



Village of Philo

News from the Best Little Town in Illinois

Spring 2018
March - May

FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

By: Larry Franks

Did you get to enjoy the new sledding hill this winter? We are excited to have a place in Philo for outdoor activity when the snow flies. Too bad it's been so cold, but "The Hill" turned out better than we could have imagined. Looking ahead to Spring and warmer, wetter weather, we will keep our eye on the new drainage system to make sure it operates as we had designed and assure that it brings relief to many of our residents that continually have water in their yards or even homes. Another note about "The Hill"; **NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED ON THAT PROPERTY**, or any Village property. Please use caution when playing in that area.

In March we will be signing a new contract with the guidance of Good Energy to bring lower electrical rates to the Village of Philo once again. You will have the option to opt-out of the chosen carrier. At this time, we do not know who the carrier will be or the rate, so stay tuned for further information.

Our new web page is up and running. We are posting Agenda's, Minutes and Village Announcements. Check it out. Give Janet a call if you have information to add or feedback on the site.



Have a healthy and happy spring in the Center of The Universe!

IN OTHER VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

From the meeting minutes:

December - Dave Atchley, Village Engineer updated the Board on the progress and costs of the drainage project. The area was found to have soupy areas with higher water table than expected. The issue was corrected. Village Attorney, Marc Miller presented a Liquor Ordinance amendment that allowed for an extra hour of operation for Village businesses selling alcohol due to the holiday falling on a Sunday and the Philo Tavern Customer Appreciation Day. Mr. Miller also explained that the Village will be required to pass a Sexual Harassment Ordinance required by the State of Illinois and based off our insurance company model. The January meeting will be conducted as a "Special Meeting" and an ordinance will be passed to establish the regular meetings for calendar year 2018. Dave Traxler, Village Maintenance presented a quote for a new scoreboard and control for the R. E. Franks Center/Thelma Melohn Gym.

January - Dave Atchley, Village Engineer updated the Board on the final progress of the drainage project. Marc Miller, Village Attorney was on vacation. The Sexual Harassment Policy Ordinance was passed as well as the Meeting Dates for 2018 calendar year. Dave Traxler was asked to look into different pricing for Wi-Fi and advertising for the new scoreboard for the R. E. Franks Meeting Center/Thelma Melohn Gym. Renewal of the lease for Hugs & Bugs Preschool was tabled until the February meeting.

Rental Property Owners and Managers

The Village Office receives regular inquiries regarding apartments and homes for rent in Philo and the Unit 7 school district. To make it easier for interested parties to connect with housing sources; property owners and managers are encouraged to post their contact information on the Village website. Contact Janet at 684-2562, janet@villageofphilo.com or use the *Contact Us* tab on the web page at www.villageofphilo.com. The office also receives inquiries regarding space for businesses.

From Dave Traxler, Village Maintenance

Brush Pick-up will begin
Monday, April 2

Brush pick-up is scheduled the 1st & 15th of each month. If either of those dates falls on a weekend or holiday, pick-up will be the next business day immediately following.

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

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



Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Philo 4-H Friends and other community organizations will be held on **Saturday, March 31, 2018**. This is free for children ages pre-school thru 4th grade. The Easter Bunny will make an appearance, so bring your camera. The event will begin **promptly at 1:00pm** at St. Thomas School playground at 311 E. Madison Street in Philo. Bring a basket or container to collect eggs, but leave your pets at home. Contact Barb Kleiss at 684-2331 or 841-7273 if you need further information.

Philo Public Library Home Delivery

Home delivery service is available to anyone who is physically unable to visit the Philo Public Library. If you have a Philo Library card and have a temporary or long-term illness, injury, disability, limited mobility or are a senior citizen without transportation, you may be eligible for this service. Contact the Library at 684-2896 and ask to register for Home Deliver Services to get started.

Recycling Rules

Philo residents are fortunate to have a recycling service located right in town (under the water tower). Unfortunately, from time to time, regular garbage is put in the recycling dumpsters which means all contents of the dumpster must be disposed of as garbage. Recycling or unacceptable materials left outside of dumpsters is not picked up by the recycling vendor and creates extra cost to the Village. Please be considerate and come back another time if the containers are full. Thank you for being concerned with the environment and appearance of our Village!

O'Philo Fest Corned Beef & Cabbage

Served at the Philo Tavern. **Sunday, March 11 from 2:00 - 6:00pm**. All proceeds benefit the Fire Department.

Philo Country Music Show Returns

Sunday, April 8 the Country Music Show of Ed Clem & Chrissy Rigsby will return to the R. E. Franks Center. The show begins at **3:00pm**. There is a \$10 admission at the door.

Enjoy Our Parks

We have four parks in Philo. Firemen's Field, also known as "the Big Diamond" hosts little league, softball and various other tournaments. Check their web site www.philosports.com for a game schedule. We also have Hazen Park or "the Little Diamond" is host to T-ball and coach pitch games. There is a concession stand, playground equipment and now a batting cage. Willow Run Subdivision has a small park with playground equipment for younger kids. Hale Park, our largest park has a pavilion that is free for Philo residents to reserve by calling the office at 684-2562. The park also hosts free, family friendly outdoor concerts in late summer.

Watch for exciting news about upgrading the playground equipment at some of these parks. A committee is being formed to talk about the needs at these parks and fundraising to make it happen. Please call the office if you would be interested in working on this committee.

Community Clean-up, Electronics Recycling & Shredding Day coming Saturday, May 5.

Countryside United Methodist Church 14th Annual Flea Market & Sweet Shoppe

Countryside United Methodist Church serves the rural areas south east of Champaign-Urbana. The church building is actually listed as an emergency shelter with the ESDA of Champaign County and it is extensively used as a meeting place for many area organizations. **Saturday, March 24** CUMC, located at 1807 County Road 1000 North (between Sidney/Philo) will hold their 14th annual fund raiser flea market and bake sale. The doors will open at **7:00am and close at 2:00pm**. The flea market will have many items for the entire household. A silent auction takes place throughout the day for “specialty items and treasures”.

Folks can go shopping in the Clothes Closet, Children’s Store, Book Nook or stop by the Bakery & Sweets Shoppe for some delicious homemade pies, cakes, cookies, or fudge all packaged and ready to take home. The SonShine Café will serve breakfast and lunch. Breakfast will include biscuits & gravy, rolls, pastries, fruit, coffee and juice. The lunch menu will consist of BBQ pork chop sandwiches, hot dogs, chili dogs, chips, fruit, drinks and desserts.

This year’s proceeds will be divided into three portions. One portion will go to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) to aid victims of weather, fire and natural disasters within the USA. A second portion will go to the Love Packages Program. This Illinois based, “in home” program started in 1975. Unwanted Christian literature is collected, boxed and sent in ocean going containers to port cities around the world and distributed in “Love Packages” to thousands of English speaking churches. The third portion will go to Countryside & the Tolono United Methodist Churches for their Mission Trip to the Henderson Settlement in Kentucky.

Donated items can be brought to the church any time **after March 1st**. A designated area in the **education wing** will be open for drop offs.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact CUMC at (217) 621-3590 or cumc.office99@gmail.com.

Annual Schumacher Shuffle 5K/Race Walk and 1K Kids Fun Run (Date Change)

Due to various conflicts and weather, St. Thomas has changed the date of their annual 5K Race/Walk & 1K Kids Fun Run from November to April. So, if you are training for the Illinois Marathon, this would be a great race to get out and see how your training is going. **Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 1:00pm**. The race starts in front of St. Thomas School. Call 684-2309 for a registration form or visit www.stthomasphilo.org click on the school page and then the Schumacher Shuffle logo on the lower right of the page.

Jazz & Java Coming in May

Come out for an evening of entertainment by the Unity High School & Jr. High music students. Enjoy tasty treats and beverages. **Thursday, May 10**. Doors open at 5:30pm and the show is free to the public. There is a small charge for the treats and beverages; donations are accepted to help support the music boosters and music programs in the Unit 7 District.

R.E. Franks Meeting Center Serves a Wide Variety of Events

Are you looking for a facility for your family gatherings, holiday parties or just someplace to let the kids run off some steam? Do you coach a travel basketball or volleyball team and need a practice facility?

The meeting center is well-suited for weddings, receptions, family reunions, birthday parties, bridal and baby showers, anniversary celebrations and stage performances. Amenities include a kitchenette, stage, large projection screen and integrated sound system for everything from live bands to your MP3 player.

The space can equally accommodate informal or formal athletic events. Basketball and volleyball courts are available. For games there are bleachers, two locker rooms, scoreboard and announcing equipment. The Board room is also available for small gatherings. Philo residents receive a 10% discount off their rental.

For more information and to schedule a visit or for reservations, contact Janet Decker, Rental Coordinator at 684-2562 or janet@villageofphilo.com. Further details and information are available online at www.villageofphilo.com.

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127 W. Washington St., Monday - Friday 8am - 11am

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