



# Village of Philo

# News from the Best Little Town in Illinois

Fall 2018  
September - November

## FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

By: Larry Franks

We had a great report from our annual audit. The Village is fiscally sound and in compliance with all regulations. I am happy to report that the R. E. Franks Meeting Center has been paid off. We hope to start with some updates to the facility in the future.

Thank you to the Philo Kids Festival committee and all who attended the event. The committee is working to raise money for new playground equipment.

I also want to thank everyone who has registered their golf carts and following the regulations. This seems to be very popular in the evening, so if you are driving through town, keep an eye out for slow moving vehicles, walkers, runners, bikes and farm equipment as we roll into harvest.

## IN OTHER VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

From the meeting minutes:

**June** - The Village was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by the Sons of American Legion for allowing them to collect the metals for recycling at our Spring Community Clean-up day. The raise money for a child welfare fund. The Philo Kids Festival presented information and updated the Trustees. The 2018-2019 MFT program in the amount of \$54,301.03 was passed. Bid for work at Hale Park was accepted. Philo Gas & Car Wash (a.k.a. Corner Store) surrendered their liquor license in preparation of business transfer to new owners.

**July** - Restriping of Washington & North Harrison Streets is scheduled. 2018-2019 Appropriations Ordinance was presented and approved unanimously. The brush burn pile needs cleaned out and hauled away at a cost of

approximately \$250 per load and will take 10 - 12 loads. Sourceline Media lease was renewed. The Swimming Pool Ordinance was reviewed. No changes were made. Executive session was held to discuss employment, performance and wages.

**August** - Minutes will be approved at the September board meeting to be held Wednesday, September 12, 2018 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. The public is invited to attend.

## Planning Commission

Over the last couple of years the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals has been combined, at the request of the Village President and the Board of Trustees, in an effort to simplify the planning, building and ordinance process. The appointed members are now considered the *Planning Commission*. The Village Engineer along with his staff and the newly reorganized Commission members meet regularly on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm. They have worked tirelessly over the last eighteen months on updating the Village of Philo Zoning Ordinance and the Village of Philo Subdivision Ordinance. Both of these documents are now ready to be reviewed by the Village President and Board of Trustees for adoption. There will be a public open house during the Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, September 12 at 5:30pm for any interested parties. Both documents can be reviewed in advance at the Village office between the hours of 8:00am - 11:00am; Monday - Friday.



## 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 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. 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.

## Philo Country Music Show at the R. E. Franks Center

On Sunday, November 4, 2018 and Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 3:00 pm, the Philo Country Music show will be hosted by Ed Clem and Chrissy Sparks, featuring Dyke Corson, lead, steel guitar, and vocals; Dave Ohlsson, drums and vocals with Ed, bass, vocals & Chrissy on piano, sax and vocals. Special guest in November will be Dennis Stroughmatt on fiddle and vocals. 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.

### BRUSH PICK-UP

The 2018 seasonal brush pick-up will continue through December 1 weather permitting. Pick-ups are done on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 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 ALLEYS. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 28**

**Saturday, September 29**

The village wide garage sale dates have been set for Friday, September 28 and Saturday, September 29. Contact the village office at 684-2562 or [janet@villageofphilo.com](mailto: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. Deadline will be Friday, September 21.

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

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[janet@villageofphilo.com](mailto:janet@villageofphilo.com)**

## Community Recycling Day

The semi-annual Community Clean-up and Recycling Day is scheduled for **Saturday, October 6**. 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 and Philo Township 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 set by the Board of Trustees. The hours will be from **6:00 - 8:00pm** on **Wednesday, October 31**.

## Remember Our Veterans

**Sunday, November 11 --**

Veterans Day will be observed on Monday, November 12 at state and local government offices, banks and other businesses to honor our veterans.



## 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](mailto:janet@villageofphilo.com). Philo resident rate is \$22.50 per hour. 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.

**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 8am - 11am

**Village Maintenance & Building Inspector**

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

**Philo Planning Commission**

Chris Payne, Co - Chair ..... 684-2226  
Karl Helmink, Co - 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)*

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