

# Village

OF SHERMAN

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

### SHERMAN RESIDENTS BENEFIT FROM VILLAGE OUTREACH BEHIND THE SCENES

Nothing is more enjoyable for your Mayor and Board of Trustees than helping cut the ribbon on a new business or announcing with fanfare that we're bringing a new service to Sherman.

We live for those moments and delight in sharing them with you.

However, the vast majority of our "job" is invisible to most people – the months of research, negotiation, and good, old-fashioned legwork that we do every day on your behalf. Happily, I might add.

The end result is always worth it when it makes life easier and better for all of us. On that note, the Board and your Village Administration are pleased to announce the following:

### INCREASED INTERNET SPEED FOR CASS COMM CUSTOMERS

This is a biggie. I know, because we have been fielding resident concerns about internet speed and viewing quality for a long time and have had multiple meetings with representatives of Cass Comm to express those concerns.

Well, get ready for major improvement. Cass Comm is installing fiber optic technology that will provide higher bandwidth for internet and higher quality viewing capabilities.

The installation project is **expected to be completed in Fall 2019**. More details on this change will be coming directly from Cass Comm to its customers.

### AT&T CELL PHONE CUSTOMERS TO GET FASTER SPEED, INCREASED COVERAGE

This came out of numerous complaints from residents that were cell customers of AT&T, infuriated that they faced slow speeds and dropped calls in this area.

We reached out to representatives of AT&T Wireless over the years and in recent months and the company, to its credit, was more than open to working with the Village to fix the problem.

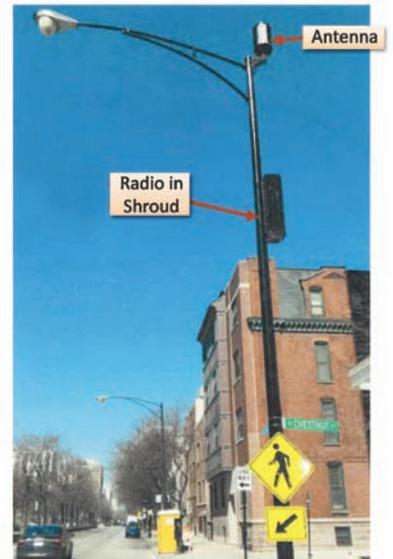
As a result, the Village has approved AT&T installing the first of several small cells to boost coverage atop some of our light poles.

The photo shows what it may look like. What it represents is a good faith effort to negotiate a solution that benefits AT&T customers in Sherman. Watch for project completion by late summer or early fall 2019. Thanks to all involved!

### GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

We were delighted to award a Letter of Commendation to Sherman police officers Nathan Hedrick and Jesse Schmillen on February 19 to recognize their bravery and professionalism in responding to a burglary in progress in a neighboring community. The two apprehended the criminal suspect inside the home of a mother and child.

We rest easier knowing these officers are on the job.



(left to right) Police Chief Craig Bangert, Officer Nathan Hedrick, Officer Jesse Schmillen



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

# HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU, SHERMAN!

## TWO HIGHLY ANTICIPATED TRAILS PROJECTS GAINING MOMENTUM

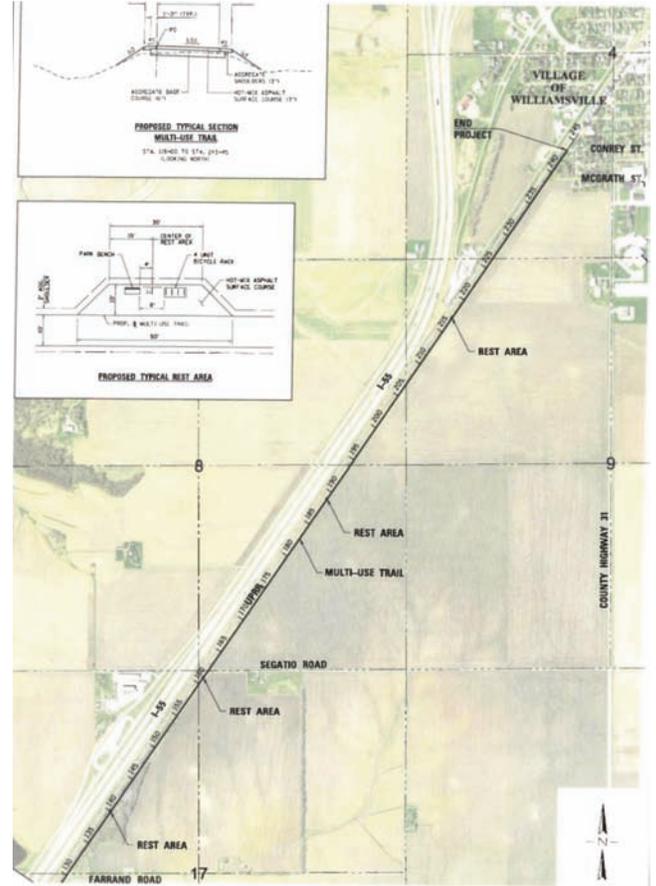
The Village of Sherman and the town of Williamsville are working closely with IDOT as the state agency prepares to go to bid on the highly anticipated Bike Trail project no later than this fall!

That is a significant milestone for the joint project and one step closer to realizing the dream of opening the trail to bikers, runners, and walkers.

“The Village Engineer and administrative staff have been directed to work diligently with IDOT in getting this project to bid and construction as soon as possible,” said Mayor Trevor Clatfelter. “If everything goes as planned, that means bid-letting this summer or fall, construction beginning in early 2020, and open to the public by the end of 2020.”

IDOT representatives are finishing the final land acquisitions required to construct the bike trail as well as the necessary lease agreements for land use, construction and maintenance of the new trail.

Sherman and Williamsville co-sponsored a grant application several years ago to secure funding for the development of a bike trail between the two communities. The location of the trail makes use of the utility right-of-way that runs between Sherman and Williamsville along the east side of Interstate 55.



The approximately 5-mile path will be an asphalt-paved two-lane path that begins in Sherman at a future trailhead to be located near Bahr Road off Andrew Road and will have rest stops along the way.

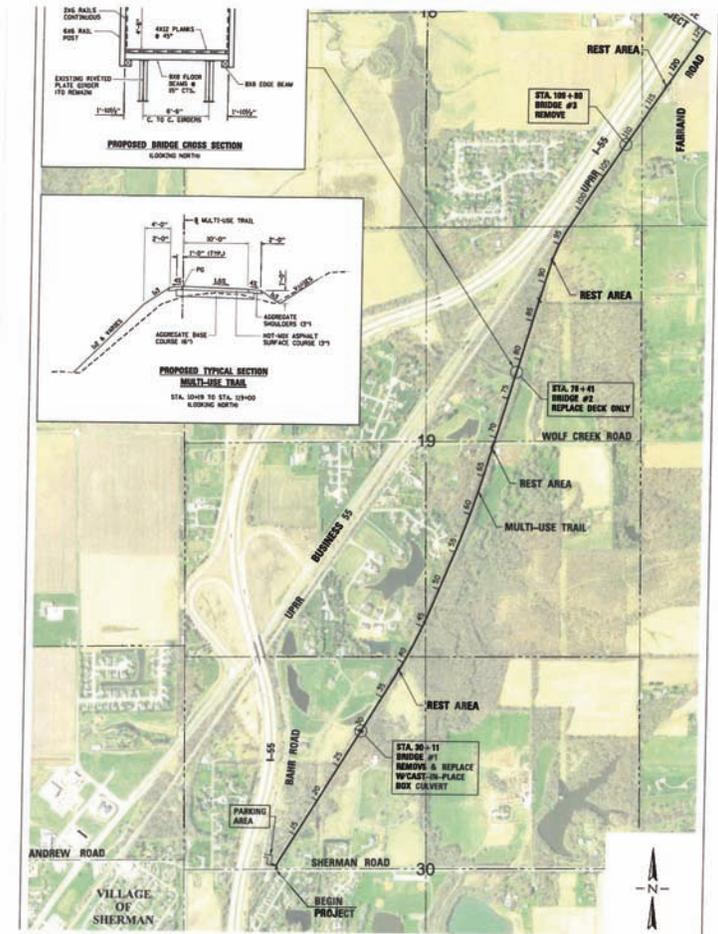
“This is so long-awaited and desired by residents in both communities who deserve another great recreation avenue,” said Clatfelter. “The construction of this trail will open Sherman up to favorable funding of other trail development projects around the Village.”

### VILLAGE MOVES FORWARD WITH TRAIL PLANS ALONG OLD TIPTON SCHOOL ROAD

It's a summer 2019 start date for the first phase of a project that will provide safe passage to Village Park for neighborhood families.

Phase I will include an 8-ft. hard surface multi-use, non-motorized trail from Redbud Run to Village Park along the west corridor of Old Tipton School Road.

Phase II (tentatively 2020) will extend the trail from Redbud Run to St. John's Drive, including a safety route across Old Tipton School Road. Village staff are preparing for upcoming grant opportunities with IDNR and IDOT to assist in the funding of this project.



# SHERMAN WORKING OVERTIME TO SECURE GRANT FUNDING

## FINANCIAL HEALTH MAKES VILLAGE ATTRACTIVE APPLICANT



*A rendering of what a revitalized Route 66/Veterans Memorial Park might look like, depending on a successful grant application.*

Success breeds success. With the construction of the new Village Park, the beautification of Sherman Blvd., the increase in residential population, and the increase in economic development, Sherman has become a strong competitor for quality of life grant awards.

“We are now on a path of securing grant funding for projects where we were unsuccessful before,” said Mayor Trevor Clatfelter. “Because of our financial health and stability, we have the means to match funds and complete projects. And thanks to building Village Park, we are a strong contender to get part of the State’s annual \$30 million fund for outdoor recreation and related grants.”



*This early rendering is similar to what the Village envisions for Village Park – a total of four stations with varied equipment along the bike/walking path – and is pursuing funding options.*

priorities,” said Clatfelter. “In our case, when we apply for grants for recreation projects, for example, we can show that we have consistently pursued and won grant funding for open parks, bike trails, playground equipment, safe access projects, and more. In their view, that is a strong indicator that we will spend the new funds wisely.”

Clatfelter said there are two important factors that funding agencies look for when considering applications. First is commitment.

“Funding agencies that are distributing money for certain projects want to know that you have a strong commitment to the same

Secondly, and equally important, is having a strong financial position in general.

“Most grants require a financial match. The ability to maintain the grant-awarded projects for a minimum of 20 years or, in some cases, perpetuity, is critical to a successful application,” said Clatfelter. “Thanks to sound financial management and planning, Sherman is in a very strong position to secure the award. We intend to maintain that position, and continue our momentum and our record of application success.”

Planned Grant Applications to Benefit Residents of Sherman:

### Multi-Use Pedestrian Walkways/Bike Path Grants (IDNR and IDOT).

- A path from Andrew Road to Red Bud Run with safe access routes across Old Tipton School Road.
- A path from Andrew Road at Zimmerman Drive south to Meredith Drive, along First street to Business 55/Sherman Blvd into Village Park
- A path from the “Trail Head” of the future Sherman/Williamsville Bike Trail on Andrew Road across Interstate 55.

### Route 66 Wayside Park (IDNR OSLAD grant)

- Redevelopment of Route 66/Veterans Memorial Park to include walking bridge
- Reclamation of the original Route 66 Road that remains
- A new Shelter and Veterans Memorial
- A themed entry sign
- Park landscaping and a new parking area for visitors

### Village Park Components (IDNR OSLAD/LWFA grant)

- New components to include items such as exercise stations
- Park signage and landscaping
- Flag memorial area
- Water feature
- Additional hard-paved parking with decorative lighting and landscaped islands



*Get Excited Sherman! The new play system approved by the Village Board last fall has been purchased and is safely stored and ready for installation in April or May, weather permitting.*



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## THANK YOU SHERMAN AREA CHAMBER!



(left to right) Ed Legner, Country Companies Financial, and Sean Bull, American Family Insurance and President of the Sherman Area Chamber of Commerce, present a check to Sherman Police Chief Craig Bangert.

Sincere thanks to the Sherman Area Chamber of Commerce (SACC) for \$3,650, the result of a Chamber fundraising campaign to replace two 10-year old Automated External Defibrillators (AED) for the Sherman Police Department. An AED is used in the field by first responders to aid in saving the life of a person in cardiac arrest.

The Chamber challenged all of its members to contribute to the fundraiser and matched all contributions. The response from the following Chamber businesses was immediate and outstanding. You are appreciated!

- American Family Insurance • Country Companies Financial
- Carter Bros Lumber • SNAP Fitness • Farm Credit Services
- Fancy Creek Township • Springfield Clinic Sherman



### WILLIAMSVILLE, IL

April 7, April 14, April 28, May 5, May 12 | Sundays 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

**Williamsville Park**  
 706 East Main Street  
 Williamsville, IL 62693

DIVISION	DISTANCE
Pre-K 2/3yr	50 Yard Dash
Pre-K 4/5yr	75 Yard Dash
K & 1st	1/4 Mile
2nd & 3rd	1/2 Mile
4th & 5th	1 Mile
6th, 7th, 8th	1 Mile

#### SCORING/DETAILS

- Points based on finish.
- Runners with the most points after final race win trophies.
- Tech T-Shirts and Race Bags for Full Series Participants!
- Medal for ALL runners at Week 5.
- This is not a drop-off event.

\*All races will be the same distances each week.

**\$35 FULL SERIES\***  
 FIVE WEEK SERIES

**\$10 PER RACE\***

For more information, please contact  
 Tiffany Penley at 217.691.4006 or  
 at hkrswilliamsville@gmail.com

\*Registration is non-refundable.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday, March 8 • Knights of Columbus Fish Fries begin • 4:30-7pm • St. John Vianney Catholic Church**
- March 9-14 • Scouting for Food flyers delivered • Food pick up 9am March 16 • Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts 330**
- Saturday, March 16 • Boy Scouts Collecting Retired American Flags • 9-11am County Market**
- Saturday, March 16 • Luck of the Irish 3-Club Open • 10am • The Rail Golf Course**
- Tuesday, March 19 • Village Board Meeting • 6pm • Village Hall**
- Saturday, March 30 • SACC/WHS Sports Boosters Dueling Pianos Fundraiser • 6 pm • Boondocks**