



# Newsletter

Village of River Grove, Illinois October 2020



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## From the Mayor's Desk

### Dear Friendly Neighbors,

Fall has arrived and the crispness in the air reminds us of the changing seasons. There is so much beauty in fall, especially here in River Grove, with the magnificently colored trees that line our streets. We need to embrace these changes and enjoy them.

**October is Fire Prevention month**, which is a good time to check your smoke detectors and change the batteries in them. The RGFD will install a smoke detector for any of our seniors for free. Please call (708) 716-5033 to schedule an installation.

I would like to commend our village staff for their diligence during these turbulent times. This administration stands united as we navigate these uncharted waters. The department heads, village officials and our public safety teams have banded together to slay our common enemy; Covid 19. We know some of our residents are hurting, whether it be their health or financially. We want you to know we are listening. We hear you and we are available to you.

As a small business owner I know the hardships and challenges our small local businesses are facing. We encourage our residents to support them as they see fit. I have great confidence that when this is all over our town will come back stronger than ever; our businesses will thrive along with our continued sense of community. We will remain on our path of improvement and growth while protecting the tranquility of our residential areas and growing the value of our homes. We are committed, and have been since day one, to provide great service to our residents and to keep our community a safe and healthy place to live.

We had a great Senior Bingo event at the Gazebo in September and look forward to the Trunk or Treat event on Halloween. Please be sure to register for this at the Village Hall. We are also having a blood drive in November. Please see the insert in this water bill and consider donating blood. I hope everyone has a happy and safe Halloween. As always, my office is readily available. Send me an email with what is on your mind at [mayor@rivergroveil.gov](mailto:mayor@rivergroveil.gov)

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

### Senior BINGO

On a bright and sunny Monday in September, Mayor Guerin and the Village Officials hosted a Senior Bingo event outside at River Front Park. It was an afternoon of fun for everyone. Box lunches were provided to all by TriCafe in River Grove, followed by a welcome from Mayor Dave Guerin. Mayor Guerin, who had the idea for this event, started things off by calling the first of 8 Bingo games! Everyone was a winner. Each game the players would all get a small prize, one of them being a raffle ticket, and the winner of the game received a \$25 gift card to a local eatery. The Clerk and many Trustees were also on hand to call the games. The afternoon ended with the raffle numbers being called and many fun gifts being won by our seniors.



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



## Shout Out!

**River Grove Police Officer Tony Ikitis** was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorist (AAIM) this past August. Officer Ikitis has been on the River Grove Police Force for 23 years.

AAIM sent a letter and a certificate to Officer Ikitis that states: "every year hundreds of people are killed and thousands injured as a result of alcohol and drug-related crashes in Illinois. It takes only seconds to become a victim – without warning or choice. Impaired drivers make choices, they

choose their weapons – vehicles and alcohol or drugs. AAIM conducts its Annual DUI Survey of over 700 Illinois police agencies, with funding from the Illinois Department of Transportation, wherein we request your department's top DUI Officer. In response we ask that you pay tribute to this fine officer, as one of AAIM's Top Cops, with our congratulations. You have our sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks for Officer Ikitis' exceptional public service."

River Grove is proud to have Officer Ikitis out on the streets protecting our town. Great job!



## From the Chief of Police:

Over the last several weeks, the police department has received several complaints of "mini-bikes" driving erratically and illegally on public streets, sidewalks and alleys. All residents and visitors are reminded that River Grove has an ordinance (9-17-17) prohibiting the use of motor driven cycles or electric driven cycles and scooters within village limits. Included in the motor driven cycles prohibited from use within the village boundaries are those commonly known as a "mini-bike", "moped", or scooter". Additionally, Ordinance 9-17-17 (A) goes on to define a motor driven cycle and an electric driven cycle as any motorcycle, motor scooter, motorized pedal cycle, motor driven skateboard with less than one hundred fifty (150) cubic centimeter displacement, or electric scooter, electric pedal cycle or electric skateboard, including, without limitation, any cycle or scooter that is capable of being powered by both motor or electric and human pedal power, but excluding those cycles or scooters that are only capable of being powered by human pedal power.

Persons operating an illegal motor/electric bike or scooter, within village boundaries, could be ticketed and their bike or scooter could be impounded.

## A Few Reminders From Our Code Enforcement Department

- Please pick up garbage around cans and dumpsters.
- Uncut grass, overgrown weeds and animal waste, are some of the complaints the village gets. These should be handled by the property owner before they are seen by your neighbors.
- River Grove residents are required to display their addresses on the front and rear of their property. The numbers must be large enough to read from the street or alley. The village asks residents to do this so that our police and fire departments can find homes in an emergency.
- Single family residents are allowed no more than 2 dogs and or 4 cats total. For apartment dwellers, where landlords allow pets there can be no more than 1 dog and or 2 cats total. There is no mixing of these numbers.
- Animals should be registered with the village, the fee is \$5 and you receive a tag.
- Residents are to purchase pre-paid Village of River Grove Waste Tags for additional waste and large items that are set out for collection outside the 96-gallon refuse cart which has been provided each residence. Village Waste Tags are available for purchase at the following cooperating merchant locations. These merchants are selling the tags as a community service to River Grove residents. These merchants receive no revenue from the sale of the tags; therefore, cash purchases are appreciated. ADA's European Market & Deli, 8301 West Grand Avenue, BP Gas, Mart & McDonald's, 8800 Grand Avenue (River Road & Grand), Village Hall, 2621 North Thatcher.
- Residents can drop off electronics for recycling on the first Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to Noon at the Public Works yard located at 2101 N. West Street.

All of these regulations are put in place so that we can all be proud of our community and have it look nice. Please call the Village Hall at (708) 453-8000 if you have any questions.

