



Village of River Grove, Illinois JULY 2022

Newsletter



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From the Mayor's Desk

Dear Friendly Neighbors,

It was great to see everyone on Shred Day. Public Works and Lion Club Members were on hand to shred residents' sensitive documents, dispose of old paint and medications, as well as old tires and worn American flags. A big thank you to the River Grove Lions for organizing this annual event.

We have many community events coming up. First is our **Dog Wellness Fair** on Saturday July 9th at the Kathy Bruce Recreation Center/American Legion. This is a great opportunity for dog owners to update their dog's rabies shots and get them microchipped **at no cost**. (Limited to the first 75 dogs.) In the case of an emergency and your dog gets lost, our police department can scan the chip and call you immediately. We understand that our pets are family, let us give them the TLC they deserve. Next is our senior's **Music in the Park** on Thursday July 14th and then our Police Department is planning their annual **National Night Out** on August 2nd. Lastly, save the dates for our **Fall Flannel Fest** on Saturday October 1st, where I will be hosting the **Mayor's Stein Hoisting Competition** along with some great music and kids activities, and **UnWined**, which will be held on Sunday October 2nd...more to come on all these events! Be sure to watch our **Facebook** page or check our website (www.rivergroveil.gov) for information on all these upcoming events.

In closing, I would like to take a moment to say God Bless the USA! The fourth of July is such an important day as we celebrate our nation's independence. I am so proud to be an American, and while we all have different views and ideas... we all respect the fact that America allows us to have those views and ideas. So cheers to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Please celebrate safely with your friends and family.

Warm regards, David B. Guerin, follow me on twitter [@davidbguerin](https://twitter.com/davidbguerin)

Congratulations!

June was a busy month for River Grove. Mayor David B. Guerin swore in newly appointed **Trustee Ben Ramirez**. We also celebrated River Grove Police Officer **Robert Conway's** promotion to Sergeant.



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

Shout Out! Phil Buffalo

Phil is a full-time Code Enforcement Officer for the Village of River Grove. He was raised on Chicago's Northwest side and attended Triton College where he received his Stationary Engineers license in 1982. Phil was employed by the Marriott Corporation and worked in the Engineering Department for 13 years. He came to the Village of River Grove in 1982 as a paid, on-call Firefighter/EMT and remained with the department until he retired in 2010. At that time, he was part of the transition to Advanced Life Support Paramedic Service and was involved in the start of full-time, around the clock emergency services. In 1992 Phil became a Firefighter/Paramedic for the Village of Mount Prospect where he attained the rank of Battalion Chief before retiring in 2017. He still resides in Chicago with his wife and 12-year-old daughter. The Village is thrilled to have Phil here full-time as part of our Building Department. He brings a lot of knowledge and professionalism to the team.



RGFD Gets A New Ambulance

River Grove has a new ambulance. Our residents can rest assured that if they ever need an ambulance, here in River Grove, it will be equipped with state of the art technology in prehospital care and conveyance. The new ambulance is equipped with a new Stryker powered ambulance cot that will help prevent employee back injuries and allow them to lift patients up to 700 lbs. Additionally, there is a **LIFEPAK 15 Defibrillator (including heart rate monitoring and 12-Lead EKG acquisition and interpretation)** that alerts the users to sudden changes. These allow the RGFD to provide leading-edge patient care.



Grand Avenue Construction!

The Illinois Department of Transportation will soon begin the project of repaving Grand Avenue. IDOT has bumped the project up on their schedule and have bid the repaving of Grand Avenue between Harlem Avenue and Elm Street. K-Five Construction is the contractor that will be completing the work. **The tentative start date was June 24, 2022. The project is slated to take about three to four months to complete.** While this construction will undoubtedly cause some traffic issues when traveling on either side of the river, there is no question that the work is needed. Village Engineer Mark Lucas commented. *"We all look forward to better than expected progress leading to an earlier completion date."* However, during the construction let us all exercise patience and appreciate that the temporary inconvenience will lead to a greatly improved Grand Avenue.

Capture and Reuse Stormwater

Rain barrels capture rainwater from your roof and save it for when you need it. By keeping this water out of the sewer system, they can also help reduce sewer overflows and flooding.

You can use rain barrel water to wash your car, water your lawn, or clean work boots and tools. Rain barrel water is naturally free of chlorine, lime, and calcium and some gardeners swear their plants prefer it. However, since rain barrel water is runoff from your roof, do not drink it!

Most homes can benefit from rain barrels. If you have areas of unpaved, pervious ground near your downspouts, rain barrels should work in your yard. Homeowners throughout Cook County have incorporated rain barrels into their yards with great results.

For more information on rain barrels go to mwr.org/rain-barrels

Order rain barrels here rainbarrel.ca/mwr/

A Rain Barrel At Work

