



Village of Philo

a.k.a. “Center of the Universe”

Summer 2021
June - August

FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

By: Larry Franks

Thank you to everyone who voted for me to keep my position as Village President. I appreciate your vote of confidence. I want to thank Steve Sappenfield for his long tenure on the Board. We appreciate all he has done for the community and wish him well. In his place, I welcome to the Board David Happ. David is a life-long resident of the Village and will serve the residents well. Congratulations also goes to Tom Kelley and Pat Pioletti.

The work for village improvements continues. After taking a closer look at the Roosevelt Road project, we decided to put that on hold for now until we can answer a few infrastructure questions.

Plans are moving forward to upgrade the playground equipment at Hazen Park.

Summer road work (oil & chip) is planned and will begin as soon as the weather is fit. We will post a map of proposed road work on the village web site. If we get notice of when the work will be done, we will post that information in the Announcements as well.

The approved 2020 budgeted sidewalks project is almost complete. We will begin working on the 2021 sidewalk plan which may include a sidewalk from the north side of the railroad tracks to Fireman Field ball diamond. I spoke with several residents that were unaware of sidewalks going in along their homes. I am sorry for the miscommunication and we are working on a better communication system for that type of work. Residents can keep up with Board of Trustees proceedings and village events through the village web site at www.villageofphilo.com.

It looks like we're on the way to a more normal summer. Everyone stay safe and healthy!



OATH OF OFFICE:

- Village President Larry Franks was re-elected to a 4 year term.
- Trustee Pat Pioletti was re-elected to a 4 year term
- Trustee Tom Kelley was appointed to fill Trustee John Mumma's seat in 2019. Tom was elected to his first 4 year term.
- New Trustee Member - David Happ was elected to a 4 year term.

All wish to express their gratitude to everyone who came out for the elections and voted for them. They look forward to serving the Village of Philo.

Community Clean-Up and Recycling

We apologize for the change of dates after the publishing of the spring newsletter. There was a conflict with the vendors and we had to push back a week. We did our best to put out the word. Village events are posted under the Announcement section on the village web site. The next Village Clean-up and recycling day will be in October.

Electric Aggregate

New bids for electricity were opened on March 10th. The bid went to Homefield Energy. This rate is once again below the default rate set by Ameren for the same period.

Residents of Philo can “opt out” of the aggregation program. Each residence now served by Ameren or who are already enrolled in the current program will receive a letter from Ameren outlining the choices. If you wish to be included in the aggregation program, no action is necessary; you will automatically be enrolled. If you do not wish to be included, the letter will outline the steps necessary to opt out of the program.

Representatives will not go door-to-door or call you. Please call the village office if this is happening.

SUMMER REMINDERS:

Biennial Golf Cart Registration



As the warm weather returns so does the use of golf carts by some residents to get around the village. In 2020 the Village Board updated the golf cart ordinance and regulations. A copy of the ordinance can be found on the website. Individuals who

intend to drive their golf carts on Village streets must obtain a permit from the Village and have their carts inspected.

-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 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.

-The biennial permit fee is \$50 per cart and renewable on May 1.

-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 on the website at www.villageofphilo.com or 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.

Exercise with Caution

It's great so many people in the community enjoy getting out and walking, running, biking or taking care of their pets. When outside, wear reflective gear and bright colored clothing. If it is dark, along with the reflective gear, wear or carry a light. Rules of the Road dictate that walkers and runners face oncoming traffic. When biking follow 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!** The R. E. Franks Center is open from 7:00 - 9:00am, Monday - Friday (when Hugs & Bugs is in session) for walking. No pets allowed.



Pool Fence Ordinance

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. Complete details can be found in the Zoning Ordinance on the village website.

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, "yes". Contact Village Maintenance for a permit. 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 streets, public parks, and the Franks Center property.
- By law, dogs must be on a leash when not on the owner's property.
- Put trash receptacles away after garbage pickup.
- Keep your 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.

Recycling

Please help keep the recycling center and surrounding area clean and neat. 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. You can make extra space by breaking down your boxes.

VINTAGE BASEBALL JAMBOREE SATURDAY MAY 29TH!!!!

Come watch 4 of the finest 1860 vintage baseball clubs in the entire Midwest.

Games are at 11:00AM, 12:30PM, 2:00PM, and 3:30PM at the corner of Washington and Cleveland, the water retention area, in Philo, IL.



There will be a food truck on hand, an exhibit by the Museum of the Grand Prairie, and weather permitting an antique car show at 2PM. THIS IS A FREE, FAMILY EVENT so bring lawn chairs. Kids will be allowed on the field after the last game to mingle with players, hit, run, and field. The last game of the day will be played by the two most entertaining teams out there. Face coverings and/or social distancing as is currently recommended by the state. Teams attending are: The Springfield Long Nine, The Chicago Salmon, The McLean Co. Prairie Chickens, and The Rock Springs Ground Squirrels.



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 is planning to be back with pork chops on hand for a fee.



14th Annual Run4Raley

The 14th annual Run4Raley will take place **Friday, August 6 @ 7:00pm with registration beginning at 6:00pm**. The event will begin on Washington Street again this year. Washington Street between Jackson and Harrison Streets will be closed off to set up and for the start of the run beginning at 4:00pm. The streets will open back up by 9:00pm.

You can now register for the 14th Annual Run4Raley at www.umdf.org/Run4Raley.

Be sure to keep looking out for our emails & following us on Facebook/Instagram/Twitter for more information on other things surrounding the event! We would love it if you would recruit some friends to come with you!

Egg My Yard sponsored by Philo 4-H Friends



Did your yard get *Egged* at Easter? The Philo 4-H Friends would like to once again thank our community for so graciously helping support our "Egg My Yard" community project that took the place of the club's annual Philo Easter Egg Hunt. Over 70 houses were egged, with candy and treats provided to 154 kids in the Philo, Sidney and Tolono area. You can keep up with Philo 4-H and our activities on our [Facebook page](#).

Thank you Sponsors!

Fertilizer Dealer Supply, Philo Exchange Bank, Philo Tavern, Illini FS, Hugs and Bugs, Hastings CCI Equipment, Cain Seed, Philo Country Store, For the Love of Hair, Progressive Propane, Daly's Sports Bar, Kleiss Stump Removal, St. Thomas Church, Rod Schweighart, Keith and Lori Garrett, Bert & Larry Mallast, Franklin & Geneva Geier, Chris & Jodi Saunders, Daniel from the Country Store.

Library Info.....

Coffee Hour: Each Thursday starting at 10:00 a.m. there will be an opportunity to enjoy a cup of coffee, catch up with old friends and neighbors and meet new ones at Philo Library's "Coffee Hour". Everyone is invited to this free event.

Story Time at Philo Library for pre-school and kindergartners. Miss Jill will be reading stories on Friday mornings. If you have children who would enjoy coming to Philo Library for story time, call the Library (271) 684-2896 for exact time and dates.

"Find Your Spark" is a program for kids ages 8-12 which will be held at Philo Library on Thursday afternoons in June.

Topics are STEM, Animal Science, Horticulture, Cultural Awareness, Health and Creative Arts. These will be half-hour programs, and if possible we'd like the children to attend all sessions since the object of these "lessons" is to help youth explore and experience a variety of things.

For more information or to enroll your child, call Philo Library (217) 684-2896.

INSERT INFORMATION

At this time there is not enough information for an insert.

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