



Village of River Grove, Illinois August 2024

Newsletter



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From the Mayor's Desk

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

I hope everyone is enjoying the dog days of summer. The smell of a Weber grill, mist of a sprinkler, and flowers blooming gets the senses going and sparks summer nostalgia. All this brings me back to fond memories of growing up in River Grove: baseball at Scheltens Field, bike rides in the woods and getting home before the fire siren for dinner. Many faces have changed over the years, but the core River Grove family values remain.

By time you are reading this the **Steak and Lobster Fest** is in the books. Thank you to the **Lions Club** for providing a great community event with good food, drinks and entertainment. It's always a wonderful time at River Front Park. The proceeds from the event help support Lions Park as well as other community needs. Thank you to the River Grove Lions for your partnership and contributions to our great town.

National Night Out is an annual event hosted by our Police Department. This is a great opportunity to meet with our local police, share your concerns, gather information and check out their equipment. It is my personal opinion that we have the finest police department in the country. Thanks for keeping our neighborhood safe. With August finding many of our children going back to school, please drive safe especially around the kids. Be patient and follow instruction from our crossing guards when they are crossing the kids. Lastly, be sure to pick out your favorite flannel for this year's **Flannel Fest** which is set for Saturday October, 5th. Lots of fun things for the entire family, more in next month's newsletter.

Your friend and neighbor, **Dave Guerin**

The Village is Proud to Offer the Parkway Tree Planting Program

As a **Tree City USA**, planting and maintaining the Village's tree population is very important. We are able to once again offer residents a **50/50 Tree Planting Program**. Many different tree varieties will be offered. A complete listing of tree choices and a registration/order forms will be available on the Village website at www.rivergroveil.gov under the public works page or at Village Hall. The deadline to order trees is October 1st. The resident's cost per tree will be \$200.00. The trees will be planted by a contractor in late fall. If you have previously called requesting a tree, a registration form will be mailed to you.

For more information please call (708) 452-7055.



Back-to-School Safety Tips for Parents and Kids

Kids Safety is our top priority! We all have an important role to play in ensuring kids are safe as they travel to and from school. In preparation for back to school, here are some safety tips.



WALKING TO SCHOOL

Always cross the street at crosswalks, never in the middle. Utilize and listen to the School Crossing Guards, they are there to help you cross safely.

Put down your phone & turn off headphones when crossing the street, this can be a distraction and can limit your observations to your surroundings.

Adults should set a good example when crossing with your children by teaching them the right and safe way to cross the street.

RIDING A BIKE TO SCHOOL

When crossing streets, hop off the bike and walk across the crosswalk. Wear a helmet.

CAR RIDERS

Use the designated Drop-Off & Pick-Up areas at your school (Do NOT drop off or pick up kids on a busy street).

Kids should exit from the door on the curb side. Kids must be in the appropriate car seats and wearing their seatbelts.

Parking in a school zone - Obey all parking signs posted. Do not double park.

Let's all make safety a priority in our communities and help students arrive at school safe, healthy, and ready to learn each day by slowing down, being patient, and paying attention!

From the River Grove Police Department

In cooperation with **Let's Talk Cannabis Illinois**, the River Grove Police Department is promoting the safe storage of cannabis products. The River Grove Police Department has received a limited number of locking "safe" bags that are intended to help parents and guardians keep their cannabis products stored safely and out of the hands of children. The canvas bags are water resistant, smell proof and come with locking zippers.

Cannabis can pose a risk for your kids at any age—even as a teenager and young adult. With cannabis edibles being more accessible, it's more important now than ever to properly store edibles and cannabis products. The River Grove Police Department encourages the use of a lockable, odor-proof container that is hidden out of reach and out of sight, like a high cabinet or locked drawer.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to pick up a locking canvas bag, free of charge, by visiting the police department service window during normal business hours (no ID is required).



Please Remember

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