



# Prestbury News

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## *April Meeting Minutes*

President Lee Boergadine called the April 24, 2008 meeting to order at 6:34 PM. Lee announced the presence of a quorum. Board members present were: Gary Bannister, Kappie Swanson, Tom Stefancic, Cindy Miller, Al Kent and Marlene Deck. Cheryl Bolland was not in attendance. Also present was Connie Schultz – PSI, Nicki Leroy, On-Site Property Manager/PSI Liaison and several residents.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2008 meeting.

### **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

Gene Evans announced that the Yacht Club would like to build a floating dock, T-Shaped ramp, 16 foot and 4 floats to support it. Outside boat ramp on Cedar Gate Circle. Al said IEPA has been contacted to see if it affects the shoreline.

Cindy Bach – Heather Ridge – Tennis Court questions. More is being done to park/court area than Heather Ridge understood. Concerned that the Berm usually protects them – is it being removed? What about the Gazebo? Are we also planning natural grasses vs mowed grass? Gary and Tom will attend Heather Ridge's next meeting. Al, Gary, Kappie, Tom and Lee addressed the questions.

Marge Roeda – Entrance to the park on Hanks – will it be resurfaced?? What about the Garage Sale? Lee and Kappie advised that the Garage Sale is not a Board function and to date, not a board function.

Nomination to appoint Jennifer Weaver, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher with a new baby to the Youth & Adult Activities committee. Appointment recommended by Lee, approved by all on the Board. Welcome to Jennifer!!!

**MANAGEMENT REPORT** – Connie has given the March financial report as well as the Delinquency report to Gary for his review. We are still in litigation with one account.

Old Business – Fencing: We are proceeding with the replacement of the split rail fence in the common areas. A dumpster has been placed at the auxillary parking lot across from the Prestbury Common area. It is used strictly for the used posts and rails that are being removed and replaced. The mailbox repair on Windwood is complete. We have had minimal repairs but have had to replace a few entire banks.

New Business: See Pool Committee report for update on pool card system. See Office and Clubhouse report for construction update.

Trash Removal Bills: Several homes that were annexed into Sugar Grove have been double charged for the last 2 years. Management has had several calls regarding this. We have requested that if you are one of these homeowners, please bring copies of the Sugar Grove bill to the office so we can adjust our records. Many residents believe that with the Postal change, they are annexed into S.G.

CT Services has purchased a pick-up truck for use only on the Prestbury property. It will be used for clean-up, hauling posts and rails, mailbox parts. Golf View has the most garbage: 2 tires were removed, 4 large containers of used oil, many beer bottles, water bottles and an old car battery. The truck is also used for trips to purchase materials for the property (like Home Depot, Ace Hardware, etc.). CT Services has rented a space to keep the truck and a trailer, at the Golf Course maintenance building. A motion was made by Al, seconded and

passed to have PCA pay for the gas for the truck for Prestbury use.

Elite Tree service is now charging to come out to give an estimate. We may look into other qualified tree services.

**PCA Office Manager Report** – Nicki reported the following: MediaCom has buried the cable line in the common area for the office internet.

Chicagoland Pool has drained and cleaned the pool in anticipation of the summer swimming season.

Card Smart has set up the camera and laptop for the pool ID cards. Card Smart will be returning to complete the training for Marlene and myself on April 28. The Cheshire club is booking up very quickly for the year. If residents are planning a get together – please call early to secure your date!

Nicki will be sending out letters to the sub-association President's regarding the reschedule of meetings due to the construction of the office building (working around the clubhouse events in the evening).

**PLEASE NOTE: Boat Registrations are due by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Any boat not tagged by that date, will be removed.**

State Farm has requested 2 replacement quotes for the guardrail which was hit in March.

Four to Five Architectural Applications have been approved by the committee with 3 to 4 more to be returned within the week. Karie Arch from Bethesda Home has requested to enlarge the driveway. Application was returned for more info.

NEED A RECYCLE BIN??? Matt Hernandez from Waste Management dropped off 20 replacement bins (free of charge!!). They can be picked up at the PCA Office if you need one.

**Nicki is getting calls regarding the Garage Sale. REMEMBER.....if there is no chairperson.....no Garage Sale. Please contact Nicki if interested!!**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The first 3 months of figures are in this newsletter.

Audit is in and approved. The new reserve accounting format from PSI is very workable. Auditor likes the new format also. We had a nice surprise - \$32,000 of surplus \$\$\$\$\$. \$472,000 into reserves for 2007. See complete report.

No roadwork will be done in 2008 but twice as much to do next year. The contractor/engineering firm we were to use is financially unstable. See Treasurers Report.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – All covenants, rules and regulations from the sub-associations, as well as our own, were to be reviewed by our attorney (to be sure they all relate). To date, we believe this has not been done. Do we need to revisit this with the attorney or do we do it ourselves? Lee suggested that John (our attorney meet with a committee and go over ALL the documents. Bill Gain volunteered to be part of this project on the AdHoc Committee. Lee will contact John to see what progress has been made.

The new system of credit cards is easier and smoother. We might consider raising our limit (now \$2500) to accommodate the purchases.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Architectural Standards** - Cindy has now officially gotten "her feet wet." She and her committee received 9 applications for fences, driveway drains, etc. There were a few problems but the committee is working very diligently on all applications. She questioned the home that was destroyed in the fire – will there be an application to rebuild? Yes....it was received today!

**Clubhouse & Office Building** - Kappie reported that the PCA Office building is ready for remodeling to begin. Kappie, Connie and Ross Fitzpatrick of All-Pro Construction met on April 17 at the PSI office in Woodridge. The proposal was reviewed and several changes were requested. A new proposal was submitted and a pre-construction meeting took place on April 24 at 3:00 p.m. John Bickley reviewed the contract and added an addendum that was executed by Ross Fitzpatrick. PCA signed the contract today, April 24. Mgmt requested a start and complete date. As long as the committee makes their selections in a timely manner, work should be complete in approximately six (6) weeks. Construction will begin May 6 to 9. A dumpster will be needed for 4 days only. We will be making the office building ADA compliant. The PCA office during construction may be in the Pool office. Signs will be erected with this information.

Mgmt has set up an appointment on 4-24-08 with Butler Domestic Services and Kappie. Darla's

Cleaning Services has been our cleaning company for many years; however we have never gone out for bid. Mgmt wants to be certain the pricing is in the same area.

**Maintenance** – Al reported the following:

TRJ Landscape, Inc. has repaired and seeded all of the areas that were damaged by the snowplow. PCA will be going out to bid for next year's contract. Tom Stefancic will lead this project.

A one year contract was signed with Ground Pros, Inc. to provide grass cutting, weed removal, fertilization and shrub trimming. Spring cleanup has begun and will continue until completed. There are many areas to maintain. If anyone notices any that are missed, please call the office 630-466-1576 and report the location. There is a high learning curve the first year, once their work meets our expectations, a multi-year contract will be signed with Ground Pros, Inc. Al is very positive about this company!

Sandy Andry, Chairman of the Beautification Committee held an organizational meeting on April 19 in the Office. 17 people attended with a number more unable to attend but want to volunteer. The group is excited and enthusiastic about the plans for the year. We still have open slots for volunteers! Contact Sandy if you want to participate! Planting day will be May 17 for the Common. Orders for annuals must be to Sandy by May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rain date for planting the Common is May 24.

As reported earlier, fencing replacement will continue until the supplies are depleted. Anyone noticing that fences need to be replaced, contact the office to it can be included in the 2009 budget.

Lake Prestbury – Last fall the west bank of the outflow was seeded and covered with an erosion blanket. In early March, invasive trees and seedlings were removed from the shoreline and the area from the Cedar Gate Circle boat pads to the point on Turtle Cove was seeded to increase plant variety. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April, a controlled burn was conducted from the clubhouse to the boat pads on Cedar Gate Circle and the island. All of those areas were seeded. It will take a minimum of 3 years to produce the desired effect. Maintenance will be continuous.

Lake Blackberry – Many holes from muskrats on the north, east and southeast shorelines. We will

look at the contract with the present company, consider terminating it and finding a new vendor.

**RESIDENTS: Please remember that under NO circumstances are the common areas to be disturbed without the express permission of the PCA Board.**

**Tennis, Streets and Street Lights** – Tom reported that the excavation and demolition has begun on the Merrill New tennis courts. The construction process should be about 4 weeks. Last year, the Board decided to re-build the tennis courts on Merrill New Road rather than resurface them. The rationale was the foundation had deteriorated to the point the courts would have to be resurfaced every year. Other considerations were the drainage was such that water flowed over the courts rather than around them causing further deterioration and the courts weren't regulation size. Construction has begun and is anticipated to take four to six weeks. Landscaping the park according to the Master Plan will take most of the summer and possibly beyond. The courts will be ADA accessible when completed.

The tennis courts in the Prestbury Common will not re-open because they are in disrepair and too dangerous to use. Erosion from the creek continues to threaten the viability of the tennis courts. This is part of the Master Plan that was approved three to five years ago. When funds are available, part of the current tennis courts will be turned into a parking lot. The lot in front of the club house will be reconfigured. There will be a small children's park on North Buckingham behind the new parking lot.

Streets: Due to the issues with our Engineering and Surveying firm, we will only be implementing our maintenance program which includes crack repair and pot hole filling. We are about 1 year ahead of our building schedule for streets and will resume reconstruction next year.

Street Lights: Al Kent and I met with our lighting engineer from Christopher Burke & Associates to lay out replacements. The bidding process will begin and construction should start by summer. We plan to replace about 40 units a year.

Merrill New Park: We will be developing the Merrill New Park this year as part of the Master Plan. Al and I met with our Landscape Architect to

review requirements and prepare our plans for the bidding process.

Golf View: Guard rails were shown to the board and several recommendations were made. Should they be moved further away from the road? Bill Gain will look into this and make recommendations. The Board chose the more cost effective reflective posts for replacements.

**Pool and Safety: Marlene reported** – Concerns about the speeding on Hankes as well as drivers running the stop sign on Hankes have been received. Lt. Stutz and the Sugar Grove Police have been contacted to solicit their support in enforcing the speed limit and the stop sign abuse. Tina and Wendy have been busy preparing an update to the member base of the Neighborhood Watch Program. We appreciate all they do to keep Prestbury safe! FYI – there has been a burglary in Prestbury on April 10<sup>th</sup> – the investigation continues.

**Pool:** Nicki, Michael and I met with the Card Smart representative on 4-16-08 and set up the layout for the new ID cards. These cards will replace the ID tags used in the past for admittance to the pool area and will contain photos of the residents. Nikki will issue cards during normal office hours and we plan to include a Saturday and one evening for those who cannot come during normal office hours. Flyers will be delivered to each home with the details of the cards. The pool will open MAY 25<sup>th</sup>. Fees for the cards: A motion was made, seconded and passed that the first card is free and if it needs to be replaced, \$5 will be charged. 4 guest passes free for each resident this year. A motion was made by Tom and seconded that children Age 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult card holder. Motion lost. A second motion was made and seconded to have children Age 11 and under be accompanied by an adult card holder. Motion carried. A motion with no second was made for Guardian Cards. No vote. A motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Gary to have one guardian card per household per year for \$10. Motion carried. My thanks to Michael for his invaluable assistance to Nicki and myself – he is a patient man!

**RESIDENTS:** We can set up evening appointments for cards if daytime or Saturday is not convenient. We will be as flexible as we can to get everyone their cards!

Michael submitted a suggestion that we add a second computer (stripped down laptop?) to be set up at the Pool House to be used strictly for the card system. This would allow Nicki to process residents while the pool was open and access would be right away! The Board liked this idea.

**Youth** – The Easter Egg hunt came off without a hitch! The Easter Bunny managed to deliver 1,000 eggs filled with money or candy and hid them in the park among the snowflakes!!! In a matter of 4 minutes, all the eggs were in baskets and enjoyed by the children who attended. A big THANK YOU to Angie and her children, Marion Mortell and Cheryl Bolland for their assisting the Easter Bunny!!

**Web** – Cheryl reported that the wireless router is up and running thanks to Dave Cox! Dave hooked up the system and got excellent connection in the Office Building as well as the Cheshire Club. With the help of the web committee (Dave, Joe and Gail Golab) a laptop was purchased for use with the new card system. Cheryl will also be working with Dave to update the web with new photos of the area to replace the “cartoon” labels. Cheryl will look thru George Hauser’s photos to see what can be used!

### ***UNFINISHED BUSINESS***

Security Cameras have been installed. Nicki loves it! Very clean/clear pictures. We had 3 cameras – we now have 8!! We also have an alarm system in the pool area that has a siren.

### ***NEW BUSINESS***

See attached NEWS RELEASE regarding Utility Bill Rate Increase for Sugar Grove Water and Sewer System.

The meeting adjourned, by motion, at 9:13 p.m. to executive session, reconvened to regular session at 9:45 p.m. and adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kappie Swanson, Note taker  
Cheryl Bolland  
Secretary

My sincere thanks to Kappie for taking notes in my absence. It is very much appreciated. Hopefully I have captured everything that transpired!!!

**PCA OFFICE HOURS:**

M,TU,W,TH,FRI – 8:30 am to 1:30 pm  
Office Contact: Nicki Leroy at 630-466-1576  
Or [Liaison@prestbury.org](mailto:Liaison@prestbury.org)

*REMINDER: Residents please be considerate of your neighbors when walking your dog(s). Be sure to pick up after them – we want our community to be the best it can be – with YOUR help!!!*

**PRESTBURY HELPING HANDS (PHH)  
IS READY TO HELP YOU!!**

Need information, transportation,  
errands run, a wellness check?  
Call PHH coordinator Nancy Benson  
at 630-466-1494.  
Alternate coordinators:  
Bob Forbes at 630-466-8031 or  
Marsha Marzo at 630-466-3726

We can Help!!  
Neighbor Helping Neighbor!!

*Helping Hands is an independent group of Prestbury volunteers but not sponsored by PCA*

**From Helping Hands Coordinator**

As we are about to close in on our busiest season as far as requests for help, I would like to personally thank the Prestbury volunteers who have once again made our Helping Hands program a success. I thank all the volunteers, whether you have been called upon this season or not, just knowing you are available is what is so important. A special thanks to the following volunteers who provided either transportation or meals for our residents and in some cases both meals and transportation. Also, thanks to Marsha Marzo and Bob Forbes, my Assistant Coordinators, for taking calls and filling requests. Thank you volunteers so very much.

- Doris Czarobski
- Geri Johnson
- Nicki Hilligoss
- Marsha Marzo
- Shirley Frasca
- Chip Roberts

And to all our residents, Prestbury Helping Hands is there for all of you.

**Call if you need us.**

**Thanks to all  
Nancy Benson, Prestbury Helping Hands Coordinator**


**GARAGE SALE** - As of this issue of the Newsletter we do not have a volunteer to Chair the Garage Sale. Remember this is an independent community activity. **If you think you might want to chair this year's sale, please contact Nicki at the office. 630-466-1576.** It is typically a very successful event and many people outside of Prestbury look forward to our sale. Plus....it gives you the opportunity to Clean out that overstuffed closet or basement or attic!!!



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## PCA TREASURER'S REPORT APRIL 2008

This report summarizes the following main areas:

- ❖ Report of the Auditors 2007
- ❖ Summary financial results for the first quarter 2008.
- ❖ Delinquents Report to April 2008.

### 1. Report Of The Auditors 2007

We ended up with a small surplus of 32k in operating for the first time in a few years and a bigger carried forward in replacement reserves than anticipated; \$472k. (Please note K = rounding to 1000) so we are beginning 2008 in a healthy state at a time when our State and National economies are in recession and hurting us.

Prestbury, as a Home Owners association, elects to be exempt from income tax under Section 528 of the IRS code. We do however; have income like bank interest that is non-exempt. Our tax returns show that we are due a small refund of \$662.

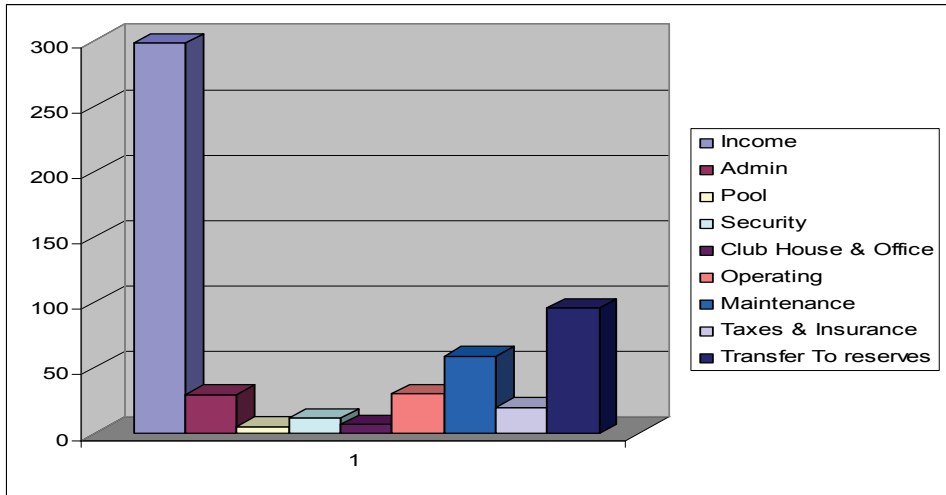
Other key comments:

- Recommendation that we transfer money market balances over 100k as they are uninsured. We do this on a regular basis.
- Prestbury settled a lawsuit with a contractor for alleged breach of contract. In early 2008, we settled and agreed to pay the contractor \$6,000.
- Please note that some of the plan or budget numbers shown by the auditor were not correct; in setting up the plan for 2007, some numbers were not input correctly into the PSI system, but this is a minor issue.

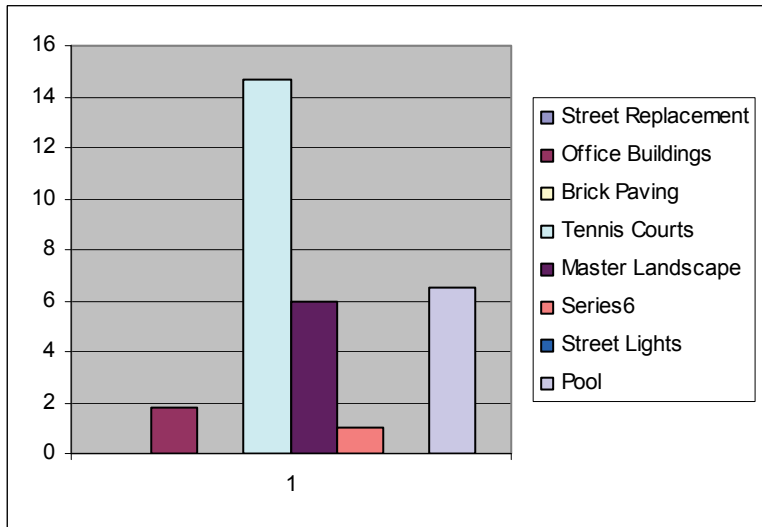
### 2. Summary Financial results for the first quarter 2008

Enclosed please find a summary of our financials for the first quarter 2008, un-accrued accounts to the end of March 2008.

<b>Operating EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>ACTUALS 2008</b>	<b>BUDGET 2008</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>	<b>KEY INDICATORS</b>
				Cash in Bank      \$638.2
Income	<b>298.5</b>	<b>295.6</b>	<b>2.9</b>	No of delinquents 90 days >\$100      29
Admin ex security	29.7	35.2	-5.5	% Total Delinquents 90 days to Homes      3.2%
Pool	5.2	5.2	0	No of Serious Delinquents >\$400      7
Security	11.7	14.5	-2.8	\$ Value of Serious Delinquents      \$16.5
Clubhouse operating maintenance	6.9	4.9	2	Replacement RES BAL      \$539.7
Taxes & insurance	30.3	34.8	-4.5	
<b>Move to Reserves</b>	<b>95.9</b>	<b>95.9</b>	<b>0</b>	
Total expenses	<b>258.8</b>	<b>285.1</b>	<b>-26.3</b>	
net income	<b>39.7</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>29.2</b>	



CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	ACTUALS YTD 2008	BUDGET 2008	Capital Balance
Street Replacement	0	150	-150
Office Building Elements	1.8	98.3	-96.5
Brick Paving	0	14.8	-14.8
Tennis Courts	14.7	60	-45.3
Recreation/Master Landscape Elements	6	18.9	-12.9
Street Lights	0	10.6	-10.6
Pool	6.5	0	
<b>Total CAPEX</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>352.6</b>	<b>-323.6</b>



We are on track overall so far, but our major projects are only now getting started so the Capital Expenditure figures will not be posted until later in the year. Please note that we have been asked to change/amend the chart to the bar chart shown here. Any comments or feedback will be appreciated on the 'readability' of this chart.

### 3. Delinquents Report to April 2008

Enclosed please find a summary of our Delinquent Report to April 2008.

DELINQUENT REPORT	
current	\$0.3
30 days	\$19.8
60 days	\$0.5
90 days	\$25.8
Total	\$46.4

Our Delinquents have held steady with the serious ones reducing to 7; there is still one serious delinquent at \$10,122 which is still in the court system and hopefully we will get a final ruling on June 25<sup>th</sup> 2008. We had previously won a ruling in December of 2007 but it is back in court on a technicality.

The \$19,800 shown as 30 days is not an issue, mainly due to late accounting of cash payments.

The main Figure we track diligently is the 90 day figure of \$25 K which includes a total of 29 delinquents including our 7 serious cases; this makes up however a 3.2% of our total households, now up to 900 units; this includes sub associations.

**We have received recently an 'Inquiry' from some residents who claim to have been annexed into the Village of Sugar Grove and claim to be overpaying on Waste Management fees.**

**At the moment, PCA has no way of knowing who has been annexed into VSG, so we are asking you to show us proof of this. When we get this, we will stop our portion of the Waste Disposal fee.**

**I am mentioning this as some residents have confused our "Postal Code Change" two years ago with us being in Sugar Grove; we are NOT, this was a Postal code change only by the USPS, and has nothing to do with VSG taxes nor annexation.**

Treasurer

Gary A Bannister

April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2008

**Sandy Andry, ABR, E-Pro, CNS, CSC**

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***“The Prestbury Specialist”***

## **Prestbury Properties For Sale!**



**127 Fairfax—\$286,999**

3 bedrooms and loft, over 2500 sq ft. Larger than many homes! Perfect condition, too. LR, DR, FR, big eat-in kitchen with center island. See-thru fireplace. Full sized lookout basement.



**31 Hillcrest—\$499,000**

Just listed! Fabulous Blackberrie Hill townhome that backs to lake and open area. Updated kitchen w/maple cabinets. Wonderful home office with spectacular view. Lots of natural light. Finished basement.



**222 Braeburn—\$399,000**

The location is the highlight of this beauty! Backs to Park District property. Wooded bliss from the screened porch and deck. Gourmet kitchen with cherry cabinets.

**1st floor master.**

Lookout basement.



***Announcing New Construction in Blackberrie Hill!***

***Groundbreaking this Spring!***

***Starting at \$419,900. See floorplans at [www.prestbury.biz](http://www.prestbury.biz)!***

Sandy Andry sold more Prestbury single family and townhomes in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 & 2007 than any other Realtor. Information obtained from MLSNI. MLSNI neither guarantees nor is responsible for the data herein. MLSNI data may not reflect all sales in the marketplace.

# WEST AURORA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2008-2009 REGISTRATION

## **\*\*WE NEED YOUR HELP\*\*** **2008-09 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

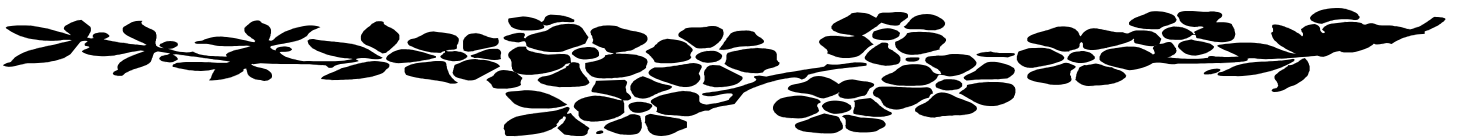
**If you know of a friend or neighbor who has a child that will be in Kindergarten this fall, please remind them to register their child at our office as soon as possible. ISEL testing is in the middle of May and new Kindergartners sign up for this testing when they register.**

To register for Kindergarten, your child must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2008. To begin registration, you must present a LEGAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND 2 PROOFS OF RESIDENCY (Current Utility Bills (gas, water, electric, land phone, cable, waste reclamation, cable or Direct TV), Home Sale/Closing Document, Current Property Tax Bill, Home Insurance Statement, or Home Mortgage Statement. Proofs of residency must be current within 60 days.

Kindergarten health requirements include: Physical, Proof of all immunizations with specified intervals between mandated number of doses (4 DPTs, 3 Polio, 1 MMR, and a 2nd Measles Vaccine are the minimum requirements), Blood lead assessment and diabetes screening, and a Dental examination is required by May 15, 2009. These documents may be submitted to school anytime prior to the first day of kindergarten. Students may not begin school until this information is on file in our health office.

To register, please call Fearn Elementary at 630-301-5001.

(Please note that if you are new to the District, you may call to register all students, not just Kindergarteners).



### Sugar Grove Chamber of Commerce



### Farmers Market We're Moving!

Join Us At New Site  
**Sugar Grove Village Hall**  
(Corner of Rt. 30 & Municipal Dr.)  
Every Saturday, 8 A.M. 'til Noon  
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**NEWS RELEASE**

Date: April 25, 2008

For more information contact:

Name: Finance Director, Justin VanVooren

Email: jvanvooren@sugar-grove.il.us

Office Telephone: 630-466-4507 ext. 12

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

First Increase in Utility Bill Rate since 2002

Users of the Sugar Grove Water and Sewer System will see their first utility bill increase since May 2002. The increase in the amount of 7% will be reflected on the June 2008 utility bill. To the average user (7,000 gallons per month) the increase will be approximately \$3.83 per month.

Utility rates changes are only implemented after a review of the operating, maintenance and replacements costs of the water and sewer system. After review by the Village's Public Utilities Rate Committee in 2002 the rates were increased by 10.4%, slightly less than the committee's recommendation. The committee further recommended increases averaging 12.5% in the following years. The subsequent increases were not instituted as during the Village Board's annual review of utility rates and operating expenses it was determined that the increases were not needed at that time.

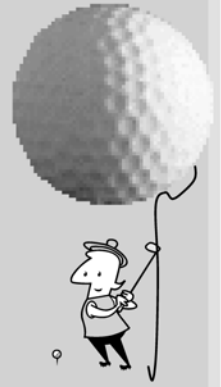
This year it has been determined that an increase is necessary due to increases in operating expenses. Operating expenses that have experienced significant increases are electric, gas and IEPA (Illinois Environmental Protection Agency) loan payments. The IEPA loans were necessary to construct and implement system improvements to meet mandates. The Board however, did not feel that the full remaining 25% increase would be needed to cover operating costs and maintain an adequate reserve for future repairs, replacement, maintenance and emergencies. A 7% increase is being implemented this year and the fund will be reviewed next year to determine if additional increases are necessary.

"In the last 10-years the Village has significantly upgraded its water and sewer infrastructure including the addition of three water treatment facilities and two new wells. These new facilities have significantly added to costs. Although an increase is necessary at this time to cover operating costs and expanded services, the diligence of staff in containing costs is obvious as the costs continue to rise yet there has not been an increase since 2002", stated President P. Sean Michels.

(Sugar Grove, IL) -



Swing into Spring  
with **Bliss Creek!**



## New Extended Restaurant Hours!

Serving Lunch & Dinner Mon.-Sat: 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday: 10:30-2 brunch, reg. menu until 7 p.m.

**Bar is now open Friday and Saturday until 1 a.m.!**

Delicious menu updates, \$3.95 bar app's 4-7 p.m. + nightly dinner specials!

# \$5.00 Off

When you spend \$25 in the restaurant.

Excludes alcoholic beverages.

Expires May 25, 2008. One coupon per table.

Not valid on holiday menu or with any other offer.



## Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

10:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. Seating

Adult: \$24.95 Kids: \$14.95 (10 and under)

Make your reservation early!



Sugar Grove, IL 60554-8104

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