

# Village of Philo

# News from the Best Little Town in Illinois

Spring - 2017

## FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

By: Larry Franks

It is with great sadness that we said good-bye to our long time village attorney, Paul Hendren. Paul was with the village for many, many years. My grandfather brought Paul on board with the village back when he was mayor. Although Paul represented many other villages and towns, he always had a special place in his heart for Philo and was very attentive to our needs. He will be greatly missed.

## IN OTHER VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

### From the meeting minutes:

**December-** Real Estate Purchase Ordinance No. 2016-606 was passed. This allowed for purchase of the Premier Cooperative lot for the ongoing drainage project with the village. The antique postal sorting table was purchased for the village offices.

**January-** Paul Hendren passed away. Technology updates were discussed. Marc Miller advised that the Board needs to pass a Travel Expenses ordinance.

**February--** Minutes will be approved at the March board meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 in the Eileen Painter Room of the R. E. Franks Meeting Center. Meeting minutes are posted on the Village web site [www.villageofphilo.com](http://www.villageofphilo.com) under the Village Board tab after they are approved at the following monthly meeting.

## Community Clean-Up Day Scheduled

Mark your calendars for the spring clean-up and recycling day on Saturday, April 22 from 7:00am - Noon at the corner of Washington St. and Adams on the Premier Cooperative lot. Check the insert for more details.

## BRUSH PICK-UP RESUMES

The 2017 seasonal brush pick-up will begin on April 1 weather permitting. Pick-ups are done on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month through December 1. If those dates fall on a weekend, the pick-up will be the following Monday.

Use paper bags for plant material 12 inches or smaller.

Stack limbs that are 12 to 60 inches in length.

Cut items that are longer than 60 inches.

Cut wood limbs that are greater than 6 inches in diameter into 3 foot or less length pieces and separate.

If you have questions, please contact Dave Traxler at 684-2674.

## Burning Regulations

Residents may burn leaves, sticks and other plants grown or generated in the Village of Philo in a safe manner during daylight hours. Please be conscious of how it impacts your neighbors. Many people have allergies or sensitivities to smoke. Do not burn wet leaves.

## Pool Fence Ordinance (2005-523)

The Village of Philo has an ordinance requiring anyone with an above ground swimming pool to have a fence that extends at least 2' above the exterior of the pool and have a locking gate. For in ground pools the fence must be at least 4' in height from the ground.

## Summer Ball Sign-Ups

Sign-ups were held Feb. 25, March 1 & March 4. Check out the Park District web page for more information or if you missed the sign-up dates. [www.philosports.com](http://www.philosports.com).



## R.E. Franks Meeting Center Available for All Celebrations and Activities

Are you looking for an air-conditioned facility for your family gatherings? This is a great venue for family reunions, holiday celebrations, graduation parties, kids' birthday parties and celebration of life events. It is also available to rent for pick-up basketball games or other activities. If you need a venue for your celebration or family gathering, or to get the kids out of the house during winter break contact Janet Decker at 684-2562 or e-mail [janet@villageofphilo.com](mailto:janet@villageofphilo.com). Additional information and a calendar for availability can be found on the village web site [www.villageofphilo.com](http://www.villageofphilo.com) under Franks Center tab.



## Ed Clem & Chrissy Rigsby Return to the RE Franks Meeting Center

On Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 3:00 pm, the Philo Country Music show will be hosted by Ed Clem and Chrissy Rigsby. Their Branson-style live music stage show is held at the RE Franks Meeting Center, 108 W. Madison Street in Philo. Tickets are \$10 per person at the door. Concessions are available. Questions? [dorgilbrin@aol.com](mailto:dorgilbrin@aol.com) 217/390-2700.

## Support the Philo Fire Department

**O'Philo Fest** -- The Philo Fire Department is hosting their annual Corn Beef & Cabbage lunch on Sunday, March 12 from 2:00 - 5:00pm at the Philo Tavern. They are also holding a cash raffle. Contact one of the firemen for more details.

## Village President and Three Trustee Seats to be Filled in Upcoming Local Election.

Elections for three village Trustee seats and village President (Mayor) will be held on Tuesday, April 4.



Current Trustees up for re-election are Pat Pioletti, Steve Sappenfield and John Mumma. Trustees serve a four year term. Also up for re-election is current Village President Larry (L.R.) Franks. President Franks was first elected in 2013 after serving as Village Trustee beginning in 1991.

As the election approaches, the ballot sample and candidate listing will be available on the Champaign County Clerk web site at [www.ChampaignCountyClerk.com](http://www.ChampaignCountyClerk.com).

## Philo Area Easter Egg Hunt

Philo 4-H Friends will be hosting the annual Easter egg hunt at 1:00pm (sharp) on Saturday, April 15 at the St. Thomas School playground. The Easter bunny will be on hand for pictures and there will be face painting. The event is free to children pre-school through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Bring a basket or other container for collecting eggs. Please do not bring your pets.

## Small Business Saturday

Belynda Allen of Fancy Thrift & Resale Emporium in Villa Grove will be hosting a vendor fair at the R. E. Franks Center in Philo on Saturday, May 4. Belynda is inviting small home-based business and other small businesses to join together in a "one-stop-shop" event. If you are interested in being a vendor, contact Belynda at (217) 722-2560. Shopping times are to be announced later. Watch the *Welcome To Philo* sign for more information.

## Transient/Solicitation/Peddlers Permits

The Village has an ordinance for door-to-door sales. Persons wishing to go door-to-door for solicitation are required to obtain a permit from the village office. This does not apply to schools, Scouts and other local fundraising groups. Solicitation hours are 8:00am to 8:00pm and the permit is \$10 per person per day. Solicitors are issued a permit that they must carry with them while in the village.

---

## Paul Hendren



CHAMPAIGN – Paul C. Hendren, 74, died from viral encephalitis on Wednesday (Jan. 11, 2017) while in hospice care at Carle Foundation Hospital,

Urbana.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, at Morgan Memorial Home, 1304 Regency West, Savoy. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. John Lutheran Church, 509 S. Mattis Ave., Champaign, with the Rev. Mark Elliott and the Rev. Jeff Caithamer officiating. Burial will be in Locust Grove Cemetery, Philo.

Paul was born on Sept. 28, 1942, at Fort Riley, Kan., son of Dr. William Paul and Nancy Grosboll Hendren. His family lived in the Stadium Terrace housing outside Memorial Stadium after World War II while his father prepared to attend the newly established Veterinary Medicine College. The family moved to Carthage, Ill., in 1952.

Paul graduated from the University of Illinois in 1964 with honors in sociology. He was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity and was business manager of the Illio yearbook. He graduated from the UI Law School in 1967 where he wrote for the Law Review and was named to the Order of the Coif honorary.

After four years in the U.S. Army JAG Corps, including service in Vietnam, he joined the law firm of Williamson & Miller (now Miller & Hendren) in Champaign.

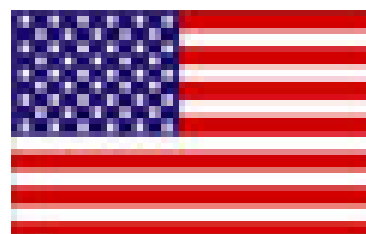
Paul always considered himself an office lawyer who enjoyed helping ordinary people with their legal matters. He served as attorney for several villages in the area.

Paul was a past president of the Champaign County Bar Association and was named a Pillar of the Bar in 2015. He served many years as a hearing officer for the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission.

He was active in the Champaign Lions Club and St. John Lutheran Church.

Paul married Suzanne Backs on June 13, 1965, in Belvidere. She survives, along with son, Matthew (Leslie) of Chicago; a daughter, Anne Hendren and grandson, Damyán Shepherd, of Mahomet; and a sister, Jane (Bruce) Leathem of Carthage.

Memorials may be given to the Champaign Lions Club or St. John Lutheran School.



**Village Board and Officials**

**Village President**

Larry R. Franks ..... 684-2493.. LRFranks11@yahoo.com

**Village Clerk**

Judy Kirby ..... 684-2118

**Village Treasurer**

Rod Schweighart .... 840-6029

**Trustees**

John Mumma ..... 684-2625.. JMumma4740@aol.com  
Steve Sappenfield.. 621-3084.. Steve@philosports.com  
Pat Pioletti..... 684-2172.. pw64@comcast.net  
Paul Brady ..... 684-2540.. paul-brady@comcast.net  
Rachael Garrett.... 714-8484.. rachaelgarrett@comcast.net  
Steve Messman ... 493-8762.messmanfarms@comcast.net

**Deputy Village Clerk & R. E. Franks Meeting Center Rentals**

Janet Decker.. 684-2562.. janet@villageofphilo.com  
127 W. Washington St., Monday - Friday 10am-1pm

**Village Maintenance & Building Inspector**

David Traxler ..... 684-2674  
105 E. Washington St., Monday-Friday 7am - 4 pm

**Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)**

Chris Payne, Chair ..... 684-2226

**Philo Planning Commission**

Karl Helmink, Chair.....karl.helmink@comcast.net

**ESDA Co-Coordinator**

Richard Brand ..... 778-8259  
Chris Lueth.....377-9627

*View meeting agendas & minutes on the Web at [www.villageofphilo.com](http://www.villageofphilo.com)*

Village of Philo  
127 W. Washington St.  
P.O. Box 72  
Philo, IL 61864-0072

PRSR STD  
ECRWSS  
U.S.  
POSTAGE  
  
**PAID**  
EDDM Retail

\*\*\*\*\***ECRWSS**\*\*\*\*\*  
**Local  
Postal Customer**