



Village of Philo

News from the Best Little Town in Illinois

Fall 2017
September - November

FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

By: Larry Franks

Thank you to everyone who has been so patient with the drainage project. I am happy to report that a contractor has been approved and work should begin shortly. We hope this helps alleviate some of the flooding on the northeast side of town.

We had a great report from our annual audit. The Village is fiscally sound and in compliance with all regulations.

I want to give a quick reminder that motorized vehicles that are not licensed for public roads are not allowed on village streets. This includes motorbikes, ATV's, etc. Please register your golf carts and follow the ordinance regulations for your safety and the safety of our community. I especially encourage you to watch for walkers, bikes, runners and farm equipment as we roll into harvest season.

Drainage Project Moves Forward

Six bids were submitted for the detention basin project to be completed on the recently acquired Premier Cooperative ground. The Bid was awarded to Muldeen Excavating. The anticipated date for the project to wrap up is November 17, 2017. This is exciting news for the northeast corner of Philo. The project is to help alleviate the flooding that occurs in that area of town. The excess dirt from the basin will stay on site and may be used as a recreational site and possible sledding hill in the future. The Trees, Parks and Beautification Committee will visit this topic as the project progresses.

IN OTHER VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

From the meeting minutes:

June - Luke Kirby updated the Board on the Run4Raley event to be held the August 4. Dave Atchley, Village Engineer stated there was only one bid for MFT work. Illiana Construction will be handling the summer road work. Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals continue to work together to streamline the committees. There was an extended discussion of the on-going problem of ATV's on village streets as well as kids driving golf carts.

July - Motion was approved to move forward with the detention basin drainage project. Sourceline Media presented a proposal to update the Village web site. All Board members approved and thought it was a good idea.

August - Minutes will be approved at the September board meeting to be held Wednesday, September 13, 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 under the Village Board tab after they are approved at the following monthly meeting.



Web Site -- Under Construction

Coming soon! The new Village of Philo web site will be unveiled. We are working to create a user friendly site that will also be mobile friendly. Check it out at www.villageofphilo.com

New Bathrooms at Hale Park Completed

Permanent bathrooms were built at Hale Park. The unisex bathrooms are handicap accessible with running water and flush toilets. The village is grateful the Philo Volunteer Firemen for planning and overseeing this project.

The pavilion at Hale Park may be reserved by Philo residents free of charge. Reservations are taken on a first come, first serve basis up to one year in advance.

Reservations are accepted at the Philo Village Office Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Reservations are also accepted by phone at 684-2562 or via e-mail at janet@villageofphilo.com.



Marvin Lee - Summer Concert Series

Marvin Lee will continue bringing his country music concert series to Hale Park the first two Tuesday's in September. This is a free event open to the public. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the late summer evenings in Philo. The Philo Volunteer Firemen will have pork chops on hand for a fee.

BRUSH PICK-UP

The 2017 seasonal brush pick-up will continue through December 1 weather permitting. Pick-ups are done on the 1st and 15th of each month. If those dates fall on a weekend or holiday, the pick-up will be the following Monday or next day.

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.

**DO NOT PILE BRUSH IN ROAD OR ALLEYWAYS.
KEEP IT ON YOUR PROPERTY.**

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

Burnings Leaves & Yard Waste

As the trees turn colors and begin to lose their leaves many people will choose to burn their leaves instead of bag them. **Please be conscious of how it impacts your neighbors. Many people have allergies or sensitivities to smoke.** Residents may burn leaves, sticks and other plants grown or generated in the Village of Philo in a safe manner during daylight hours. Do not burn wet leaves.

Golf Cart Registration



Due to ongoing complaints to Village Trustees, they want to remind residents that the use of ATV's, motorbikes, golf carts without permits and other off-road vehicles are not allowed on village streets, parks, ball diamonds and other properties of the village. Only inspected golf carts are allowed on the village streets when being operated by a licensed driver. Per a 2009 ordinance, individuals who intend to drive their golf carts on Village streets must obtain a permit from the Village and have their carts inspected, among other criteria.

****Qualifying golf carts must have a maximum attainable speed of 20 miles per hour and be properly equipped.**

****Any person who operates a golf cart must be at least 18 years of age and possess a valid driver's license and insurance coverage. The maximum occupancy in the cart is one person per bucket seat or two people per bench seat.**

****Golf carts are to be driven on streets only and from sunrise to sunset.**

****The annual permit fee is \$15 for citizens ages 65 years and older and \$30 for all others.**

****Golf cart inspection appointments may be made with Trustee Paul Brady at paul-brady@comcast.net or by phone at 684-2540.**

ATV's and other off-road vehicles are NOT allowed on village streets or properties.

Violations are punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500 for each violation.

The ordinance and complete list of requirements is available at the Philo Village Office inside the R. E. Franks Meeting Center at 127 West Washington Street. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. You may call 684-2562 or e-mail inquiries to janet@villageofphilo.com.

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 and show upon request.

If you have questions or need further information about these or any other ordinances, please contact the office at 684-2562.



Village Wide Garage Sale Dates Set

Friday, September 29

Saturday, September 30

The village wide garage sale dates have been set for Friday, September 29 and Saturday, September 30. Contact the village office at 684-2562 or janet@villageofphilo.com to be put on the map or for more information. There is a \$5.00 fee to be included on the map. Office hours are 8:00am - 11:00am, Monday - Friday.

Comments and suggestions regarding the *Philo Newsletter's* format and content are welcome.

**Village of Philo
Attn: Newsletter
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Philo, IL 61864**

Community Recycling Day

The semi-annual Community Clean-up and Recycling Day is scheduled for **Saturday, October 21**. The dumpsters will be located at the corner of Washington and Adams Streets from **7:00am - noon**. This is a later than usual date due to some scheduling conflicts. We hope everyone will take the time to use this service to help keep our community beautiful. These services are provided for Village of Philo residents only.

Items that cannot be put in the dumpsters are

Tires	Batteries
Paint	Motor Oil
Propane Tanks	Acid or Alkaline Products
Any other Hazardous Materials	

Grass clippings, brush or other yard debris

Electronics recycling will also be available. See the insert for a list of acceptable materials. A list will also be posted at the front of the village offices and the post office.

Trick or Treating Hours

Trick or Treating hours are typically set by the Board at the October meeting. Historically, the hours are held on **October 31 from 6:00 - 8:00pm**. Watch the electronic sign or check out the Announcements page on the redesigned web page at www.villageofphilo.com.

Remember Our Veterans

Friday, November 11



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

Are you looking for a facility for your family holiday 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. Additional information and a calendar for availability can be found on the village web site www.villageofphilo.com under Franks Center tab.

Village Board and Officials

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Village Treasurer

Rod Schweighart 840-6029

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

Janet Decker.. 684-2562.. janet@villageofphilo.com
127 W. Washington St., Monday - Friday 8am - 11am

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
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View meeting agendas & minutes on the Web at www.villageofphilo.com

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