



SUGAR GROVE **Community E-News** **July 2026**

Sugar Grove Water Named Second Best in North America at National Competition

The Village of Sugar Grove has officially taken second place in the prestigious "Best of the Best" Tap Water Taste Test at the American Water Works Association (AWWA) ACE26 conference in Washington, D.C.

The national runner-up finish establishes Sugar Grove as home to some of the highest quality, best-tasting drinking water in North America. The top spot went to the City of Fredericton, New Brunswick, while third place was awarded to Vineyard, Utah.

"We are incredibly proud of our Public Works Team and thankful for the Leadership of our Public Works Director, Brad Merkel", said Village of Sugar Grove President Sue Stillwell. "We value providing Sugar Grove with the best possible water, protecting our water resources, and we are all celebrating their win for the community as the stewards of the Best Tasting Water in the United States!"



Accepting the AWWA Award for Second Best Tasting Water in the Nation.
From left: Chris Lemke and Brad Merkel

The Journey to the National Stage

Sugar Grove's path to the national podium required winning a series of consecutive regional and state tournaments:

- The Regional Qualifier: First, the Sugar Grove Public Works team won the Kane County Water Association regional taste test.
- The State Championship: The team advanced to the Illinois Section AWWA State Finals at WATERCON 2026 in Peoria. On April 14, 2026, Sugar Grove was crowned the state champion, earning the sole right to represent Illinois nationally.
- The National Finals: The village competed against elite water producers from across the United States and Canada at the ACE26 conference in Washington, D.C.



Village of Sugar Grove Water Department Team Accepting the Award for Best Tasting Water in the State of Illinois. From Left: Alan Pease, Brad Merkel, Tony Special, Michelle Piotrowski, and Chris Lemke

Rigorous Standards of Excellence

A panel of independent water experts judged the competition using strict blind-taste protocols. Samples were evaluated at room temperature across three major categories:

- Taste: Overall flavor and crisp drinkability profile.
- Clarity: Total visual transparency and absence of turbidity.
- Odor: The absolute lack of any organic or chemical scent.

To even qualify for entry, Sugar Grove had to maintain a pristine safety record, with zero state or federal drinking water violations during the previous calendar year.

About the Village of Sugar Grove Public Works

The Sugar Grove Public Works Department is dedicated to providing safe, clean, and award-winning drinking water to its residents. Through meticulous infrastructure management, environmental conservation, and strict quality control, the department ensures that the village's water supply consistently meets and exceeds national standards.



Strengthening Local Ties: President Stillwell and Officials Connect with Legislators at Metro West Council of Government BBQ



From left: Village Administrator Scott Koeppel, Trustee Sean Michels, Senator Dave Syverson, and President Sue Stillwell

President Stillwell, Trustee Sean Michels, and Village Administrator Scott Koeppel, pictured above with Senator Dave Syverson, recently attended the Metro West Council of Governments Legislative BBQ, where they engaged with local mayors and state legislators.

This annual event provides an opportunity to discuss regional priorities, review key legislation, and foster collaboration among community leaders. By participating, they reaffirmed their commitment to advocating for local interests and strengthening relationships that benefit the community.



America250 Resolution



VILLAGE OF SUGAR GROVE
KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO.: 20260619AD1

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE AMERICA250 COMMEMORATION

WHEREAS, the United States of America will commemorate its 250th anniversary on July 4, 2026, marking a historic milestone in the nation's history; and

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, asserting the American colonies' freedom from British rule and laying the foundation for the principles of democracy and self-governance; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission, known as the America250 Commission (america250.org) was established by Congress in 2016 to plan and orchestrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, aiming to engage all Americans in commemorating this historic event through educational initiatives.

WHEREAS, the Illinois America250 Commission (ilamerica250.org) was established to develop, encourage, and execute an inclusive commemoration and observance of the founding of the United States of America, and Illinois' imperative role in the nation's history; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois America250 Commission encourages communities, libraries, schools, local governments, historical societies, cultural institutions, and individuals of all ages to develop inclusive commemorations that reflect on Illinois' role in the nation's history and development; and

WHEREAS, recognizing and supporting the Illinois America250 Commission will help ensure meaningful and educational commemoration for all residents and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the commemoration provides an opportunity to reflect on the state's historical significance, honor the achievements of its people, and inspire civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Sugar Grove hereby formally supports the Illinois America250 Commission and its mission to commemorate our nation's 250th anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Sugar Grove express their support for the Illinois America250 Commission and encourage all Illinois communities to organize and participate in local events leading up to and culminating on July 4, 2026, to celebrate America's 250th anniversary.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sugar Grove, Kane County, Illinois, on this 16th day of June 2026.

At the Village Board Meeting held on June 16, 2026, President Stillwell and the Board of Trustees unanimously adopted a resolution in support of the America250 Commemoration. This significant initiative celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, which will take place on July 4, 2026.

The resolution reflects the village's commitment to honoring this pivotal moment in American history and encourages community engagement in various commemorative activities leading up to the anniversary. Events are expected to highlight the values of freedom and democracy that the Declaration represents, fostering a sense of unity and pride among residents.



America250 Veterans Park Bench Dedication



Join us on Saturday, July 25, at 10:45 AM for the dedication of the Veterans Park Bench. This bench, which will enhance Sugar Grove Veterans Park, also serves as a commemorative tribute for America's 250th anniversary. It is being crafted in collaboration with the Veterans Group, A Call to Shoulders. The bench is designed to withstand the elements and is being constructed by veterans in a local shop equipped with a wood mill.

After the dedication, take a stroll down Main Street for some fun activities, and then head over to the Corn Boil!



Sign Up for Everbridge Nixle Community Alerts

The Village of Sugar Grove is committed to keeping its residents informed and connected. One of the best ways to receive real-time updates about emergencies, weather alerts, community events, and important announcements is by signing up for Everbridge Nixle.

Everbridge Nixle is a free communication service that allows local officials to send messages via text, email, and web. By subscribing, you'll receive timely alerts directly to your mobile device or inbox, ensuring you're always in the loop about what's happening in our community.

You can register by clicking the button below.



[Click Here to Register for
Everbridge Nixle](#)

Don't miss out on crucial
information that affects you and
your family. Sign up for Nixle today
and stay connected with the Village
of Sugar Grove!



2026 Village Meeting Schedule



2026 Meeting Calendar

Village Board Meetings

1st and 3rd Tuesday of Every Month at 6 pm, at the Sugar Grove Library, 125 S Municipal Dr. (Unless otherwise indicated on the calendar.)

Plan Commission/ZBA Meetings

3rd Wednesday of Every Month at 6 pm, at the Sugar Grove Library, 125 S. Municipal Dr.

Police Commission Meetings

3rd Wednesday of Every Month at 6 pm, at the Sugar Grove Fire Protection District 25 S Municipal Drive

Police Pension Board Meetings

3rd Friday of January, April, July, and October at 8 am, at the Sugar Grove Fire Protection District

Administrative Adjudication Hearing

2nd Wednesday of Every Month at 2:30 pm, at the Sugar Grove Fire Protection District 25 S Municipal Drive. The first Wednesday of November 2026.

Closed on the Following Dates

New Year's Day	January 1, 2026
MLK Jr. Day	January 19, 2026
President's Day	February 16, 2026
Memorial Day	May 25, 2026
Juneteenth	June 19, 2026
Independence Day	July 3, 2026
Labor Day	September 7, 2026
Columbus Day	October 12, 2026
Thanksgiving	Nov. 26 & 27, 2026
Christmas	Dec. 24 & 25, 2026

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Sugargroveil.gov

11-25-2025

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Download the 2026 Meeting Schedule



Employment Opportunities



WE'RE HIRING

JOIN OUR
TEAM



Open Position:

VILLAGE ENGINEER

[Learn More About Our Employment Opportunities](#)



Village Reminders

Fun Fourth of July Activities

[click below for more information](#)

Bike

Rodeo and Parade










BIKE RODEO

@ Sugar Grove Library/
North Lot
2:30-3:30 p.m.
Please bring your bicycle
and helmet for a "crash
course" in bike safety!
Bring your bike decorated
in a patriotic theme.



BIKE PARADE

3:30 p.m. - Line-up
3:45 p.m. - Parade
Join us after the parade in
Volunteer Park for a water
fight and freezer pops!



**BIKE SAFETY
SCAVENGER
HUNT**

Children's Desk
June 1 - July 2
Stop by to do a bike
safety scavenger hunt!

**Check Out Each
Event!**






Groovin' in the Grove

Food Trucks & Live Music

click below for more information

GROOVIN'
in the grove
Food Truck Friday

JULY 17TH
WILD DAISY
TIME: 4PM TO 8:30PM
WHERE: 125 MUNICIPAL DR



    

Sugar Grove Corn Boil

July 23-26, 2026

[click below for more information](#)





STREET SWEEPING

**PLEASE KEEP
VEHICLES OFF THE
STREETS FROM
6:30 AM TO 4:00 PM
UNTIL SWEEPING IS
COMPLETED.**



[View the Street Sweeping Schedule](#)



SUGAR GROVE

LRS takes pride in providing these complimentary services for residents covered under the contract. **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)** is collected **quarterly**. **Electronic Waste (E-Waste)** is collected **monthly**. Submit your request online by the deadline to receive service.

SCHEDULE YOUR COLLECTION

Online: LRSrecycles.com/SugarGrove

Email: Service@LRSrecycles.com

Phone: 844.Need.LRS



2026 E-WASTE SCHEDULE

REQUEST BY SUBMIT DATE	ELECTRONIC WASTE HOME COLLECTION WEEK
Thursday, January 1, 2026	Monday, January 5, 2026 – Tuesday, January 6, 2026
Thursday, January 29, 2026	Monday, February 2, 2026 – Tuesday, February 3, 2026
Thursday, February 26, 2026	Monday, March 2, 2026 – Tuesday, March 3, 2026
Thursday, April 2, 2026	Monday, April 6, 2026 – Tuesday, April 7, 2026
Thursday, April 30, 2026	Monday, May 4, 2026 – Tuesday, May 5, 2026
Thursday, May 28, 2026	Monday, June 1, 2026 – Tuesday, June 2, 2026
Thursday, July 2, 2026	Monday, July 6, 2026 – Tuesday, July 7, 2026
Thursday, July 30, 2026	Monday, August 3, 2026 – Tuesday, August 4, 2026
Thursday, September 3, 2026	Monday, September 14, 2026 – Tuesday, September 15, 2026
Thursday, October 1, 2026	Monday, October 5, 2026 – Tuesday, October 6, 2026
Thursday, October 29, 2026	Monday, November 2, 2026 – Tuesday, November 3, 2026
Thursday, December 3, 2026	Monday, December 7, 2026 – Tuesday, December 8, 2026

2026 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE SCHEDULE

REQUEST BY SUBMIT DATE	HHW SERVICE MONTH
Friday, December 26, 2025	January
Friday, March 27, 2026	April
Friday, June 26, 2026	July
Friday, September 25, 2026	October

Yard Waste Collection: April 6, 2026 – November 30, 2026
Services will be delayed one day on Memorial Day and Labor Day

LRS-2533

LRS Recycles Information

Yard Waste Collection

Begins April 6, 2026



Use biodegradable bags, or a rigid container (32-35 gallons) clearly marked "Yard Waste".



Branches must be no longer than 4 feet and tied with twine.



Materials should be at the curb by 7:00 am



Contact LRS at 844-633-3577 or
www.lrsrecycles.com for guidelines

Yard Waste Removal Information



How Can We Help?

Village Department Directory

Village Hall: 630-391-7200, vclerk@sugargroveil.gov

Administration: 630-391-7200, info@sugargroveil.gov

Community Development: 630-391-7220, permits@sugargroveil.gov

Public Works: 630-391-7230, publicworks@sugargroveil.gov

Finance Department: 630-391-7200, genlog@sugargroveil.gov

Police Department (Non-Emergency): 630-391-7250, police@sugargroveil.gov

Utility Billing: 630-391-7200, genlog@sugargroveil.gov

Trash Pickup/Electronic Recycling (Lakeshore Recycling Systems): 844-633-3577

Economic Development: 630-391-7240, skoepfel@sugargroveil.gov





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