

Village Voice

May/June 2018

Village of Volo

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Village Hall Hours

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

Lake County Sheriff (non-emergency) (847) 549-5200

Village Board

Mayor

Stephen Henley

Trustees

Michael Wagner Carol Porter Kurt Johnson Dustin Heuser John Buttita Lesa Northam

Village Clerk

Bonnie Rydberg

Meeting Schedule

Village Board & COW

May 1st

May 15th

June 5th

June 3

June 19th

July 3rd

July 17th

Planning & Zoning Commission

May 8th

June 12th

July 10th

FY 18/19 Budget Highlights

In April, the Village Board approved the operating and capital budgets for the new fiscal year that began on May 1st. The FY 18/19 budget includes \$3,513,644 in operating expenses and \$3,940,150 in capital expenses.

The operating budget reflects the Village's ongoing cost-containment efforts. Despite increased service levels due to a growing population and contract cost adjustments for police and garbage/recycling services, per resident costs have remained constant.

In an effort to control operating costs, the Village utilizes private contractors, rather than in-house personnel, to provide many services. A small full-time staff reduces pension and health insurance costs — expenses currently overwhelming many municipal budgets. These efforts ultimately lead to lower costs for residents.

In addition to normal operating expenses, the FY 18/19 budget includes funding for community improvement projects intended to increase property values and enhance the visual aesthetic and character of the community.

The capital budget also includes contributions to various fixed asset funds. These annual contributions will allow the Village to fund the future replacement of its major fixed assets with reserve funds rather than borrowing, thereby reducing long-term debt.

Operating Revenue - \$4,069,520

- Property Tax 21%
- Sales Tax 12%
- Income Tax 4%
- Utility Taxes 4%
- Motor Fuel Tax 4%
- Water 24%
- Garbage & Recycling 12%
- Building 10%
- Miscellaneous 9%

Operating Expenses - \$3,513,644

- Administration 15%
- Streets 7%
- Public Safety 18%
- Building 11%
- Retirement 2%
- Water 12%
- Garbage & Recycling 15%
- Debt Service 11%
- Other 9%

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Garbage Pick-Up Delayed

Garbage pick-up will be delayed one day during the week of May 28th due to the Memorial Day holiday.

There will be no garbage or recycling pick-up on Monday, May 28th. Service will take place one day later.

Contact Village Hall at (847) 740-6982 for more information.

50/50 Tree Program

The 50/50 Tree Program is a cost-sharing program encouraging residents to plant new trees on their property.

Residents are reimbursed 50% of the cost of a single new tree planted on their property, excluding sales tax, delivery, and installation, not to exceed \$200.

For more information, please contact the Village Hall at (847) 740-6982.

Garbage & Recycling Carts

Pursuant to Village Ordinance (O-17-08), garbage/recycling carts may only be placed at the curb between 4:00 PM on Sunday and 10:00 PM on Monday.

If stored outside, carts may only be kept in side or rear yards and must be screened from view of the street.

Homeowner Associations (HOAs) may have additional requirements.

Emergency Warning Sirens

The Village of Volo will activate the emergency warning sirens when severe weather or other emergency conditions warrant. The sirens are tested at 10:00 a.m. on the 1st Tuesday of every month.

The sirens are designed to alert residents who are outdoors to seek shelter. During severe weather warnings, residents should take shelter indoors in a basement or interior room without windows.

From the Mayor...

In September 2013, the Burnell C. Russell Parks Foundation was established to support the maintenance and enhancement of the parks within the Village. The foundation's namesake, Burnell C. Russell, served as the Village's first mayor from 1993 - 2015.

Mayor Russell believed parks and open space were essential – enhancing community character and quality of life, especially for young families moving to the Village. Under his leadership, five neighborhood parks with playgrounds and over 300 acres of open space were added to the Village.

The Parks Foundation is committed to improving parks and open space within the Village. Donations from individuals and corporations enable the foundation to fund maintenance and enhancement projects. To donate, please contact Pat Oaks at poaks@att.net. All donations are tax-deductable.

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The Burnell C. Russell Parks Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, separate from the Village of Volo. It is governed by a Board of Directors. Individuals interested in serving on the Parks Foundation board should contact Pat Oaks at poaks@att.net.

Sincerely,

Stephen Henley

Watering Restrictions

Pursuant to Village Ordinance, the following watering restrictions are in effect between May 15th and September 15th:

- Watering is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- Watering is permitted on odd / even calendar days as determined by the address of the property — odd number addresses on odd numbered days, even number addresses on even numbered days.
- Newly sodded or seeded lawns may be watered at any time for a two-week period following installation.

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