



Village of Philo

News from the Best Little Town in Illinois

June - August 2017

FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

By: Larry Franks

I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone who used the service of the dumpsters for our Community Clean-up Day. We are happy to provide this service to our residents in an effort to help keep the village clean and neat.

Now that summer is here, we hope to break ground on the drainage project to alleviate some of the flooding that happens in town. All of the recent rains have highlighted once again, the need for relief on the north east end of town.

Also with the summer months, more people are outside exercising and enjoying the outdoors. I have asked that several of the ordinances be outlined in this newsletter. If you would like to see the full ordinance, call Janet at the village office 684-2562. ATV's and golf carts are becoming a big issue for the village.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Change to the Village Administrative Office Hours

Effective Monday, June 5, 2017 the village office will be open from 8:00 am - 11:00 am Monday through Friday. If you have a need to stop in and these hours are not convenient, you can make an appointment by calling 684-2562 or e-mail janet@villageofphilo.com. Janet will be happy to work with you.

If you have a village maintenance concern, please contact Dave Traxler at 684-2674 between 7:00 am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday.

IN OTHER VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

From the meeting minutes:

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

April - Elections were held on Tuesday, April 4. Mayor Franks, Trustees Mumma, Sappenfield and Pioletti were all re-elected to their seats.

May-- Minutes will be approved at the June board meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 14, 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.

New Bathrooms at Hale Park

Permanent bathrooms are being built at Hale Park. Each bathroom will be handicap accessible with running water and flush toilets. The village is grateful the Philo Fire Department for taking on this project.



Marvin Lee - Summer Concert Series

Once again Marvin Lee will be bringing his country music concert series to Hale Park every Tuesday evening in August and 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 evening in Philo. The Philo Fire Department will have pork chops on hand for a fee.



New Postmaster and Route Carrier

Please welcome Todd Kerns as the new Postmaster of Philo. Todd comes to Philo with 31 years of experience. In 1986 he started his career at the Champaign Post office as a mail processing clerk. Later he filled many positions, Data collection, City Carrier, Rural Carrier and Supervisor at the Urbana post office. In 2005 Todd was promoted to Postmaster of Brocton and has been Postmaster of Savoy since 2010.

Todd and Kristine, his wife of 30 years, raised 4 children in his native town, Tuscola Illinois, where they still reside. Todd looks forward to serving the Philo community.



Jeff Douglas joined the Philo post office in Mid-December as the Rural carrier relief. He has worked as a Private Investigator for over 20 years. Jeff and his wife Julie lives in Philo. Julie is the assistant manager at the Dollar General in Philo. He expressed how he enjoys delivering the mail to the Philo residents.



Word of Thanks from Susan Plackett, Retired Postmaster

I would like to take this time to thank everyone for the well wishes and gifts the Philo residents gave to me upon my retirement on December 16th. Serving Philo was the best 12 1/2 years of my career and I do miss it!

Hale Park Pavilion

Planning summer gatherings? 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 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reservations are also accepted by phone at 684-2562 or via e-mail at janet@villageofphilo.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. Additional information and a calendar for availability can be found on the village web site www.villageofphilo.com under Franks Center tab.

10th Annual Run4Raley

Lucas and Leslie Kirby are happy to announce that they will once again be hosting the Run4Raley on Friday, August 4. It will be the same course as last year, through the streets of Philo. There will be fun for the whole family. Even if you are not a runner, come out and support this great cause. The Kirby's started this journey after they lost their first born daughter (Raley) to Mitochondrial Disease a few weeks after her birth. Hosting this event makes them feel closer to her and bring awareness to this disease. With their busy lives, they are also looking for a planning committee to help them with this important project. You can visit their website at run4rale.org or their Facebook page for more information.

Annual Golf Cart Registration



As the warm weather returns so does the use of golf carts by some residents to get around the village. 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 senior 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.

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.

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.

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

BRUSH PICK-UP

The 2017 seasonal brush pick-up will begin on April 1 weather permitting. Pick-ups are done on the 1st and 15th 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.

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

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

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