

Summer 2025 - June, July, August

Village of Poplar Grove



Project Status

Road Signage Updates: Remaining roads signs will be upgraded to prismatic, per IDOT state requirements.

Rehabilitation of Diamond 2 at Lions Park: Complete.



Quick Notes from Staff

CodeRed Alert System Roll Out - sign up here:
<http://accountportal.onsolve.net/poplargrovel>
Register via your Smartphone: text
POPLARGROVE to 24639

You may receive a one-time annual sewer credit when **filling your pool** at the beginning of the season.

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

Upcoming Events

Saturday June 7th is Pup-a-palooza at Mortimer's Roadhouse organized by Small Town Heart starting at 12pm.

Monday June 9th from 9am to 10am a representative from Boone County Center for Aging will be at Village Hall to assist seniors 65+ with Medicare, License Plate discounts, property tax assessment freezes, and mental health support calls.

Saturday June 14th is the Village of Poplar Grove Neighbors Fest, starting at 4pm and ending with fireworks at 9:15pm, 200 N. Hill Street Poplar Grove IL

Sunday July 27th at Vintage Wings and Wheels Museum at 5151 Orth Road Poplar Grove starting at 10am is Antique Tractor Pull.

Boone County Fair is August 5th - August 10th at the Boone County Fairgrounds 8847 IL-76, Belvidere, IL 61008

"Summer means happy times and good sunshine."

~ Brian Wilson

Business Spotlight

J & D Marathon

J & D Countryside Marathon is a family-owned gas station and convenience store. From your car, you may have seen the car wash, vacuums and free air.

You may not know that J & D Countryside has more to offer this summer - like a propane filling station, fishing licenses, and a deli with hot and cold sandwiches, salads, and more. Looking ahead to cooler months? J & D Countryside will offer hunting licenses and fresh soup. Business owners can also call to ask about commercial and agricultural fuel delivery.

Location: 13615 IL-76

Contact: 815-765-3729,

or on Facebook

<https://www.jdcountryside.com>

NEW: Business Directory

The Community Communications Committee has been developing a business directory to support our local businesses, non-profit organizations, and social clubs.



Last Quarter Events



The State of IL & Boone County hosted an Airborne Mapping Demonstration at the Wings & Wheels Museum on Saturday March 8th 2025 to better understand how the different layers and structures below the land surface allow water to move within it.

Upcoming Meetings at Village Hall

June 11th - Village Board Meeting 7pm

June 25th - Village Board Meeting 7pm

TBD - Planning & Zoning 6pm

July 9th - Village Board Meeting 7pm

July 23rd - Village Board Meeting 7pm

TBD - Planning & Zoning 6pm

Aug 13th - Village Board Meeting 7pm

Aug 27th - Village Board Meeting 7pm

TBD - Planning & Zoning 6pm

Agendas & Packet
Information:

<https://www.poplargoove-il.gov/meetings>



History

Poplar Grove Bank was founded in 1890 by Warren Webster. It was located on the west side of the street just north of the track. It was rebuilt after a 1903 fire destroyed it and 12 other businesses. It closed in 1934 to consolidate with Farmers' National Bank in Belvidere, reopened in 1948, and later moved into a modern building located at 109 N. State Street in 1967.

The bank experienced four robberies, with notable ones in 1896, 1954, and 1955 where the culprits were never caught. In 1973, the bank owner was kidnapped and a deputy was fatally shot; the robber, was critically wounded, later tried and convicted alongside his accomplice.

The Village bought the original bank property in 2009 for \$30,000, later demolishing it to create Veterans Memorial Park. In 2019, High Point Financial Services acquired the bank at 109 N. State St. It merged with Forrester State Bank in 2020 to form Solutions Bank and in the fall of 2024 the State Street branch closed.