



Village of River Grove, Illinois Nov. 2021 Newsletter



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From the Mayor's Desk

Dear Friendly Neighbors,

Autumn is here and this just may be the most beautiful time of year in River Grove. The forest preserve is changing colors and the trees that line our streets shed their beautiful leaves. We take down our Halloween decorations and prepare for Thanksgiving.

On October 15th, one of our own was returned home from overseas. Sergeant Francis W. Wiemerslage went missing over 76 years ago during World War II. This hero was finally returned to River Grove and on October 23rd he was buried with full military honors. Thank you to the various veteran organizations, service groups and our public safety team for escorting him with honor. Thank you, Sergeant Wiemerslage, for your service and for making the ultimate sacrifice for our country. God Bless all Veterans and their families for protecting our freedoms.

Our Youth Government program is in full swing and rest assured the future of our town is in great hands with these terrific candidates. This recreation program has been in place since the early 1970's. It gives 8th grade students the opportunity to run for office and serve as Mayor, Trustee, Chief or one of many other positions in town. We are proud of our working relationships with both Rhodes and River Grove Schools. They have great teachers and good programs, which is one of the many reasons River Grove is so desirable to young families.

Thanks for taking the time to read our monthly newsletter, stay tuned to our website for up to date info.

I am so grateful to be Mayor of this great town, from my family to yours, have a Happy Thanksgiving.

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



Sergeant Francis W. Wiemerslage

Reminders and Upcoming Dates

- Youth Government Night 11/18, 6 p.m. in the Village Board Room
- Veterans Day 11/11 the Village will be closed in observance
- Thanksgiving Holiday 11/25-27 the Village will be closed
- Tree Lighting 12/1, 6:30 p.m. at River Grove School
- Holiday House Decorating Contest through 12/15. More details to follow in the next newsletter.
- Santa Stop hosted by the River Grove Fire Department 12/12, details to follow.



Keep up with all of our events and important dates by visiting us on the web at www.rivergroveil.gov or on Facebook at **Village of River Grove**. We are also on twitter **@RiverGroveIL**.



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

Shout Out!

Rob Wright is Deputy Chief of the River Grove Police Department. Rob has 32 years of law enforcement experience, thirty of which were dedicated to the Village of Franklin Park as a patrol officer, sergeant and Commander of the Patrol Division. He obtained his Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration through Loyola University and is a graduate of the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command. Rob has been married to his wife Colleen for 29 years and has two grown boys. Having an in-depth knowledge of all aspects of police work, Rob is looking forward to utilize his skills and experience to assist in moving the police department forward and building lasting relationships with the officers, Village employees and the River Grove community.



Street Improvements The dust has been flying on Village improvements this year!

Finley Street Improvements: The water main replacement and sewer improvement have been completed. The contractor will begin replacing the existing lead water services pipes with copper, as well as completing the restoration of the roadway in the coming month.

2021 Roadway Improvements: The Village awarded a contract to Brothers Asphalt Paving, the low bidder for the project. The project addresses several sections of street that were rated very low in the pavement condition survey completed for the Village by CMAP. The following streets are being improved:

1. Palmer Avenue from Leyden to Fifth
2. Trumbull Avenue from Palmer to Belden
3. Belden Avenue from Trumbull to Fifth
4. Beulah Avenue from Chestnut to Franklin
5. Belden Avenue from Finley to West



2021 Sidewalk Program: The Village will be replacing \$100,000 in trip spots on the village's main sidewalk. J Nardulli Concrete, Inc. was the low bidder for the second year in a row; we look forward to having the sidewalk completed by the middle of November. To be considered for next year's program please contact Public Works at (708) 452-7055 so your location can be added to the list.

2021 Pavement Patching Program: The Village will also be completing a pavement patching program with Brothers Asphalt Paving. The primary focus is on Elm Street and Spruce Street between Fullerton and Grand.

2021 Water Meter Project: Calumet City Plumbing is still making progress on the installing of the new meter registers on the system. The Village is very thankful for all the cooperation it has received thus far on the program.

Lost and Found: Pet Edition

When the River Grove Police Department is notified of a stray animal it is their goal to return it to its owner. RGPD no longer has a place to bring stray animals for holding so they may ask the finder to hold the animal if possible, until the owner can retrieve their pet. If your pet is out loose, you can receive a citation. Check that your gates latch properly and train your pet to only go out the door when invited. Pets do get out, it happens, so give your pet the best chance to get back home. Please make sure your pet is microchipped and the microchip information is updated. Your pet should be wearing a collar with tags that include the village registration tag and a nametag with an address and phone number. **On Saturday November 6th there will be a free Rabies Vaccination / Microchip Clinic in the Village Hall parking lot.** This is co-hosted by Mayor Guerin and the Anti-Cruelty Society. Presented in partnership with the Cook County Department of Animal and Rabies Control and Cook County Commissioner Peter Silvestri, 9th District.

Senior Snow Removal Program

The Village of River Grove and East Leyden High School students have partnered to assist River Grove senior citizens with snow removal. A shovel may need to be provided, the Village will verify with the students. The rate will be \$10.00 per house and includes the following:

- A path from your front door to your sidewalk/street/stairs
- A path from your back door to your garage door

Additional charges will apply for the following and will be discussed and handled with the student that is assisting you:

- Salting (resident must provide)
- Shoveling driveways, carport, parking space(s)

Payment must be made at time of service. Please contact Gina Leder at (708) 453-8000 ex. 308 and she will assign a student to assist.