



Village of Philo

a.k.a. “Center of the Universe”

Fall 2021
September - November

FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

By: Larry Franks

Summer road work (oil & chip) is planned and will happen this fall. There is a map of proposed areas of 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 was completed. Bids have been requested for the 2021 sidewalk plan which includes a sidewalk from the north side of the railroad tracks to Fireman Field ball diamond on the east side of Harrison St. 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 in the future. Residents can keep up with Board of Trustees proceedings and village events through the village web site at www.villageofphilo.com.

On Wednesday, September 22, 2021 around 6:15am riders from the Gold Star Mission will be stopping through Philo and using the area of the R. E. Franks Center for a rest break. The Gold Star Mission is a nonprofit organization that honors and supports Gold Star families by preserving the memory of our fallen heroes through service to others in need. See the insert for more information. Come out and show them your support.

Harvest season is around the corner. Please watch for slow moving farm equipment.



Meeting Minutes Summary:

June: Jay Miller, Chief the Philo Volunteer Fire Department, presented emergency plans in case of derailment to the village Board. Drainage at the corner of Emerald Lane and Jefferson was discussed and several options proposed. Discussion with village attorney regarding best course of action for a two lot property request for variance; replat vs covenant. Sidewalk project is completed. John Deere blade needs replaced. Financials in order. Audit engagement letters presented for signatures. Proposal for cleaning for the REFMC presented.

July: Bar Crawl street closure proposed. Bids to go out for Emerald Lane & Jefferson drainage project. Variance for 406/408 Jefferson presented to Board by Planning Commission. Estimate of Revenues and 2021-2022 Appropriations Ordinance was passed. Pay increases for village employees approved. Bids for new computers for village maintenance and Deputy Clerk were reviewed and approved. Community Clean-Up date set.

August: Minutes to be reviewed at the September 8, 2021 monthly meeting.

Approved minutes can be found on the Village web site. www.villageofphilo.com Village Board meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Eileen Painter Board Room of the R. E. Franks Meeting Center. 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. All meetings are open to the public.

Did You Know?

Aqua Illinois is the water provider for the Village of Philo. They are responsible for water turn on/off and the primary source for boil order notifications. They can be reached at 877-987-2782 to set up notifications to your phone or email.

HAPPENING IN PHILO!!



Marvin Lee - Summer Concert Series

Country music in Hale Park will continue the first two Tuesdays in September at 6:30pm. 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 for a fee.

Village Wide Garage Sales -- Sept. 24 & 25

The dates for the Village wide garage sales are set for Friday, September 24 & Saturday, September 25. These are the advertised dates. You are allowed to host your sale at a date and time convenient for you. There will be printed maps with addresses available at the post office, library, gas stations and in the Announcement on the village web site. If you would like to be listed on the map, please contact Janet at (217) 684-2562 or janet@villageofphilo.com. There is a \$5 fee to help offset the cost of publishing/advertising.



Community Clean-Up Day & Electronics Recycling

The fall Community Clean-Up Day (Dumpster Day) & Electronics Recycling will be held on Saturday, October 2 from 7:00am - Noon at the corner of Adams & Washington St. This event is open to Village residents only.

Philo Kids' Festival

Mark your calendars and watch for further details -- Saturday, October 2! The Philo Kids' Festival committee is planning to hold the festival again this year to raise funds for village playground equipment. You can follow them on Facebook at Philo Kids' Festival.



Trick or Treat Hours Set

Trick or Treat hours in the Village of Philo will be from **6:00 - 8:00pm on Sunday, October 31**. Remember to carry a flashlight and wear reflective clothing. Be cautious when driving.

Philo Country Music Show - R. E. Franks Center

The Philo Country Music Show plans to return to the R. E. Franks Center on **Sunday, November 14, 2021**. Watch for details to be posted on the web site, in the post office and on the bank and Welcome to Philo signs.

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. Some of the most common ordinances have been added to our web site along with updated village zoning and subdivision ordinances. You should be able to search these documents and print off any permits or registrations needed. Please call the office if you have any questions or need further information.

Other ways to be a good neighbor:

- 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.
- 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. Mow regularly. Do not leave piles of debris for extended periods of time.
- Be conscientious of noise levels such as early morning mowing or after dark.
- If you have any questions about the regulations and ordinances in the Village you may call the office for clarification.

**The Gold Star Mission:**

They say that “a Hero dies twice ~ once when the last breath leaves their body, and again when their name is spoken for the last time”. The Gold Star Mission strives to preserve the memories and ensure the names of our nearly 300 Fallen Illinois Service Men and Women live on!

The Gold Star Mission is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that Honors and Supports Gold Star Families by preserving the memory of our Fallen Heroes through service to others in need.

The Gold Star Mission conducts grueling endurance events to raise both awareness of the service and sacrifices of our Fallen Service Members, and also raise funds through generous donations and use the funds to carry on the names and the stories of these Fallen Heroes. The Gold Star Mission intends to help those in need, including the establishment of scholarship opportunities.

What better way is there to preserve and honor the names of our Fallen Service Members than through scholarships? These scholarships, named in honor of the Fallen Illinois Service Members, will assist Gold Star Family members and will help others of whom they likely never knew, thus preserving their name forever, and showing the same act of compassion to others which their service exemplified. In the first three years of existence, The Gold Star Mission has awarded 130 Scholarships in the names of these Fallen Heroes.

The Gold Star Mission’s endurance events include: the Run for the Fallen Half Marathon, 5K, 3K Run/Walk in Rockford (1-15 May 2021); the General Logan 200 endurance bicycling event covering 200 miles in under 20 hours (10-11 July 2021); and the Gold Star 500 – a 523 mile, five day endurance bicycling event throughout Illinois (21-25 September 2021).

This is the second year the “Gold Star Mission Run for the Fallen” will take place in Rockford, IL. The inaugural event, achieved tremendous strides in bringing awareness and honoring our local Gold Star Families with an event that had over 425 participants. This event provides a platform to remember and preserve the memory of our Fallen Heroes - some of who are from our local communities. The money raised through fundraising efforts and the race entry fee will be used for scholarships, distributed annually, in the names of the Fallen Soldiers. This race will continue to be an annual, ongoing event for the community of Rockford, IL.

The Gold Star 500, an annual five day – 500+ mile endurance bicycling event – which honors the service and sacrifice of nearly 300 servicemen and women from Illinois who gave their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan in honor of our great nation. The nearly 300 made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting and aiding people of foreign lands, people they likely never knew or even met. They died so others could have a better life; their names must live on.

On September 21, 2021, a team of primarily, Veteran and Service Member bicyclists (projected total of 40-50 riders) will begin a 520+ mile journey, with the intent of this ride, to carry the torch of personal sacrifice in honor of these service members, to carry on their stories, their courage, and to honor the legacy of their names.

These events are a way of honoring the service members by assisting Gold Star Families and others in need through scholarship opportunities. This ride will preserve the names of the fallen by honoring their service and sacrifice, for we must Never Forget.

Are there other ways you can support The Gold Star Mission? In addition to a financial donation, The Gold Star Mission could use volunteers! Both the Run for the Fallen and Gold Star 500 require many volunteers; from pre-event coordination and staging, event registration and sign-in assistance, scheduled rest stops, and/or end-of-event ceremony support. The Gold Star Mission engages all elements of the community; such as K-12 schools, Veteran Service Organizations, Businesses, Service Organizations, Faith Based Organizations, Community Leaders, and local citizens to assist in the safe and efficient execution of these events. Volunteers are tremendous local champions for The Gold Star Mission and more importantly our Fallen Heroes and their Gold Star Families!

For more information of The Gold Star Mission, please visit the website (goldstarmission.org), Facebook (Gold Star 500), or don't hesitate to contact us at admin@goldstarmission.org.

“ALWAYS REMEMBER ~ NEVER FORGET!”

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EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!!

Community Clean-Up Day:

Saturday, October 2

Village of Philo residents only.

Patrons may be required to show proof of residency.

Dumpsters will be available at the Premier Coop (elevator) lot located at the northeast corner of East Washington & Adams Streets.

Electronics Recycling Available

Metal & Appliances Recycling Available

Items that cannot be put in the dumpsters:

- **Tires**
- **Batteries**
- **Paint**
- **Motor Oil**
- **Propane Tanks**
- **Acid or Alkaline Products**
- **Any other Hazardous Materials**
- **Grass clippings, brush or other yard debris**

If you miss our Community Clean-Up day or are not a Philo resident please check out the City of Champaign web site for more information. [Where do I recycle it? - City of Champaign \(champaignil.gov\)](http://champaignil.gov)

PHILO BRUSH PICKUP RULES

Brush pickup will start April 1st and continue through December 1st.

Brush will be picked up on the 1st and the 15th of each month, weather permitting. Brush & debris is to be on your property and not in the roadway.

Note: If the 1st or 15th falls on a Saturday or Sunday then pickup will be the following Monday.

Christmas Trees will be picked up on or around January 15

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS:

- ❖ Tree and shrub materials 12 inches or smaller, leaves and grass clippings, etc. which need to be put in **paper bags**.
- ❖ Limbs 12 to 60 inches need to be put out front of property. (Not on road or alley ways)
- ❖ **Stack neatly please.**
- ❖ Anything longer than 60 inches needs to be cut.
- ❖ Bulk wood limbs greater than 6 inches in diameter must be cut into 3 foot or less length and separated from other yard waste.

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS:

- ❖ NO PLASTIC BAGS (IEPA Regulation).
- ❖ No lumber or railroad ties, wood pallets, soil or sod, animal and/or food waste, concrete riprap or rocks, tree stumps or root wads, flocked Christmas trees.

Any questions: call Dave Traxler
Village of Philo Water and Maintenance Supervisor
7:00 a.m. -- 4:00 p.m. M-F at 684-2674

Recycling

Please help keep the recycling center and surrounding area clean and neat. Do not leave anything outside of the recycling containers if they are full as 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.

Biennial Golf Cart Registration



We have over 50 golf carts registered! The village Board thanks all of those users. 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.

Open alcohol and/or drinking and driving are illegal.

****Only inspected golf carts are allowed on the Village streets when being operated by a *licensed driver 16 years* or older. Any person who operates a golf cart must possess a valid driver's license and insurance coverage.**

****Qualifying golf carts must have a maximum attainable speed of 20 miles per hour and be properly equipped.**

****The maximum occupancy in the cart is one person per bucket seat or two people per bench seat.**

****Golf carts can be driven on streets after dark, only with proper qualifying equipment (headlights; taillights; signals; slow moving emblem).**

****The biennial permit fee is \$50. A new sticker will be issued at renewal. The renewal date is May 1. Reminder letters will be sent to all registered users in the spring of 2022.**

****Golf cart inspection appointments may be made with Trustee Paul Brady at paul-brady@comcast.net, by phone at 684-2540 or by calling the village office at 684-2562.**

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.

You can read the ordinance and print off an application on our village website under the ABOUT PHILO/Ordinances tab or contact the office Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 11:00am. You may call 684-2562 or e-mail inquiries to janet@villageofphilo.com.



NOVEMBER 11



Call to All Veterans--

American Legion Post 1171, Philo, IL

The Philo American Legion is making an urgent call to all veterans in the area. One of the most honored traditions in the legion is to provide military honors at the burial of local veterans. WWII, Korean and Vietnam veterans have discharged these duties, but they are now the ones that are of advanced age. We are asking for all veterans to step up and provide this service to those who have so faithfully discharged these duties for others. If you are currently an inactive member, we need you to renew your commitment and plan to make the next meeting. If you are not a member of the legion, we ask you to contact Mike Lueth, Commander at (217) 377-3359 or Don Carter, Vice-Commander at (217)621-8521 about joining. The next meeting is September 21 at the Legion Hall in Philo on Harrison St. Meetings are every other month and burial details from time to time. Please consider this urgent plea.

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.

Family Reading Night & Pajama Party -- **Thursday, November 18, 7:00 - 8:00pm**

Home Delivery Service is available to anyone who is physically unable to visit the Philo Public Library. Call the Library at 684-2896 and ask to register for Home Delivery Services to get started with this service.

For more information on all library programs, call Philo Library (217) 684-2896.

Mark Your Calendars!

~~Plans are being made for the Santa Breakfast on Saturday, December 4, 2021 @ the R E Franks Center.

~~2nd Annual Parade of Lights Christmas Parade is being planned for Friday, December 10, 2021.

Village Board and Officials

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Village Deputy Clerk & R. E. Franks Meeting Center Rentals

Janet Decker.. 684-2562.. janet@villageofphilo.com
127 W. Washington St., Monday - Friday 8am - 11am

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105 E. Washington St., Monday-Friday 7am - 4 pm

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View meeting agendas & minutes on the Web at www.villageofphilo.com

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