



Village of Sheridan  
PO Box 580  
Sheridan, IL 60551

Village Resident  
Sheridan, IL 60551

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World  
WHERE YOU CAN BE  
Anything  
BE   
kind

# SHERIDAN INFO-LINE

October/November 2020



Village President  
Shelly Figgins

Village Trustees  
Peggy Arneson

Judy Hinterlong

Jay Waldvogel

Jamie Skalic

Maggie Strothman

Jeff Wilhelm

Village Administrator  
Cathy Grimwood

Village Meeting Dates

The regular monthly board meeting is held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. All meetings are open to the public.

Residents are encouraged to attend and become involved and be informed.

**VILLAGE  
HALL HOURS**  
7:00—3:00 M-F

Visit our website @  
[www.sheridan-il.us](http://www.sheridan-il.us)

## DIAL 911 EMERGENCIES DIAL 815-496-2186 NON-EMERGENCIES

Recently The Sheridan Police Department has learned of an unlawful or unsafe activity that is being posted on social media but not being reported to the police.

Most recently, numerous posts were on Facebook about kids laying in the roadway at night as some type of game. The posts warned motorists about this hazard to the safety and wellbeing of the kids, however no calls were made to the police about this unsafe activity.

Whenever unlawful, unsafe and/or suspicious activities are noticed, please contact the police department so these issues may be promptly addressed.

Also please understand that the Sheridan Police Non-Emergency number is not attended 24 hours a day by an officer. So even non-emergencies that need prompt attention may be reported by dialing 911 and the dispatch center will contact the area officer via radio.

Chuck Bergeron  
Chief of Police

# **GROOT**

## **RECYCLE DATES**



**OCT 2, 16, 30**

**Nov 13, 27**

**DEC 11, 26**

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## **SHERIDAN AMERICAN LEGION POST** **729**



Rent the  
American Legion  
for your next gathering by calling  
815-496-2380



~Wednesday Night BINGO~

~Friday Night Fish Fry~

Legion Meetings-3rd Tuesday of Every Month

Memorials and Donations are greatly  
appreciated!!

**PLEASE CHECK WITH US ON AVAILABILITY OF**  
**CARRY OUT SERVICE**

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## **Village Permits Issued** **August/September 2020**

- 110 W Grant St-reroof
- 330W Church St-garage
- 460 S Prairie St-garage
- Ron Talley-demolition
- 415 W Pleasant St-demolition
- 420 W Si Johnson Ave-temp fence
- 305 S Bushnell St-structural improvements
- 305 W Pleasant St-fence replacement
  - 225 S Dwight St-shed
  - 215 S Robinson St-reroof

## **MONTHLY COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

**PLEASE CONTACT INDIVIDUAL ENTITIES ON**  
**MEETING SCHEDULES DURING THIS TIME**

**Sheridan Historical Society - 1st Tuesday**  
**6:30PM @ Historical Building**

**Sheridan American Legion - 3rd Tuesday**  
**7:00PM @ Legion**

**Mission Township - 2nd Wednesday 7:00PM**  
**@ Mission Township Building**

**Sheridan Sanitary District - 4th Wednesday**  
**6:00PM @ Historical Building.**

**Sheridan Village Board Meetings - 2nd**  
**Monday 7:00PM @ Village Hall**

**Sheridan Zoning Board of Appeals @ Village Hall -**  
**Are always published in the Legal**  
**Notices of The Times**

**Sheridan Fire District Trustee Meetings-1st Thursday 7:00PM @ Fire Station**

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## **Sheridan Area Food Pantry**

Located at Sheridan United Methodist Church  
219 S Bushnell Street, Sheridan

Open 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of every month from  
8:30 to 9:30 am

October dates: October 13th and 27th

November dates: November 10th and 24th

## **Ottawa Community Food Basket**

joins Sheridan Area Food Pantry on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays from 8:30 - 9:30 am with lots of pre boxed items for you. October 27th & November 24th

Contact Larry Ryg with any questions @ 815-496-9450



# PETITIONS AVAILABLE

MAYOR & 3 BOARD OF TRUSTEES POSITIONS WILL BE UP FOR ELECTION!

Elections will be held on April 6, 2021 for the following positions in the Village of Sheridan:

Village President -4 Year Term

Village Trustee(3)-4 Year Term



All potential candidates may pick up

Petition Packages at the Sheridan Village Hall during normal business hours of operation. The Petition Packages will contain all the necessary documents to be completed as well as complete filing instructions.

The first day that a candidate may begin to circulate his or her petition is on September 22, 2020 for the filing period that runs from December 14-21, 2020.

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## **E-WASTE PICKUP WILL BE** **NOVEMBER 7TH!!**

**8-12PM**

**Collections will be by the Historical Building  
located at 185 N Robinson St.**

**Pickup is for current Groot Customers  
Any questions may be directed to Groot @  
815-496-9000.**



What If??? Then, Why Not???

It is my hope that this edition of Info Line finds you and yours well during these challenging and unprecedented times. With only 3 months left to the year 2020, we can reflect over the last 9 months and be Thankful for making it through the many obstacles and sacrifices we endured to get to this point of our lives during this year.

With 3 months left to 2020, a major national election November 3rd, and then the year 2021 coming quickly, I present to you, 2, two word questions we should ask ourselves now, to prepare for making 2021 a year where we can have the opportunity to have positive control of setting goals and direction for The New Year.

The 1st of the questions is "What If". These 2 words can open stimulate our thoughts and mind to many possibilities, but most importantly, can set the tone for success and achievement for our Village of Sheridan during the course of 2021. This initial question of "What If" resonates even louder when one realizes that early into 2021 we will have our local government election. That election being Tuesday April 6th with seats of 3 Village Trustees being considered along with the Office of Village President.

There are many "What If" questions I can come up in anticipating 2021. I am sure as you read this you also can reflect and write down more than 3 or 4 'What If's" yourself. If we work together and communicate at the Village meetings, all of our "What If's" that find importance to each of us, we can set the tone to begin "The Year 2021" by making a difference with setting goals and establishing positive expectations, vastly different, from what we each tolerated during the last 9 months of 2020.

With our responses in mind, the 2nd phrase that sets the ball in motion to make a difference and achieve is "Why Not". With committing to ask "What If" and then "Why Not", we now take ownership for proceeding on what we set our sights on. Thus providing support and action to complete what really needs to be done for the upcoming year.

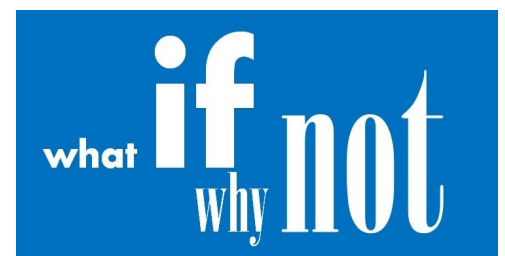
A simple way to voice those needs and explain your position to ownership of such "What If" questions, is to attend the Village Board Meetings. Your attendance and expressions of thoughts and needs, speak volumes in how successful and responsible YOUR elected officials can be. I was very happy to see over 30 residents in attendance at the September 14th Board meeting. Thanks to The American Legion Hall for being so accommodating and supportive during COVID meeting restrictions.

In closing, let us set our goals and expectations for where we want our Village to be during the next year and the years to follow. We can achieve and succeed working together, participating and communicating for our common "What If's" and then our "Why Not's"!!!!

Hope to see you all at the next and future Village meetings. Your constructive input and ideas can make a difference for all of the Village Residents. Look forward to hearing more as I walk the dog, cut the grass, or much later, shovel snow.

Please be safe, be healthy, Happy Halloween, and A Very Happy Thanksgiving.

Warm regards, Jay Waldvogel, Parks Chairman, Village Trustee







Please Join Us Saturday October 24th at the Sheridan Fall Festival for a Trunk or Treat!



Where: In front of Sheridan Grade School

When: October 24th from 4:30-6:00PM

A \$5 Donation per Car is Requested. Donations collected will be given to Jennings Lyon Day Home

\*Please Contact Dayle Thibault to Register your car @ 815-325-7477



## Join Us For Our 4th Annual **COMMUNITY COOKOUT**

THE WHOLE FAMILY IS INVITED!

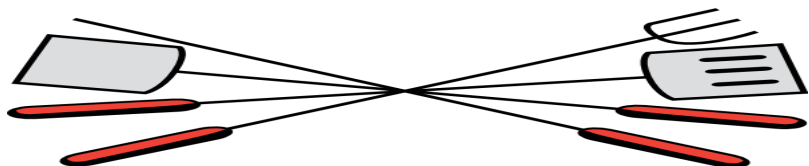
**Costume  
Contest!**

Saturday, October 31st  
1-3PM @ Centennial Park  
(If raining-will be held in back bay at  
Village Hall)

**Create a Jack  
O Lantern!**

This year we will have a Costume Contest along with pumpkins to turn into your best Jack-O-Lantern! Other events may be added-Watch for flyers throughout town! There is no cost to this event. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips are provided (until gone).

Sponsored by the Village of Sheridan





# SHERIDAN FALL FESTIVAL



October 24th from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

although we cannot require face coverings we highly recommend them to keep our wonderful town safe. There will be sanitary stations located throughout the area.

Bring your family and friends for an evening of fun in downtown Sheridan! There will be...

## Vendors

Vendors will be open from 5:00-8:00 and will be located downtown on Si. Johnson. If you would like a booth please contact Kenzie Harris at (815)-258-3715

## Carriage Rides

Carriage rides will travel through town and stop at four locations.

1. Sheridan Tabacco  
they will be hosting a wine tasting event.
2. Corner Tap  
will be having a corn hole competition
3. Sheridan Elevator  
Music & More
4. Sheridan Foodmart

## Trunk or Treat

Dress up your trunks & kids for a fun family event. We ask for a \$5 donation for each vehicle which will be donated to Jennings-Lyons. Trunk or Treat will be located in front of Sheridan Grade School from 4:30- 6:00 pm. Please contact Dayle Thibault to register your car at (815)-325-7477

## Kids Games

Kids games will be located on the intersection of Bushnell and Si Johnson, right next to the ice cream shop! There will be rock painting, costume contest, hay maze, and more!

## Movie in the Park

### "Hocus Pocus"

will be playing at the park near the library at 8:20.



## **Trick or Treating will be on October 31st from 4-7PM**

Once again, the Halloween holiday is upon us and I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and our children of some basic safety tips.

- \*Never go out trick or treating alone
- \*Always stay in well lighted areas
- \*Be sure clothing is reflective
- \*Only approach houses that are familiar
- \*Make sure all treats are inspected by a parent before eating
- \*Never consume anything that is not factory sealed and air tight

The Sheridan Police will be out in force during the Halloween holiday to help ensure the safety of our children and Village.

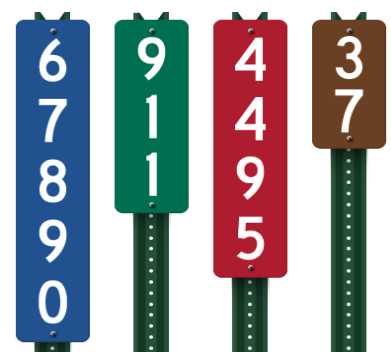
**\*PLEASE FOLLOW CURRENT SAFETY GUIDELINES AND PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASKS\***

Daylight Savings Time ends  
November 1, 2020 at 2:00AM.  
Don't forget to move your clock  
back 1 hour!



**We would like to remind our community to change the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when they change their clocks! We would also like to encourage everyone to make fire exit plans with their families-as Sparky the Fire Dog says, "Every Second Counts, Know 2 Ways Out!"**

If you called 911 could they find you quickly? Please have address numbers on the front of your home or business so Emergency Personnel can locate your address.





## *Sheridan Historical Society Museum*

*Hope everyone has been staying safe and healthy during this time.*

*Please note, we are only open this year by appointment. Not more than five people per visit due to our space size.*



The Mayflower came to America 400 years ago. *Mayflower* set sail from England in July 1620, but it had to turn back twice because *Speedwell*, the ship it was traveling with, leaked. After deciding to leave the leaky *Speedwell* behind, *Mayflower* finally got underway on September 6, 1620. After more than two months (66 days) at sea, the Pilgrims finally arrived at Cape Cod on November 11, 1620.

So if you descend from Mayflower pilgrims you may want to look into joining the Mayflower Society. At the Museum, we have a list of the people whom came to America on the Mayflower.

So, if while staying home and you are working on your family history and need some help or assistance. Please reach out, we will try to help you.

Or, if you are just interested in something and want help searching it down. We will try to help.

*Open on Sunday's April-October from 1:00PM-3:00PM or by appointment. Genealogy assistance is available always-call for appointment.*

*Contact Sandy Vahl 815-712-0279 or Jean McNelis 815-695-5609*

# Jennings-Lyon Day Home, A Learning Center

An outreach ministry of Sheridan United Methodist Church

435 N. Robinson, Sheridan, Phone 815-496-2782



## Preschool & Preschool with Extended Care School Age Care:

Before and after school as well  
as care on no school days.

Our various programs are doing great!  
Parents, thank you for your cooperation in  
complying with social distancing and wearing  
masks, temperature checks, and questions.  
You have helped keep our amazing staff and  
JLDH kids safe and healthy.

## YES, THANK YOU!



**PRESCHOOL WITH EXTENDED CARE** These kids are into a good routine learning social skills, physical accomplishments, the importance of following directions, and educational concepts. They are a fun group and are being challenged by the teachers in many ways.

**SCHOOL AGE KIDS:** The school age JLDH kids are showing us how resilient they are with the ever changing schedules. They are doing a great job of wearing masks! The early out schedule and the days off routine has been a challenge for the young students. JLDH teachers are assisting with the homework and e-learning days. The real joy is when all can kick back and just be kids having fun playing a game or doing a fun craft or outside exploring.



**FYI: Cancellations**  
The COVID19 cautions  
have prompted JLDH to cancel  
the monthly Ministry Uniting  
Generations (MUGs) and our  
annual Trunk and Treat  
gathering in October.  
Keeping our staff and children  
safe and healthy is our priority.

**PRESCHOOL:** We are excited to announce JLDH preschool in attendance is scheduled to start Tuesday, October 13! (Monday, the 12th, is a holiday: Columbus Day.) Due to the uncertainty of how COVID would effect the opening of Unit Two this year, a decision was made to delay the formal start of preschool and re evaluate it each month.

To keep the preschool children interested and introduce them to educational concepts, a JLDH teacher has met with the preschoolers twice a week getting them interested in letters, numbers, projects, and books thru Zoom. Appropriate supplies have been provided for the preschoolers each week. This has been provided as a free service to our morning preschoolers. This is our way of thanking the parents for their patience and trust in the decisions of our staff regarding keeping all at JLDH safe and healthy.

The Jennings-Lyon Board of Directors  
will on the second Tuesday  
in October, the 13th, at 6 PM.  
Meetings are open to the public.



JLDH is open 6 am—6 pm  
Monday - Friday  
Follow JLDH on Facebook



Sheridan United Methodist Women  
are again coordinating this years local collection for:

## **Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry.**

The **Sheridan community** is invited  
to join us in this wonderful mission.

**Help us bring Good News and Great Joy  
by helping with this great ministry!**

**Teach your children the joy of giving!**



For more information call SUMC 815 496 2021 or message us on the  
SUMC Facebook page or stop by on one of the dates listed below.

We have boxes available or you can use a shoebox you have and wrap it colorfully.  
Next determine the sex (boy or girl) and the age.  
Then select a "wow" gift and add smaller items.  
Search the web for ideas about Shoebox Ministry.



### **Two other ways you could help:**

1. Donate some items we can use to fill a shoebox such as: 10 scissors,  
10 toothbrushes, 10 yoyos, 10 socks, 10 little sketchbooks, 10 bars of soap;  
10 combs; 10 small tablets; etc.
2. Donate money to be used for shipping the boxes or for us purchasing some items.  
Each box costs \$9 for shipping. Make checks payable to SUMW.

The following dates, people will be at SUMC (219 S Bushnell Street, Sheridan,) to  
help you with your shoebox and/or give you more information.

**Save  
the dates!**

Wednesday, October 14, from 1:30 pm to 3 pm

Tuesday October 20, from 3:30 to 5 pm

Thursday, October 27, from 1:30 pm to 3 pm

Wednesday, November 4, from 11:30 am to 1 pm

**Final collection day:**

Wednesday, November 11, from 1:30 pm to 3 pm





## Sheridan United Methodist Church

We welcome you to join us for worship on  
Sunday mornings from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM!

With the current COVID pandemic we practice  
social distancing of 6' and wear facemasks and  
limit the number of people in the sanctuary.



On Sunday, November 1, we will have our traditional  
**"All Saints Day Worship Service."**

If there is someone who has passed away this last year and you would like  
to light a candle in memory of your loved one, please contact the church.

219 S Bushnell Street, Sheridan  
Pastor: Dr. Velda Wright

Phone: 815 496 2021  
Secretary: Melissa Christoffel

*God's love never fails*

### Sheridan United Methodist Women

would like to thank the community for supporting  
our annual fall September Rummage Sale.

Our rummage sale mission was to help those in  
need and thru the donations received, we were  
able to help many that day and can continue to  
donate to other mission projects in need.

**We are blessed with a grateful community!**



**RUMMAGE  
SALE**

BY SHERIDAN METHODIST WOMEN

It was a different year complying with the social  
distancing rules, having less tables, and thus wider  
spacing between tables, and also the expansion to the  
shelter for half of the items. Thank you for wearing  
masks and keeping six feet apart! This year with less  
personalized visiting we truly missed not hearing about  
you and your family. We love hearing about you!  
We will look forward to our Spring Rummage Sale  
and another exciting adventure with this community.

**God bless you all!**



# **Robert W. Rowe Public Library**



**Preschool Playgroup**– Starting October 15th-Thursdays @ 11:00AM October-May. This program is geared toward ages 3-5 years and lasts approximately 30 minutes.

**Historian Jim Gibbons-Presents Harry S. Truman**-Saturday October 3rd 1:00PM  
Historian, Jim Gibbons, will present the life of the Missouri farmer, Harry S. Truman, who became our 33<sup>rd</sup> President of the United States. Determination and persistence were the keys to Truman's success. This includes the gaining of his wife's hand in marriage, the dropping of the Atomic Bomb, the firing of General Douglas MacArthur, and the "whistle-stop, give 'em hell speech campaign." When all the press, the pollsters, and even his mother-in-law felt that he had no chance, Truman overcame all odds to achieve the presidency in his own right. Gibbons will show that even though unanimously the politicians, the press, and the pollsters acclaimed Thomas E. Dewey was the sure presidential winner, the voters were wild about Harry!

Space is limited and face coverings will be required. Register at 815-496-2031 We are ADA accessible. Open to all ages.

**Adult Craft Night**-Tuesday October 6th 6:30PM-Paint a Spooky Ghost or Haunted House. Please register 815-496-2031 Space is limited and masks will be required. ADA accessible. Open to adults 18 and over.

**SAT BOOT CAMP**-Beginning October 7th-Our SAT Boot Camp will again be offered on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:30PM Come prepared to not only work but to have fun and get to know other potential SAT test takers! Snacks/Beverages will be offered (along with Surprise "door prizes") Registration is required. Cost for SAT Material is \$12.00

**Creepy Eye Craft**-Thursday October 8th @ 2:00PM. For ages 5-12. Do you feel like somebody's watching you? Call 815-496-2031 to register by Wednesday, October 7th.

**Anime & Comic Club**-Friday, October 9th @ 3:00PM. Join us for our first fall club meeting. We are making Venom slime, dress in costume or just a t-shirt showing your favorite character. We will test your trivia skills, try new foods and draw your favorite comic ad manga book characters-Join Us! Ages 9-12. Call 815-496-2031 to register.

**Mobile Room Escape**-Tuesday October 13th-What is Chicago Mobile Room Escape? Mobile Room Escape Chicago is a unique experience that is fun and challenging for all ages! You will need to work together (as part of a group) to solve unique and challenging puzzles, clues, and escape before time runs out. This will be held at Robert Rowe Public Library. The mobile unit will be parked in the front parking lot outside the library. There are 4 sessions –12 people to each group. (48 spots total) Registration and masks are required. Please contact Kelsie at [kwiseman@rwrlibrary.org](mailto:kwiseman@rwrlibrary.org) or call 815-496-2031 to register.

**Teen Take Home Craft Chalkboard Skulls**-Friday, October 16th. Teens will get a plastic skull and some chalkboard paint they can use to decorate the skull. Limited number available. First come-first served or reserve one ahead of time.

## Veteran's Day Ceremony

Join us for our annual Veteran's Day Ceremony held on Friday, November 11th @ 1:00PM at the Sheridan Veterans Memorial.

Refreshments provided following the ceremony.



Please attend and support our Veterans!

### 30MPH SPEED ZONE EXTENDED

**The LaSalle County Highway Department has granted the Village of Sheridan's request for the 30mph speed zone to be extended on Robinson Street (2603rd Rd) approximately 600 yards to the South of town.**

**This was requested so that a slower speed would be in place before reaching the residential area of the village.**

**Please be aware of the change and your speed for the safety of all.**

**Chuck Bergeron  
Chief of Police**

