

Village of Poplar Grove



Project Status

- **100 S. State:** Rehab is 85% complete.
- **Spring Projects:**
 - Veteran's Park Improvements
 - Hydrant Painting
 - West Grove Park Equipment Installation



Quick Notes from Staff



Dog Tags for use of the Village Dog Park expired Dec. 31st. New tags are available for purchase in the office. <https://www.poplargrove-il.gov/parks/page/poplar-grove-dog-park>



BS&A Payments is LIVE. Sign-up at this link: <https://bit.ly/paymybillVPG>



Go **PAPERLESS** with your Water Bill! Sign Up here: <https://www.poplargrove-il.gov/publicworks/page/paperless-billing-form>

Upcoming Events

Saturday March 14th starting at 8pm at Mortimer's Roadhouse - Saint Patrick's Day Party. 105 W. Grove Street, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Saturday March 28th, from 10am to 1pm is the Vintage Wings & Wheels Easter Event 5151 Orth Road, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Sunday March 29th from 7am to 2pm is the North Boone Fire District #3 Firefighters Association Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast. 305 West Grove Street, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

REMINDERS

- April is Permit Discount Month for all those who apply. You can save 30% on permitting fees.
- Hydrant Flushing will be in late April or early May. Watch for signs.
- Have a pool? You are eligible for a once per year sewer credit on filling your pool.
- Surf Internet & Frontier will be installing new fiber throughout the Village starting in April. Be aware.

"Spring is far more than just a changing of seasons; it's a rebirth of the spirit"

~ Toni Sorenson

Business Spotlight

H&R Block

Tax time is not everyone's favorite, but we are thrilled to have the Franchisee of the Year Winner, owner Melissa Walter heading up the Poplar Grove H&R Block. This location has been open since 2008 with Melissa & Julie owning it since 2011. CONGRATULATIONS!



MON-FRIDAY: 9am to 6pm
SATURDAY 9am to 5pm

Location: 13506 Julie Drive
Poplar Grove, IL
Contact: 815-765-3888
hrblock.com



CODE RED

Have you signed up for our Village CodeRed Alert System yet?

Stay in the loop on snow emergency, water main breaks, and other vital information that directly affects you, your neighborhood and/or community.

You can sign up at this link:
<https://accountportal.onsolve.net/poplargrovel>

Register via your
Smartphone: text
POPLARGROVE to 24639

Save the Date



This years Neighbors Fest will be **Saturday June 13th** starting at 2pm until the conclusion of Fireworks.

We'll have local organizations on hand, activities, bounce houses, games, face painting (all Free), and local food trucks with foods for purchase.

Upcoming Meetings at Village Hall

March 11th - Village Board Meeting 7pm

March 17th - Elections Going On At VH

March 25th - Village Board Meeting 7pm

April 3rd - Closed for Good Friday

April 8th - Village Board Meeting 7pm

April 22nd - Village Board Meeting 7pm

May 13th - Village Board Meeting 7pm

May 25th - Closed for Memorial Day

May 27th - Village Board Meeting 7pm

Agendas & Packet
Information:
<https://www.poplargrove-il.gov/meetings>



History

From Rails to Trails: Long Prairie Trail

The Kenosha, Rockford and Rock Island Railroad opened on July 21, 1861, and was later purchased by the Chicago and North Western Railroad. On Christmas Eve 1944, an eastbound passenger train derailed near Poplar Grove, Illinois, with the twelfth and thirteenth cars leaving the rails.

The accident claimed two lives and injured thirty-eight passengers. An investigation by the Interstate Commerce Commission determined that the accident was caused by a broken rail as a result of presence of transverse fissures.

Today, the Boone County Conservation District owns and operates the 14.2-mile paved Long Prairie Trail, built on the former railroad bed.

