

## From the Desk of Highway Commissioner Doug Musser



Spring and summer are once again upon us following another fairly mild winter. As planting season begins, please be aware of farmers on the roads and take caution. Here is what the Road District has been working on:

- Road District parking lot will be blacktopped this summer.
- East Prairie Road will be re-done on our portions in partnership with the City of Aurora.
- Ke-De-Ka Road will be resurfaced through our contract with CAM Corrective Asphalt Materials.
- New fleet additions: a 2027 Freightliner 108 SD plow truck with plow, wing, and salt spreader arriving late fall, plus two new 3500 Chevy Silverados — one equipped with a lift gate and plow.
- New 40'x40' cold storage building is on track to be completed by early May.
- Seasonal maintenance will include five rounds of ditch mowing, garbage pickup, paint striping of roads and crosswalks, shouldering, and tree trimming.

### Have a great summer and drive safe!

Remember to stay off your phones — fines are doubled in construction zones. Thank you for your continued support. Please call (630) 466-4274 or email [dmusser@sgtownship.com](mailto:dmusser@sgtownship.com) with any questions or concerns.



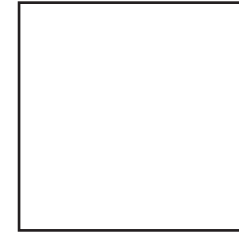
### Blackberry Creek Pedestrian Bridge

A ribbon-cutting was held last fall for the new bridge over Blackberry Creek, connecting Belle Vue Lane to the Virgil Gilman Trail via a shared-use path for walking, biking, and running. The project improves safety and access

between neighborhoods that were once harder to reach. Made possible through collaboration among the Village, Kane County, Township, and Park District.

### Hankes Road Bridge — Resolution Reached

The Village of Sugar Grove and Township Road District are pleased to announce a long-awaited resolution on the Hankes Road Bridge. Through collaboration across multiple agencies and community partners, an agreement has been reached to significantly improve the safety and long-term reliability of this critical crossing. Under the agreement: IDOT will repair the bridge substructure and fully replace the bridge deck and will retain ownership including future resurfacing. The Village of Sugar Grove will assume jurisdictional responsibility for minor surface repairs, pavement markings, and guardrail maintenance. The Township Road District will continue snow plowing and jointly participate in pothole repairs until construction of the new bridge begins.



Township of Sugar Grove  
54 Snow Street  
Sugar Grove, IL 60554



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## Township of Sugar Grove 2026 Community Newsletter Serving Our Community, Keeping You Connected

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



### Township Offices

54 Snow Street, Sugar Grove, IL 60554  
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:  
1st Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

### Phone Numbers & Websites

**Township:** 630-466-4283  
**Assessor:** 630-466-5255  
**Road District:** 630-466-4274  
**Township:** [www.townshipofsugargrove.com](http://www.townshipofsugargrove.com)  
**Assessor:** [www.sugargrovetownship.com](http://www.sugargrovetownship.com)

### Elected Officials

<b>Supervisor</b> Tom Rowe <a href="mailto:trowe@sgtownship.com">trowe@sgtownship.com</a>	<b>Township Clerk</b> Marion Bond <a href="mailto:mbond@sgtownship.com">mbond@sgtownship.com</a>
<b>Assessor</b> Curt Karas <a href="mailto:assessor@sugargrovetownship.com">assessor@sugargrovetownship.com</a>	<b>Highway Commissioner</b> Doug Musser <a href="mailto:dmusser@sgtownship.com">dmusser@sgtownship.com</a>

### Board of Trustees

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## From the Desk of Township Supervisor Tom Rowe



Thank you for your continued trust, engagement, and commitment to our community. Over the past year, we have focused on maintaining essential services, strengthening fiscal responsibility, and supporting the needs of our residents, all with the goal of providing efficient, transparent, and responsive local government.

One of our greatest strengths is the sense of community that defines Sugar Grove Township. Whether it is neighbors helping neighbors, volunteers stepping forward, or local organizations working to improve quality of life, these everyday actions reflect the values that make our township strong.

As we look ahead in 2026, our nation will mark the 250th anniversary of its founding, a meaningful opportunity to reflect on the principles of service, civic responsibility, and local self-governance that continue to guide communities like ours. We will continue to prioritize responsible budgeting, infrastructure improvements, and accessible services. We encourage you to stay informed, attend meetings, and share your input. Your voice shapes the future of our township. Please call (630) 466-4283 or email [trowe@sgtownship.com](mailto:trowe@sgtownship.com) with any questions or concerns.

### 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.
- **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, 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; limited to those who qualify for the senior freeze.
- **Free Senior Snow Removal** – for seniors 65 & up who own and reside in their own homes in Sugar Grove Township. First-come, first-served; number of households may be limited.
- **General Assistance (GA)** – a locally administered program providing monthly financial assistance to residents without adequate income or resources for basic needs, who do not qualify for other state or federal programs.
- **Emergency Assistance (EA)** – for applicants who don't qualify for GA but are 30+ days behind on rent or utilities, have a 5-day notice, and meet financial criteria based on household size.
- **Ice Rink Coop** – For the 4th winter in a row, Sugar Grove Township, the Community Building, Park District, Fire Protection District, and Village of Sugar Grove partnered to maintain the outdoor ice rink at Snow Park.

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



### WHAT'S NEW!

I would like to make residential property owners in Sugar Grove Township aware of recent changes in the Senior Assessment Freeze household income limits. For 2025 (payable 2026) the maximum household income for this exemption is \$65,000. Beginning with 2026 (payable 2027) the maximum household increases to \$75,000 and will increase each year until 2028 (payable 2029). See the table below for the updated limits by year.

Property Tax Year	2025	2026	2027	2028
Tax Payable in	2026	2027	2028	2029
Household Income from Property	2024	2025	2026	2027
Max Household Income	\$65,000	\$75,000	\$77,000	\$79,000

REMEMBER: the *property assessment* is frozen at the base year, not the property tax. For more information [www.sugargrovetownship.com/exemption-info](http://www.sugargrovetownship.com/exemption-info)

### Commercial Solar Energy Systems Valuation

You may have noticed the rise in commercial solar energy systems across Kane County. A "Commercial solar energy system" is an assembly of devices that is ground installed and uses solar energy for generating electricity for the primary purpose of wholesale or retail sale and not primarily for consumption on the property on which the devices reside. Solar energy systems on local residences are not subject to this valuation method.

The fair cash value for a commercial solar energy system in Illinois is based on its nameplate capacity per megawatt (\$218,000). From that base value, the chief county assessment officer (CCAO) applies an annual inflationary increase known as a "trending factor," producing the "trended real property cost basis." Depreciation is then subtracted to determine the final taxable value for the current assessment year. The example below shows how this works in practice.

Solar Energy System Valuation: A 2026 Fair Cash Value	
1-year old commercial solar energy system   2MW nameplate capacity	
2018 real property cost basis	\$ 436,000 (\$218,000 per megawatt)
2026 Asmt Yr trending factor	× 1.31
<b>Trended real property cost basis</b>	<b>\$ 571,160</b>
Depreciation allowance	× .04 (Actual age: 1 year ÷ 25)
Depreciation	22,846
<b>2026 fair cash value</b>	<b>\$ 548,314</b>
Trended cost basis minus depreciation	
Assessment level	× .3333
<b>2026 assessed value</b>	<b>\$ 182,753</b>

## Between Friends Food Pantry

### Celebrating One Year in New Location

Sugar Grove Township is proud to recognize Between Friends Food Pantry's first year serving residents from its new home at 143 S. Main Street. Since opening in the former Township bus barn on February 20, 2025, the Pantry has continued its mission of providing food, household essentials, and support to neighbors facing food insecurity.

What began as an old bus barn has become a welcoming and practical space where individuals, families, and seniors can receive weekly grocery assistance with dignity and compassion. Their work continues to be rooted in a simple but powerful belief: No one should be denied access to food because of financial hardship and circumstances.

This first year in the new location was made possible through the continued collaboration of Between Friends Food Pantry, Sugar Grove Township, the Village of Sugar Grove, local businesses, volunteers, donors, and community partners. Sugar Grove Township and Between Friends Food Pantry thank everyone who helped turn this space into a true community resource.

### How to get connected:

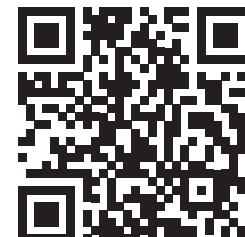
**Location:** 143 S. Main Street, Sugar Grove (behind the Community Building)

**Food Distribution:** Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Website:** [www.sugargrovefoodpantry.org](http://www.sugargrovefoodpantry.org)

**Email:** [director@sugargrovefoodpantry.org](mailto:director@sugargrovefoodpantry.org)

**Phone:** (630) 999-4000



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### Mental Health Support Through the INC Board

Sugar Grove Township is part of the INC Board, a funding alliance of seven Kane County townships supporting mental, intellectual, and developmental health for local residents — including services for mental health challenges, developmental/intellectual disabilities, and substance use disorders.

Visit [www.incmha.org](http://www.incmha.org) or call (630) 892-5456.

## Community Building: 2025 in Review

### The Sugar Grove Township Community Building (SGTCB)

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The Community Building had 202 rentals in 2025! In July, we hosted our 3rd free mini funfair on the first night of the Sugar Grove Corn Boil. In October, we partnered with the greater community for the 2nd Annual "No Tricks, Just Treats" Halloween event. We were also thrilled that winter weather allowed for the reopening of the ice-skating rink at the back of the property — a large-scale project led by the Park District, with valuable support from the Village, Fire Department, Township, and Township Road District.



### Building Improvements Completed in 2025

- New blinds installed on the first floor
- New refrigerator added to the kitchen
- New light pole installed by the skating rink (required after storm damage)
- New ceiling tiles installed throughout the building
- New drinking fountain with bottle filler

### Mark Your Calendars for 2026!

- **Free Mini Funfair** Thursday, July 23 | 5:30–7:00 PM Open to children ages 10 and under — games, activities, and a chance to win a gift basket. Face painting for the first 60 children.
- **No Tricks, Just Treats — Year 3!** October 24, 2026 (time TBD) Back by popular demand! Stay tuned for official details. Follow us on Facebook for announcements.

### Remaining 2026 Meeting Dates

June 16 @ 6:30 p.m.	October 20 @ 6:30 p.m.
July 21 @ 6:30 p.m.	November 17 @ 6:30 p.m.
August 18 @ 6:30 p.m.	December 15 @ 6:30 p.m.
September 15 @ 6:30 p.m.	

**Office phone:** 630-466-4539

**Email:** [cbinfo@sgtownship.com](mailto:cbinfo@sgtownship.com)

**Building Scheduler:** 630-777-7961.

[www.townshipofsugargrove.com/community-building](http://www.townshipofsugargrove.com/community-building)

## Sugar Grove Historical Society

259 Main Street, Sugar Grove, IL

### Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of America

Does your family go back generations in Sugar Grove Township? In honor of our Nation's 250th Anniversary, the Sugar Grove Historical Society is recognizing the families who shaped our community through two special legacy projects.



The **First Settlers Project** recognizes families who arrived in the Sugar Grove area between 1830 and 1850. (We did not become a township until 1849.) The **Centennial Family Project** honors families who settled here by 1925 and whose descendants (at least one) still live in the community today.

Applications are now available. Stop by or contact our Educational Director at [edusghs@aol.com](mailto:edusghs@aol.com) to officially document your family's history and receive a commemorative certificate from the Board.

### The 250 Tree Cookie

A cut was taken from a tree that fell in Bliss Woods Forest Preserve last summer. With at least 250 years of rings to count, a traveling display will be created to share at schools and local events.

### Open House — July 25, 2026

During Corn Boil. Come enjoy the air conditioning and explore local history!

### Groovin' in the Grove — 2026 Season

Sugar Grove's free summer concert series returns! Join us for live music, food trucks, and a Kids Zone at the Sugar Grove Library parking lot. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a night out with neighbors and friends. Free admission. Presented by the Sugar Grove Arts & Entertainment Committee and co-sponsored by the Chamber, Library, Township, Village, and Park District.

