

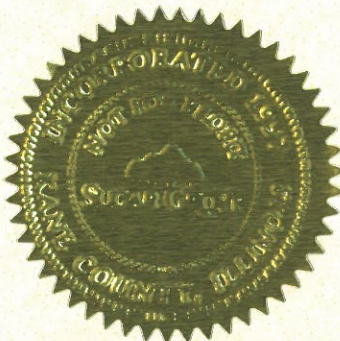


Proclamation

**National Volunteer Week
April 21 – 27, 2024
Honoring Mary Ochsenschlager**

- WHEREAS,** The Village of Sugar Grove is joining other cities nationwide to celebrate **National Volunteer Week** in honor of community volunteers; and
- WHEREAS,** we celebrate and pay tribute to the amazing efforts of volunteers every day; and
- WHEREAS,** volunteers are an invaluable resource and are at the heart and soul of our village, county, and nation; and
- WHEREAS,** during Volunteer Week, we honor **Mary Ochsenschlager** for her exceptional dedication to volunteering; and
- WHEREAS,** Mary has been volunteering at the Bliss Woods Forest Preserve as a Steward for the last seventeen years. Her primary responsibility is to plan work days that occur on the fourth Saturday of each month. As part of her role, she is in charge of gathering all the necessary equipment, coordinating with volunteers, and creating a plan for each work day; and
- WHEREAS,** Mary is a member of the Kane County Forest Preserve Foundation, working to offer opportunities for the forest preserve; and
- WHEREAS,** for ten years, Mary volunteered at St. Katharine Drexel and the Between Friends Food Pantry, providing help wherever needed; and
- WHEREAS** Mary's incredible contributions to our community, whether lending a helping hand or simply being a source of encouragement, extend far beyond the tasks she undertakes. Her kindness, generosity, and unwavering commitment have made a significant impact, making the world a brighter place.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jennifer Konen, Village President of Sugar Grove, located in the great state of Illinois, hereby declare April 21 - 27 as **National Volunteer Week**. It is with the utmost honor and gratitude that we recognize **Mary Ochsenschlager** for her selfless contributions to our community. On behalf of the Village Board and the citizens of the Village of Sugar Grove, we express our heartfelt thanks.



Dated this 16th day of April 2024

Jennifer Konen, Village President

Trustee, Matthew Bonnie

Trustee, Sean Michels

Trustee, Sean Herron

Trustee, Michael Schomas

Trustee, Heidi Lendi

Trustee, James F. White