



November 2019

Village of River Grove, Illinois

# Newsletter



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## From the Mayor's Desk

### Dear Friendly Neighbors,

November is here, and I am thankful for many blessings: my wonderful family, living in a great town, with great friends and neighbors who I consider family. During this Thanksgiving season, I extend a big thank you to the Historical Committee and Public Works for hosting a fabulous day at the historical house and to the River Grove Lions for providing the pumpkins for the children.

October was eventful as Fall Flannel Fest was wet, but fun! Alpine Thunder provided seasonal entertainment, and a sincere thank you to the fest volunteers, the fire fighters for cooking, public works for setting up, and the police for keeping us safe. A shout out to our special events committee who volunteer their time to make these events stellar. I would especially like to thank the residents who didn't let a few raindrops wreck a good time. We were honored to be joined by Cook County Commissioner Peter Silvestri and our State Rep Camille Lilly, both clad in flannel. Halloween was a blast and it is always enjoyable to see both kids and adults alike dressed up at our trunk or treat event. Hats off to the residents who went above and beyond to decorate their homes. It is energizing to see all the new life happening in our community.

Finally, mark your calendars as our PACE dial-a-bus program will be launched this December and in full force for the new year. This program will transport seniors and our friends with disabilities to the hospital, grocery store, and pharmacy to pick up prescriptions. Stay tuned for further details. In closing, wishing you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving and thank you for living or doing business in our town. The Village's success depends upon all of us working together as TEAM, and I look forward to reporting on the TEAM's 2019 accomplishments at the beginning of the New Year!

**Warm Regards, Mayor David B. Guerin** E-mail ([mayor@rivergroveil.gov](mailto:mayor@rivergroveil.gov)), follow me on twitter @davidbguerin

### Village of River Grove – Construction Update

- By the time this newsletter is out, construction will have begun on the Oak, Maple and Wood Street alleys. Letters describing the construction plan were handed out to residents in the area. Street sweeping parking restrictions will be lifted on Oak, Maple, and Wood Streets to allow for added parking during construction. Garbage trucks will pick up curbside instead of in the alley. Please call (708) 453-8000 if you have questions regarding the project.
- There will also be street improvement on Tarpey Lane to the alley between Grand and Center Streets. The village is allocating for off street parking to help the lack of parking spaces along Grand Ave. and to alleviate parking congestion in the area.
- The village is also constructing a concrete alley between Marwood Street and Budd Street north of Grand Ave.
- Construction information can also be found online at [www.rivergroveil.gov](http://www.rivergroveil.gov) on the Public Works page. Thank you for your patience during the construction.



### Leyden Day of Giving

Students from Leyden High School delivered groceries and supplies to the River Grove food pantry last week. The sponsors of the Student Council, Ms. Dix and Peggy Kasallis from Unity in Community both helped facilitate this wonderful gesture for the Leyden Day of Giving.



#### **Please Remember**

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





## Shout Out!

Our November shout out goes to one of our food pantry administrators, **Billie O'Connor**. Billie moved to River Grove in 1972 with her husband Denis and 3 children, the late Kathie (former trustee), Mary and Denis Jr. Since that time she has volunteered with many organizations. She was on the Rhodes School PTA and held the President title for a time, she was district director for the Illinois PTA, a Campfire leader, a Cub Scout den leader, she coached girls' softball through



the village and taught CCD at St. Cyprian's. Billie also enjoys reading, crocheting and gardening. She is the grandma of three; Danny, Jack and Mia. Billie began working at the River Grove food pantry in 2013. Today she works there with Sue Flemm and Janice Campbell. The food pantry is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and the second Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon. To be eligible to use the River Grove food pantry a person must be a River Grove resident and fill out a simple form (no financial questions). A person can use the food pantry once a month. Billie stated that they help at least 40 families every month and some only when they need it. 75% of their customers are senior citizens. Billie said that their busiest time of year is around the holidays. If you would like to donate food or contribute money to the River Grove food pantry, please stop by the village or contact Billie at [boconnor@rivergroveil.gov](mailto:boconnor@rivergroveil.gov)

**JOIN US AND  
DONATE  
NEEDED  
ITEMS FOR  
HINES V.A.  
VETERANS!**

Neighbors is teaming up with Berkeley residents Kelly Smock and her sister, Bridget Bajkowski to collect only **NEW socks, underwear, sweatshirts, sweatpants, solid color t-shirts and hats/gloves for the men and women at Hines VA Hospital.** Watch for drop site locations!

Email [KSmock9@aol.com](mailto:KSmock9@aol.com) or Neighbors at [mel60160@aol.com](mailto:mel60160@aol.com) for info.

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The Village of River Grove is supporting this project and our Veterans by having a collection box in the village hall. Please drop off new socks, underwear, sweatshirts, sweatpants, solid color t-shirts and hats and gloves for men and women. The village hall is located at 2621 Thatcher.



Dave Guerin and his daughter Audrey, really enjoyed the Daddy Daughter glow dance sponsored by River Grove Recreation this past month.

## Senior Snow Service Program!

The village has partnered with Village Landscaping who is able to offer snow shovel service at a discounted rate to seniors. For more information call Joe or Ralph at (708) 244-8443.

