

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

March 5th
March 19th
April 2nd
April 16th
May 7th
May 21st

Planning & Zoning Commission

March 12th
April 9th
May 14th

MEETING DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Water Rate Decrease Announced

NEW RATE EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2019

In February, Village officials announced that the water rate will decrease from \$6.50 to \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons and customers will be billed based on actual water usage. Both changes will take effect May 1, 2019.

Customers will no longer be billed for a minimum of 5,000 gallons. The minimum billing increment will be 1,000 gallons.

A monthly service fee, based on water meter size, will replace the minimum bill. For residential customers, the service fee will be \$15 per month.

Residents enrolled in Auto-Pay will receive a \$5 discount on the monthly service fee. To enroll, complete an enrollment form (available at www.villageofvolo.com/ACH) and return with a voided check to the Village Hall.

The new monthly service fee will be used to pay the \$3.416 million connection fee to join CLCJAWA and to reserve funds for the repair and replacement of major capital assets as well as future capacity improvements.

Also announced was a reduction of the property tax rate for the Lake Michigan Water Project from 0.30 to 0.20.

The Village has levied an additional property tax rate for the Lake Michigan Water Project since 2015. The additional rate will be levied through 2039.

The additional property tax rate is used to pay the cost of the infrastructure to bring Lake Michigan water to the Village.

Village officials anticipate the delivery of Lake Michigan water in the fall.

Cart Exchange Program

Residents can request a smaller garbage cart (65 or 35 gallon) or a larger recycling cart (95 gallon).

All requests must be submitted by Friday, March 15th.

For more information, or to enroll in the cart exchange program, please visit www.villageofvolo.com/groot.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 20th at Village Hall.

The Easter Egg Hunt begins at 11:00 AM with staggered starts for each age group (3 & under, 4 - 6, 7 - 9, and 10 - 12).

The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Smoke Detectors

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 10th at 2:00 AM.

Fox Lake and Wauconda Fire encourage residents to change the batteries in their smoke detectors when they change their clocks.

It is estimated that while 90% of households have smoke detectors, one-third have dead or missing batteries.

Building Permits

Residents are reminded to contact the Building Department prior to making improvements to their home or property.

The Village Code requires building permits for many exterior and interior improvements.

For more information, or to obtain a permit, please contact the Building Department at (847) 740-6982 prior to making any improvements.

Employment Opportunities

The Village of Volo is currently seeking qualified applicants for various full-time and part-time positions:

- Public Works Laborer (full-time)
- AR/AP Coordinator (full-time)
- Customer Service Rep (part-time)

The complete job announcements and employment application are available at www.villageofvolo.com/employment.

From the Mayor...

When the Village Board met in October to finalize the financing plan for the Lake Michigan Water Project, our goal was simple — limit the financial impact to residents by minimizing increases to the additional property tax rate for the project as well as the water rate.

I am pleased to announce that we were able to achieve our goal. The additional property tax rate will decrease from 0.30 to 0.20 and the water rate will decrease from \$6.50 to \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons. The switch to consumption-based billing from the minimum bill will also lead to additional savings for many residents.

A portion of the new monthly service fee will be used to pay our \$3.416 million connection fee to join CLCJAWA. The remainder will be set aside for long-term maintenance and expansion of our water system. This will reduce the need for future rate increases for these purposes.

After nearly a decade of planning, engineering, and construction, we anticipate delivery of Lake Michigan water this fall. Watch for more information about the switch over in future newsletters and on our website at www.villageofvolo.com.

Don't forget to enroll in Auto-Pay to take advantage of the \$5 discount on the monthly service fee. It's that easy to save \$60 per year!

Sincerely,



Stephen Henley

Landscape Waste Collection Options

Groot offers landscape waste collection between April 1st and November 30th. A waste sticker is required for each bag, bundle, or container of landscape waste set out for collection. Stickers cost \$2.70 and are available at Village Hall.

Groot also offers the following landscape waste collection options:

- **One-Time Pick-Up (\$11.00):** one-time pick-up of up to six (6) containers
- **Subscription Program (\$100.00):** weekly pick-up of up to six (6) containers

To schedule a one-time pick-up or to enroll in the subscription program, contact Groot at (877) 404-7668. Groot will bill directly for these services.