



Village of Philo

News from the Best Little Town in Illinois

Spring - 2019

FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

By: Larry Franks

On behalf of the Mumma family and many of John's friends, I want to say thanks for all the support and expressions of condolences through this difficult period. At the Village, although it was a difficult task, we are moving forward in the best interest of all the residents. I have appointed Tom Kelley to fill the Trustee position. Tom, his wife Molly and two kids moved to Philo in 2006. I am confident he will do a good job during his appointed term.

The St. Thomas addition is moving along and our Village Engineer is working with the contractor and school administrators to make sure the building is compliance with village regulations.

The Streets, Alley's and Sidewalks committee has met to determine our summer road and sidewalk repair schedule. We continue to make improvements to our community.

I do have to ask that all residents take care of their property and mow in a timely manner. I know it has been a difficult year with all the rain, but we need to stay on top of it and take pride in our community. Also, keeping ditches and drains clear of debris will help reduce the risk of mosquitos as the weather gets warmer.

Village Board meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. All meetings are open to the public and attendance is encouraged. The agenda is posted on our web page, the post office, main bank and the library. If you have a topic to be discussed, please contact the office 72 hours in advance of the meeting to be added to the agenda.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!



IN OTHER VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

June ~ the Philo Country Music Show will be at the R. E. Franks Center. The show will be on Sunday, June 23.

Watch for more details. (The building is air-conditioned.)

~Baseball and T-ball at Fireman's Field & Hazen Park.

July ~ Marvin Lee will bring his Tuesday evening music show's to Hale Park at 6:30pm beginning July 30.

August ~ Run4Raley 5K

~Philo Kid's Festival will be held once again to help raise funds for new playground equipment at the parks.

BRUSH PICK-UP

The 2019 seasonal brush pick-up will be April 1 through December 1 weather permitting. Pick-ups are done on the 1st and 15th of each month. 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.

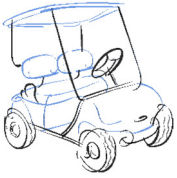
Stack limbs that are 12 to 60 inches in length.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Be A Good Neighbor

The Village Board encourages everyone to be a good neighbor and to keep the village clean and safe. Many of the calls we receive are just common courtesy, but from time to time an ordinance is required for guidelines. One of the most common summer questions is "Do I need a permit to put up a fence"? The answer to that is, "no". However, we encourage you to talk to your neighbors and leave at least a mower width between property lines. We have posted the updated village zoning and subdivision ordinances on our web page. You should be able to search these documents. Please call the office if you have any questions or need further information.

Other ways to be a good neighbor:

- Always pickup after your animals, particularly when they defecate on any property that does not belong to you. This includes, but not limited to public parks, the Franks Center property and Locust Grove Cemetery.
- By law, dogs must be on a leash when not on the owner's property.
- Put trash receptacles away after garbage pickup.
- Keep our property neat and orderly. Do not leave piles of debris for extended periods of time.
- Be conscientious of noise levels such as early morning mowing or after dark.
- Be courteous when burning lawn debris. There are many people with breathing issues. Smoke from burning leaves is detrimental to their health. Do not burn wet piles of leaves, sticks and other plants. If you have any questions about the regulations and ordinances in the Village you may call the office for clarification.



Exercise with Safety in Mind

It's that time of year when the weather warms up, people start getting out and walking, running or riding bikes. Please consider wearing a safety vest, carrying a light and wearing light colored or high visibility clothing when exercising in the dark. Drivers, be alert and share the road.



Three Trustees Run Unopposed

Elections for three village Trustee positions were held on Tuesday, April 2. Village Trustees Paul Brady, Rachael Garrett and Steve Messman were re-elected and will serve a four year term. Trustees were sworn in at the Board of Trustees monthly meeting in May. Also at the May meeting, Village President L. R. Franks appointed Tom Kelley to fill the seat of Trustee John Mumma.



Marvin Lee - Summer Concert Series

Once again, Marvin Lee will be bringing his country music concert series to Hale Park every Tuesday evening at 6:30pm, July 30 through September 10 (weather permitting). 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 be cooking pork chops for a fee.



Philo Kid's Festival

Back by popular demand! The committee is excited to announce that there will be a Philo Festival geared especially toward the kids and families on Saturday, August 17 at Hale Park.

The day will start off with a parade/golf carts (must be registered with the village). There will be live music throughout the day, inflatables, vendors, a bags tournament, petting zoo and many new activities! Finishing off in the evening there will be a beer tent with music on Washington Street for the adults.

You can find more information on their Facebook page Philo Kid's festival. All proceeds will be used to update the village parks and playground equipment. Come join the fun for a good cause!

12th Annual Run4Raley

The 12th Annual Run4Raley will be Friday, August 2nd! Look for complete information on our web page. We are looking for sponsors, so contact us if you'd like to support our cause!! Registration forms are available on-line <https://www.run4rale.org>.

R.E. Franks Meeting Center

Are you looking for an air conditioned 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.

Notes of Thanks!

To the Philo Volunteer Fire Department ~~ Thank you for your efforts in our time of need in February. Sincerely, Susanne Woods.

To ALL of our Sponsors who made the annual Easter Egg Hunt a success. We had over 120 children enjoy the event gathering eggs, winning baskets, getting faces painted and touching large equipment. We invite you to LIKE Philo 4-H Friends on Facebook to see our other events and contact Ron Estes @ r.e.estes@gmail.com to learn more about 4-H for ages 8 - 18 or contact Jamie Boas at kleissjm@illinois.edu to learn more about Cloverbuds for ages 5 - 7. Sincerely, Philo 4-H Friends.

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