



Village of River Grove, Illinois September 2020

Newsletter



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From the Mayor's Desk

Dear Friendly Neighbors,

September is here, and for many residents, it is the start of a new school year and learning how to e-learn with our children. For others it means the summer is coming to a close and we are closing the pool, starting to think about what color mums we may want to plant, or pulling out some fall clothing in anticipation of cooler weather.

During this last storm, although many homes, vehicles and property suffered damage, it was wonderful to see our town come together and support one another. It warmed my heart to see neighbors helping neighbors and gave great justification to the saying "River Grove is The Village of Friendly Neighbors".

Thank you to our Public Works, Police and Fire Departments for going above and beyond during our community's time of need.

I want to thank all who contributed to the River Grove Virtual Food Drive. With the support of the River Grove Lions Club \$17,100 was raised! We could not be more excited or appreciative to all who supported this campaign, especially in these uncertain times.

Labor Day is just around the corner which means a three-day weekend for many. Labor Day is not just a day off, but a day to pay tribute to the hard working men and woman who have built this country and work hard to provide for their families. Now more than ever we salute the working people of this country who are the backbone of every community. Thank you for all you do.

Covid-19 has greatly affected so many of our lives. I ask that everyone remain vigilant and keep your social distance to help stop the spread. Better times will be here soon!

My office staff and I are always available if we can be of any assistance. Thank you for choosing River Grove to work and live. I personally believe it is a great place to raise my family and I am very proud to call River Grove my home.

Send me an email with what is on your mind at mayor@rivergroveil.gov. I would love to hear from you!

Your friend and neighbor, David B. Guerin, follow me on twitter @davidbguerin

Census Update & Deadline:

The last day to file your Census report is September 30, 2020. It is so important for every family in River Grove to fill this out. The 2020 Census Takers are in River Grove working to interview households that have not yet responded to the Census. All Census employees will wear masks and follow proper safety guidelines. They will also have proper photo identification. and will not need to enter your home. If someone visits your home to gather information for the 2020 Census, check to make sure they have a valid ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date. Census workers may also carry Census Bureau bags and other equipment with the Census Bureau logo. Census takers may also deliver a paper questionnaire by hanging it on the front door in a water-resistant plastic bag. If you have questions about their identity, you can contact the regional census center to speak with a Census Bureau representative at (312) 579-1500. If you need help filling out your Census, please contact the Village at (708) 453-8000 and leave your name and number and someone will call you back to help you with this process.



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



Shout Out!

This month our SHOUT OUT is also a big THANK YOU to local businesses that have given back to the Village of River Grove. Lloyd Shaw is the owner of **LED Safety Inc. located at 2938 N. River Road**. His company provides the largest selection of reflective safety wear in the area. He has over 150 styles of reflective clothing, supplies and LED Vehicle Lights/Tow Truck Supplies/Road Safety equipment. He donated personal safety equipment to our police department and we are so grateful. Give LED Safety a call at (773) 727-2767.

Old World Brick Paving located at 3060 N. River Road is owned by longtime resident Frank Calistro Jr. Not only does he do great brick work on outside patios, sidewalks and driveways, he also does power cleaning, which is very helpful in today's environment. His company recently cleaned the Spruce Street Kiddie Park and did not charge the village. We are truly grateful for this act of kindness. Please remember Old World Brick Paving and call them at (847) 390-8765.

Mario and Sandra Bernardi own **Pine Tree Cleaners at 8236 Grand Ave.** They have been a longtime local staple here in the Village of Friendly Neighbors. They have washers and dryers as well as dry cleaning service. Mario is an electrician by trade, so it wasn't surprising that when the village electrician called him inquiring about a specialty part for an elevator in town, not only did Mario get the part, he didn't charge the village for it. Please remember Pine Tree Cleaners next time you are in need of clean clothes! Their contact number is (708) 453-2299.

Katie Muellner from **Quasthoff's Flowers located at 8125 W. Grand Ave.** brings flowers to the village hall reception area every week. These flowers put a smile on everyone's face who comes to the village, especially the employees! Call Quasthoff's at their unforgettable number; (708) 456-7890 and place an order to brighten someone's day!

We are so appreciative to these four businesses and commend them on their generosity and sense of community! River Grove is very lucky to have a strong community of great businesses, please support them and shop local when you can. **#RIVERGROVESTRONG**

New Development

On Thursday August 20, MB Thatcher LLC, the developer of the former Quasthoff's Flowers property and the River Grove Public Works facilities held a "Progress" Event that updated the public on the project. The project employs the use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds and marks the culmination of decades of planning by village leaders focusing on Transit Oriented Development (TOD). The project is a mixed-use residential commercial development within walking distance of the METRA train station. The predominantly residential portion of the project features energy efficient luxury rental units situated on the property as such to create the small town feel of River Grove. Mayor David B. Guerin stated, *"Despite the Covid-19 health crisis and all of the economic challenges that many communities are facing I am proud of the fact that we have an important development like this moving forward amidst all of the adversity. This project will fundamentally change the face of this section of our downtown"*.

