



# Village of Philo

a.k.a. “Center of the Universe”

Summer 2022  
June - August

## FROM THE VILLAGE MAYOR

By: Larry Franks

The Hazen Park playground project is coming along. It has been a process to get all of the different areas of the project in sync and also work around the spring weather. We know the end result will be great and the Board of Trustees, Playground Committee and myself greatly appreciate your patience through this process.

Plans are in the works for our summer road projects. Janet has put a map on the village web site of what areas will be receiving work. If we know a start date, it will be posted in the announcements on the web site. With the help of federal funding, we are working on phase II of the northeast drainage project.

I ask that everyone please try to keep up with your mowing. I know that the weather has really created a situation where we are mowing a lot, but if you keep the grass and weeds down that will help the mosquito situation later in the summer.

**Please renew your golf cart registration today or contact the office to register your golf cart if not previously registered.**

As always, stay safe on the roadways and watch out for farm and construction equipment this summer.



## Philo Festival Coming Soon!!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, June 11!** Fun for the whole family from a parade, inflatables, tractor pull, bags tournament, live music and so much more. Please follow **Philo Festival** on their Facebook page for up-to-date times and events. **Back-A-Brick deadline June 18.**

## IN OTHER VILLAGE BOARD HAPPENINGS

### **Meeting Minutes Summary:**

**March** – All bills in order and paid. Guest requested drainage issue be looked into. Public Hearing set for updates to Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances. Estimates given for seal coating and re-stripping of Washington Street given. There was discussion of Roosevelt Road resurfacing project. Straw poll taken to enter into intergovernmental agreement with surrounding villages against Aqua Illinois water increases. Updates on Hazen Park project given. Park association requested donation from Village. Request for Pro-Temp March 27 – April 2, 2022 while Mayor Franks is out of town.

**April** – Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance changes were approved. Guests expressed concerns with a proposed wind farm about one mile from the Village. Request for the Village to contact County Board with opposition. Philo Festival Committee presented an update and request for donation of port-a-potties from the Village. Village Engineer presented information for the summer road work projects and second phase of the northeast storm sewer drainage project. Maintenance agreement signed with A & R contractors for R. E. Franks Center maintenance. Approval of bids for Fillmore Street sidewalk project. Shop insulation bid approved. Quotes for new tractor reviewed and approved. Bids for roller reviewed and approved.

**May** -- Minutes will be approved at the June Board meeting to be held Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 7:00pm in the Eileen Painter Room of the R. E. Franks Meeting Center.

Meeting minutes are posted after they are approved at the following monthly meeting. The agenda for each meeting is posted on the Village web site [www.villageofphilo.com](http://www.villageofphilo.com) 48 hours prior to the meeting under the *About Philo-Village Board* tab. The public is invited to attend meetings.

## Burning Regulations

Residents may burn leaves, sticks and other dry plant debris grown or generated in Philo in a safe manner during daylight hours. Please be considerate of smoke direction and neighbors. Some residents have health issues that are adversely affected by smoke.

**The village burn area is off-limits to the public. Please do not dispose of yard waste or any materials at the burn pile.**

Materials prohibited from burning: tires and garbage, including bones, meat, animal skin, feathers, entrails, organs, non-edible animal parts, grease, food and food by-products, coffee grounds and other materials per Ordinance 2008-545.



## 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.

### BRUSH PICK-UP

Brush pick-up will run through December 1, 2022 weather permitting.

Brush pick-up is done on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month through December 1. If those dates fall on a weekend or holiday, the pick-up will be the following business 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 ALLEYWAYS. KEEP IT ON YOUR PROPERTY AND AWAY FROM STORM DRAINS.**

Do not take brush to the Village brush disposal area.

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

## Election Night Stag (and Doe)

The Philo Knights of Columbus are hosting an Election Night Stag (and Doe) on **Tuesday, June 28**. Doors open at 5:00 pm with a \$10 donation at the door. Join us for chicken or fish and a cold beverage. Blackjack, poker, craps and other games of chance will be available. The event is open to anyone 21 years of age and older. The hall is located at 108 S. Harrison – east of the Tavern.



The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Run4Raley will take place **Friday, August 5 @ 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 15th Annual Run4Raley at [www.umd.org/Run4Raley](http://www.umd.org/Run4Raley). Raffle tickets have been ordered, with the prize being a 36" Blackstone Griddle/Grill! Tickets are \$10 each!

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!



## Washington Street Road Closures

Washington street from Jackson to the ally at the R. E. Franks Center will be closed on **Saturday, June 11** for the *Philo Festival* and again on **Friday, August 5** for *Run4Raley*. Please plan your route when getting to the post office and parking on those days.

## The Hill

**Motorized vehicles of any kind are not allowed on the hill any time of the year.**



## 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. To help enjoy the outdoors safely, please 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. Be aware of your surroundings. 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 Monday – Friday from 7:00am – 9:00am (no pets allowed).



## 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.

## Village-Wide Garage Sales

The Village Wide Garage Sales will be held in the fall on Friday, September 23 and Saturday, September 24 with the fall Community Clean-up Day scheduled for October 1.



## Hale Park Pavilion

Planning summer gatherings? The pavilion at Hale Park may be reserved by Philo residents free of charge. Reservations are taken on a first come, first serve basis up to one year in advance.

Reservations are accepted at the Philo Village Office Monday-Friday 8:00am – 11:00am. Reservations are also accepted by phone at 684-2562 or via e-mail at [janet@villageofphilo.com](mailto:janet@villageofphilo.com).

## R. E. Franks Meeting Center Help Wanted

The REFMC is in need of part-time maintenance, event staff and custodians. The position involves opening and closing the Franks Center for clients; sweeping, mopping and general cleaning; tearing down tables and chairs after events and occasionally setting up tables and chairs for events and light maintenance duties. Please contact the office at (217) 684-2562 or Dave Traxler at (217) 684-2674 if you or someone you know would be interested. This is a great position for someone retired or just looking for a little extra income.

## VINTAGE BASE BALL COMES TO PHILO

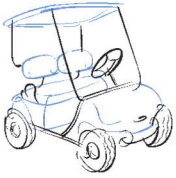


I'm Michael "Drifter" Griffin, team owner and Captain, of the Summit Station Signalmen Vintage Base Ball Club in Philo, IL. We are still taking on new prospects for this newest team in the Midwest League of the Vintage Base Ball Association. This league is strictly NON-COMPETITIVE. We re-enact the game of base ball (two words then) as it was played in 1858-1860. I like to say we are more actors than athletes. We are an all-inclusive team to anyone over 16 years old who wishes to have fun, entertain a crowd, learn about the history of base ball, and travel to area teams for fun filled days. Lady players are especially welcome. We take this all the way back before the color barrier scarred the game. Games are generally all on Saturday with occasional Sunday. Until we gather some sponsors, there will be some cost involved. All are welcome to contact me for further details at (217)372-4832 (leave a message), by email at [signalman67@yahoo.com](mailto:signalman67@yahoo.com), or via the Summit Station Signalmen Facebook page.

The following is our 2022 schedule with all home dates beginning at 11AM except June 11 is noonish. All dates are at least a double header. Games are played over by The Hill in the basin.

- May 28 home opener vs. Springfield Long Nine and McLean County Prairie Chickens
- June 11 home vs. Lafayette Square Cyclones
- June 26 home vs. Indy Blue Stockings
- July 4 home Goodwill invitational
- August 6 home vs. Rock Springs Ground Squirrels
- August 13 home vs. Saint Louis Brown Stockings
- August 20 home vs. Chicago Salmon
- September 3 home closer vs. Murphysboro Clarkes and Belleville Stags

## Golf Cart Registration & ATV Use



**Renewal Letters went out to current permit holders in April.** The biennial permit fee is \$50. A new sticker will be issued at renewal. The renewal date is May 1.

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

**\*\*Open alcohol and/or drinking and driving are illegal.**

**ATV's and other off-road vehicles are NOT allowed on Village streets or properties, this includes the hill and drainage pond area.**

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. Email inquiries to [janet@villageofphilo.com](mailto:janet@villageofphilo.com) or call 684-2562.

## Staying Safe This Summer -- Tips from the Champaign County Sheriff's Office

- Secure your residence when not home (lock, doors, windows, garages/sheds)
- Do not leave your vehicle unlocked and/or keys in the vehicles
- Keep a current inventory of items in your home/garage/sheds/storage units
- Limit the number of people who have a key to the residence or garage door code
- Make sure your house is well-lit and has functional indoor & outdoor lighting
- Consider purchasing home security devices and/or motion detector lights
- Pets are a good deterrent as well
- Keep foliage around the house trimmed to avoid blind/hiding spots
- If out of town, have someone check the residence. You can also request a "vacation watch" through the Champaign County Sheriff's Office.
- Do not publicize on social media that you will be or are out of town
- Report suspicious vehicle activity in the area

## 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". The permit can be found on the web site or by calling the village office. You can also find the most up-to-date zoning and subdivision ordinances on our web site. 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.
- Mow your property in a timely manner.
- 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.

## Did you know.....

There are some significantly historic homes in Philo? Check out <http://www.unserhaus.org> for information on one of these homes.

Mail delivered from Philo post office to a Philo address takes a little longer these days. The mail now needs to go through the Champaign facility for processing before returning to Philo for distribution.



## Clergy Corner

### The Giving Place – Tolono

The Giving Place is a Christian ministry serving families in need in the Unit 7 school district. If you know of any families in Unit 7 that are in need of food or clothing, please encourage them to visit TGP on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month from 9:00am – Noon for clothing giveaway (one person per family; no children) and Wednesday from 4:00pm – 6:00pm for food distribution. The Giving Place wishes to thank all that donate to this ministry.

### Zion Lutheran Church –

Located at: 101 W. Van Buren St., Philo IL 61864

Our weekly Sunday services are held at 8:30am. Sunday School meets weekly for children ages 3 and up during service. Follow our Facebook page for the most up to date information:

<https://www.facebook.com/ZionLutheranPhilo>

### St. Thomas Catholic Church and School –

located at 310 E Madison St, PO Box 266, Philo, IL 61864

Weekly and Holy Day Mass schedules are on our web site at [Saint Thomas Catholic Church | Philo, Illinois \(stthomasphilo.org\)](http://stthomasphilo.org) You can also participate in our live stream Masses on our Facebook page at St. Thomas Catholic Church – Philo.

### Philo Presbyterian Church –

Located at 105 E. Jefferson St., Philo IL 61864

Worship Service every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Our congregation is currently searching for a new pastor. For the next several months, different clergy from the area will be leading our worship services. Philo Presbyterian Church, along-side the Tolono Presbyterian Church, sponsors the Philo-Tolono Youth Group (PTYG) which is a non-denominational Christian-based group open to any student attending Unity High School. The group has been part of the community since 2005 and strives to help youth grow in faith, learn how to apply faith in daily life, develop lasting friendships and serve others in the community and beyond. For the 2021-2022 school year, PTYG will be meeting every other Sunday at various locations from 4:00 - 6:00 (unless otherwise noted). The Spring semester begins January 23. Please contact the Church Secretary for more information at [churchsecretary@tolonopres.org](mailto:churchsecretary@tolonopres.org).

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## Library Programs & Information

To stay up-to-date on happenings with the Philo Public Library District, follow our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/PhiloPublicLibraryDistrict>) and website (<http://www.philolibrary.info/>) or call the Library at 684-2896.

Please join us at the library at 115 E. Washington St. Our hours are:

--Monday-Friday: 9am-12N, 3pm-7pm

--Saturday: 9am-1pm

### Library Board Meetings

Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm Public invited.

### Thursday 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.

### Summer Reading Programs are Back!!

- Summer Reading Kickoff Registration will be Wednesday, June 1 from 9:00am – Noon and 3:00pm – 6:00pm. A “goodie bag” will be available for participants who register on this day only.
- **Read Beyond the Beaten Path** is the theme for this summer beginning in June.  
Kids Programs: Pre-School (ages 3-5) will be held 11:00am on Fridays; June 10, 17 & 24  
Elementary Age & Up Programs will be held at 1:00pm on Monday's; June 6, 13, 20 & 27

Please pre-register your child so materials are available for everyone. You can call the library to register.

Teen and adult readers can pick up information on or after June 1 about age-specific Reading Programs and opportunities to win prizes.

There are plans being made to offer kids (elementary and teen) craft programs in July. Information should be available June 1.

### **Local School & Pre-School Options:**

**Hugs & Bugs Daycare & Preschool** is located at 127 W. Washington St. in the R.E. Franks Meeting Center building. They are accepting applications. Call (217) 684-2300 for more information.

**St. Thomas School** is accepting registrations for preschool (3- to 5-year-olds) and kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Call the school office at 684-2309 to schedule a tour. All faiths welcome.

## About Philo – Business Spotlight

Any aspiring writers or journalist out there? Each quarter we would like to give students the chance to spotlight a local business. Please reach out if you would be interested in sharing your business with the community. Business owners can also submit content. Contact [janet@villageofphilo.com](mailto:janet@villageofphilo.com) The next deadline for submission will be August 12, 2022.

### B.C. Contractors

By Lucy Kleiss – St. Thomas School

B.C. Contractors, the dinosaur company of Philo, is run by Bob and Cynthia Bernahl. The business started in 1976, and they moved to Philo ten years later. Bob learned to paint with his father when he was a kid. Now he paints for a living (although he says painting is competitive). He specializes in drywall finishing, plaster repair and indoor and outdoor painting. "My favorite part of doing the jobs is seeing the people's reactions and getting all the nice notes in the mail. Although the check is pretty awesome too." In their free time, Bob and Cynthia enjoy volleyball, gardening, birdwatching, mushroom hunting, and playing euchre. They have a pet, a seven-year-old Siamese Blue Point cat named Opie. Cynthia hopes to one day get kittens. They make an amazing team, and if you ever need to get some painting done, you should definitely give them a call.



## Philo Phlshbacks

### November 1971

#### Philo Grade School Honor Roll

Listed below are those on the honor roll for the first quarter at Philo Grade School.

5<sup>th</sup> grade high honors, Loren Evans; honors, Cheryl Hulmes, Cory Leach

6<sup>th</sup> grade honors, Lisa Franks, Anita Johnson

7<sup>th</sup> grade honors, Lynn Evans, Greg Burr, Becky Smith

8<sup>th</sup> grade high honors, Rusty Freeland, Cheryl Mumm; high honors, Jo Ellen Reed, Karen Barnhart

Philo Phlshbacks cont.....

### February 1939

#### R. Max Franks Mayor of Philo Dies at 71

Richard Max Franks, 71, mayor and prominent resident of Philo, died at 4:55 am Wednesday in Burnham City Hospital after an illness of one month following an attack of pneumonia. Pending funeral arrangements Wednesday, the body was taken to the Owens funeral home.

Mr. Franks, a native of Germany who emigrated with his parents when he was 14, was born in Chemnitz, Saxony on February 7, 1868 to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Max Franks. The family went directly to the vicinity of Philo upon landing, and resided here until the death of the elder Franks in 1897. Mrs. Franks then moved to Dubuque, Iowa where she died several years later. Mr. Franks worked as a farmhand on farms in the vicinity while a youth, working on the Morey, Porterfield, Maddux and Trost farms. He later took over the Eli Trost farm for himself. He was married to Miss Minnie Trost, of Philo, on December 27, 1895. Mr. Franks retired from farming in 1904, moved to Philo, engaged in the lumber and building materials business, and became a member of the J.C. Trost Grain Company. He was tax assessor of Philo Township and a member of the Village Board for over 20 years. As a charter member of the Zion Evangelical Church of Philo, Mr. Franks became one of its leaders. He was for 32 years one of the most active members of the Philo board of education. After the establishment of a three-year high school, he became a member of that board and recently was made a member of the four-year high school board.

Mr. Franks was one of the supporters of the Philo community waterworks system, shortly to be completed. He, with friends, sought the beautification of Locust Grove cemetery, near Philo, and was president of the association at the time of his death. Mr. Franks served as Mayor of Philo for the past ten years. He is survived by his wife and six sons, Royal, John, Lyle, Richard, Frederick and Wayne, all of Philo, except Lyle, who is engaged in the lumber business at Tolono. There are four grandchildren.

### December 1971 - Foltz Graduates From Academy

Houston Police Cadet Larry D. Foltz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Foltz, Jr., of Philo, graduated from the Houston (Texas) Police Academy December 10, after having completed 16 weeks of rigorous academic and physical training. Foltz will receive an assignment in one of the many fields of law enforcement offered by the Houston Police Department.

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## PHILO KIDS' FESTIVAL'S BUY A BRICK PROGRAM FOR PLAYGROUND RENOVATION

COMPLETE ORDER FORM BELOW AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

PO BOX 253  
PHILO, IL 61864

Make checks payable to: PHILO KIDS' FESTIVAL  
Please direct questions to: [philokidsfestival@gmail.com](mailto:philokidsfestival@gmail.com)



\*ORDER FORM/PAYMENT CAN ALSO BE DROPPED OFF AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE, THE PHILO PUBLIC LIBRARY OR EITHER PHILO EXCHANGE BANK LOCATION.

**INDIVIDUAL:**  4" X 8" Brick Paver (max 3 lines of 20 characters, including spaces)

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### CONTACT INFO (IN CASE OF ANY QUESTIONS)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Upcoming Village Holiday Schedule**

Office & Maintenance **Closed** on the following days:

Monday, May 30 – Memorial Day Observed

Monday, July 4 – Independence Day

Village Administrative Office Closed: August 3 – August 12

**Village Board and Officials**

**Village President**

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LRFranks11@yahoo.com

**Village Clerk**

Judy Kirby ..... (217) 684-2118

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

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David Happ.....417-3128...Happs65@yahoo.com

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Rachael Garrett.... 714-8484.. rachaelgarrett@comcast.net

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

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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

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Chris Lueth.....377-9627

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