

My name is Mike Assell. My address is 1788 Hunters Ridge Lane. My wife Linda and I have lived in Sugar Grove, IL for almost 28 years (14 years in Prestbury and almost 14 years in Hannaford Farm). Over the course of those 28 years we have paid over \$325,000 in property taxes and, with the exception of driving on the roads, we have never been a drain on any of the resources funded by those taxes (our children went to parochial schools for K-12, and we have never had a need to call police or fire). We have chosen to pay higher property taxes because we choose to live in a community that has open green spaces and quiet neighborhoods.

We were one of the first home owners in Hannaford Farm to move into the community and selected our lot specifically because it sat at the second highest point in the subdivision. In fact, we were told by one of the developers of Hannaford Farm that our lot was adjacent to the second highest point in Kane County. From our home we can see Johnsons Mound in Elburn to the north, 7.3 miles away. From our home the uninterrupted views to the N, NW, W and SW are stunning, the sunsets are spectacular and watching the summer storms roll in along with the lightning shows has been one of the highlights we have enjoyed since we moved in.

I want to extend a personal invitation to all of you, the members of the Sugar Grove Planning Commission and to all of the members of Sugar Grove Village Board to come to our house so you too can take in the beauty that exists in this community today before it gets destroyed by Crown

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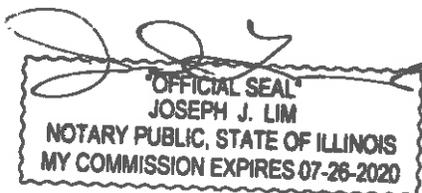
Development if you were to allow this PDD Development to proceed. If you are a human being who enjoys the natural beauty that exists in Sugar Grove there is absolutely no way you will allow this to happen!

Mr. Olsem, of Crown Development, has said on numerous occasions that there is “not a market for upscale residential developments in Sugar Grove”. Mr. Olsem has also mentioned proudly that Crown Development created the Stonebridge Subdivision in Aurora. I agree that Stonebridge turned out to be a very attractive, thriving and successful community. For those of you who do not know, Stonebridge is located on the NE side of Aurora. Having grown up on the NE side of Aurora, I contend that there was not a market for a high-end residential development with homes priced in excess of \$500,000 back in the late 1980’s either. I contend, the number one reason Stonebridge was successful is because the first thing that Crown Development did was to invest in the construction of a spectacular 18-hole golf course designed by world famous golf course architect Tom Fazio. Acting as the centerpiece of the beautiful 18-hole golf course was a massive brick and stone club house with swimming pool and tennis courts. That foundation, created by Crown, was the catalyst that made Stonebridge a success. I contend, that if Crown Development were to invest in a desirable amenity (doesn’t have to be a golf course) into an upscale residential development like they did for Stonebridge in the 1980’s, there very well might be a market for such a community in Sugar Grove. Instead they are looking to

minimize their investment and look for the quick hit afforded by a zoning change.

My question to the Planning Commission Board and to the Village Board of Sugar Grove is very simple:

Who besides the Crown Family (who according to Forbes Magazine is the 27th richest family in the US), the employees of the Crown Family, the 7 members of the Sugar Grove Village Board and possibly some of you, the members of the Sugar Grove Planning Commission want this development to proceed as a PDD with TIF funding? Certainly not the vast majority of the taxpayers of Sugar Grove and Blackberry Township. The Sugar Grove Village Board members are officials elected to represent the residents of Sugar Grove and Blackberry Township. I believe the residents have made their position clear regarding the Crown Development project. If the Village Board is truly representing the residents, they must vote no to rezoning and no to TIF funding.



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