



Village of River Grove, Illinois September 2022

Newsletter



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From the Mayor's Desk

Dear Friendly Neighbors,

Summer has come to an end and school is back in session. By the time you read this, I hope you enjoyed an extended weekend in observation of **Labor Day**. Salute to the hard-working Americans who have made this country what it is through their labor and hard work. Their dedication and demand of a better work environment, fair pay, and safe conditions has given us the standard of work that we all have come to expect today; empowering workers to better provide for their families and pursue the American dream.

Residents, we have many things going on in the next few weeks. Our **Village Blood Drive** will take place on Thursday September 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call **1-800-RED-CROSS** to register. Additionally, make sure you take full advantage of our **Mobile Secretary of State** right here in beautiful River Grove on September 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Save yourself a trip to the DMV and renew your State ID, Driver's License and many other quick services. Both of these events will be held at the **Kathy Bruce/American Legion Center at 8664 Grand Ave**. Please call the Village at **(708) 435-8000** or check out our website at www.rivergroveil.gov for more information.

We will hold our annual **Fall Flannel Fest** on October 1 at River Front Park from 2 to 10:30 p.m. Come out with the family and enjoy some live music, great food booths, and plenty of cold beverages. There will be lots for the kids to do. We have pony rides, a petting zoo, a face painter and a huge inflatable corn maze! The next day, Sunday October 2, we will hold our annual **UnWined** event at River Front Park. That will take place from 2 to 6 p.m. Come out for an afternoon of jazz, wine, some light bites, and visit our many crafter tables, just in time for the fall holidays and Christmas! We are also offering a **Sip and Paint** this year that will be facilitated by **Scamp Studios**. Visit our website to sign up.

Thanks for allowing me to serve you, it's a great honor and privilege.

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



Last month at **National Night Out**, the RGPD came out to serve the community food and offer games, gifts and fun for the whole family. NNO is a community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.



Mayor David B. Guerin met with Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart and Cook County Commissioner Peter Silvestri to discussed police retention and public safety.

Shout Out!

This month's **SHOUT OUT** goes to all of the high school and college kids from River Grove who worked for the Village as Public Works and Office summer help. We are able to complete a lot of projects with the help of these young adults. We want to thank them for their service and wish them luck in the coming year.

Pictured from left to right: Jake Galanis, Luke Blasinski, Jacob Peace, Anthony Calistro, Jakub Dabek, Brandon Galanis, Matt McBrien.

Not Pictured: Joe Cichy and Office summer help; Michelle Styrczula.



2022 Ditka Drive & Alley Improvement Project

The project will replace the existing deteriorated asphalt alley pavement and place new "green" concrete alleys west of Julian Terrace and south of Grand Avenue. In addition, the Village will be reconstructing Ditka Drive and adding parking along the west side of the street for users of the playground. The work on Ditka Drive will start the week August 21, 2022 and run through the month of September. During this time, Ditka Drive will be closed. After Ditka Drive is completed, the alley work will begin. The work in the alleys will take approximately 28 days, during which, there will be no access to garages or parking lots from the alley. Generally, the first task to be performed is alley excavation. Once the excavation begins, the alley will not be accessible for approximately four (4) weeks. During this time, the contractor will excavate the alley, install aggregate base course, install the concrete alley pavement, allow the concrete alley pavement to cure and gain strength for approximately seven (7) days, install the permeable brick pavers, and install the garage aprons. Once the garage aprons have obtained a sufficient strength, the alley will be re-opened to traffic. If you should have any questions about this notice or about the project in general, or if you should need assistance during the project please feel free to contact the following at your convenience: **Brock Leder, Director of Public Works (708) 452-7055, Mark Lucas, Village Engineer (708) 865-0300 or Alex Phillips, Project Engineer (708) 865-0300.** While the project may cause inconvenience, we know that result will be well worth it for years to come! We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during the construction of these improvements.

A Message From the River Grove Building Department

The Village and Building Department realize what an expense and often complicated procedure a remodeling or new construction project can be, so we want you to know we are available to help you. A simple phone call to **(708) 453-8007** will connect you to the Building Department where questions can be answered regarding building codes, permits, zoning and contractors.

Permits must be obtained for any work exceeding \$100 in value except painting, decorating or landscaping. All contractors involved in doing work must have a current River Grove business license for your project.

The River Grove Building Department works to protect the public health, safety and welfare in all new and existing structures. The Department strives to enforce life safety standards by reviewing building plans, issuing building permits and inspecting buildings during various stages of construction. Obtaining a building permit is an **IMPORTANT** safety step. The permit process allows the building department to reduce potential hazards of unsafe construction, ensure that building codes are met and appropriate materials are used. Remember to apply for a permit before starting construction or remodeling work. For example: decks, roofs, windows, concrete, siding, tuckpointing, interior work to name a few. If you are uncertain about permit requirements for your project, please call the **Building Department at (708) 453-8007.**

***If any of our residents need assistance with flood control. Please call the Village Building Department for details.

Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act

Gov. JB Pritzker signed into law the **Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act**, making Illinois the third state in the nation to require full replacement of lead drinking water pipes. The bill signing creates a path for resources from federal infrastructure legislation that could require lead pipe replacements across the nation. Illinois has more lead pipes than any other state in the nation. As of January 1, 2022 the Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act took effect. In response to this Act, the Village of River Grove is implementing its Lead Service Line Replacement Program. The program's first step was to gather information regarding what type of pipe is servicing each building in the Village, which happened during the recent water meter replacement. The next step, as required by the new law, is for the Village to notify each home that was identified as having lead as part of their water service, as it becomes aware of it. The Village will be sending notices out to those residences in September. Please note: the Village may be still reviewing some services.

Next Steps

For Residents: If your residence **has not been** found to have at least a portion of the incoming water service to your property consisting of lead, you **will not** receive a notification, and no action is needed.

If your residence **has been** found to have at least a portion of the incoming water service to your property consisting of lead, **you will** receive a notification with further information.

For the Village: Once the service line inventory is complete, the Village will develop a comprehensive lead service line replacement program. This program will create a prioritized schedule to replace lead service lines and a funding strategy to pay for service line replacement. The Village intends to apply for significant state and/or federal funding to offset the cost of private lead service line replacement and will present information as it becomes available. For more information visit www.rivergroveil.gov or call the **Water Department (708) 453-8000 press 4**