



Village of River Grove, Illinois AUGUST 2021

# Newsletter



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## From the Mayor's Desk

### Dear Friendly Neighbors,

Thank you to all of the many residents who came out to the **“Saturday at the Park”** event co-hosted by the Village and the River Grove Lions. The music, weather and company were great! Make sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, August 29th from 2 to 6 p.m. when our **Unwined Jazz and Craft event** at the gazebo takes place and September 30 through October 3 for our four-day **River Front Fest at River Front Park**. We had to move this fest to the fall due to the pandemic. Our village comes alive during these events and brings our east and west sides of town together, forging new friendships and solidifying old ones. Please note that the **Combined Veterans War Re-enactment** on August 7th has been moved to Berkley Park District due to safety restrictions put in place to protect our forest preserves. We are grateful to our Combined Veterans, please support them any chance you can.

Please pardon our dust, we have many projects going on in the village as stated in last month’s newsletter. While we are proud of the many completed miles of streets and alleys we are upgrading and resurfacing, we know the most important street or alley to you is the one you use every day. Thank you for your patience as we get to your neck of the woods. We invite you to review the road condition study on our website that **CMAP (Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning)** completed for the village at no charge. This will give you an accurate snapshot of road conditions around town. Rest assured, my TEAM and I will not stop pursuing funding until every road and alley has been addressed.

As always, my office staff and I are always available if we can be of any assistance.

Your friend and neighbor, David B. Guerin (E-mail: [mayor@rivergroveil.gov](mailto:mayor@rivergroveil.gov), Twitter: [@davidbguerin](https://twitter.com/davidbguerin))

### Saturday at the Park

On Saturday July 17th, the Village of River Grove and the River Grove Lions Club sponsored **“Saturday at the Park”**. It was a day of music, food and fun for the whole family. The Lions Club members had the grills going, cooking up lots of delicious food for purchase. There were prize baskets raffled off, the annual bags tournament, split the pot and more. The music was provided by **Mistaken Identity and Brass from the Past**, both big crowd pleasers. Lions Club members really appreciated all the people who came out to support the organization and all that they do.



Pictured: Oak Park Mayor Vicki Scamman, River Grove Village Clerk & Lions Club President Margie Manchen, Cook County Commissioner Peter Silvestri, River Grove Mayor Dave Guerin and Schiller Park Mayor Nick Caiata.

## August Shout Out!

This month's Shout Out! goes to the River Grove Summer Helpers. The Village of River Grove Summer Help Program allows high school and college students from the community to work in temporary positions over the summer. These hard working young adults assisted Public Works with the daily summer duties of watering the flowers around town, grass cutting, tree trimming, among other things including helping out with special events. The Village Hall team assisted the Clerk's office during the busy "sticker season" and helped in the Building Department during its busy season. They also helped in answering phones, helping residents who came in and processing paperwork. Great job everyone! Pictured is the Public Works team from left to right; Brandon Galanis, Matt Blasinski, Dalilah Villagomez, Anthony Calistro, Joe Gussie, Jacob Peace, Joe Cichy and the Village Hall team; Julianna Ashbeck, Claire Widseth and Anna Muellner.



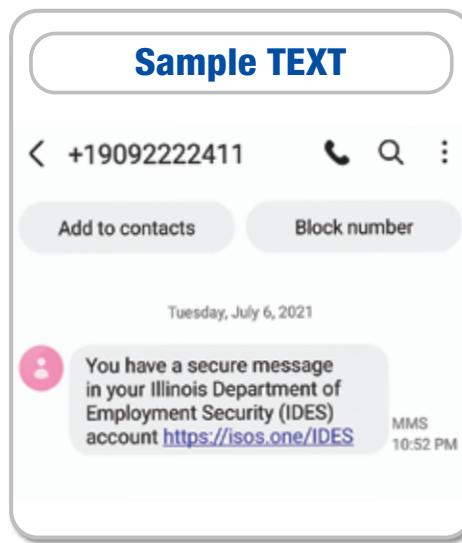
## A Few Maintenance and Enforcement Reminders:

- **Is your pet registered?** For the safety of our residents and their pets the village requires that owners purchase an annual pet license (cats & dogs) that expires every June 30th. The license requires proof of rabies vaccination and the fee is \$5. There is no late fee, so if you haven't already, please stop by the village to purchase.
- **Per village code** – pets must be leashed when in a public area.
- **Please keep garbage receptacle lids closed.** Keeping lids closed keeps litter in and animals out!
- **Help to keep the village looking great** by keeping your garage apron free from weeds and debris.

*Friendly  
Reminders*

## From the River Grove Police - IDES Phishing Scam

A new phishing scam is going around involving text messages allegedly sent from the **Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES)**. IDES has confirmed that they will never send out a text message asking for personal information, such as a social security number, driver's license number, and date of birth. If you receive an unsolicited text message from the IDES (see the example picture), ignore and block it. If you have provided personal information through a text message link, report the potential fraud to IDES immediately call **(800) 814-0513**.



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