



Village of River Grove, Illinois April 2023

# Newsletter



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**From the Mayor's Desk**

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## Dear Friends,

Spring has sprung and with that we have another annual Easter Egg Hunt at beautiful River Front Park in the books. Thank you to Katie and her team at the Recreation Department for organizing this annual tradition. Along with the candy and the bunny, Easter is a very holy day to many within our community, signifying a joyful end to the Lenten season. I would like to wish everyone a wonderful celebration with your families on Easter Sunday.

The environment is important to all of us, and this administration makes decisions with our future generations in mind. We have been replacing our Building Department fleet with electric cars, engineering permeable pavers in our future infrastructure projects where feasible, and continuing our long tradition of maintaining our "Tree City USA" status. Trees provide shade, keep water out of our basements, and provide fresh air for us to breathe. Trees also look great and increase the value of your property. Please join us on Arbor Day, Friday, April 28th at 10 am at our newest park, Thatcher Woods Playground. We will dedicate the park and plant new trees to be enjoyed by all for years to come.

Mark your calendars for River Front Fest June 1-4. This year is set to be one of the biggest Fests yet as we host some of the most popular fest bands available. The carnival is coming back as well, and we will have some great food trucks and vendors. Stay tuned for special wristbands pre-sale deals for River Grove residents. Seniors or folks with special needs, please let us know and we have shuttle pick you up from your car and safely get you into the fest grounds. A BIG thank you to our sponsors for supporting the fest year after year. Call the Village for sponsorship opportunities or any other inquiry about the fest.

My staff and I are always available to you. Drop me a line at [mayor@rivergoveil.gov](mailto:mayor@rivergoveil.gov) or give me a phone call at (708) 453-8000. What is important to you is important to me.

Your friend and neighbor, **Dave Guerin**

## River Grove Celebrates International Women's Day

March was Women's History Month. A special Presidential Proclamation is issued every year which honors the extraordinary achievements of American women. The women who work at the Village celebrated **International Women's Day** on March 8. This day is a global holiday celebrated annually, the purpose of which is to uphold women's achievements, recognize challenges, and focus greater attention on women's rights and gender equality. Mayor Guerin recognized this day and stated, *"We are lucky to have such a dedicated group of women working here at the Village, they should be celebrated every day!"*



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



## Shout Out! Julie Smith

This month's SHOUT OUT goes to village employee Julie Smith. You may recognize Julie if you go into the Village Hall to pay your water bill or get your vehicle sticker. She is the one greeting you with a smile and her friendly personality. Julie has worked for the village for seven years as an Administrative Clerk. She brings a wealth of municipal knowledge and experience to her position; prior to working in River Grove, she worked 8 1/2 years at Village of Elmwood Park and 2 1/2 years at the Village of Schiller Park. Julie lives with her husband and son in Elmwood Park. Her son will be graduating in a few weeks and will be attending Oakton College in the fall. During her time off she sings at St. Celestine and St. Cyprian churches for weddings and funerals and is a cantor for the masses.



## RGPW Recognizes Autism Awareness Month

The month of April is **Autism Awareness Month**. River Grove Public Works is raising money for autism awareness through Autism Speaks. Autism Spectrum Disorder is a developmental disorder characterized by behavioral and communicational afflictions that impact a person's ability to navigate social interactions and also causes repetitive and restricted behavior. To make a tax deductible donation please go to [autismspeaks.org/fundraising-events](https://autismspeaks.org/fundraising-events), click on **Fundraise Your Way**, search **TEAM RIVER GROVE PUBLIC Works** and donate. Thank you for all your support!



## River Grove Recreation: Spring Sports and Game Night

The River Grove River Hawks are having an Outdoor Soccer Camp and an Outdoor Flag Football Camp starting this month. Soccer Camp features games, drills and contests. Flag Football Camp features scrimmages and drills. Both programs have sessions for 6-8 year olds and 9-12 year olds and are held at National Field. Resident discounts are available. Go to [rivergroveil.gov/activities](https://rivergroveil.gov/activities) for more info.

The Recreation Department is hosting a **Mother and Son Game Night** on Friday April 28th from 6-8 PM. This free activity is open to River Grove resident moms and their sons 12 and under. Enjoy board games, food, gaming and more! Register @ [rivergroveil.gov/activities](https://rivergroveil.gov/activities).

## Village Reminders

- The Historical House will be giving free tours of the house the third Sunday of every month, beginning in April and continuing through October. The house will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. on those days.
- Sponsorships are available for the 2023 River Front Fest. Please visit our website or call Shawn Campbell at (708) 779-8012.
- **HELP WANTED!** The Village of River Grove is currently looking to hire a Finance Administrator and Public Works Summer Help. Please visit our website at [www.rivergroveil.gov/jobs](https://www.rivergroveil.gov/jobs) for more information.