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## 2009 Reflections

As we reflect on the past and look forward to the future we find that one thing remains constant throughout the years. The Board and I are proud to be a part of Sugar Grove and prouder yet of the people who call Sugar Grove their home. We are a Village of hardworking people, people who volunteer and who take pride in their family and their community.

This past year Sugar Grove received the Governor's Hometown Award for youth involvement. This award was received for the Kaneland School District Alive at 25 Program, a joint effort of the Village, Kane County, Waubensee Community College, and Kaneland School District. The efforts of community volunteers spurred the opening of the Between Friends Food Pantry, and volunteers successfully hosted the 2009 Corn Boil, the Library Holiday Designer Showcase, Pondemonium, Christmas in the Grove, and showcased Sugar Grove during the 2009 Solheim Cup.

2009 brought an expansion of commercial and retail services to our community with the opening of; Sugar Grove Medical Associates, Vision Plus, the Book Nook Café, Source Therapeutic Massage and the Open Range restaurant (located at the Bliss Creek Golf Course). Local business expansions include the Sugar Grove Animal Hospital which opened its doors to a new state of the art expanded facility, and the Spee-Dee Delivery Co which moved to a larger facility. In addition to these business ventures, there were a variety of local government building and expansion projects including; the Sugar Grove Public Library, the Student Center at Waubensee Community College, the Kaneland Harter Road Middle School, and the expansion of the Sugar Grove Township facilities.

We as a Board firmly believe that local programs and construction projects will stimulate development and in turn these local projects will stimulate the local economy. This belief is evidenced in the many local projects completed in 2009 including the expansion of Municipal Drive and Galena Boulevard, the extension of water and sewer service, and the many local road improvement projects. Other roadways throughout the Village were also improved, most noticeably Route 47, Route 56, I-88, and Bliss Road. Additionally, in 2009 the Board recognized that the housing industry had been adversely affected by the economic downturn and began a short-term stimulus program.

2009 was economically challenging for our residents, businesses, and the Village. The Board has been financially proactive and taken steps to reduce the budget including; the layoff of four (4) full-time and one (1) part-time employees, elimination of three (3) additional positions through attrition, implementation of a wage freeze, increased the employee portion of healthcare premiums, instituted furlough days, and reduced a number of other budget line items (i.e. certain programs and supplies).

We look forward to a better 2010 and continuing to enhance our community. We encourage you to help us in our efforts by attending Board and Committee meetings and becoming involved in the community. As always please feel free to contact us at any time with your feedback and comments.

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## Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow. The crews are ready for snow.

The snow removal equipment is ready and materials are stockpiled to ensure the Village's streets are maintained in a safe condition. Here are a few things you can do to help keep the Village's streets and public ways safe.

- \* Remind children to stay clear of snow plows. These large trucks do not stop on a dime and the snow thrown from their blades sometimes contains pieces of ice.
- \* Stay back at least 100 feet from moving plows and do not pass a moving plow. The spreaders on the throw salt across the roads and snow blown from the plows can restrict visibility for both you and the plow operator.
- \* Do not park on the street if at all possible. After two inches of snow accumulates, parking on the street is prohibited and violators may be ticketed.
- \* Do not place snow removed from driveways and sidewalks in the street. It creates dangerous situations and is in violation of Village ordinances.
- \* Shovel your driveway after the roadway is cleared. This will eliminate the need to shovel them more than once.
- \* Pile snow away from the edge of the road, on the left side of the driveway, as you face the house. Should the snowplow pass by again, after you have shoveled, this will prevent the plow from pushing the snow back into your driveway.
- \* Clear snow away from fire hydrants.
- \* Clear snow and ice from your walks to make pedestrian travel safer and easier.

After a normal snowfall, Village streets are cleared approximately twenty-four (24) hours after the snowfall stops. Village plow crews clear the priority streets; main thoroughfares and school areas, first to speed response time for emergency vehicles, followed by the secondary or residential streets with dead-ends, cul-de-sacs, eyebrows, etc. being a final priority. Some areas may take longer to clear than others and all roads are plowed curb to curb to facilitate drainage. Please be aware that the Village has a limited number of trucks and employees, therefore it may take time to get to your street.

Despite the snowplow operator's best attempts, plowing occasionally results in damage to property. If you find any damage caused by a plow, report it as soon as possible to Public Works. If you have any questions about the snowplowing program or to report damage, please contact Public Works at 630/466.7508 or email [publicworks@sugar-grove.il.us](mailto:publicworks@sugar-grove.il.us).

Some roadways within and through the Village are maintained by others. If you have a question or comment regarding; Galena Blvd, US Route 30, US Route 47 or Il Route 56 please contact the Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) at 847/705-4000. For Bliss Road contact Kane County Dept of Transportation (KDOT) at 630/584-1170. For KDOT projects visit [www.co.kane.il.us/DOT](http://www.co.kane.il.us/DOT).

An interactive map showing snowplow routes and roadway ownership/responsibility can be found at [www.sugar-grove.il.us/Maps/SnowRemovalAll.pdf](http://www.sugar-grove.il.us/Maps/SnowRemovalAll.pdf).



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