

# SGcommunity

A PUBLICATION FOR THE SUGAR GROVE AREA



**COMMUNITY  
UPDATE**

**PROPERTY  
TAX CYCLE**

**WINTER IN  
THE VILLAGE**

**WINTERMARKET  
AT THE LIBRARY**

**20 THINGS TO  
DO THIS WINTER**



**FALL 2019/WINTER 2020 | VOLUME 5, ISSUE 2**

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**AURORA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT** ..... 630-466-7085  
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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** ..... 630-391-7220  
 Permits • Zoning • Planning • Economic Development

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** ..... 630-466-7895  
 info@sugargrovechamber.org  
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**COMMUNITY BUILDING** ..... 630-777-7961

**CORN BOIL** ..... 630-449-7999  
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**DC TRASH OF ILLINOIS** ..... 815-758-7274

**FIRE DEPARTMENT** ..... 630-466-4513  
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**FOREST PRESERVES** ..... 630-232-5980

**FOX METRO** ..... 630-892-4378

**HAZARDOUS WASTE** (Oil, etc.) ..... 630-208-5118

**J.U.L.I.E.** *Call before digging!* ..... 811

**KANE COUNTY** ..... 630-232-3400

**LIBRARY** ..... 630-466-4686  
 www.sgpl.org

**MEDIACOM** ..... 800-824-6047  
 mediacomcable.com

**METRONET** ..... 331-717-2000  
 metronetinc.com

**NICOR** ..... 888-642-6748

**PARK DISTRICT** ..... 630-466-7436  
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**POLICE NON-EMERGENCY** ..... 630-391-7250

**POST OFFICE** ..... 630-466-4386

**PUBLIC WORKS** ..... 630-391-7230  
 Water • Sewer • Streets • Parkways

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 Blackberry Creek Elementary ..... 630-365-1122  
 John Shields Elementary ..... 630-466-8500  
 John Stewart Elementary ..... 630-365-8170  
 McDole Elementary ..... 630-897-1961  
 Harter Middle School ..... 630-466-8400  
 Kaneland High School ..... 630-365-5100

**SENIOR TRANSPORTATION** ..... 630-466-4283  
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**TOWNSHIP OFFICES** ..... 630-466-4283  
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## SUGAR GROVE PARK DISTRICT

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## SUGAR GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUGAR GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
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## Sugar Grove Township COMMUNITY BUILDING

SUGAR GROVE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY BUILDING  
 141 Main Street, Sugar Grove, IL 60554  
 630-777-7961



## SG COMMUNITY UPDATE

Through the cooperation of various state and local agencies, the \$20 Million Interchange Project at Sugar Grove Parkway (Route 47) and I-88 is set to open for all traffic in late November of this year (weather dependent). This is a long-sought regional improvement that will benefit Sugar Grove residents as well as residents in western Kane County. The type and extent of development for the property around the interchange is still on hold. The property owner has not brought any new plans forward to Sugar Grove for consideration.

For the residents that use Hankes Road, relief is here. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) had a contractor working to improve the surface of the Hankes Road Bridge. They sanded and painted the steel beams on the underside of the bridge. Once this work was complete, the bridge deck was re-surfaced.

The Bliss Road and Sugar Grove Parkway (Route 47) Intersection is being widened to accommodate dual left turn lanes from Bliss Road turning south onto Sugar Grove Parkway. This project is going to bid in November to select a contractor. All of the necessary paperwork will be in place so that construction can start in the spring. The intersection will be open through the entire construction process, but some lane closures will occur at times. This project is also being done in conjunction with IDOT and Kane County.

Thanks to the cooperation of all of the various governmental bodies and local boards, Sugar Grove is able to make large projects happen by sharing the expense. Without cooperation, these projects that help make our area a great place to live, work and shop would not be possible.

Groovin' In The Grove is another example of local cooperation that makes Sugar Grove an ideal place to call home. Four concerts were held at the Sugar Grove Library parking lot throughout the summer months. One concert had an audience in excess of 600 people of all ages enjoying time with their family, friends and neighbors. If you missed the concerts this year, please come out next year. Where else can you get FREE entertainment while enjoying your own beverages in your own lawn chair?

Contact any member of the various boards if you have a request or suggestion. Who knows what else can be accomplished when we all work together?



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#### ROAD DISTRICT OFFICE

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**Township Hours:** Tues & Thurs 8am – 4pm

**Assessors Hours:** Mon thru Fri 8am – 4pm

**Road Dist. Hours:** Mon thru Fri 7am-3:30pm

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS

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#### TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

The first Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Township Offices. Agendas and minutes of township meetings can be found on our website under Public Information.



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Nov. 5, 2019	Mar. 3, 2020
Dec. 3, 2019	Apr. 7, 2020
Jan. 7, 2020	Apr. 14, 2020 (Annual Town Meeting)
Feb. 4, 2020	May 5, 2020

## ABOUT US

The Township serves approximately 20,000 residents residing in its boundaries of Orchard Road to the east, I-88 to the north, Dugan Road to the west, and Route 30 to the south. By law, Illinois townships must provide three basic functions: general assistance, property appraisal for local taxation purposes, and maintenance of all roads and bridges outside of federal, state, and other local jurisdiction. Sugar Grove Township provides these services and much more. Contact the Township offices at (630) 466-4283 for more information.

## SENIOR/DISABLED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

The Sugar Grove Township will be continuing its transportation program for senior and disabled residents in Sugar Grove Township in 2020. The program began on Sept. 1, 2018 and the township has provided a total of 653 rides in the first year of the program. If you are aged 65 or older, or are disabled and cannot use public transportation, and are a resident of Sugar Grove Township, you may qualify. If you have questions concerning your eligibility, call us at 630-466-4283 or 630-466-5255. Rides cost \$3.00 for the first 10 miles and \$1.50 for each additional mile. Fare is cash only, and client must have exact change. The service can take you to doctor appointments, work and shopping within Kane County Monday thru Friday between the hours of 7:30 am and 5:30 pm (limitations apply). The transportation service utilizes buses that are equipped with wheelchair lifts for those in wheelchairs, power chairs, or those unable to climb the stairs. Please note, the service is curbside to curbside. If you cannot get out to the bus, you will need to have a caregiver help you. The caregiver may also travel with you at no additional cost. To register or for more information, please call 630-466-4283 or 630-466-5255.

## FROM THE SUGAR GROVE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Curt John Karas, CPA, CIAO, MBA  
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### Property Tax Cycle

In Sugar Grove Township, the property tax cycle is a two-year cycle. During the first year, property is assigned a value that reflects its value as of January 1 of that year by the assessment officials. At the same time, taxing districts vote on budgets and levies for their expected taxes. During the second year, the tax bills are calculated and mailed, and payments are distributed to local taxing districts.

In Kane County, this two-year cycle can be divided into six steps: (taken from “The Illinois Property Tax System” published by Illinois Department of Revenue).

- 1. Assessment**—(Sugar Grove Township Assessor) All property is discovered, listed and appraised so that values for property tax purposes can be determined. Local assessing officials determine most property values; the local County Board of Review and the Illinois Department of Revenue also have some assessment responsibilities. The chief county assessment officer ensures that assessment levels are uniform and at the legal assessment level by applying a uniform percentage increase or decrease to all assessments in the jurisdiction.
- 2. Review of Assessment Decisions**—County Board of Review determine whether local assessing officials have calculated assessed values correctly, equalize assessments within the county, assess any property that was omitted, decide if homestead exemptions should be granted, and review non-homestead exemption applications. Property owners and local taxing districts may appeal unfair assessments to their local County Board of Review and, if the owner is dissatisfied with the board’s decision, the State Property Tax Appeal Board or circuit court.
- 3. State Equalization**—The Illinois Department of Revenue equalizes assessments among counties and issues a state equalization factor for each county and apportionment percentages if needed.
- 4. Levy**—Taxing districts determine the amount of revenues they need to raise from property taxes, hold any required public Truth-in-Taxation hearings and certify levies to the county clerk.
- 5. Extension**—The county clerk applies the state equalization factor, calculates the tax rate needed to produce the amount of revenues each taxing district may levy legally, spreads the levy among the properties in a taxing district according to their equalized assessed values so that tax bills can be computed, abates taxes as directed by taxing districts, and prepares books for the county treasurer.
- 6. Collection and Distribution**—The county treasurer prepares tax bills, receives property tax payments from property owners, distributes taxes to the local government taxing districts that levied them and administers sales of liens on real estate parcels due to nonpayment of taxes.



## FROM THE SUGAR GROVE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Doug Musser, Sugar Grove Township Highway Commissioner  
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Fall and winter is fast approaching, and we are finishing up our construction season. The Hanks Road Rt. 56 bridge deck should be overlaid with a 1 ¾” layer of asphalt by the end of Oct. The last round of mowing and garbage pickup for winter will also be done by the end of Oct. Trimming and tree removal for the plow trucks and brush pick-up will also be done by early November. The overlays of asphalt, curb and sidewalk project on North Buckingham and Earl Estates will be completed by the end of September. The Highway Department will be putting up snow fences and servicing plow trucks for winter on November 1st. Have a great fall and a safe winter! Please remember to give the plow trucks room to clear the road ways. Each plow truck has a 11’ plow and a 9’ wing—so getting around mail boxes and trees requires plenty of room.



## FREE SENIOR MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

Senior monthly luncheons are scheduled the last Tuesday of each month at the Community Building, 141 Main Street, at 12:00 pm. Senior Snacks & Games Day is also available on the first Monday of each month at 1:00 pm. The senior lunch program is co-sponsored by the Sugar Grove Township & Community Building and the Sugar Grove Park District. Programs are free to attend but please contact Julie or Chris Walker at (630) 777-7961 to make your free reservation.



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## **TRANSPARENCY**

Citizens' access to information is important to the Village of Sugar Grove. As such, the Village endeavors to provide information in a convenient and timely manner. The Transparency page on the Village website, [www.sugargroveil.gov/transparency](http://www.sugargroveil.gov/transparency), is intended to provide resident access to important information to better facilitate the decision making process that helps shape our community.

Information links on the Transparency webpage include:

- Elected Official Information;
- Agendas, Minutes, Financials, Permits;
- Village Directory;
- Freedom of Information Act;
- Village Meeting Schedule;
- Revenue, Tax and Fee Information;
- Construction Projects;
- And more.

Additional information can be found on our website using the drop down menus or Search function. If you are unable to find the information you are looking for, please contact us at 630-391-7200.



## **WINTER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!**

The Village of Sugar Grove is prepared for the snow removal season. Sugar Grove staff is dedicated to doing the best job of snow removal possible within the constraints of the weather. We operate on routes designed to best utilize our equipment and give the fastest service as safely and economically as possible.

After a normal snowfall, Village streets are cleared approximately twenty-four (24) hours after the snowfall stops. Village plow crews clear the main thoroughfares and school areas first to speed response

time for emergency vehicles, followed by residential streets—with dead-ends, cul-de-sacs, etc. being a final priority.

Conditions such as when the snow starts, stops, how wet, how deep and how windy it is all affect the timing, method and success of snow removal. There are times when it is impossible to make progress and there may be a delay starting or crews may have to pull off the road for the safety. There are times and conditions where crews may only plow to keep roads open. Your understanding and cooperation is very important to our efforts as even with the best planning there are still things beyond our control.

If you need to report a concern, please call 630-391-7230. There may be times you will need to leave a message as snow crews can operate all hours of the night. At these times your patience and understanding is appreciated. Please know that staff will hear and respond to your request.

If you have a question or comment regarding US Route 30, IL Route 47 or IL Route 56, please contact the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Communications Center at 847-705-4612. For Bliss Road or Harter Road, contact Kane County Department of Transportation (KDOT) at 630-584-1170.

## HOLIDAY LIGHT RECYCLING

Holiday decorating and strings of lights that won't work go hand and hand. Make it a green holiday this season by recycling your unwanted lights instead of throwing them away.

DC Recycling Systems will accept holiday lights as part of its monthly electronics pickup the first full week of each month on your regular day of garbage/recycling service. Upcoming electronics pickups will be November 4th and 5th and December 2nd and 3rd. Lights need to be placed in a brown paper bag or a cardboard box not to exceed 24" x 24" x 24", labeled "e-waste" and placed at the curb. All electronics pickups must be scheduled online 2 business days in advance. To schedule a pickup, visit [www.lrsrecycles.com/ewaste](http://www.lrsrecycles.com/ewaste).

## CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

DC Recycling Systems will collect Christmas trees on your normal pickup day January 6 thru January 28. Trees must be free of decorations, including tinsel. Flocked trees will not be accepted. Trees cannot be in a plastic bag. Trees longer than 6 feet must be cut into smaller pieces.

For more info, contact DC Recycling Systems at 815-758-7274.

## BE A HYDRANT HERO THIS WINTER

- Please clear your fire hydrant of all snow and ice
- Clear a perimeter of 3 feet around the hydrant
- Clear a path from the hydrant to the street

## BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR – KEEP YOUR SIDEWALKS CLEAR

Section 7-1-1 of the Village Code prohibits any obstruction on any sidewalk. Make your sidewalk easy to navigate for the elderly, disabled or parents with strollers. Do not block the sidewalk with vehicles, basketball hoops or other obstructions.

## ILLINOIS PREMISE ALERT PROGRAM

In 2009, the Illinois Premise Alert Program (Public Act 96-0788) was enacted. The program encourages people with disabilities or special needs, or their caregivers, to provide information to police, fire and EMS personnel that will allow them to more effectively respond to emergency situations involving citizens with these needs.

For the purpose of the Premise Alert Program, "disability" and "special needs individuals" are defined as follows:

"Disability" means an individual's physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities; a record of such impairment; or when the individual is regarded as having such impairment.

"Special needs individuals" means those individuals who have or are at increased risk for a chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional condition and who also require health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by individuals generally. "Special needs individuals" includes, but is not limited to, an individual with a medical impairment that requires the use of pressurized oxygen.

The information gathered as part of the Program remains strictly confidential and is used only by police, fire and EMS personnel to provide services to the individual. The provision of special needs information will not result in preferential treatment.

Information is stored in hard copy form and also electronically in the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system at Tri-Com Central Dispatch. Tri-Com Central Dispatch is the 911 Center for the police, fire and ambulance services of St Charles, Geneva, Batavia, Elburn and Sugar Grove. Tri-Com also handles emergency communications for South Elgin Police, North Aurora Fire Protection District and Waubensee Campus Police.

Information is kept on file for two years at which point you may submit your information again.

Visit [sugargroveil.gov](http://sugargroveil.gov) to download an Illinois Premise Alert Program Enrollment Form. Forms are also available at the Village of Sugar Grove Police Department. Forms may be completed by the individual or a parent/guardian. Forms should be returned to:

Village of Sugar Grove Police Department  
10 S. Municipal Drive  
Sugar Grove, IL 60554

For more information or assistance, please contact the Police Department at 630-391-7250.



# MIDWINTERING

## november 2019

- Nov 4 — **Senior Snacks & Games**  
SG Community Building @ 1:00 pm
- Nov 5 — Village of Sugar Grove  
Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- Nov 5 — Township of Sugar Grove  
Regular Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- Nov 7 — Sugar Grove Park District  
**Off School Rulez**
- Nov 8 — Sugar Grove Park District  
**Off School Rulez**
- Nov 9 — Sugar Grove Public Library  
**Winter Market: Indoor Farmer &  
Vendor Fair @ 11 am – 3 pm**
- Nov 11 — Sugar Grove Park District  
Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- Nov 14 — Sugar Grove Chamber  
Luncheon & General Meeting  
12:00 pm @ SG Fire Protection District
- Nov 15 — Sugar Grove Park District  
**Parent's Night Out: NERF Night**  
@ 6pm
- Nov 18 — Sugar Grove Fire District  
Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- Nov 19 — Village of Sugar Grove  
Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- Nov 19 — Sugar Grove Community  
Building Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- Nov 20 — Village of Sugar Grove  
Police Commission @ 6:00 pm
- Nov 20 — Sugar Grove Public Library  
Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- Nov 26 — **Senior Monthly Luncheon**  
SG Community Building @ 12:00 pm
- Nov 26 — Sugar Grove Chamber  
Board of Directors Mtg @ 12:00 pm

## december 2019

- Dec 1 — Sugar Grove Park District  
**Woof Run Dog Park Closed for  
the Season**
- Dec 2 — **Senior Snacks & Games**  
SG Community Building @ 1:00 pm
- Dec 3 — Village of Sugar Grove  
Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- Dec 3 — Township of Sugar Grove  
Regular Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- Dec 7 — **Holiday In The Grove**  
[www.holidayinthegrove.org](http://www.holidayinthegrove.org)
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- Dec 7 — Sugar Grove Public Library  
**Winter Market: Indoor Farmer &  
Vendor Fair @ 11 am – 3 pm**
- Dec 9 — Sugar Grove Park District  
Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- Dec 12 — Sugar Grove Chamber  
**Annual Meeting & Holiday Luncheon**  
12:00 pm @ SG Fire Protection District
- Dec 16 — Sugar Grove Fire District  
Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- Dec 17 — Sugar Grove Chamber  
Board of Directors Mtg @ 12:00 pm
- Dec 17 — Village of Sugar Grove  
Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- Dec 17 — Sugar Grove Community  
Building Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- Dec 17 — **Senior Monthly Luncheon**  
SG Community Building @ 12:00 pm

Dec 18 — Sugar Grove Public Library  
Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm

Dec 18 — Village of Sugar Grove  
Police Commission @ 6:00 pm

Dec 20 — Sugar Grove Park District  
**Parent's Night Out: Holiday Party**  
@ 6:00 pm

## january 2020

- Jan 6 — **Senior Snacks & Games**  
SG Community Building @ 1:00 pm
- Jan 7 — Village of Sugar Grove  
Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- Jan 7 — Township of Sugar Grove  
Regular Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- Jan 11 — Sugar Grove Public Library  
**Winter Market: Indoor Farmer &  
Vendor Fair @ 11 am – 3 pm**
- Jan 13 — Sugar Grove Park District  
Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- Jan 15 — Village of Sugar Grove  
Police Commission @ 6:00 pm
- Jan 20 — Sugar Grove Park District  
**Off School Rulez**
- Jan 20 — Sugar Grove Fire District  
Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- Jan 21 — Village of Sugar Grove  
Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- Jan 21 — Sugar Grove Community  
Building Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- Jan 22 — Sugar Grove Public Library  
Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- Jan 24 — Sugar Grove Park District  
**Parent's Night Out @ 6:00 pm**
- Jan 28 — **Senior Monthly Luncheon**  
SG Community Building @ 12:00 pm

# News & events

## february 2020

Feb 3 — **Senior Snacks & Games**  
SG Community Building @ 1:00 pm

Feb 4 — Village of Sugar Grove  
Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Feb 4 — Township of Sugar Grove  
Regular Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Feb 8 — Sugar Grove Public Library  
**Winter Market: Indoor Farmer &  
Vendor Fair** @ 11 am – 3 pm

Feb 10 — Sugar Grove Park District  
Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Feb 14 — Sugar Grove Park District  
**Off School Rulez**

Feb 17 — Sugar Grove Park District  
**Off School Rulez**

Feb 17 — Sugar Grove Fire District  
Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Feb 18 — Village of Sugar Grove  
Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Feb 18 — Sugar Grove Community  
Building Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm

Feb 19 — Village of Sugar Grove  
Police Commission @ 6:00 pm

Feb 21 — Sugar Grove Park District  
**Parent's Night Out: NERF Night** @  
6pm

Feb 25 — **Senior Monthly Luncheon**  
SG Community Building @ 12:00 pm

Feb 26 — Sugar Grove Public Library  
Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm

Feb 28 — Sugar Grove Park District  
**Off School Rulez**

## march 2020

Mar 2 — **Senior Snacks & Games**  
SG Community Building @ 1:00 pm

Mar 3 — Village of Sugar Grove  
Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Mar 3 — Township of Sugar Grove  
Regular Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Mar 9 — Sugar Grove Park District  
Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Mar 14 — Sugar Grove Public Library  
**Winter Market: Indoor Farmer &  
Vendor Fair** @ 11 am – 3 pm

Mar 16 — Sugar Grove Fire District  
Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Mar 17 — Village of Sugar Grove  
Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Mar 17 — Sugar Grove Community  
Building Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm

Mar 18 — Village of Sugar Grove  
Police Commission @ 6:00 pm

Mar 25 — Sugar Grove Public Library  
Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm

Mar 27 — Sugar Grove Park District  
**Parent's Night Out** @ 6:00 pm

Mar 31 — **Senior Monthly Luncheon**  
SG Community Building @ 12:00 pm

## april 2020

Apr 1 — Sugar Grove Park District  
**Woof Run Dog Park Open for  
the Season**

Apr 4 — Sugar Grove Park District  
**Doggie Easter Egg Hunt** @ 9:45 am

Apr 4 — Sugar Grove Park District  
**Easter Egg Hunt** @ 10:00 am



Apr 6 — **Senior Snacks & Games**  
SG Community Building @ 1:00 pm

Apr 7 — Village of Sugar Grove  
Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Apr 7 — Township of Sugar Grove  
Regular Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Apr 11 — Sugar Grove Public Library  
**Winter Market: Indoor Farmer &  
Vendor Fair** @ 11 am – 3 pm

Apr 13 — Sugar Grove Park District  
Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Apr 14 — Township of Sugar Grove  
**Annual Town Meeting** @ 7:00 pm

Apr 15 — Village of Sugar Grove  
Police Commission @ 6:00 pm

Apr 20 — Sugar Grove Fire District  
Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Apr 21 — Village of Sugar Grove  
Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Apr 21 — Sugar Grove Community  
Building Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm

Apr 24 — Sugar Grove Park District  
**Parent's Night Out** @ 6:00 pm

Apr 24 — Sugar Grove Public Library  
Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm

Apr 28 — **Senior Monthly Luncheon**  
SG Community Building @ 12:00 pm





## Sugar Grove Township COMMUNITY BUILDING

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SUGAR GROVE, ILLINOIS 60554  
630-777-7961

There was a time when people living in rural communities such as Sugar Grove didn't have a place to meet—a place to come together to discuss common problems and a ways and means of carrying out programs of a community-wide nature.

That problem was solved in our Village 90 years ago and the solution—the development of the Sugar Grove Township Community Building—remains a viable option for those who continue to call Sugar Grove their home today in 2019.

From high school declamatory contests with ticket prices at 10 cents per student to discussions and demonstrations on the canning of poultry, beef and pork for those interested in becoming home canners of meat in the 1930s to homeowner's association meetings, a gathering place for Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts and a voting venue today, the Sugar Grove Township Community Building has been serving the ever-changing needs of Village residents since 1929.

The Sugar Grove Township Community Building remains one of the main places in town for residents to meet. It is supported by an annual tax levy that provides for the maintenance and operation

of the building. A Board of Trustees, elected every four years, governs the Building. The Board and its staff meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Building's parlor. They value public input to inform their decision-making and provide information and insight into what's happening at the Building.

The Building features a large dining room, commercial-sized kitchen, parlor, meeting room and gym with full-court basketball. The Clothes Closet also rents space in the Building. The Building is also available for private parties and is the home of numerous community events, such as Holiday in the Grove. If you're looking for a historic place to have your next meeting, festive celebration and more, consider reserving the Sugar Grove Township Community Building, which was built for the needs of Sugar Grove Township residents of yesterday and today.

Call Julie, the building scheduler, at (630) 777-7961 or email her at [jwalker@sgtownship.com](mailto:jwalker@sgtownship.com) for information about room availability and rental details.

You can also find out more about us through the Township website at [www.townshipofsugargrove.com](http://www.townshipofsugargrove.com).



# SUGAR GROVE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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## REVISED OPEN BURNING ORDINANCE

The crisp cold autumn air gives way to an all too familiar smell. Leaves. Whether you consider it a sign of the changing seasons or a nuisance the Village Of Sugar Grove and the Sugar Grove Fire Protection District would like you to become familiar with the recently revised open burning ordinance.

### Recreational campfires must:

- Be no larger than 3' x 3' x 3'.
- Use untreated wood only, within a self-contained outdoor wood burning device or an outdoor fireplace.
- Occur only between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 10:00 a.m. and midnight, on Friday and Saturday.

### Open burning of leaves, diseased trees, and tree debris must:

- Only occur on the premises on which they are generated.
- Occur between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on sunny days only.
- Be completely extinguished after 3:00 p.m.
- Occur only with a wind speed of less than ten miles per hour.
- Not occur during inversion conditions or ozone alert day. To see weather conditions, visit the Kane County Environmental Health Services website at [kanehealth.com/Pages/Air-Quality.aspx](http://kanehealth.com/Pages/Air-Quality.aspx) or check your local weather forecast.
- Use only dry materials.
- Be supervised at all times by an adult until the fire is extinguished.
- Have available within ten feet of the burning material a fire extinguisher, garden hose or water source.
- Not occur in any public right of way.
- Not occur within 20 feet of any building, structure, right of way or property line.

*These changes are effective immediately.*

Residents are encouraged to check with their homeowners association for burning regulations specific to each neighborhood as many do not permit the burning of landscape material as a part of their covenants.

For more information, please contact the Community Development Department at 630-391-7220.

## WHY SHOVELING SNOW INCREASES THE RISK FOR HEART ATTACK

*by Jack Goodman*

The reason snow shoveling leads to increased risk of a cardiac event is rather simple: at rest the oxygen supply to the heart is not challenged very much, but during exercise the heart's oxygen demands increase dramatically. Snow shoveling is particularly demanding in this regard.

When you are healthy, your body has the ability to increase oxygen supply as the demand increases. As the heart beats faster and harder, the coronary vessels open up and supply the additional blood flow that is required to feed the heart's increased demand.

However, when coronary disease is present, blockages in the coronary vessels can limit blood flow, leading to slowed and inadequate oxygen supply. When the heart muscle (the myocardium) does not get sufficient oxygen, it can rapidly fail because it is highly dependent on blood flow (oxygen) to generate normal contractions. If the heart muscle becomes starved for oxygen, it also becomes vulnerable to abnormal electrical activity that can lead to dangerous arrhythmias (irregular heartbeats) or a heart attack.

Very few studies have examined the physiology of snow shoveling because it is technically difficult to do so. We do know that the cardiovascular demands of snow shoveling are very high. In fact it rivals the demands during maximal exercise testing, such as a cardiac stress test on a treadmill or bicycle, which often exceed 80-90% of your maximal exercise tolerance.

The bottom line: the cardiac cost of snow shoveling is disproportionately high, is compounded by cold air inhalation which may increase the likelihood of blood clotting and coronary vessel constriction. The nature of the exercise is challenging to the heart and is not likely to be accompanied by an adequate warm up. I also suspect that the cool down after this exercise is likely minimal if not non-existent. Throwing off the coat and sitting in a state of exhaustion certainly doesn't count as a proper cool down.

Snow shoveling can be vigorous exercise, so start the right way. Warm up gradually—at least 5-10 minutes. Consider wearing a scarf around the mouth in very cold conditions, as this will warm inhaled air. Start with small loads of snow and keep them manageable - especially when it's wet and heavy. Use a smaller shovel so that your lifts are much, much smaller and can be managed for a long time without getting exhausted. Breathe throughout the entire process of gathering, lifting and throwing the snow—don't hold your breath as you exert effort. As you warm up, some greater effort can be considered, but easy does it. When you've won the battle, cool down - walk it off for a few minutes, perhaps inspecting the shoveling efforts of a few neighbors before going inside to a warm house.

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## PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER: OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>

Join us for the annual pancake breakfast fundraiser set for Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Library for \$5.00 or \$6.00 on the day of the event. Pancakes, sausage and juice will be served with a smile—and activities in the Library will include crafts, trick or treating, and more spooky goodness. This year the proceeds will be dedicated to purchasing a scanning device that can handle scanning and emailing very easily, with other features such as translating patron documents into up to 20 languages, change text to audio files if patrons have a vision or hearing difficulty, and even retouch and restore historical documents or yellowed documents. Show your support and enjoy the events!

## THE LIBRARY OF WONDERFUL THINGS

It's true! You CAN check out unique and interesting items from our collection of Wonderful Things. This is a collection of non-traditional items that are useful for social, recreational, or educational purpose. Ice cream makers, waffle iron, a tire inflater, selfie stick, go pro, mobile hotspots, mobile hotspots with Roku are just a few of the examples. Check out our web page for a full list, or stop by the Library to browse. We do accept donations of items that are on our wish list.

## GALLERY 125 FALL EXHIBIT

Gallery 125 is currently hosting a beautiful and inspiring Audubon exhibition, photographs of wildlife and animals are displayed in our Gallery and foyer. The exhibition will run through fall, and winter exhibition information is pending.

## YOUTH SPECIAL EVENTS

Check the Library website and calendar for additional events and more information!  
All events subject to change.

\*Programs requiring registration are listed with an asterisk.

### After Hours at the Library

What happens after the library closes? Watch a movie, eat popcorn, and explore. Grades 3rd-5th  
Sat, Nov 16, 4 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

### Thanksgiving Break Fun

Crafts and family friendly movies! All Ages  
Crafts: Mon-Wed, Nov 25-27, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Movies: Mon-Tue, Nov 25-26, 1 p.m.

### Holiday in the Grove

A day full of events: music, crafts, games and more for the entire family!  
Sat, Dec 7, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### Winter Break Crafts

Make awesome crafts in the Story Time Room.  
All ages  
Select days: Dec 23, 28 & 30;  
Jan 2 & 4, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

### Winter Break Movies

Join us for great family flicks! Free popcorn! All ages  
Select days: Dec 23 & 30; Jan 2, 1 p.m.

## #ILGIVE AND THE NEW LIBRARY FOUNDATION

The new Library Foundation has been building support, and we look forward to participating in a #ILGIVE, a Giving Tuesday, on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. This day is a coordination of non-profits throughout the state of Illinois, with a push to fundraise for causes important to the community. Stay tuned for further information as our Foundation works to build community dreams.

## WINTERMARKET:

### Support Local Business and Vendors

Wintermarket will resume on the Second Saturday of every month from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. October through April with a host of vendors selling food, handcrafts, jewelry, dolls, and local eggs and honey. The event is held indoors in the large meeting and coordinated with the Sugar Grove Farmer's Market. Be sure to check out handmade items, especially for the holiday shopping season. There is no charge to participate, and vendors may download the application available on our web page: [www.sgpl.org/wintermarket](http://www.sgpl.org/wintermarket). Contributions may be made to the Friends of the Library in lieu of an entry fee.

## STAY IN TOUCH

Please register for our monthly e-newsletter!

Go to [www.sgpl.org](http://www.sgpl.org) and find the "Subscribe" button at the bottom of the website. Or follow us on social media. Our Instagram handle is [sugargrovepl](https://www.instagram.com/sugargrovepl) and our Facebook url is [www.facebook.com/sugargrovepl](https://www.facebook.com/sugargrovepl).



### School's Out for Martin Luther King Jr. Day!

Watch a movie and build with the Toydle Fort Building Kit! All ages  
Mon, Jan 20: Movie at 1 p.m.;  
Toydle, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

### School's Out for Presidents' Day!

Watch a movie and build with the Toydle Fort Building Kit! All ages  
Mon, Feb 17: Movie at 1 p.m.;  
Toydle 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

### Spring Break Fun

Crafts, family friendly movies & Adler Planetarium presentation! All Ages  
Crafts: Mon-Thu, Mar 30-Apr 2, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Movie: Mon-Wed, Mar 30-31 & Apr 1, 1p.m.

### Astronomy: Using Your Eyes

Learn about planets and constellations from Michelle Nichols of Adler Planetarium. A telescope viewing will follow.  
Tues, Mar 31, 7 p.m.

## REGULAR LITERACY PROGRAMS

### Lego Free Play for Families\*

Build creations for display and do Lego activities!  
All ages  
Monthly, Sept-Dec & Jan-May, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

### Read to Rover\*

Practice reading with friendly Fox Valley Therapy Dogs. Grades K-5th  
Monthly on 2nd Sat, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

### Night Time Family Story Time\*

Books, songs and rhymes. All ages  
Weekly, Nov 4 & 11, 7 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

### Baby Story Time

Books, songs and rhymes. Ages 0-18 months  
Drop-in for biweekly morning sessions.

### Toddler Story Time\*

Rhymes, finger play, games, and stories.  
Ages 18 months-3 years  
Register for biweekly morning sessions.

### Preschool Story Time\*

Stories, games, rhymes, and crafts. Ages 3-5 years.  
Register for biweekly morning sessions.

### Tween Explorers (S.T.E.A.M. Club)\*

Activities and challenges related to science, technology, etc. each month. Grades 3rd-6th  
Monthly, Sept-Dec, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

### Lego Club\*

Build creations for display and do Lego activities!  
Grades K-5th  
Monthly, Sept-Dec and Jan-May,  
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

### Curiosity Club\*

Games, activities, and books for curious kids!  
Grades K-2nd  
Monthly, Sept-Nov and Feb-May,  
4:30 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.

### Books and Cookies Club\*

Have fun with books, activities & cookies (Yum!)  
Grades 3rd-5th  
Monthly, Sept-Nov and Feb-May,  
4:30 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.

## TEEN PROGRAMS

**Age Requirement Notice:** Teen programs are for teens entering ages 11-18 or enrolled in grades 6-12 in Fall 2019. Younger siblings may not attend. Registration is required for all teen programs at [www.sgpl.org](http://www.sgpl.org).

### Teen Library Leaders

This is a monthly service opportunity for teens to help the library with book displays, decorating the Teen Zone, and other fun tasks! Receive one volunteer hour for attending this program.  
Select Saturdays from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

### Chess Club

Grades 4-8: Love chess? Join our chess club! There will be a puzzle or a new strategy at the beginning of each session, followed by playing a game of chess.  
This club meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

### Anime Club

Do you like anime, manga, K-pop, and Japanese culture? Join Anime Club! We'll do a craft or activity and watch anime in the Teen Zone. Visit [www.sgpl.org/teen-programs](http://www.sgpl.org/teen-programs) for Anime Club dates from Jan – April.  
Thurs, Nov. 21, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Thurs, Dec. 19, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

### Drawing Meetup & More!

Meet other teens who are interested in drawing and turning artistic talent into a career. Dani Saiz will explain what it is like to get your work printed through companies, how to sell your art at conventions and online, and how to be successful with your artwork. She will also look over your artwork if you would like to bring anything.  
Sat. Nov 9, 1 – 2 p.m.

## ADULT SPECIAL EVENTS

Programs require registration but are open to all.

### Networking Roundtable

Join other business professionals for roundtable networking moderated by a SCORE volunteer.  
Wed, Nov 6, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Wed, Dec 4, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

### Holiday Papercrafting

Create two handmade, rubber stamped holiday projects.  
Thur, Nov 7, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

### Equus Film Screening: The Knabstrupper Horse Hunting for the Old Genes

Join us for screenings of films for horse lovers!  
Wed, Dec 4, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

### Lady Bird, Pat and Betty

Historical portrayal actress and historian Leslie Goddard brings to life Lady Bird Johnson, Pat Nixon, and Betty Ford as each woman prepare for the end of her husband's term in office.  
Sun, Jan 19, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### Sunday Movie Matinée

Join us for a popular or award-winning new release movie on select Sundays. Please check the library calendar at [www.sgpl.org](http://www.sgpl.org) to find out which popular movie we'll show. Popcorn & drinks will be served. Registration is encouraged but not required.  
Select Sundays at 3 p.m.

### Sugar Stitchers Knitting Group

New knitters of all ages are always welcome to join. Please check the library calendar at [www.sgpl.org](http://www.sgpl.org) for exact dates and more information.  
Meets on select Mondays at 1 p.m.  
Select drop-in dates meet at 6 p.m.

### Senior Coffee Mondays

Meet other seniors for a morning of conversation & an activity (bingo, craft, or coloring).  
Meets the first Mondays of the month at 11:00 am. Drop-in.

### Classic Movie Afternoons

Join us for a screening of a classic movie. Popcorn will be served. Drop-in.  
Select Thursdays at 2:00 p.m.

### How to Sort, Declutter, and Arrange Home Space

During this presentation, you will learn how to declutter specific areas of your home.  
Sat, Feb 1, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## BOOK CLUBS

Books are available for pick up at the Circulation Desk one month before the meeting.

### Adult Book Discussion Group

This group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

### Mystery Book Club

This group meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

### Books and Brews Book Club

This book club meets on select Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Adults 21+ are invited join a unique book discussion that will pair a new book with a new beer each month. This book club is moderated by a librarian.

### Tales and Trails Book Club

This group meets in the warm months only, and will return in April 2020. Please visit [www.sgpl.org/adult-books](http://www.sgpl.org/adult-books) for more information.



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# SUGAR GROVE PARK DISTRICT

## 20 THINGS TO DO THIS WINTER WITH THE SUGAR GROVE PARK DISTRICT

Feeling tired and sluggish? The Sugar Grove Park District has you covered with their Top 20 picks to keep you active during the cold wintry months.



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1. Join a youth league to get active. Girls' and boys' basketball deadlines are November 4. Baseball and softball deadlines are in March.

2. Attend back-to-back Off School Rulez trips on November 7th and 8th.

3. Grab a friend and sweat it out at one of our fitness classes including yoga, tai chi and Pilates.



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4. Watch the planet mercury travel past the sun on the morning of November 11th while playing at the Sugar Grove Sports Complex or Wolf Run Dog Park.

5. Improve your yoga skills by taking one of five available varieties.

6. Defend your bunker during an epic nerf battle on November 15th, February 21st and May 15th.

7. Gather your friends and family for an upcoming archery night.



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- 8. Follow 'Sugar Grove Park District' on Facebook to learn of upcoming events and more.
- 9. Take the night off while your kids have a blast at a parent's night out event with pizza and fun on November 15th, December 20th, January 24th, February 21st, March 27th, April 24th and May 15th.
- 10. Meet with other seniors and enjoy a tasty lunch at an upcoming gathering located at the Community Building on the final Tuesday every month.
- 11. Decorate Christmas themed cookies while watching a holiday movie. Ages 5-12 are invited on December 20th , 6:00-9:00 pm.
- 12. Develop your child's gross motor skills by taking a Discover With Me dance class while spending precious time together.
- 13. Spend the cold day off of school with your friends at an Off School Rulez event with organized games and activities on January 20th, February 14th, February 17th and February 28th.
- 14. Take a specialized crash course or sport at an after-school activity.



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- 15. Join the membership at Woof Run Dog Park opening April 1st. Your canine companion will thank you.
- 16. Tumble and flip at a gymnastics class whether your 18 months old or 18 years old.
- 17. Bring your dog to our annual free Easter Egg Hunt for a dog-gone good time and photos with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 4th at 9:45 am.



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Bonus

- 18. Search for more than 4,000 Easter eggs and take pictures with the Easter bunny at our annual free Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th at 10:00 am.
- 19. Watch your child's independence and confidence soar as they explore the world of dance at an upcoming class.
- 20. Invite the Easter Bunny to bring a custom-made basket full of goodies to your house and take photos with your family on Saturday, April 11th.
- BONUS:** Kick and chop your way to fitness via martial arts or a self-defense cardio class.

General registration is available online or in person at the Repede Center, 61 S. Main Street, Sugar Grove. For information on these or other park district programs, call the Sugar Grove Park District at (630) 466-7436, or at [sgsparks.org](http://sgsparks.org).

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