



# July 2023 Summer Newsletter

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR VILLAGE EVENTS:



- Every Saturday through October
- 8am – 12pm at Purdy Park 205 E. Navaho Shabbona
- Experience what local growers and crafters have to offer.



Interested Vendors can Email: [shabbonafarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:shabbonafarmersmarket@gmail.com) for application.  
No Vendor Fees!!!!

**BATTLE AXE COFFEE** is in SHABBONA every Mon. and Thur. 6AM-2PM. 209 W. Comanche!!!

**TINEZ TACOS** is in SHABBONA every Mon. and Fri. 11AM-7PM on Route 30 between Nokomis & Shabbona Road!!!

## UTILITY BILL INCREASE

The State requires the Village to be self-sustainable for everyday costs in the Water & Sewer Funds. The following chart shows the increases which the Village Board voted into effect as of 7/1/23.

TOTAL MINIMUM UTILITY BILL (in town) AS OF				* 7/1/2023
8000 GAL minimum				Approved INCREASES
	Per Mos	2 Mos	Per Quarter	PER 1000 gallons
WATER	12.43	24.86	37.28	4.66
SEWER	15.60	31.20	46.80	5.85
GARBAGE * 4% INCREASE 1/1/23	19.35	38.70	58.05	
METER	2.12	4.24	6.36	
DEBT REDUCTION	20.00	40.00	60.00	
TOTAL	69.50	139.00	208.49	

- Water & Sewer increase of 10% on 7/1/23, 7/1/24, 7/1/25
- Meter Maintenance increase of \$2.50/quarter 7/1/23
- Debt Reduction increase to \$20.00/month
- Delinquency Fee (Administrative Turn On/Turn Off) \$150.00
- Garbage increases of 4% each year as of 1/1/23, 1/1/24, 1/1/25, 1/1/26, 1/1/27.
- Rates are reviewed annually by the Village Board of Trustees.

*Have a safe and happy Summer*

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**Flewelin  
Memorial  
Library**



Our summer reading program was a resounding success. Kids of all ages not only enjoyed special demonstrations, guest speakers, crafted, gardened, and played their hearts out. They also developed profound connections within our community as they interacted with peers and met new families.

While we gear up for our next community enrichment programs, don't miss out on the services we continue to offer! Some of the services we include, but are not limited to: Axis 360 (e-books/audiobooks), Interlibrary Loans, Homebound Delivery, Story Time/Craft Times, and our toy room is always open for free play! Be sure to check out our website and Facebook page frequently to see what unique opportunities and special events we have planned for the community.

### **Building Shabbona Together**

A new 501c3 has been created and has been named, "Building Shabbona Together." The mission of Building Shabbona Together is to work together to improve the quality of life by investing in Shabbona's community, businesses, and infrastructure to create a thriving and sustainable future for all. One of the first projects that BST is undertaking is to help bring the new vision of Purdy Park to life. The goal is to create a park with a welcoming atmosphere where the community can gather for festivals, events, and people can come to enjoy! Stay tuned for more updates!

### **Reminders:**

- + **Garbage Service 2023 Holiday Schedule - the weeks of 4th of July, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving, and Christmas pick up will be on SATURDAY.**
- + **Drivers - Please SLOW down on village side streets! Be aware of children at play outside. Be Safe!**

**Utility Bill Payments are due by 6pm on Saturday, July 30th.  
If needed, payment arrangements may be made by contacting  
Village Treasurer Cindy Barnes at 815-824-2771 by July 25th.**

**There are 3 ways you can pay your Utility Bill—  
payments may be mailed, paid online, or put in drop box at Village  
Office.**



Please follow us for Village notices and events—updates for projects will be posted on our website & Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/VillageofShabbona](https://www.facebook.com/VillageofShabbona)



*Shabbona has been awarded Tree City USA status for 7 consecutive years. Thank you to the Horticultural Committee and Public Works Department for all you do in planning, planting, and maintaining the Village trees!*



# Zoning & Building Permits



**Building Permits are required by the Village for many home and property improvements. B&F Construction Codes is contracted for building permits and inspections.**

Permits are needed for new construction, additions, remodeling, siding, roofs, sheds, fences, decks, swimming pools, electrical updates/changes, plumbing updates/changes, and any structural changes. If you are not sure if a permit is required, please contact B&F Construction Code Services 847-428-7010.

**When you are submitting permit application form to B&F Construction Code Services, please make sure that all documents required for plan review are included. Checklists for different projects are available on the Village website [www.shabbona-il.com](http://www.shabbona-il.com) under Zoning/Building Permits.**

**Please plan projects, accordingly, depending on the scope of work and the completeness of submittal documents for plan review, it can take a minimum of 1 week before permit will be issued. It is the responsibility of the property owner or their contractor to apply for permits and request inspections.**



Permit Application form and permit fee schedule are posted on the village website [www.shabbona-il.com](http://www.shabbona-il.com) under Zoning/Building Permits. If needed, you may pick up a copy from the Village Office during office hours Wednesdays 3:30pm-6:30pm and Saturdays 9am-11:30am.

Please contact B&F Construction Code Services 847-428-7010 with any questions about permits or permit pricing. If you need assistance submitting forms to B&F, please contact the Village Office 815-824-3064 or the Village Clerk.

# Ordinance Reminders



➤ **Weeds and grass cannot be over 8" in height** (Ordinance 3-1-2)  
**Garbage cans need to be removed from the street/curb/  
sidewalk by the end of garbage pickup day (Ordinance 7-4-4)**

**Reminder: Please note, State Law mandates no littering of Public Right-of-Ways including grass clippings and yard debris (Environmental Safety 415 ILCS 105 Litter Control Act). Please ensure that sidewalks & roadways adjoining your property are always cleaned of such debris. Help ensure the safety of motorists and residents on Village roadways & sidewalks.**



**DOGS AT LARGE:** Any dog owner shall not permit a dog to run at large within the limits of the village. **Dogs at all times shall be kept on a leash or tied**, the leash or tie should not allow the dog to reach any person on the sidewalk except when confined within or on the premises of the owner or possessor thereof. (Ord. 2001-9, 11-26-2001)

**All residents operating a golf cart or UTV on the village streets, need to obtain a permit from the Village Clerk. Permits are granted for 1 year and are to be renewed annually by May 31st. Permit cost is \$20 per year. The cost of the permit includes required inspection. Application is available on the village website under Ordinances & Licenses/Licenses Required by the Village (Ordinance 5-6-1).**



**Yard Waste Collection:** runs through the last Friday of November and is picked up by Northern IL Disposal. Residential Property Owners shall place Yard Waste in biodegradable brown yard waste bags, not to exceed 50 pounds or in a container not to exceed 32 gallons/50 pounds. **Mark container with a large, clearly visible "X"** on all sides of the can. Larger trees or bush branches need to be cut down, not to exceed 3 inches in diameter or 3 feet in length, for NI Disposal to pick up.

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**Visit [www.shabbona-il.com](http://www.shabbona-il.com)**

**to find Village Office hours, meeting information, Village contacts, local restaurants, Village events, community links, permit and license information, forms, and more.**



# VILLAGE OF SHABBONA

PO BOX 222, SHABBONA IL 60550

[www.SHABBONA-IL.com](http://www.SHABBONA-IL.com)

## CLARIFICATION OF UTILITY BILLING

**UTILITY RATES as of 7/1/23 (last raised 7/1/17) other than Garbage (1/1/23)**

**Minimum Utility Billing is \$69.50 per month or \$208.49 per quarter.**

Garbage: 19.35 per month - \$58.05 per quarter.

Water – Minimum 8,000 gallons per quarter - \$ 37.28

Sewer –Minimum 8,000 gallons per quarter – \$ 46.80

Meter Maintenance is \$6.36/quarter.

Maintenance Service Fee/Debt Reduction - \$20.00/mos. - \$60.00/quarter

**Utility Bills are sent out quarterly.**

**Utility Bills are due within 30 days, January 30, April 30, July 30, and October 30.**

**Utility Bills are due by 6pm on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the quarter ends.**

- **10% LATE FEE is added to current amount due after 6pm of 30<sup>th</sup> day.**
- **Late Fees must be paid to avoid “shut off”.**
- **Payments not received by 6pm on the 45<sup>th</sup> day will be assessed a Delinquency Fee of \$150.00 and scheduled for shut off.**

The above schedule for Utility Payments is per the Village Ordinance. If a bill has not been received, Ordinance states that you are still responsible regardless of receiving a bill. Please contact the Village Treasurer for your bill if you have not received it by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month after the quarter ends.

Please make sure your **correct mailing address with PO Box #** and a current **phone number** are on file with the Treasurer, in case there is a need to reach you. (Such as unusual/large water usage)

### **PAYMENTS MAY BE MADE BY :**

MAILING to Village of Shabbona  
PO Box 222  
Shabbona IL 60550

OR DROP BOX @ Village Office  
305 E Comanche  
OR \*\*ON LINE w/Payment Service Network

**Payment must reach the Village Mail Box by 6pm on the due date to avoid penalties.**

PLEASE NOTE: The US Post Office in Shabbona, sends mail into the suburbs for cancellation, it is then returned to Shabbona and sorted into mail boxes. If you wait until the due date to pay, it **WILL NOT** reach the Village mail box for access by the Village Treasurer by 6pm of the due date. If this happens, you **will incur** the penalties. **PLEASE ALLOW 10 Days FOR DELIVERY per the Post Office.**

**PAYMENT ON-LINE with your bank.** The bank cuts a paper check and **MAILS to the Village.**

If you do not allow 10 days for mailing you will most likely be late, incurring the penalty fees.

**\*\*By making your payment on line with PAYMENT SERVICE NETWORK** the Village can see real –time payments. Meaning once you submit, the date and time submitted are recorded and the Village can see that it is paid. Go to [www.shabbona-il.com](http://www.shabbona-il.com) at the bottom to Pay Online.

### **FACTS TO NOTE REGARDING UTILITY RATES:**

1) The infrastructure of our water and sewer systems must be maintained. Our budget is based on each UNIT paying at least a minimum utility charge twelve months of the year.

2) The garbage pickup contract does not allow us to change the number of pickups throughout the year. We are billed regardless of there being garbage out or not. (See web page for contract.)

**Units are billed the minimum, even when empty.**

**GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICK UP:**

Garbage pickup is on Friday morning starting at 6am. If there should be a holiday during the week, pick up is on Saturday. Each Unit must pay for Garbage unless the Board has approved an exception before the first of the calendar year.

**If there is a circumstance that prevents you from paying your bill within 30 days**, please contact Cindy Barnes, Village Treasurer, **before the 25<sup>th</sup> day**. A payment plan that will work for you and the Village Board, should be able to be worked out. Communication will help to avoid penalty fees.

**WATER "TURNED OFF"** will not be turned back on until the entire current amount due, including all penalty fees are paid. At this point payment must be in Cash or with a Money Order to the Village Treasurer for deposit. If payment is made after 3pm, water will be turned on the following business day.

**PAYMENT RESPONSIBILITY:**

The Utility Bill for each unit is the responsibility of the owner. It is a courtesy to the owner for the Village to bill the tenants. If a tenant does not pay and is on the Shut off list twice, or payment plans arranged are not kept, the courtesy will be withdrawn, and the bill will go to the owner from that point forward. Owners are responsible for all penalties incurred by their tenants. Due to this, Owners may receive copies of Tenants Utility Bills. If someone should move from one residence to another, (in town) their final bill must be paid before the new landlord can have the billing put into their name.

**In the case that two or more units share a shut off – the owner is responsible for the Utility Bill.** Tenants will not be billed. The owner will need to collect from their tenants and pay. This will keep one unit from causing the other to be shut off due to non-payment by the other. If the owner does not pay, units will be shut off.

**NEW OWNERS**

There is a \$50.00 per unit Administrative fee when Ownership Changes. Please be sure to contact the Village Treasurer, so that your current contact information is on file (i.e., Mailing and Phone) and so that we can be sure to obtain a current reading if we have not done so.

**CHANGE OF OCCUPANT**

Please make sure when moving out that you notify the Village Treasurer. We will take a reading upon move out date, if we are aware, to insure correct billing. **Address for FINAL BILL** needs to be provided. Final Bills are due upon receipt. If selling, please pay before the closing.

New Occupant's should also contact the Village Treasurer upon move in, so that correct information is on file, and a current reading can be taken.

**Units are billed the minimum, even when empty.**

**CHECKS RETURNED FOR NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS:**

The Village Treasurer will try to reach you by phone, but regardless, water will be turned off on the following business day after your NSF check is returned, until total bill, and all fees are paid. The owner of the check will be notified by mail (if not reached by phone) that this has occurred, and a \$35.00 Fee is charged. Also, Late Fees if applicable.

Please feel free to call with questions. I do not have set hours, so when calling, leave a message and your phone number, and I will get back to you. Yes, you are calling my home.

Village of Shabbona  
Treasurer & Utility Billing  
Cindy Barnes 815-824-2771

Public Works Dept. 815-824-2127  
Buddy Forrer & John Boltz

Village Board Members: Marc Cinnamon, Joy Fay, Allison Kidd-Probst, Denny Sands, David Simpson  
Village President: Don Goncher

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