



Village of River Grove, Illinois March 2023

Newsletter



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From the Mayor's Desk

Dear Friends,

February was a fun month between the Super Bowl, Valentine's Day and Fat Tuesday! We also honored Black Americans and their contribution to this great country throughout the years during Black History month. A big thanks to everyone who came out to donate blood at our annual Red Cross Blood Drive. The town's participation only reaffirms that we are the Village of Friendly Neighbors who love and care about our neighborhood and that we are compassionate to those in need.

We roar into March and more good times with March Madness, St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day. I encourage everyone to support the River Grove Lions St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser. It is on Sunday March 12th from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Underpass Lounge. The Lions have a long tradition of helping those in need and especially those in need in River Grove.

Don't forget that Early Voting starts March 20th. You can vote early at several different locations around the area. The closest locations to us are the Elmwood Park Village Hall (11 Conti Parkway) and the Franklin Park Village Hall (9500 Belmont Ave). Your voice matters and your vote counts!

The Easter Bunny will be visiting River Grove on Saturday April 1st at River Front Park for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Be sure to register your children for this free event open to River Grove residents.

Your friend and neighbor, **Dave Guerin**

Quiet Zone Update from the Village Engineer

Last month the Village continued to get closer to establishing a Quiet Zone in River Grove. The Village's contract with Superior Road Striping is well underway, with delineators and signage having been put in place. The remaining work item is the improvement to pavement markings. This work is dependent on weather and temperature so it will occur in late March of this year. Once the pavement markings are completed, the Villages of River Grove and Franklin Park will file their notices to the FRA, ICC, IDOT and the railroads, informing them that the safety measures required to meet the establishment of the Quiet Zone have been installed. After a thirty-day period the Quiet Zone will be established. Until the Quiet Zone is officially established, trains are required to blow their horns when at a roadway crossing.

After the Quiet Zone is established, trains will still blow horns under the following conditions.

- When a vehicle, person or animal is on or near the track and the crew determines it is appropriate to provide warning.
- When track or construction workers are within 25 feet of a live track.
- In other emergency cases.

CMAP Comes to River Grove

Mayor Guerin introduced the CMAP (The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning) team as they presented to a full house at the River Grove Community Center last month. The informative presentation called for a great deal of input from the residents. They were broken out into groups and went to different areas to discuss what is most important to them to keep River Grove viable and what is needed to bring us into the future. Those areas included: Economic Development, Transportation, Parks & Environment, what people liked most about RG and what they would change. The CMAP team will now take this information back to compile the recommendations and to work on a comprehensive plan for River Grove.



Shout Out! Jessica Kroske

Jessica Kroske is the newest employee to join the River Grove Administrative Staff. She was hired to support the front office on a part time basis. She brings experience and a positive attitude to the team and is already proving to be a great asset to the Village. Jessica lives in River Grove with her three children. She loves to shop and do DIY (do it yourself) projects for her home. Jessica also likes to travel to neighboring states and she loves hosting family gatherings and parties. In her down time, Jessica enjoys binge watching tv shows and catching up on some light reading. Next time you are in the Village Hall, be sure to say "Hi" to Jessica and introduce yourself!



River Front Fest 2023

Plans for the 2023 River Front Fest are almost complete. This annual event will take place **Thursday through Sunday; June 1-4**. We will, once again, have a premier carnival all 4 days with the opportunity to purchase wristbands ahead of time. We are really excited about our musical line up this year as we welcome back many familiar bands such as **16 Candles, Hi Infidelity, Blooze Brothers, The Pondhawks and DJ Geno DelBoccio**. We are also happy to announce the addition of **Mike & Joe**, a premium Chicago band that will bring an awesome mix to our headliners along with a Motown band and a Country band as well as a few local surprises. There will be many food options with both food trucks and food booths available, along with the usual beverages for fest goers to enjoy. Watch our social media platforms and future newsletters for all the details.



A Few Reminders:

From LRS (Lake Shore Recycling) the Village's garbage hauler:

BULK ITEMS: Bulk items (that do not fit into your refuse cart) are collected loose, on your regular day of service. If an item exceeds 50lbs, residents may need to call **LRS (773-685-8811)** to schedule a special pickup. If a "bulk" item is considered hazardous, unacceptable for landfills or deemed unacceptable to take as garbage, the item(s) will not be taken.

MATTRESS/BOX SPRING: Mattresses and box/bed springs are required to be in a plastic mattress cover and taped securely shut. Plastic mattress covers may be purchased at retail outlets such as Walmart, Lowes, Menards, Home Depot and storage unit facilities. Each bulky item requires one waste sticker to service.

Stickers are \$2 each and may be purchased at:

- **RIVER GROVE VILLAGE HALL, 2621 N. THATCHER AVE.**
- **BP GAS MART & MCDONALD'S, 8800 W. GRAND AVE. (RIVER ROAD AND GRAND)**

From Village Code Enforcement:

The Village of River Grove has an ordinance that Holiday decorations may not be displayed for longer than 60 days after the holiday. March 1 would have been the deadline for Christmas decorations. Please be a good neighbor and take down those decorations.



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