



Village of River Grove, Illinois August 2023

# Newsletter



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From the Mayor's Desk

## Dear Friends,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. I would like to take a moment to thank our police department for hosting another successful **National Night Out**. This annual tradition is spearheaded by our great police department and gives the community, young and old, the opportunity to meet with our police officers. Thanks to everyone who made it out!

If you missed our police event don't worry because we have **Brew, View and Bingo** on August 4. We are also very excited about the return of the **River Grove Lions Steak and Lobster Fest**. They always deliver with great food, music and entertainment! Hope to see you and the whole family there as they dedicate the **Sensory Path** which encompasses **Lions Park**. The path is a unique experience to stimulate the senses of hearing, touch and smell. The Lions have worked very hard to complete this path and it is the talk of District 1A among other Lions Clubs. River Grove is proud to be the home of such a large and active club. Thank you to all Lions for their contributions throughout the years.

On July 20th the Village Board approved a contract to repave West and Palmer. This project was delayed during the pandemic, and we are all looking forward to this project being completed. Along with new paving, truck traffic mitigation will be installed as protection from commercial trucks driving through our residential areas. It has always been the goal of this administration to protect the tranquility of our single-family homes.

Finally, stay tuned for information about our new garbage haulers, Flood Brothers. Some of the highlights are new cans, larger recycling bins, senior rates, elimination of "take away tags", and best of all... lower rates. Coming from a small business background it's always been important for me to fight for my neighbors and get them the best deal possible. Our Public Works and office staff will be doing everything to make this transition as seamless as possible.

Your friend and neighbor, **Dave Guerin**

## River Grove Dog Wellness Fair was a Success!

The River Grove Dog Wellness Fair had a great turn out. Over 90 furry dogs stopped by for exams, vaccinations, behavioral tips, training resources and micro chipping. This event was sponsored by the Anti-Cruelty Society, Mayor Dave Guerin and the Village of River Grove. Event coordinator, Joanne Widseth said, *"It was wonderful to see so many dogs receive such great veterinary care!"*



**Please Remember**

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

## Shout Out! River Grove Finance Team

The River Grove Finance Team has been awarded the GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) Award of Financial Reporting Achievement.

This distinguished award is the highest award given for government financial reporting. **Village Comptroller, Greg Peters** said, *"There are two major benefits in receiving the GFOA Award of Financial Reporting Achievement: 1) The process to achieve the award requires the Village's annual financial report (ACFR) to fully disclose the status of the Village's finances in an understandable format recognized on a national basis. 2) Being a recipient of the award also generally indicates a higher level of financial management and controls are in place which can bode well when the Village is rated by bond rating agencies."*



Mayor Dave Guerin, Janet Matthys (Finance Manager), Joanne Widseth (Benefits), Kirstie Pawlik (Finance Administrator), Greg Peters (Comptroller)

**Mayor David B. Guerin** proudly recognized the team and the award by stating, *"Congratulations to our Finance Department on receiving an award for their excellence in reporting. The Village of River Grove has never been in better financial shape and that is due to the hard work of our finance team who in my opinion is the best in the state, maybe the country."*

## Illinois Secretary of State Mobile DMV is coming to River Grove

Mayor David B. Guerin, the Village Officials and the Illinois Secretary of State have partnered to bring the Mobile DMV to River Grove. It will be at the **Recreation Center located at 8664 W. Grand Avenue on Tuesday, August 22nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Residents will be able to renew their **identification card** or obtain a new **identification card, renew their driver's license, purchase license plate stickers and by appointment only - obtain a REAL ID.** Please go to the Village of River Grove website ([rivergroveil.gov](http://rivergroveil.gov)) for information on what documents of identification will be needed to get your **REAL ID** and where to call for an appointment.

## River Grove Rate Your Mayor 2023 Feedback

The residents of River Grove are my boss and it's time for my review. **THANK YOU** in advance for taking time to share your feedback. Please visit our website at [www.rivergroveil.gov](http://www.rivergroveil.gov) and offer your thoughts. This is entirely anonymous, and I am so grateful for your help in learning how to serve you better.



## Garbage Update and Reminder

- Please be sure to read Mayor Guerin's letter in this newsletter. The Village will be changing garbage haulers to Flood Brothers, beginning in September. Residents will receive a detailed letter from Flood Brothers in mid-August. We will also have details on our website and social media platforms. Be sure to watch for more information.
- When disposing of a mattress please be sure it is wrapped in some type of plastic for the safety of our drivers and to protect the item from the weather. Plastic packing wrap, a dollar store tablecloth, a mattress disposal bag or even trash bags that have been cut up and taped around the item would all be acceptable options for curbside pickup on an upcoming service day.