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TREVOR J. CLATFELTER

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

FAREWELL TO A PROSPEROUS AND PRODUCTIVE 2017

Another year in the books. A year of exciting firsts for this community, as well as a year of marking milestones. In between, a steady stewardship of the services and

the traditions that our residents have come to expect.

There is plenty of credit to spread around and, to me, that is what is most notable about the list of achievements. Let's start with our first responders. There is no substitute for feeling safe and the Board of Trustees and I remain grateful for your vigilance and excellent service.

We are also grateful for the dedicated administrators and staff that make this Village run smoothly. They perform an endless list of duties that are often taken for granted. They also go the extra mile, lavishly decorating for Christmas and arranging for a giant American flag to wave as a fallen soldier returns home. Because they know that it's the big things AND the little things that sustain an exceptional hometown.

Finally, we are deeply honored by the contributions of a small army of volunteers in 2017. You are truly the foundation on which this community thrives. We know who you are. I hope you know how much you are appreciated.

So, let's celebrate what we did together this year. The best is yet to come.

Happy New Year

There is nothing we can't achieve together. Here's to a year of listening carefully. Dreaming big. Getting to know each other. Working together. Bring it on, 2018!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF US

- New hires put Police Department at full strength
- New traditions launched: Tree Lighting Ceremony; Willie the Frog Contest
- Village Park construction completed: amphitheater; shelters; gazebo; walking/biking path
- Village Park donor bench construction project completed – 30 new benches added
- Sherman M.O.V.E. adds giant planters at The Crossing shopping center; new trees on Sherman Blvd.
- Two new trustees join Village Board – Pam Gray and Kim Rockford
- Trustee Nancy Zibutis marked 30 years and Trustee Krista Sherrock marked 8 years on the board
- Village newsletter returns as communication tool
- Completion of Sebring Road project
- Old Tipton Phase Three residential development begins
- 26th annual Children's Christmas Party
- Waldrop Park Fireworks Show
- New commercial construction: Fern's Coffee House & Café; HSHS Medical Clinic; Staab Funeral Home; The Villas expansion. New owners at Fire & Ale.
- Grants applied for: Bike Trail Grant (to connect Waldrop Park to Village Park via multi-use trail)
- Continued good working relationships with entities including Sherman Chamber of Commerce, Williams Township, Fancy Creek Township, Sherman Elementary, and IDOT
- Introduction of changes and direction in Administration office to enhance services and efficiency, including the addition of Village Clerk and Village Administrator.
- **Coming in 2018:** Work on the new Sherman website; an updated Sherman 311 app; increased programming in Village Park amphitheater; new park projects and landscaping; and much, much more!



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VILLAGE HOSTS ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

SANTA AND DONUTS DELIGHT SHERMAN'S YOUNGER CROWD DECEMBER 16



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Thank you to Sean Bull for helping coordinate this event!

SHERMAN TAX SERVICE



The produce bins and coolers are pushed to the back, but the Seaneys Farmer's Market building at the corner of Andrew Rd. and Sherman Blvd. is open for business this winter.

Sherman Tax Service, an expansion of Taylorville Tax Service co-owned by Greg Curtin and Carolyn Abshire, will operate out of the

Seaneys building from now through Tax Day in April. Tax preparers will be open for business Monday through Saturday to prepare 2017 tax filings.

"We have served Taylorville since the mid-1990s and chose Sherman as our first expansion," said Greg Curtin. "We bring expertise, and many years of experience in helping people interpret tax law."

Carolyn Abshire said the Village has been very welcoming and they were delighted to find a place with high visibility, plenty of parking and a location that will be convenient for area residents.

"It was perfect," said Carolyn. "The farmer's market needs the building back by late April and we only need it until then. If everything goes as we expect it to this year, we will return each tax season."

Greg and Carolyn said there are many reasons to work directly with a tax preparer on site, including the personal attention to your tax situation, and the ability to help you prepare for next year and possibly save on your tax bill. They said the recently passed tax reform will make the need for tax assistance even more important.

"Things didn't get less complicated," said Greg. "We can help people understand the new law and plan for 2018."

Appointments or walk-ins, Monday – Friday 9 am – 5 pm, Saturday 9 am – 2 pm. Phone 217-496-3627.

FIRST EVER WILLIE THE FROG CONTEST A HIT

HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN SWARM VILLAGE IN DECEMBER TO FIND ELUSIVE FROG



Mayor Trevor J. Clatfelter poses with the newly sworn Junior Police Officers – special “Find Willie the Frog” Unit at the December 19 Village Board meeting. The children that participated in the contest appeared at the meeting to claim their prizes.



Caught at last! Willie the Frog makes an appearance in festive attire.



2017 Grand Prize winner Bobby Wangard holds the certificate delivered by the Mayor to his home by police escort and sirens, as he celebrates with his family.





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SHERMAN ON THE M.O.V.E. MEDIAN BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT STARTED

Sherman is on the M.O.V.E. (Make Our Village Exceptional) again and is pleased to announce its latest beautification project on Business 55/Sherman Boulevard grassy medians. On Monday, December 3, Carter Nursery in coordination with the Village of Sherman Public Works Department began planting 16 trees in the Boulevard. The trees were

selected for their hardiness as well as their beauty and include Black Gum Tupelo, Ivory Silk Lilacs and Sun Valley Red Maples.

Mayor Trevor J. Clatfelter stated "Thanks to the M.O.V.E. volunteers for their continued great efforts, and I'd also like to give special recognition to Jim Williamson of Villas Corp. The Board of Villas Senior Care's donation funded



ten of the 16 trees in the medians. This type of support continues to make our community exceptional."

The Village of Sherman Public Works staff will continue to water the trees for several months after planting. We ask residents and passers-by to take extra caution driving the Boulevard during those times.

Sherman M.O.V.E.'s latest project involved the purchase and installation of large planters at The Crossing shopping center. They were decorated for the Christmas holiday season and will be changed out with the seasons.

Sherman M.O.V.E. was established in 2017 in partnership with the Village Board, and is comprised of volunteers from the community wishing to help the Village to pursue initiatives that beautify the Village. To learn more, go to <https://www.facebook.com/ShermanMove/>.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Sherman Public Works will be picking up trees from driveways beginning Tuesday, January 2, 2018 and continuing through Wednesday, January 31.

COMING UP THIS MONTH

Monday, January 15 MLK Jr. Holiday . Village offices open

Monday, January 15 Sherman Blood Drive • 3:30-6 pm • Sherman Public Library

Tuesday, January 16 Village Board Meeting • 6 pm • Village Hall

Wed., January 31 How to Protect Your Children Online presentation • 6:30-8:30 pm • WJH cafeteria