

# JANUARY 2008 NEWSLETTER



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In 2007 Sugar Grove celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Incorporation and what a memorable year it was. The motto for the celebration year – *Celebrating our Past, Creating our Future* – is a motto the Sugar Grove Board will continually build on. It was a year we honored the founding of the Village, honored past accomplishments and looked forward to the future.

In 2007 the Board conducted a Citizen Survey and we will analyze this survey early in 2008 to aide us in determining what course of action or actions the citizens of Sugar Grove want to see in the future. The Board strives to listen and then implement the desires, the needs, and the concerns of our residents. The following are just a few of the highlights of actions taken and goals accomplished in 2007.

Sugar Grove residents have always expressed their desire that Sugar Grove retains its small town feeling and that as the community grows it continue to grow responsibly with a commitment to preservation. In December of 2007 Sugar Grove adopted the “The Greenest Region Compact” making a commitment to be a green community. The Village entered into a continuation agreement with Kane County for the County Program that designates Ke-De-Ka Road as a Rustic Road Program. Additionally, the Village continued to work with Kane County to ensure that community bike paths are accessible and linked to other paths throughout the county. The Board recognized the importance of promoting area produce growers and other cottage industries and as such worked with the Sugar Grove Chamber’s Farmers Market group to relocate to the Village Hall parking lot allowing them to expand the market and increase visibility.

The Village applied for and received approval to become a Railroad Quiet Zone which is scheduled to be implemented in the Spring of 2008. The Village also applied to the State of Illinois for permission to install signage to reduce Engine Braking noise on state roadways and these signs have been posted on Route 47 and Route 30.

Although the residential housing market was down, 2007 was a successful year for commercial construction in the Village. Construction is well underway on the Chesterbrook Academy (a preschool). The Prairie Glen Office Park, Capitol Professional Center and The Landings Office and Commercial Parks all broke ground and construction has begun. Walgreen’s submitted an application and is moving through the processes necessary to build. The Sugar Grove Library purchased a site and the building plans were by the Village Board on December 18, 2007.

The safety of the community is always a priority; from ensuring the streets are maintained, the water supply is plentiful and safe, to having an emergency management plan and supplies in place in order to be as prepared as possible in the event of a disaster. The Board is proud that Sugar Grove Police Department is consistently recognized for their outstanding efforts. In 2007 Police Officers Shettles, Heller, Tichenor and Investigator Sizer were recognized at the annual Kane County Officer of the Year Banquet. Officers Bogle, Thoele and Sergeant Fenili received an award from the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists. Officers Rust, Kurzawa, Heller and Sergeant Gary Fenili were recognized for stopping a burglary in process and the apprehension of a suspect wanted in other jurisdictions.

The Village of Sugar Grove and the Village of Montgomery (Sugar Grove’s 911 dispatch) jointly received a grant for a wireless CAD mapping system. This system allows dispatch to obtain information and the location of cellular callers and also provides Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) data enabling dispatch to locate the position of every squad car.

The Village Board looks forward to 2008 and continuing to work to enhance our community. We invite you to attend the Board meetings, attending meetings is an excellent way to stay informed on what is happening in the community and share your comments and concerns with us. For information on how to contact any of us or to locate meeting dates and times please visit the website at [www.sugar-grove.il.us](http://www.sugar-grove.il.us) or call Village Hall at 630/466-4507.

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### Bliss Woods Forest Preserve Workday

Bliss Woods Forest Preserve is a jewel in the midst of the Sugar Grove Community. Bliss Woods Forest Preserve is one of the finest remaining remnants of one of Kane County's natural forests. This area not only played a pivotal role in the settlement of Sugar Grove it is one of the most enjoyable outdoor spaces to visit in our community. Unfortunately Bliss Woods is now threatened by non-native plant species. Left uncontrolled these non-native plants can invade and crowd out the native trees and wildflowers.

The Kane County Forest Preserve District is sponsoring a workday to combat these invasive non-native species on Saturday, January 29, 2008 from 9 a.m. to noon. If you enjoy Bliss Woods and would like to volunteer to help protect it, please plan on joining the Forest Preserve District volunteers and others who share your interest in nature on January 29, 2008 at the Bliss Woods Workday. (Volunteers will meet in the parking lot of the preserve located on Bliss Road at 9:00 a.m.). Please be sure to dress warmly, tools and refreshments will be provided. For more information call Mary Ochenschlager at 630/466-4922 or Julia Bourque at the Kane County Forest Preserve offices, 630/232-5980.

### Informational Open House

#### Municipal Drive and Galena Boulevard Extension

On Thursday January 10, 2008 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. an Open House will be held at the Village Hall, 10 Municipal Dr for the purpose of providing information on the Municipal Drive extension. For additional information please call Village Hall at 630/466-4507 ext. 24 or visit our website at [www.sugar-grove.il.us](http://www.sugar-grove.il.us).

### Looking For More Information?

Additional information regarding events in the Village, links to other agencies, and Village meeting and contact information can be found on the Sugar Grove website at [www.sugar-grove.il.us](http://www.sugar-grove.il.us). If you cannot find what you are looking for or prefer to call, please feel free to call the Village Clerk at 630/466-4507 ext. 24.

### 2008 MEETING DATES

Board and Committee of the Whole	Plan Commission
1/8/08	1/16/08
1/22/08	2/20/08
2/5/08	3/19/08
2/19/08	4/16/08
3/4/08	5/21/08
3/18/08	6/18/08
4/1/08	7/16/08
4/15/08	8/20/08
5/6/08	9/17/08
5/20/08	10/15/08
6/3/08	11/19/08
6/17/08	12/17/08
7/1/08	<b>Offices Closed</b>
7/15/08	
8/5/08	1/1/08
8/19/08	1/21/08
9/2/08	2/18/08
9/16/08	5/26/08
10/7/08	7/4/08
10/21/08	9/1/08
11/4/08	10/13/08
11/18/08	11/27&28/08
12/2/08	12/24&25/08
12/16/08	

### JANUARY 2008

**Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat**

		1 New Years Day Offices Closed	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 6 :00 pm Board and COTW	9	10 4:00 pm Municipal Drive Open House	11	12
13	14	15	16 7 :00 pm Plan Commission	17	18	19
20	21 MLK Day Offices Closed	24 6 :00 pm Board and COTW	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Meeting are held at 10 Municipal Drive unless otherwise published. Meeting are general held the first and third Tuesday of each month with the exception of January 2008. Meetings in January 2008 have been changed to the second and fourth Tuesdays/