

## Village of Philo

# News from the Best Little Town in Illinois

Winter 2018-2019  
December - February

### FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

By: Larry Franks

Another year is coming to an end and the Board of Trustees and I would like to wish you all well in the New Year. Thank you for your patience as we worked through our large drainage project over the past year. We will continue working on other areas of town and have a plan in place to keep the tile lines clear. You can help by keeping debris including snow piles, away from the drain covers and by not placing debris directly in the ditch to be washed toward the drain.

We are currently working to update our Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances. These two items will soon be on-line and in a searchable format.

I want to remind everyone whether you are out for a run, walk or walking your pet to please wear light or reflective gear now that it gets dark so early. Please report streetlights that are out to Ameren or to village maintenance.

**Have a safe and happy holiday season!**

### IN OTHER VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

From the meeting minutes:

**September** - Pastor Jason Schiller presented plans from the Playground Committee meeting for new playground equipment at the village parks. Our Village Engineer reported that all oil and chip work was completed for the year. Safe Routes to Schools grant information was presented. Village Treasurer Rodney Schweighart announced his resignation as Treasurer. Kevin Chalmers was appointed the new Village Treasurer.

**October** - Special legal counsel David Krchak with Thomas, Mamer & Haughey, LLP., led the discussion about the Village's proposed employee handbook. Updated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances were

discussed with request for forms and updated fee schedule. Safe Route to Schools surveys to be sent to St. Thomas school and Unit 7 schools for participation. Replacement trees were requested. Lease agreement between the Village and Hugs & Bugs Daycare was approved. Three trustees Brady, Garrett, and Messman were reminded of the filing period for the spring election.

**November** - Minutes will be approved at the October board meeting to be held Wednesday, October 10, 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. Complete minutes can be read on the village website at [www.villageofphilo.com](http://www.villageofphilo.com)

### CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

Tree pick-up will be January 14, 2019 with final pick-up on January 19, 2019. Weather permitting.

### BRUSH PICK-UP

Final brush pick-up for 2018 was December 1. Brush pick-up will resume on Monday, April 1, 2019 weather permitting.

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

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

## Community Clean Up Day & Recycling

Once again the village provided dumpsters and a recycling service for the Community Clean Up day on October 6 for residents of the Village of Philo. This is a free service provided to Village residents only and is an honors system program that we hope people use with respect. Residents filled 7 dumpsters and 3 trailers for recycling.

## Golf Cart Registration & ATV Use



Many golf carts are equipped for year-round use. Village Trustees 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 18 years or older. 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 this includes the hill and drainage pond area.**

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 8:00am to 11:00am. You may call 684-2562 or e-mail inquiries to janet@villageofphilo.com.

## Exercise helps keep the Winter Blues away

### Exercise with Caution

It's great that so many people in the community enjoy getting out and walking, running, biking or taking care of their pets. With the winter months also come challenges of getting these activities in safely. If you are outside, wear reflective gear and bright colored clothing. If it is dark, along with the reflective gear, consider wearing or carrying a light. Rules of the Road dictate that walkers and runners face oncoming traffic. Biking follows the rules of going with traffic. If you are on a hill, be sure to move to the side of the road and possibly stop until the vehicle has passed. Always assume the driver does not see you. Unfortunately, in this day of distracted driving they probably do not. Drivers, **PUT DOWN THE PHONES!** Walking at the R. E. Franks Center from 8:00am - 9:00am, Monday - Friday is always an option (no pets allowed).

### 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.

### Three Village Board of Trustee Seats Open

Are you interested in helping the Village of Philo continue to be a strong community? Three Trustee seats will be on the ballot for the next consolidated election on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. Terms are 3 years beginning with the May 2019 meeting. Monthly meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. If you are interested, there is still time to file the appropriate paper work with the Champaign County Clerk office. Filing deadline is December 17, 2018.

***Many Holiday Activities Coming Up. Check out the enclosed Calendar of Events!***



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

On Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 3:00pm, 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. 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.

## Extra Recycling

Please help keep the town and surrounding area clean and neat. We know there is extra garbage and recycling around the holidays and have ordered extra recycling pickup and containers thru the middle of January 2019. Please do not leave anything outside of the recycling containers if they are full. This creates a wet, soggy, unsightly mess and added expense to the Village. Please come back later.

## Downtown Snow Removal

When there are two or more inches of snow on Village Streets, residents living on Washington Street in the downtown area are asked to park in the alley between the hours of 12 am and 6 am so that the streets of Washington and Harrison can be plowed.



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

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## Santa Breakfast

The annual Santa Breakfast hosted by the Philo Exchange Bank will be held Saturday, December 8 at the R. E. Franks Meeting Center. Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. with Santa arriving around 9:00 a.m. Breakfast

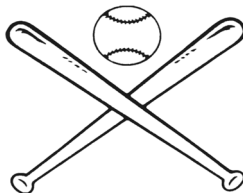
is free and includes donuts, juice, milk and coffee will be available. There will be games, crafts, and 1 photo per family with Santa (or you can bring your own camera). Each game will require 1 or 2 tickets and can be purchased for .25 each. Please bring a **new, unopened toy** and you will receive 10 free tickets.

## Holiday Tree Trimming & Lighting at the Library

The library will be having its annual ornament workshop followed by tree trimming and lighting ceremony the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in December. Please contact the library for more information.

## 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.



## Watch for Sign-Up Dates

At the time of printing we do not have the dates set. Watch the Welcome to Philo sign or visit our web site [www.villageofphilo.com/parks](http://www.villageofphilo.com/parks) for summer ball league sign-ups coming in February or March.

## Village Board and Officials

### Village President

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

### Village Clerk

Judy Kirby ..... 684-2118

### Village Treasurer

Kevin Chalmers.....(217) 441-2927

### Trustees

John Mumma ..... 684-2625.. JMumma4740@aol.com

Steve Sappenfield.. 621-3084.. Steve@philosports.com

Pat Pioletti..... 684-2172.. pw64@comcast.net

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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-Coordiators

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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