



NEWSLETTER

SPRING/SUMMER 2024



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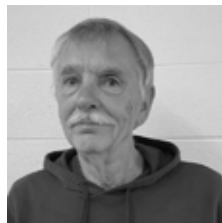
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Township Board Meeting Dates:	Monthly (on the 1st Tuesday/month at 6:00pm)
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Marion Bond
Clerk



Lewis Medina
Trustee



Phil Silagi
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Jerry Elliott
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Jon Bobbe
Trustee



FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK – Tom Rowe



Tom Rowe

Every ten years, Illinois townships are now required to establish a “Committee on Local Government Consolidation and Efficiencies.” The purpose is to consider opportunities for consolidation and potential efficiencies with other local governments and to report recommendations to the county by the end of the year. The Sugar Grove Township board is meeting this requirement by creating a joint committee of the township and road district and holding 3 meetings in 2023. A 4th and final meeting will be held in 2024 to finalize the report and then filed with the County.

This Sugar Grove Township has established many positive working re-

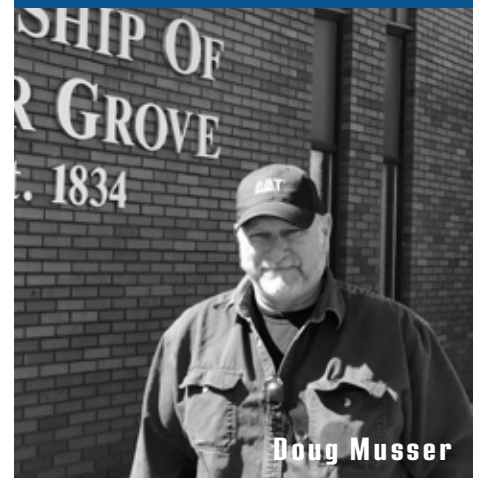
lationships and efficiencies among our local governments and community groups. Examples of those include an intergovernmental agreement between the Township, Village of Sugar Grove, Sugar Grove Park District and Kane County Forest Preserve to install a bike/pedestrian bridge over Blackberry Creek connecting the Gilman Trail to Park Avenue. Construction is expected to begin this fall. Another example is a continuous agreement with the Township, Village, Park District and Fire Department to build and maintain an outdoor ice rink in Snow Park. The Township is also a proud sponsor of the free Groovin’ in the Grove summer concert series along with Village, Park District, Library and Chamber of Commerce.

The Township has additional opportunities for our residents including a monthly Free Senior Lunch; Free Senior Snack & Game Days; Senior/Disabled Transportation; Free Senior Lawn Mowing; Free Senior Snow Removal, and General/Emergency Assistance for residents who do not have adequate income or resources to provide for their own basic needs.

Visit our website at www.townshipofsugargrove.com or call (630) 466-4283 for more information on any of these programs.

FROM THE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S DESK – Doug Musser

Spring and Summer is here following a very mild winter again. Be aware of road construction and workers on the roads in the coming months. This year we will be replacing culverts on Midfield Drive before we overlay Midfield Sub., Star Lane, and McCannon with Blacktop. We are working with Village to do curb and gutter replacement and Blacktop on our section of Merrill New Road. We are repairing trip hazards on our sidewalks in Prestbury. Along with that we will be mowing, paint stripping, garbage pickup, and shouldering. We plan on finishing the tree trimming in Prestbury on North Buckingham. Remember it is illegal to text or use cell phone while driving and fines double in construction zones. Have a great summer and drive safe!



Doug Musser



FROM THE ASSESSOR'S DESK - Curt Karas (CIAO, CPA, MBA)



Curt Karas (CIAO, CPA, MBA)

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Sugar Grove Township Assessor's Office and define the Assessor's responsibilities.

The Assessor **does not levy, collect, prepare or distribute tax revenues.** The function of the Assessor's office is to ensure that properties are uniformly assessed at 33-1/3% of "Fair Cash Value". **Fair Cash Value is defined as the amount for which a property could be sold as of January 1st of the assessment year, based on (3) three prior years of sales. These values will run 12-18 months behind current market conditions as of the assessment date and 30-36 months behind**

current market conditions by the time tax bills are due for that tax year. An Assessment is not based on individual purchase price or current market value.

Assessments are subject to Equalization by the County and/or State. This ensures an equitable distribution of tax dollars among property owners. Tax dollars provide resources for local services such as villages, schools, libraries, park districts and fire protection. If you would like more information on the Equalization process please refer to www.kanecountyassessments.org/EqualizationFactors/EqualizationFactors.htm

Exemptions can reduce the Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) of an Owner-Occupied dwelling and provide a tax savings for the homeowner. Following is a list of common but not all inclusive qualifying exemptions:

- **General Homestead Exemption \$8,000 EAV reduction.**
- **Senior Homestead Exemption \$8,000 EAV reduction.**
- **Senior Assessment Freeze - Age 65, Household income (new limit) \$65,000 or less.**
- **Persons with Disabilities Homestead Exemption \$2,000 EAV reduction.**

- **Disabled Veterans Homestead Exemption up to \$100,000 EAV reduction.**
- **Returning Veterans Homestead Exemption \$5,000 EAV reduction.**

IMPORTANT – Review your current or most recent property tax bill to determine that you have the qualifying exemptions you are entitled, if the exemptions are not listed you will need to apply for each.

If you have any questions regarding your assessment or exemptions please contact us directly at (630) 466-5255 or visit our website at www.sugargrovetownship.com where you will find valuable information along with links to Kane County and the Treasurers' website.

We always look forward to assisting you with any questions or assessment concerns and encourage you to work directly with the Assessor's office. Our office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 p.m. with appointments available on evenings or weekends.



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COMMUNITY BUILDING

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We held two community events in 2023. Our first event was our **Passport to Fun** event. It was the first night of the corn boil. Kids 10 and under were able to play some cute games and participate in an old-school scooter race. The big hit of the night was our face painter! It was a fun event for the younger kids who appreciate the easy games and little prizes.



and provided an all-ages, family fun event on Saturday, December 30th. We hosted two magic shows in the gym, and had some small games, free raffles, and a balloon artist in the lower level. We also partnered with the Park District to offer Pickleball during the winter in our gym.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We will be hosting another **Passport to Fun** event this

year, on Thursday, July 25th from 6-8 pm. Kids 10 and under can swing by for some fun and games and maybe win a gift basket!

Follow us on Facebook for announcements and upcoming event details.

2023 BUILDING UPDATES

Our gazebo received a facelift! We replaced the deteriorating wood and provided a fresh coat of paint. We also purchased and installed plastic walls so it could be used as a warming station during the ice-skating season. We also repainted the garbage enclosure to match.

For safety, we had to remove a large tree from the north side of the building. We also replaced our hot water tank. Last, but not least, we completed a multi-year plan to replace all our lights with LED.

STAFF MEMBERS

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REMAINING 2024 MEETING DATES:

June 18, 2024 @ 6:30pm
July 16, 2024 @ 6:30 pm
August 20, 2024 @ 6:30pm
September 17, 2024 @ 6:30pm
October 15, 2024 @ 6:30pm
November 12, 2024 @ 6:30pm
December 17, 2024 @ 6:30pm