

The Village of Sugar Grove's Quarterly Newsletter: September 2024

President's Corner

Dear Sugar Grove Residents,

I am honored to share that I was selected as one of 40 leaders from across Illinois to participate in the Edgar Fellows Program, which focuses on developing leadership and governing capacity in Illinois.

During the five-day program in August, I engaged in discussions on critical issues such as Medicaid, workforce challenges, the role of essential workers, and public safety—topics that directly impact our community here in Sugar Grove. The relationships and knowledge gained from this program will empower me to advocate more effectively for policies that benefit our residents.

This experience has sharpened my leadership skills and provided me with unparalleled access to decision-makers. I leave the program feeling inspired and deeply committed to using these insights to better serve Sugar Grove. My goal is to ensure that the lessons learned translate into tangible improvements for our community, from enhancing public safety to supporting local businesses and ensuring that every resident's voice is heard.

The Edgar Fellows Program strongly emphasizes compromise and collaboration for the greater good. I'd like to encourage you to contact me with your ideas and concerns so that we can work together to build a stronger, more connected Sugar Grove.

Thank you for your continued trust and support as we partner to find the best solutions for everyone in our community.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Konen
President, Village of Sugar Grove



Village President Jennifer Konen with former Governor Jim Edgar at the Edgar Fellows Program, where diverse leaders from across Illinois come together to shape the future of our state.

Infrastructure Upgrades Connecting the Community

This summer, the Village of Sugar Grove completed the installation of new sidewalks along Calkins Drive, West Street, and Grove Street. These sidewalks are designed to improve safety and connectivity, especially for students walking to John Shields Elementary School. The project was funded through an 80/20 ITEP Grant, in partnership with IDOT, as part of Illinois' Safe Routes to School initiative.

A new infrastructure project is underway to boost connectivity in our community. The Village is working with Sugar Grove Township, Sugar Grove Park District, and Kane County Forest Preserve to create a shared-use path linking Belle Vue Lane to the Virgil Gilman Trail. This includes building a new bridge over Blackberry Creek, which will improve connections across the area. The project is expected to be completed in 2025.



Coming soon: The new bridge design for the Virgil Gilman Nature Trail, set to span Blackberry Creek.

Simplify Your Bills Online

The Village of Sugar Grove is excited to introduce our new online payment portal, Invoice Cloud. This user-friendly system makes managing your utility bills easier and more convenient. You can pay your bills anytime, 24/7, from anywhere.

With Invoice Cloud, you can manage your account, view up to two years of payment history, and receive email reminders when your bill is ready. The portal offers a range of payment options, including one-time payments, scheduled payments, and AutoPay. You can choose from various payment methods like credit/debit cards, Apple Pay, Google Pay, PayPal, and Venmo. For added convenience, you can even use Pay by Text for notifications and quick payments or make a payment by phone at (866) 307-3718.

To get started, simply use your utility billing account number to set up your account. The QR code below will take you directly to the sign-up page. If you have any questions, contact the Finance Department at (630) 391-7200.



Village Grants Revitalizing Downtown

The Village of Sugar Grove has introduced the Commercial Property Enhancement Program (CPEP) to encourage exterior and site improvements that enhance the character of commercial businesses near Cross Street and IL 47. The program awards grants on a competitive basis, and are approved by the Village Board of Trustees. The grants are awarded once the upgrades are complete and approved.

- Fireside Grille, at 49 Sugar Lane, was the first to benefit from the program, receiving a \$20,000 grant to help with the cost of new signage. The restaurant invested \$60,000 in the new signs.
- Four Seasons Development, now celebrating 10 years in Sugar Grove, received a \$10,000 grant for renovations, including a new brick veneer, vinyl siding, and a roof overhaul, with the total project costing nearly \$40,000.
- Rocky's Dojo, at 46 Terry Drive, is also set to receive a grant. They plan to use it for new exterior doors and parking lot improvements, with final approval pending.

CPEP's work with local businesses highlights the importance of collaboration in improving downtown, supporting Sugar Grove's goal of being an attractive place to live, work, and visit. For more information on CPEP, contact Michael Cassa, Economic Development Director, at mcassa@sugargroveil.gov or 630.391.7242.

Planning a Fall Project?

Learn How to Navigate the Permit Process

If you're planning a construction project this fall, remember that permits are required for most types of work within the Village. You can find all the information you need plus applications for both residential and commercial permits on our website at sugargroveil.gov/permit-forms.

Each permit packet includes a list of the required documents for your specific project. For new buildings, a \$260 deposit is due with the application. For all other projects, payment is made when the permit is issued after our review. You can submit your permit application via email, as long as the documents are legible and printed on 11x17 paper or smaller. If you prefer, you can drop off your application in person at the Public Works Facility, located at 601 Heartland Drive.

Not sure if your project needs a permit? Contact our **Community Development Department** at 630-391-7220 or email permits@sugargroveil.gov. If you have any questions, we're here to help!

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