



Village of River Grove, Illinois June 2024

# Newsletter



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## Dear Neighbors and Friends,

Pride of ownership comes beaming through in the month of June. It's a pleasure walking around town and seeing the upgrades residents are doing to their homes. Additions, paver patios, new decks, the list is endless. People are investing in their homes and they are here to stay. Property values in our village are at an all-time high and our village has never been more desirable to growing families and investors alike.

River Grove has a diverse range of housing options from condominiums, single family homes, most recently townhomes for those who like low maintenance living and soon 55 and up age restricted options. River Grove's great location, good schools, big city access and small-town feel make our village one the most desirable suburbs in Chicagoland and a great place to raise a family.

All these factors contribute to our great town, but to me the number one reason our village is so great, is the residents. Whether you are from a family who has been here for generations or brand new to town, once you get River Grove into your blood, you never want to leave!

By the time you're reading this we have another **River Front Fest** in the books! Thanks to all who attended and thank you to all the volunteers, River Front Fest committee and our public safety team for all working together to make our fest better every year!

Since day one as your Mayor I have partnered with surrounding towns advocating for a better trail system throughout our forest preserve. I am happy to announce that our village received a \$550,000 federal grant to fund the design portion of our Des Plaines River Trail system. The trail offers biking, running, hiking and other recreational activities to our community. Stay tuned as this project progresses.

**Have a wonderful fourth of July!** Please have fun and celebrate safely. I hope to see you at one of our great parks, a tee ball game or one of our restaurants in town.

Your friend and neighbor, **Dave Guerin**

## Congratulations to the River Grove Police Department

For the fourth year in a row, the River Grove Police Department received Gold level recognition as part of the Lexipol Connect Recognition Program. Lexipol tracks and rates RGPD's performance in policy training and policy management. In 2023, RGPD officers, supervisors, and administrators continued to consistently reach above-average levels in policy training and policy management which led to Lexipol's Gold level recognition. The department has received the Gold level recognition every year since (and including) 2020.



## Cop on a Roof

River Grove Police took part in the Dunkin' sponsored Cop on a Roof a few weeks ago. This annual event, now in its 21st year, is a collaboration between Dunkin' and local law enforcement agencies to raise funds and awareness for the **Special Olympics Illinois**. This year the RGPD was at the Belmont Ave. Dunkin' as they have a high walk-in volume and the location made sense. It was a beautiful day and we are proud of our people in blue for having so many who volunteer and dedicate their time for this worthy cause.



## Planting Day 2024

A special thanks to all who volunteered for this year's Planting Day.



## New Development News from the Building Department

- The newest gas station in River Grove, located at the corner of Grand Ave. and Haymond St., will be scheduling their final inspection within the next couple of weeks prior to their grand opening.
- The Grove development located at Belmont and 80th is well into its second phase. This phase includes 85 townhomes that are scheduled for completion by early July.
- In mid-May the northeast corner of Auxplaines St. and Center St. was the site of the latest groundbreaking. This location is the future site of 11 new townhomes.

## River Grove Shred Day

The Village of River Grove along with the River Grove Lions Club will hold its annual Shred Day on Saturday June 15th. It will be held in the parking lots of the Recreation/American Legion and the Library and will be open from 8:00 a.m. to noon. They will accept up to 3 boxes of paper to shred, there will be electronics, eyeglasses and hearing aids recycling available. People can drop off their American Flags for proper disposal. They will also accept used tires for disposal. Residents may also dispose of prescription and OTC drugs and thermometers.

In addition to Shred Day there will be a truck available from Helping Hand to drop off items you no longer want. They will accept clothing, shoes, toys, kitchen items, accessories and household items.

Check out our website at [www.rivergroveil.gov](http://www.rivergroveil.gov) to see a more detailed list.

## Vehicle Sticker and Pet Tag Renewals Due Dates Have Changed!

To better serve our residents, we have changed our vehicle sticker and pet tag renewal season!

Renewals for vehicle stickers and pet tags will **NOW** be due in September! Your current sticker will be valid until **September 30**. Check your mail for your renewal form(s) in August. All prices will remain the same.



### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please **do not** feed birds and animals. Doing so creates a source of food for unwanted rodents and contributes to the rat population.

Thank you for your cooperation,  
RIVER GROVE PUBLIC WORKS



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