



# Village of Sugar Grove

## Community Updates



### President's Corner

#### A Message from Village President Jennifer Konen

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we reflect on the past year, I'm proud to share our progress and achievements in Sugar Grove.

#### **Modernizing Public Safety**

Committing to our police department and public safety has been a priority. Through fiscal responsibility and disciplined savings year after year, we've funded this much-needed facility without borrowing money. This project reflects a shared commitment from both me and the Village Board to focus on the needs of the police department and the community, ensuring we make responsible, long-term decisions that prioritize public safety. In addition, we were proud to promote Deputy Police Chief Alcaraz as we continue to invest in the leadership and resources that support public safety in Sugar Grove.

## Responsible TIF Management

We also continue to manage TIFs thoughtfully, reviewing them annually to ensure they benefit the community. When a TIF no longer serves its purpose, we take action, like closing TIF 1. Over the past year, we distributed \$1.5 million in surplus funds to taxing bodies and approved \$242,989.95 in matching funds for Sugar Grove Fire to purchase a new ambulance.

## Welcoming New Businesses

I'm excited to welcome new businesses to Sugar Grove, including BrightPath Childcare, Cilantro Taco Grill, Jiffy Lube, and a full-service Starbucks, which has broken ground since I took office. These additions bring valuable services and opportunities to our growing community.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter and the updates about the progress and opportunities in Sugar Grove.

Warm regards,

Jennifer Konen  
Village President, Sugar Grove

# Budget at a Glance Fiscal Year 2025

The Village of Sugar Grove has released its Budget at a Glance for Fiscal Year 2025. This document provides an overview of key financial information, offering residents a clear and concise look at the Village's budget. Learn more at:

<https://www.sugargroveil.gov/transparency>

**Budget at a Glance Fiscal Year 2025**

- 0% Property Tax Increase**  
No increase for residents while maintaining essential services.
- Reserves Exceed \$20 Million**  
The Village's strongest financial position ever.
- Utility Rates Reduced by 5%**  
Over the past five years, rates have been lowered.
- \$1.5 Million Returned**  
Surplus TIF funds were distributed back to local taxing bodies.
- AA+ Bond Rating**  
Assigned by S&P Global in 2017.
- Modernizing Public Safety**  
Upgrades to police station achieved without raising taxes or issuing new bonds.

**Where Do Your Property Taxes Go?**

For every dollar you pay in property taxes, 70c goes to Kaneland School District #302, 7c supports the Sugar Grove Fire District, 5c funds the Village of Sugar Grove, and the rest is allocated to Sugar Grove Library, Park District, Waukesha College, Kane County, and other taxing bodies.

70c	5c	3c	2c
Kaneland School District #302	Village of Sugar Grove	Sugar Grove Library	Sugar Grove Park District

7c	5c	3c	4c
Sugar Grove Fire District	Waukesha College	Kane County	All other

For more information, please visit [sugargroveil.gov](https://www.sugargroveil.gov).

**Budget at a Glance Fiscal Year 2025**

**Additional Budget Highlights**

- Road Program**  
Expanded by 27% to improve street conditions.
- \$250,000 in Grants Secured for Sidewalks**  
near John Shields Elementary and resurfacing Main and Norris Streets.
- New Crosswalk Approved**  
at US 30 for safer pedestrian access on Municipal Drive.
- \$242,989.95 Contributed**  
toward a new ambulance for community safety.

**Where Does the Village's Revenue Come From?**

Transfers In	13.5%	Property Taxes	14%
Miscellaneous	4.5%	Other Taxes	3.3%
Interest	4.2%	Charges for Services	26.3%
Licenses and Permits	1.1%	Intergovernmental, Grants and Contributions	11%
State Income Tax - LGDF	7.8%		
State Sales Tax	12.7%		

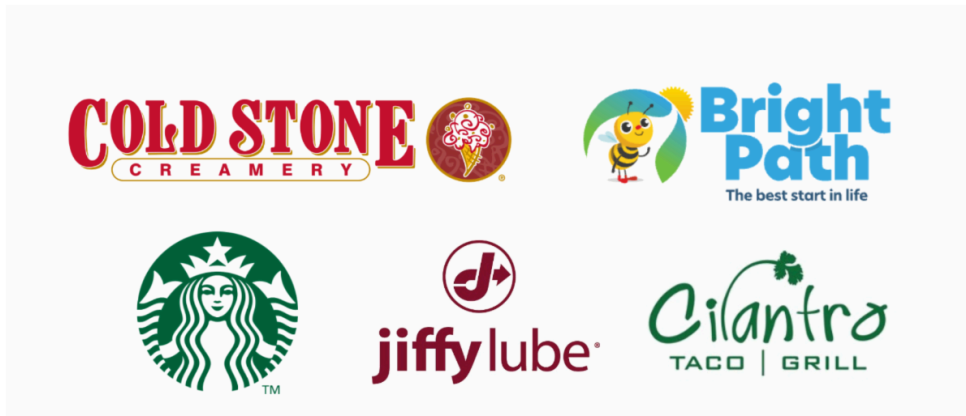
**How Are Tax Dollars Spent?**

General Government	Public Safety	Highways and Streets	Water and Sewer	Debt Service	Transfers Out
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## New Businesses Coming to Sugar Grove



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## The Grove Development

### Project Timeline

The Grove is a transformative mixed-use development designed to bring housing options, recreational spaces, and economic opportunities to Sugar Grove. Below is the anticipated timeline for the project, highlighting key milestones and phases as the development takes shape.

#### 2025

Work begins in spring to level the land and install utilities for the new neighborhood.

#### 2026

Residential lots will be ready for builders to start construction. Work on the town center parks and walking trails will begin. Planning and preparation will shift to the northern areas of the project.

#### 2027

Parks and walking trails in the town center will be completed by November 2027.

#### 2030

Pedestrian bridges and nature trails in the forest preserve will be finished.

#### 2036

More homes, shops, and recreational spaces will be developed, creating a vibrant and connected community.

#### 2037

The entire project, including homes, businesses, parks, and trails, will be complete and open for use.

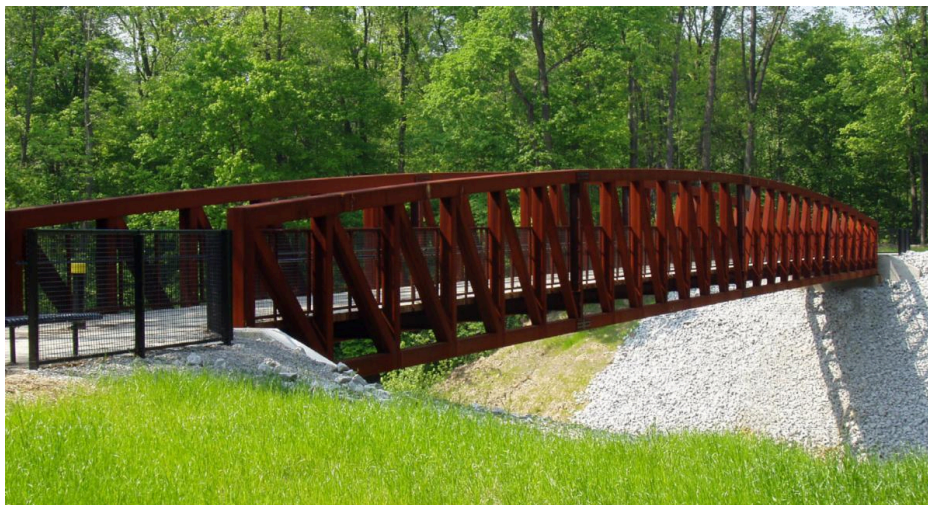


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## Nature and New Neighbors

### Virgil Gilman Trail Bridge Taking Shape

Exciting progress is underway on the new pedestrian bridge near the Virgil Gilman Trail. Once completed later this year, the bridge will connect different parts of our community, enhance safety, and open up new areas for everyone to explore and enjoy. Stay tuned for more updates!



## Welcoming New Neighbors in Sugar Grove

### Settlers Ridge

Ryan Homes' recently approved application includes approximately 135 new homes. Construction is set to begin in spring 2025, and earthwork is already underway near existing homes.

### Lennar Development

A new project at the Galena Blvd. and Illinois Route 56 intersection, expected to come before the Plan Commission soon, would bring 332 homes and townhomes to Sugar Grove.

[Learn more about current development projects.](#)

## Celebrate Arbor Day on April 25, 2025, by Joining the Village's Parkway Tree Program!

In honor of Arbor Day, the Village invites residents to join the 50/50 Cost Sharing Program to help add more trees to our community. This voluntary program covers half the cost of a parkway tree, including delivery, planting, and mulch. Contact Public Works at 630-391-7230 to learn more and sign up!



## Winter Fun on Main Street with the Sugar Grove Park District

Bundled up and ready for fun, Sugar Grove residents embrace the season at the Park District's ice rink at 141 Main Street.

## Upcoming Village Board Meetings

6:00 p.m. - Village Board Room at Village Police Station, 10 S. Municipal Dr

April 15, 2025  
May 6, 2025

May 20, 2025  
June 3, 2025  
June 17, 2025

[View Minutes and Agendas](#)

## Here to Help

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