation, walking trails, and more.
- Annual Village Clean Up Day in Waldrop Park – Mark your calendar! This year is May 5, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. *More detail to come.*

In 2017: 23 tons of garbage collected. Nearly 11,000 lbs. of metal collected and recycled. More than 5,700 lbs. of electronics collected and recycled.

- Free Cardboard Recycle Center – excess cardboard not taken by waste haulers can be deposited in designated bins located in the Sherman Library parking lot.

In 2017: 24 tons collected and recycled.

- Free, safe 24-7 disposal of prescriptions and over-the-counter (OTC) medicine at Sherman Police Department building.

In 2017: More than 300 lbs of medicinal waste collected and delivered for safe disposal, keeping RX waste out of water supplies and landfills.



The RX and OTC medicine recycling bin is located at the Sherman Police Department building on Andrew Road. You can deposit 24-7.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- **RECYCLE**
- Don't cash in your aluminum cans, put them in your recycling bin. The aluminum creates the economic sustainability needed to keep free curbside recycling viable.
- Talk to your waste hauler about what can be recycled. Throwing everything in the recycle bin causes contamination in the recycling stream, threatening recycling viability.
- Participate in the Annual Village Clean Up Day in May.
- Don't burn when you can recycle. Keep the air in Sherman clean and fresh.
- Report violations and other problems through the 311 app on your phone – fly-dumping; illegal use of business dumpsters; residential blight; recycle center is full; and other areas of concern.



MARK YOUR APRIL CALENDARS!



VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALE
Friday, April 27
Saturday, April 28

MARK YOUR MAY CALENDARS!



ANNUAL SHERMAN CLEAN-UP DAY
May 5 • 8:00 - 11:00am
Waldrop Park
Details coming soon!

SORRY WE MISSED YOU!

Two businesses were left off the directory in the last issue:
Lloyd IT Services • HSHS Medical – Tolulope Efam, M.D.



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INFO@SHERMANIL.ORG

PRSRST STD
ECRWSS
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
EDDM RETAIL

Local Postal Customer



Scouts and scout leaders get ready to dispose of the results of a Troop 330 trash pick up day in Sherman.

LOCAL BOY SCOUTS TAKE SERVICE COMMITMENT SERIOUSLY

Look around and you can see evidence of Troop 330 just about everywhere. The 15 members of the local Boy Scouts troop – from Tenderfoot to Eagle Scout – have dedicated countless hours over the years to making this community cleaner and greener.

Aged 11 to 17 years, the Scouts tackle earth-friendly projects on a regular basis, as part of their organization’s mission to learn environmental awareness, conservation of natural areas, and improving their communities.

“They learn from these projects that an individual can make a difference,” said Tom Henrikson, Scoutmaster. “They develop skills in leadership, planning, and organizing, and they learn

that being part of a good citizen is giving back to the community.”

Troop 330 projects:

- Bike racks/benches in Ridge Lake Park
- Tree planting in Waldrop Park
- Trash pick up on roadways
- Flower beds planted at Waldrop Park, Route 66 Wayside Park, Sherman Police Department building, Sherman Library, Sherman Village Hall fountain.

SUMC CHILI COOKOFF RAISES FUNDS FOR AREA CHARITIES

Congratulations to the proud winners of the 6th annual



The 2018 Winners! (l-r) Sherman police officers Ryan Howard, Nick Byerline & Sgt. Aaron Entringer.

Sherman United Methodist Church (SUMC) Chili Cookoff – the Sherman Police Department! The officers, despite fierce competition, raised the most “votes” (\$1 bills) for SUMC missions, sending money to various charities in the Springfield area.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tuesday, March 6 • Village Board Meeting • 6 p.m. • Village Hall
- Tuesday, March 20 • Village Board Meeting • 6 p.m. • Village Hall
- Good Friday, March 30 • Village Offices Closed
- Monday, April 3 • Village Limb Pick Up Begins
- April 27-28 • Village Wide Garage Sales