

Welcome to the Township of Sugar Grove 2025 Newsletter

Inside this issue: Township updates,
services, upcoming events, and more.



Township Offices

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Mailing address: P.O. Box 465 Sugar Grove, IL 60554

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

Township Board Meeting Dates: Monthly:
on the 1st Tuesday/month at 6:00 p.m.

Phone Numbers

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From the Desk of Township Supervisor Tom Rowe

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Thank you to all who voted in the April 1 election.

I am honored to be re-elected to serve another four-year term as Township Supervisor. In this role, I serve as the chief executive and financial officer of the township, chair the Township Board of Trustees, and manage budgets, expenses, and revenues—including those for the Road District and Community Building. I also oversee township programs and represent Sugar Grove Township on several local committees.

If you have any questions or ideas, please contact me at (630) 466-4283 or email trowe@sgtownship.com.

Township Services You Should Know About

- **Free Senior Lunch** – for residents ages 65 & up on the last Tuesday of each month. Pre-registration is required by calling Senior Coordinator Julie Walker at (630) 999-4000.
- **Free Senior Snacks & Games** – for resident seniors ages 65 & up on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Contact Julie Walker at (630) 999-4000 for more information.
- **Senior Disabled Transportation Program** – for residents 65 & up or disabled 55 & up who cannot drive. The ride cost is \$5 for each one-way trip for doctor appointments, employment, or shopping Monday-Friday between 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- **Free Senior Lawn Mowing** – for seniors ages 65 & up who own their own Sugar Grove home. Applications must be pre-approved, and the number of households served is limited.
- **Free Senior Snow Removal** – for seniors 65 & up who own and reside in their own homes in Sugar Grove Township. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis, and the number of households may be limited.
- **General Assistance (GA)** – is a locally administered welfare program that provides monthly financial assistance to persons who do not have adequate income or resources to provide for their own basic needs. To qualify, the individual must meet certain financial and residential criteria and not be eligible for any other state or federal assistance programs.
- **Emergency Assistance (EA)** – Applicants who do not qualify for General Assistance may still qualify for Emergency Assistance (EA). To qualify, the applicant must be 30 days or more behind in their rent or utilities, have a 5-day notice from their landlord or utility company, and meet specific financial criteria based on household size.
- **Ice Rink Coop** – For the third winter in a row, Sugar Grove Township, the Community Building, Park District, Fire Protection District, and Village of Sugar Grove partnered to bring back the outdoor ice rink at Snow Park. The five taxing bodies combined resources to install and maintain the rink from December through February. The rink offered a fun recreational activity for community members to enjoy throughout winter.

From the Desk of Highway Commissioner Doug Musser



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Spring and summer are upon us, following yet another very mild winter. As planting season approaches, please be aware of farmers on the roads. You will also notice an increase in road construction—remember to avoid using your phone while driving, especially in construction zones, where fines are doubled.

Projects to Look Out For:

- **KeDeKa Road** will be overlaid with blacktop.
- **East Prairie Road from Gordon Road to Randall Road** will be blacktopped as part of a contract with the City of Aurora.
- **West Prairie Road from Route 47 to Dugan Road and McCannon Road** will receive a road preservation treatment through our contract with Corrective Asphalt Materials.
- **A 2026 Freightliner 108 SD plow truck** with plow, wing, and salt spreader will be added to the fleet in August.
- **A 40x40 cold storage garage** will be built on Road District property.
- **Seasonal maintenance** will include five ditch mowings, garbage pickup, paint striping, shouldering, and tree trimming.

Have a great summer and drive safe!

Blackberry Creek Pedestrian Bridge Opening this Summer

The new Blackberry Creek pedestrian bridge will open this summer, connecting Belle Vue Lane to the Virgil Gilman Trail with a shared-use path designed for walking, biking, and running. This long-awaited connection improves access between neighborhoods and trails. It was made possible by an \$800,000 grant from the State of Illinois, along with \$50,000 in matching funds from each of the following: the Township of Sugar Grove, the Village of Sugar Grove, the Sugar Grove Park District, and the Kane County Forest Preserve District, making this a true community investment.



From the Desk of Township Assessor Curt John Karas, CIAO, CPA, MBA

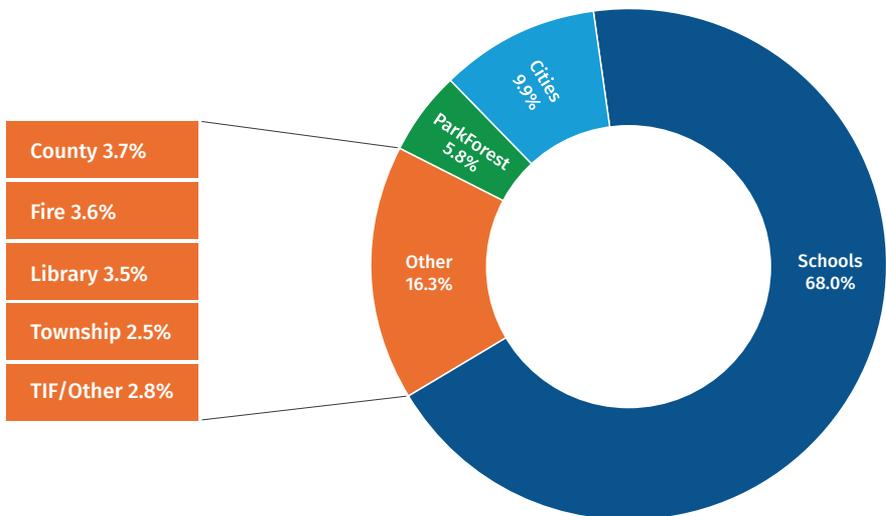
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Maybe you've seen us... The Sugar Grove Township Assessment Office is continuously updating Property Record Cards. You may receive a knock on your door from our Assessor and/or Field Deputy to update pictures and property information of all Township parcels. This does not necessarily mean that your assessment will be increased, it's a way of keeping our records accurate as possible to ensure fair assessments. (Statute 35 ILCS 200/9-155). When an improvement to your property is made our office will apply for a Home Improvement Exemption on your behalf. This exemption reduces the EAV attributable to the improvement for four years (up to \$75,000). Only certain improvements qualify so please contact our office for the list (maintenance or replacement of existing items do not qualify). Another sure way to lower your assessment is to have one (or more) Homestead exemptions added to your tax bill. The most popular exemptions are General Homestead (\$8,000), Senior Homestead (\$8,000/65 or older), Senior Assessment Freeze (The maximum household income for this exemption is \$65,000 and 65 or older), Persons with Disabilities (\$2,000) and Veterans with Disabilities (\$2,500 to \$250,000). If you have any questions, please contact the Sugar Grove Assessment Office at 630-466-5255.

Where do property taxes go?

The largest portion goes to the schools; the remaining portions go to other local governments in the County:



Between Friends Food Pantry

A New Home Made Possible Through Community Collaboration

Sugar Grove Township is proud to support the recent opening of the new home for Between Friends Food Pantry at 143 S. Main Street. What was once a bus barn has been transformed into a welcoming, accessible space that serves individuals and families experiencing food insecurity. The Pantry provides weekly grocery assistance, household supplies, and hygiene products to residents in need. Their mission is to offer consistent, compassionate support for neighbors navigating difficult times.

This project was made possible through collaboration between the Pantry, Sugar Grove Township, the Village of Sugar Grove, and other community partners. Sugar Grove Township and Between Friends Food Pantry thank all involved for their dedication to serving our residents and strengthening our community.

How to get connected:

Location: 143 S. Main Street, Sugar Grove
(behind the Community Building)

Weekly Drive Thru Food Distribution: Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Website: www.sugargrovefoodpantry.org

Email: director@sugargrovefoodpantry.org

Phone: (630) 327-6600

Scan to Learn More



Mental Health Support Through the INC Board

Sugar Grove Township is part of the INC Board, a funding alliance that includes seven Kane County townships working together to support the mental, intellectual, and developmental health of local residents.

Through this partnership, the INC Board helps fund services for individuals and families facing mental health challenges, developmental or intellectual disabilities, and substance use disorders.

To learn more or access available resources, visit www.incmha.org or call (630) 892-5456.

Groovin' in the Grove is Back!

Sugar Grove's favorite free summer concert series returns for 2025 with Food Truck Fridays, live music, a Kids Zone, and great food at the Sugar Grove Library parking lot. Bring your lawn chairs, your favorite beverages, and enjoy a night out with neighbors and friends.

2025 Concert Lineup:

Friday, June 13: Buckle (country rock) — plus the Sugar Grove Fire District Open House

Friday, July 11: Cadillac Groove (rock, R&B, funk, soul)

Friday, August 8: Heartache Tonight (Eagles tribute band)

Presented by the Sugar Grove Arts & Entertainment Committee and co-sponsored by the Chamber, Library, Township, Village, and Park District.

Community Building: A Year in Review

The Sugar Grove Township Community Building (SGTCB)

The Sugar Grove Township Community Building (SGTCB) was buzzing with activity in 2024, hosting 234 rentals and several memorable community events that brought neighbors together.

Highlights from 2024 included:

- **Summer Funfair:** A crowd favorite on the opening night of the Sugar Grove Corn Boil, featuring games, giveaways, and activities for kids.
- **No Tricks, Just Treats:** A Halloween celebration with trunk-or-treating, inflatables, a magic show, dance contests, and lots of costumes.
- **Winter Ice Rink:** Reopened thanks to ideal weather, giving families a chance to enjoy outdoor fun close to home.



Coming in 2025:

<p>Free Summer Funfair Thursday, July 24, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Open to kids 10 and under—enjoy games, prizes, and face painting for the first 50 children.</p>	<p>No Tricks, Just Treats: Year Two Back by popular demand! Stay tuned for the official date and details.</p>
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Follow SGTCB on Facebook for announcements and details about upcoming events.

Remaining 2025 Meeting Dates:

<p>June 17, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m. July 15, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m. August 19, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m. September 16, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>October 21, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m. November 18, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m. December 16, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.</p>
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Sugar Grove Historical Society

259 Main Street, Sugar Grove, IL



The Sugar Grove Historical Society is undergoing several exciting updates to enhance its community offerings and improve access to local history. In March, the Board approved the use of membership and quilt raffle funds to support expanded outreach and facility improvements.

As part of this effort, the Society has brought on Frank Sarnelli, a local resident and experienced IT professional, to organize the online archives and develop a new website. Once launched, the site will feature newsletters, event details, educational videos, interactive quizzes, and an online store for merchandise and membership renewals.

Inside the facility, improvements include reorganized document storage with new shelving and labeled archival boxes, a dedicated research table, and updates to the exhibit room with fresh paint, new layouts, and interactive elements such as a video on *The Many Lives of the Bliss House* and themed educational displays.

These efforts reflect the Society's continued commitment to preserving and sharing Sugar Grove's history as a resource for the entire community.





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