



Village of River Grove, Illinois

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Newsletter



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From the Mayor's Desk

Dear Friendly Neighbors,

I hope this letter finds you well. I would like to wish each and every one of you a **Happy 4th of July**. This is, by far, my favorite holiday as we celebrate our great nation's independence. Our country has had a rough start going into 2020, and although we don't always agree on all the issues, we stand united as Americans, supporting our neighbors and their right to free speech. Our forefathers fought hard to give us that right along with many other freedoms and our men and women in the military stand firm to defend those freedoms. While there is always room for improvement as a society, we can all agree that the United States is the best country on earth. As Grovers, we all work daily to keep our community a welcoming one, and to celebrate diversity. I am proud to raise my kids in our safe community, with great schools, and residents from all walks of life.

As many of you know we are now entering phase 4 of the Governor's Restore Illinois plan. Thank you to everyone who has maintained social distancing and practiced frequent enhanced hand washing to slow the spread of Covid-19. I know it has been difficult and a huge adjustment to our lives, but the sacrifices we have made were for the greater good. Phase 4 will allow for events of fifty or less and we will see our kiddie parks open. Please review the insert and stay up to date on Phase 4.

Please remember to continue to support our local businesses. It is so important to their future and the future of River Grove. Together we remain, **#RIVERGROVESTRONG**

As always, I would like to thank our first responders for their hard work during these most unusual times. Thank you for keeping us safe and always being there when we need you. Enjoy the summer, enjoy your family, and always celebrate life! Please know that I am available if you need anything.

Your friend and neighbor, David B. Guerin E-mail (mayor@rivergroveil.gov), follow me on twitter @davidbguerin

From the Water Department River Grove's Annual Water Quality Report for 2019 is now available. This report contains information regarding the source of your drinking water and compliance with the Illinois EPA Water Rules and Regulations. To view the report, go to www.rivergroveil.gov and click on the Water Quality Report button on the homepage or type www.rivergroveil.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1319/2019-Water-Quality-Report into your browser. Archived reports are also available.

From the Sewer Department Heavy downpours often result in street flooding. Sewers become surcharged, reducing their flow, thus allowing water to build up in the street. Please **DO NOT** attempt to unblock street sewers. Water in the street will dissipate as the sewers "catch up" with the demand. Clearing street sewers **PRIOR** to a drop in the sewer water level will clear water from the street, however, it will most likely end up in basements of homes without flood control systems. Please be a good neighbor and call the Water and Sewer Department at 708-452-7055 to report street flooding or blocked sewers.

From the Public Works River Grove Public Works is located at 2101 West Street. The first Saturday of every month (except July) residents can drop off electronic waste to the Public Works yard between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon. Residents can contact our Public Works department at 708-452-7055 during the week between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.



Please Remember

STOP Speeding...**STOP** Littering...and **STOP** at Stop Signs...**FOR OUR KIDS!**



Shout Out to Our Heroes!

This month we would like to recognize all of the heroes we have in our town. Our very own Police, Fire, Public Works along with other essential Village employees who have been on the front line the last few months. Not only are they ensuring our safety but trying to make life a little easier for our residents. We also have to remember all of

our residents who are in the health care profession, teachers, store employees and so many other essential workers. We salute you and say THANK YOU for all you do. Please know that you are making a difference and providing a sense of hope and normalcy to many of us. Stay positive and keep up the inspiring work!



New Development

At the June 18th board meeting the Village of River Grove, through President David B. Guerin and the Village Board, unanimously approved the mixed residential and commercial planned unit development of MB Thatcher LLC for the former Quasthoff's Flowers and River Grove Public Works sites. The planning of this project started prior to 2000. Mayor Thomas Tarpey initiated the planning efforts which Mayor Marilyn May continued to pursue, but in a relatively short period of time, the current administration has brought River Grove the new Starbucks, two luxury condo ready rental developments, the redevelopment of the Wilson Sporting Goods site that recently sold for \$43 million, and now this 79,000 square foot planned unit development to advance the transit oriented plan prepared for the Village in 2014. Although many contributed to making this development a reality, special shout out to Mayor Guerin and Finance and Economic Development Chair Trustee Obaya for staying the course and making it happen. This will be the most significant development in town since the building of Thatcher Woods Shopping Center many decades ago. The project began on June 26, 2020!



Aerial View



Site Plan

A Few Maintenance and Enforcement Reminders:

- **Since the beginning of April, River Grove's street maintenance parking has not been enforced.** This was done as a courtesy to our residents who were working from home and were not finding room on the street to move their cars to. As of July 1st parking enforcement for street maintenance has resumed. Please be sure to follow the signs posted on your block.
- **July 1st is when all vehicles were required to display the current with village sticker.** Village stickers can be purchased by visiting the Village Hall. **Hours: Monday through Friday 8am–4 pm and Saturday 8am–12 pm**
- **River Grove police officers have been authorized to enforce the updated ordinance that prohibits vehicles parking in such a way that it prohibits the normal flow of pedestrian traffic walking on a sidewalk.** In other words, if your vehicle is parked in such a way that it completely or partially blocks a sidewalk, you could receive a citation.
- **Be a good neighbor and please pick up after your pet when walking them in the neighborhood.** This is a common courtesy and we hope all of our residents will be mindful of it.

