



The Sights and Sounds of Progress

Things may be a little frozen at the moment, but it won't be too long until an ambitious schedule of construction and road work gets underway in our fair Village.

The sounds of progress are welcome sounds! Top of the priority list are the numerous road resurfacing projects we have planned for various subdivisions within the Village.



You'll remember that the Village issued \$2.5 million in bonds for infrastructure improvements in March 2021. Slightly over half a million of that went to fulfill our financial commitment to the shared

funding of the Sherman to Williamsville Bike Trail (now open!). The rest will fix the roads that need it most, with our engineering consulting firm identifying the priorities based on a professional assessment.

When the work begins, please be cautious and slow down on the affected roads and streets.

No Surprises – Your Village Board and Your Tax Dollars at Work

You don't have to attend our twice-a-month Village Board meetings to know what's happening in your hometown (although you are more than welcome!). Between our shermanil.org website, our Facebook page, and this newsletter, we put it all out there for anyone to see.

Maybe 2022 can be the year you learn more about Sherman. Your Village administration and the Board of Trustees do a lot more than just line up great entertainment at Village Park. There are ten full time and 12 part time employees that keep this Village clean, safe, and moving forward.



There is key information detailed online - our spending, our audits, our ordinances, the agenda and, also, the full minutes from every board meeting. Some call it transparency. We call it being accountable to the people who put us here.

Christmastown, USA

Yes, we know it's February, but part of celebrating what's great about Sherman is showing how much fun we have together, especially around the holidays.

So, enjoy the inside photo spreads of the tree lighting,

the Christmas parade, and the Willie the Frog contest from last November and December. You will not see any happier little faces than Sherman's children at Christmas, nor will you read any more adorable letters than those written to Willie the Frog.

Until next time, stay warm. Spring is coming!





PARKS AND RECREATION

Wowza! Waldrop Park Softball Complex coming in 2022



Here's what's coming to Waldrop Park in 2022:

- Addition of a 4th Softball Field
- New Bleachers for the new field
- Extended parking
- Fencing around all four fields
- Raising of all fields to help with water levels
- Posts and shelters over all dugouts
- Water Fountain
- Scoreboard

The improvements, while primarily funded by the Village, represent a happy collaboration with the fast-growing Sherman Area Softball Association (SAS). The SAS teams, who play at the Waldrop fields during summer and fall seasons, have been raising funds, too, and doing their part to clean up the park and sanitize/stock the concession stand.

Thanks to the team fundraising, with support from the Village and the Williamsville Sports Boosters, the 2022 season will also feature a brand new slushy machine, a new warmer to offer additional hot food items, and a new sign outside the concession stand.

The field and concession improvements will create a greatly improved atmosphere for softball in 2022, and future plans are to attract youth softball tournaments to the park.



2022 SOFTBALL SIGN UP

REGISTER ONLINE ON FACEBOOK -SHERMAN AREA SOFTBALL OR REGISTER IN PERSON:

SHERMAN ATHLETIC CLUB

FEBRUARY 12 11 A.M. - 1 P.M. OFFERING T-BALL - 12U

MUST BE 4 YEARS OLD BY 12/31/2021



Plan Ahead to RSVP Park Facilities in 2022

Reserve the Village Park Amphitheater, the three pavilions, or the gazebo, by going online at shermanil.org and clicking on Parks and Recreation under "Community". There is a fee but Sherman residents pay half.

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UPDATE: Village Park Improvements Slated for 2022



Draft rendering of the new entrance to the Village Park Amphitheater.



If it's 2022 (and it is), then that means we are THISCLOSE to breaking ground on the new Splash Park and fencing in Village Park. Funds are secured, Public Health approval is secured. Stay posted on our website – www.shermanil.org – or contact us with questions at info@shermanil.org.

UPDATE: Old Tipton School Road Path to Park

We are ready to go! Weather permitting, the Village will break ground this Spring on the trail extension from Village Park north to the Phase 1 end location – Red Bud Run. Construction is expected to take several weeks.

When finished, the extension will provide a safe route for non-motorized pedestrian traffic along Old Tipton School Road to get to Village Park. Several hundred people living north of the park on that road will soon be able to bike and walk safely off of the busy road.

Funds for the project are provided by the Illinois Motor Fuel Tax fund and grant funds from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development. Phase II will extend the trail extension all the way to St. John's Drive.





Fitness Stations Planned For Village Park

The plan is for eight stations to be installed along the walking/biking trail in Village Park, each station providing a unique piece of equipment to help you stretch, lift, twist, flex, squat, plank, and more.

Watch for the stations to possibly be installed this year.





POLICE, FIRE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Welcome, Officer Luke Hildebrand!



Congratulations to new Sherman Police Officer Luke Hildebrand. Hildebrand, 21, earned an Associates degree from Lincoln Land Community College, and is currently in law enforcement training at Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville, IL. Upon his return from academy training, Hildebrand will be assigned to the department's field training program.

Hildebrand was raised in Springfield, a graduate of Sacred Heart-Griffin High School. He is familiar to the Sherman area, as he has been an active volunteer member of the Sherman Fire Protection District, training and responding to emergencies for the past two years.

EMA: Have An Action Plan for Winter's Bad Weather

Sherman's Emergency Management Agency reminds residents to be prepared for winter snow and ice storms.

- 1. Before traveling, check your vehicle emergency supplies kit and replenish it, if necessary.
- 2. Winterize your vehicle so it is operating normally.
- 3. Check the National Weather Service forecast. If possible, have a weather radio for notifications.
- 4. Check road conditions before traveling. Share your travel plans, including route, with friends or family.
- 5. In your vehicle emergency kit, have enough of the following for each person:
 - Blankets or sleeping bags
 - Battery backup for your mobile phone
 - Rain gear, extra sets of dry clothing, mittens, socks, and wool hats
 - Newspapers for insulation
 - Plastic bags for sanitation
 - Nonperishable foods like nuts, and high energy snacks
 - Several bottles of water
- 6. Plan to travel during daylight and, if possible, don't travel alone.
- 7. Beware of sleet, freezing rain, freezing drizzle, and dense fog.

National Weather Service

www.weather.gov/ilx/weatherstory

American Red Cross Survival Kit Supplies

www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/survival-kit-supplies

Emergency information from the Village

www.shermanil.org/government/emergency-management





NEEDED EMERGENCY VOLUNTEERS



Emergency Management is recruiting volunteers:

- Do you wish to contribute to your community?
- · Can you use a computer?
- · Are you able to take computer-based training?
- · Work at a moment's notice?
- Do you have verbal and written communication skills?
- · Are you looking for something to do?

Then volunteer for Sherman EMA

Check us out at:

WERSITE

WWW.SHERMANIL.ORG/GOVERNMENT/EMERGENCY-MANAGEMENT FACEBOOK:

SHERMAN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Call or Email Director Mike Moos with your questions.

CALL

217.306.1942

EMAIL

mmoos@shermanil.org

WORKING WITH OUR
COMMUNITY TO KEEP IT SAFE



18th Annual Chili Cook-Off

'Mister Chilli Man' Joe DeFrates

Sunday, February 20 Sherman Athletic Club

110 S. 1st St., Sherman
Doors open at 11 am
\$10 per person
For Tickets **217-697-1188** or **217-793-7728**

All U Can Eat Chili, Hot Dogs & Competition Samples Daytona Race on the Big Screen (1:30 pm) Raffle Prizes & 50/50 Drawings. Silent Auction.

Presented by

Ansar Shrine Patrol & Valley of Springfield Scottish RiteProceeds benefit

Shriners Hospital for Children of St. Louis Children's Dyslexia Center of Springfield



Annual Tree Lighting and Christmas Parade









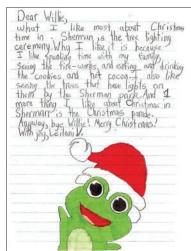




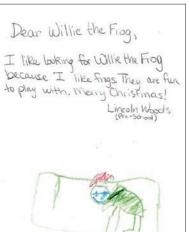


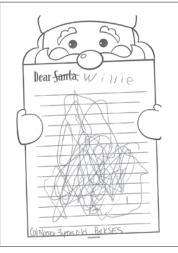
Willie the Frog Contest Grew By Leaps (groan) and Bounds



























ADMINISTRATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



New! Coming in 2022 to the Sherman Website



- Resident Information Packet for new and existing residents. Let's show off our beautiful Village!
- Information on Services Offered in Sherman and how to access them/ contact information
- Local Businesses section
- Up to date Available Spaces/Lots for Commercial Building and Leasing
- Up to date vacant Residential Lots for sale in Sherman
- Up to date available Rentals and Homes for sale in Sherman

www.shermanil.org

Welcome, Jalen Owens!



The Village of Sherman is delighted to introduce our new Government Affairs and Funding Assistant intern, Jalen Owens. Jalen will assist the Village administration through August 2022.

Jalen, who is a graduate of Rochester High School ('17), and a recent political science graduate of Illinois State University, previously interned with Illinois State Senator Jason Barickman. He will bring his education and experience to the Village as he assists with grant funding opportunities, works with legislative leaders to communicate key issues impacting our Village, and assists with the day to day government functions that make Sherman successful.

"We welcome the help, but we are most excited to be part of his learning experience," said Trevor J. Clatfelter, Village President. "This is how you grow future leadership in public service, and we are honored to do our part."



Join us at the Village Board Meetings in 2022

The Sherman Village Board of Trustees meets regularly at 6:00 pm on the First and Third Tuesday of each month at the Sherman Village Hall, located at 401 St. John Drive in Sherman, Illinois 62684.

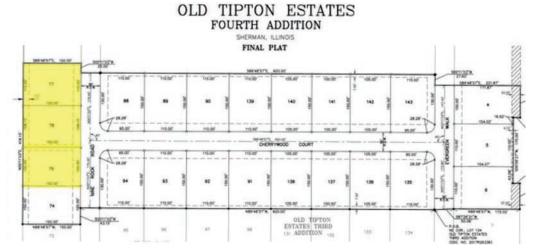
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JUNE 7 and 21 JULY 5 and 19 AUGUST 2 and 16 SEPTEMBER 6 and 20

OCTOBER 4 and 18 NOVEMBER 1 and 15 **DECEMBER 6 and 20**



Old Tipton Estates Phase 4 Lots For Sale Now



20 New Residential Lots for Sale in the new 4th Addition of Old Tipton Estates in Sherman, IL. Corner lots at \$52,000 and interior lots at \$58,000. Email for details at carter@carterbroslumber.com

Yellow lots are sold

Building Permits Not Optional for Home Improvements 72 Permits Issued in Sherman for Calendar Year 2021

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Help the Village Snow Plows Do Their Job



The Department of Public Works wants to remind residents that, when it snows or snow is predicted, move your vehicle off the street for easier and safer plowing. Village ordinances prohibit the parking of vehicles on village streets during snow emergencies.

Know that the Village takes great care not to block your driveways. Please do not move any snow at the end your driveway out into the street, as it will only end up back at the end of your driveway. Move it, along with any snow you are blowing from your walks and driveways, onto your yard.

Attention, Residents with Grinder Pumps

A reminder for those homes in the Village with Grinder Pump Sewer Service – let's work together to keep those systems functioning. The following is a list of the types of waste products that create maintenance issues:

Grease from cooked food

Female sanitary products

Diapers, baby wipes, etc.

Floor cleaning pads

Rags

Small solid objects

Paper towels

Towelettes (including those marked "flushable")

Kitty Litter

Socks, undergarments or any articles of clothing

There is one pump for every two houses on most accounts and when one homeowner triggers a service call, both homes are affected and both parties may receive a bill for reimbursement if the service is required due

to prohibited waste. Also, during power failures, avoid water usage as much as possible.

Notify the Sewer Department with any questions or sewer issues at: 217-306-5751 or 217-361-8191.



See Something? Tell Us



Street lights out? Pothole ravaging your car? Grinder pumps out? We are here for you. Call or email us with the information so we can fix it.

217-306-5751 • Email: info@shermanil.org

Or go online to **www.shermanil.org**, click on government, then Emergency Management, and file a report with Sherman 311. Include a photo if it helps.



SHERMAN LIMB PICK-UP SCHEDULE

APRIL THROUGH OCTOBER 2022

1st and 3rd Tuesdays

All neighborhoods and subdivisions on the **WEST** side of Business 55 (Sherman Boulevard): Flaggland Park, North Haven, Red Bud Run, The Rail, Rail Estates, Sebring Road, Old Tipton Estates, Lyndale, Crown Pointe, Parkway and Amherst Drives, Britton Place, Waterford.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays

All neighborhoods and subdivisions on the **EAST** side of Business 55 (Sherman Boulevard): Original Sherman, Quail Ridge, Birch Lakes, Steeplechase, Brookside Glen, Prairie at Brookside Glen, Spring Lake Estates, Golden Pond, Brierwood, Timberline Estates, Prairie Lake Estates, Georgetown Oaks.

- Place limbs at curbside by 6:00am on your scheduled pick-up day.
- Entire trees are **NOT** accepted, this requires the services of professional tree removers.
- Limit the amount of limbs to no more than a small truck load.
- Limit the size of limbs to no longer than 8 ft. in length.
- Limbs trimmed by professional tree services will NOT be picked up.
- The Village will NOT accept grass clippings, leaves, weeds, etc.
- Limb pick-up will **NOT** take place on a 5th Tuesday.
- Entire trees will NOT be picked up due to storm damage.
 This requires the service of professional tree removers.





LOCAL SHERMAN BUSINESSES

SHOP LOCAL & SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS

HAIR STYLISTS & BARBERS

Barbi's Styling Studio

(217) 522-9655 • 105 Villa Parkway

SS Nail Salon

(217) 503-5898 • 420 Crossing Drive Facebook @ssnailsalonss

Gatsby's Hair Boutique

(217) 496-6118 • 120 N First Street Facebook @gatsbyhairboutique

Mane Mixx Salon

(217) 720-2218 • 133 Illini Blvd Facebook @manemixx

RECREATION, GOLF & FITNESS

Snap Fitness

(217) 381-4951 • 131 Illini Blvd. Facebook @snapsherman

The Rail Golf Course

(217) 525-0365 • 1400 Clubhouse Drive

Sherman Athletic Club

(217) 496-3122 • 300 S 1stStreet

Sherman Area Softball

Facebook @shermanareasoftball

GROCERY/PHARMACY

County Market

(217) 496-2817 • 109 Illini Blvd. www.mycountymarket.com

Walgreens

(217) 496-2392 • 106 Illini Blvd. www.walgreens.com

LOCAL RETAIL & SPECIALTY BUSINESSES

Carter Brothers Lumber

217) 544-7449 • #2 Carter Lane Facebook @CarterBrosLumberCo

Flourish Flower Compay

(217) 496-3054 • 211 S Sherman Blvd Facebook @CIDFloralSpringfield

FUNKY'S TROPHY & ENGRAVING

(217) 725-0508 • 105 Villa Parkway FUNKY1353@ATT.NET

THE CLOTHING RACK

(217) 496-3633 • 271 S Sherman Blvd. Facebook @theclothingrack01

SEANEY FARMS

(217) 361-8387 • 100 Illini Blvd.

SOULFUL BY MELISSA

(217) 358-7499 • 2555 E Andrew Road

RESTAURANTS/BARS HOURS FOR PICK-UP OR DELIVERY

Cancun

(217) 496-3221 • 420 Crossing Dr. Suite #4 www.cancunrestaurantspingfieldsherman.com

China King

(217) 496-3118 • 420 Crossing Dr Suite 7 www.chinakingsherman.com

Double H Tavern

(217) 496-3811 • 121 N. 1st Street

Fairlane Diner

(217) 303-9330 • 300 Crossing Drive Facebook @fairlanediner

Final Four Sports Bar/Grill

(217) 496-3490 • 128 N 1st Street Facebook @thefinalfoursportsbar&grill

Fire & Ale Restaurant

(217) 496-2236 • 135 Illini Blvd Facebook @fireandale

Ricco's Pizza

(217) 496-2369 • 420 Crossing Dr, Suite 6 www.riccospizzaco.com

Sam's Too Pizza

(217) 496-2374 • 312 S. Crossing Drive www.samstoopizza.com

Subway

(217) 496-2929 • 420 Crossing Dr Suite 1

Tasty Cafe

(217) 496-3474 • 110 Villa Parkway Facebook @Tasty Cafe

LOCAL SHERMAN BUSINESSES

SHOP LOCAL & SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS

GAS/CONVENIENCE STORE STATUS

Casey's General Store

(217) 496-3626 • 270 Crossing Drive

BANKING, INSURANCE, FINANCIAL REAL ESTATE & IT SERVICES

United Community Bank (UCB)

(217) 496-2394 • 120 Illini Boulevard www.ucbbank.com

Williamsville State Bank (WSBT)

(217) 698-WSBT • 480 S Crossing Drive www.wsbt.net

Farm Credit Services of Illinois

(217) 788-1200 • 1200 Old Tipton School Road www.farmcreditlL.com/contact

Farmland Solutions

(217) 496-3500 • 320 Crossing Drive www.farmlandsolutionsllc.com

Sherman Tax Service

(217) 496-3627 • 100 Illini Bvld. Facebook @shermantaxservice

State Farm Insurance

(217) 496-2333 • 2585 E Andrew Road Facebook @JenFromSF

Edward Jones Investments

(217) 496-3611 • 420 Crossing Drive, Suite 5 www.edwardjones.com

Country Financial

(217) 496-2341 • 318 S. Crossing Drive ed.legner@countryfinancial.com

Central AG Services

(217) 496-2330 • 2555 E Andrew Road

Ed Clark Photography

(217) 496-3686 • 960 FIRST STREET Facebook @edclarkphoto

Lloyd IT Services

(217) 496-6722 • 505 St. John's Drive www.lloyditservices.com

American Family Insurance

(217) 494-1168

Facebook @seandbull • www.seanbull.com

The Tracy Shaw Home Sales & Staging Team

(217) 494-1334 • 2555 E Andrew Rd, Sherman Facebook @urrealtortracy • www.tracy-shaw.com

CHILD CARE SERVICES

All His Children Development Center

(217) 496-2792 • 700 S. Sherman Blvd www.allhischildrencenter.com

SUMC Child Care Preschool

(217) 496-2338 • 2336 E Andrew Road www.shermanumc.com

HEALTHCARE, DENTAL & VETERINARY

HSHS

217-483-1900 • 2806 E Andrew Road www.hshsmedicalgroup.org

Springfield Clinic – Sherman

217-528-7541 • 400 St. John's Drive www.shermanclinic.com/sherman

Sherman Family Dental

217-496-2301 • 2515 E Andrew Road www.shermanfamilydental.com

Animal Health Center

217-496-2345 • 2816 E Andrew Road Facebook @animalhealthcentersherman

Green Prairie Animal Hospital

217-698-4960 • 208 Village Center Road Facebook @greenprairieanimalhospital

AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR

One Stop Auto

(217) 496-3535 • 2675 Andrew Road Facebook @1StopAutoShopSherman

Pat's Garage

(217) 496-2812 • 2710 E Andrew Road

HOME BUILDING & REPAIR

Rich Gatschenberger

Ventilating, Heating & Cooling (217) 753-4287

Carter Bros Lumber

(217) 544-7449

www.carterbroslumber.com Facebook @carterbroslumberco

Zinn Construction

(217) 496-3112

www.zinnconstruction.com Facebook @zinnconstruction1

Brent Construction

(217) 415-5698

www.brentconstruction.com Facebook @brentconstruction

Nelson Drywall Systems

(217) 496-2864 • 134 N First Street, Sherman

HUMAN SERVICE & MEMBERSHIP BUSINESSES

The Villas Senior Care

(217) 744-2299 • 100 Village Parkway www.villasseniorcare.com

Staab Funeral Home

(217) 993-7770 • 2626 E Andrew Road www.staabfuneralhomes.com

For a complete listing of local businesses

Visit our website at **www.shermanil.org**

Visit the Sherman Area Chamber of Commerce at **www.shermanilchamber.org**

THANK YOU FOR SHOPPING LOCAL

Event/Concert Sponsors Made Village Park 2021 Top Area Venue Now it's our turn to support them!

RICH GATSCHENBERGER HEATING & COOLING

STATE FARM INSURANCE – JENNIFER SELLERS

AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE - SEAN BULL

FINAL 4 SPORTS BAR & GRILL

FIRE & ALE RESTAURANT

GREEN DODGE KIA SUBARU

CARPENTERS LOCAL 270

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Holiday Swag Creates A Magical Season Public Works and Dedicated Volunteers Pull Out The Stops

There is, arguably, no local community that does beautification better than Sherman.



"We are so fortunate to have the amazing volunteers of the Sherman Community Foundation as partners in our efforts to make this a spectacularly beautiful place," said Trevor J. Clatfelter, Village President. "They

work with us all year round on projects, but the holidays are especially impressive."

This season, residents likely saw the set-up in action, as Public Works employees strung lights and hung banners early, and Foundation volunteers decked out planters

and placed Christmas trees at the Village entrances.

"We hear it all the time, that there is nothing more heartwarming than driving down Sherman Boulevard or Meredith Drive during the holidays," said Clatfelter. "Village Park is also outstanding, creating a wonderland backdrop for our annual holiday traditions."





While the holidays get the most attention, Clatfelter said the Village and the Foundation plan and design all year round, to make sure the Village sparkles. The work includes weeding and mulching and planting, and changing out the beautiful planters throughout the Village so they reflect summer, fall, and winter themes. Military flags were erected for Veterans Day.

"Building hometown pride is about providing the big things and, also, the little things," said Clatfelter. "Kudos to everyone involved."







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Summer/Fall 2022 Event Schedule

Village Park will be rockin' again this season. Village staff are working hard to schedule concerts, ice cream socials, movies in the Park, the second annual Brewfest, July 4 fireworks, and more. Watch for some surprises this season!

Follow the season schedule as it shapes up, on Facebook: @ShermanVillagePark

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, February 12 – SAS Softball Sign Up – 11am-1pm – Sherman Athletic Club

Saturday, February 12 – Williamsville Youth Baseball League Sign Up – 10am – Sherman Athletic Club

Tuesday, February 15 – Village Board Meeting – 6pm – Village Hall

Saturday, February 19 – Trivia Night – 6pm – Sherman United Methodist Church

Saturday, February 19 – Williamsville Youth Baseball League Sign Up – 10am – Sherman Athletic Club

Sunday, February 20 – Chili Cook-Off – 11am – Sherman Athletic Club

Tuesday, March 1 – Village Board Meeting – 6pm – Village Hall

Tuesday, March 15 – Village Board Meeting – 6pm – Village Hall

Tuesday, April 5 – Village Board Meeting – 6pm – Village Hall

Tuesday, April 15 – Good Friday Holiday – Village Offices Closed

Tuesday, April 19 – Village Board Meeting – 6pm – Village Hall

Friday & Saturday, April 29-30 – Village Wide Garage Sale – 7am-7pm

Saturday, May 7 – Village Clean Up Day – 8am-11am – Waldrop Park

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