



Village of River Grove, Illinois September 2024

Newsletter



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Dear Neighbors and Friends,

We had a beautiful day for the **Lion's Club Steak & Lobster Fest**. The event was a success and the proceeds go to maintain the **Lions Park** and **Sensory Trail**, which we all benefit from. Can you believe the summer is coming to an end? It seems like it just started, and now the kids are back in school. Please pay extra attention as you drive to work or around town. Stop at stop signs and slow down, especially in school zones. Our bus drivers and crossing guards work hard daily to ensure safe passage to school for our kids.

There are many good things going on in town. The Center Street resurfacing project is underway along with the lead line replacement happening there. The Village received \$325,000 from an invest in Cook grant to redo the drainage, sidewalks and parking along Thatcher Avenue between Fullerton Avenue and First. We are in the design stages of the River Trail along the DesPlaines River. There is an article in this newsletter with more details.

Please save the date for our annual **Fall Flannel Fest** which will be held Saturday October 5th from 2 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. We will have food, beverages, inflatables, face painters, pony rides a petting zoo and many things for the kids to do. We will also have two great bands back on the gazebo stage for a fun night of musical entertainment; **The Jolly Ringwalds** - an 80's band that play a mix of rock, pop and new wave music and closing out the night will be **Radio GaGa** and **Queen**. We also will be bringing back my annual stein hoisting competition. There is a lot going on in town in the next few months. Please be sure to check out our website, Facebook page, Instagram or get our new Mobile App (**My River Grove**) to be tuned in to all the Village of Friendly Neighbors has to offer. Hope to see you around town.

Your friend and neighbor, **Dave Guerin**

DesPlaines River Trail News for RG

Mayor David B. Guerin and local elected officials along with representatives from the Forest Preserves of Cook County gathered together recently to celebrate the completion of the first phase of the trail improvement project.

Upon completion, the 50-mile trail will go from the Wisconsin border and finish up in River Grove at North Avenue. This project has been more than 10 years in the making. Construction on the design phase, which heads south to River Grove, is scheduled to start in the fall. This section of the trail is the most challenging because it has more flooding issues and cuts through railroad crossings. The estimated cost of this project is \$70 million dollars.



AAIM Awards Given to RGPD Officers



Congratulations to officers Sean Mellett, Tony Ikitis, Jerry Lucas, and Mike Cwik who were all recognized by the **Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorist (AAIM)** for exceptional DUI (Driving Under the Influence) Enforcement. Each of these officers were awarded letters and certificates from **AAIM** that were placed in each officer's permanent file. According to **AAIM**, every year hundreds of people are killed and thousands severely injured as a result of alcohol and drug related crashes in Illinois. With funding from the Illinois Department of Transportation, **AAIM** can continue their fight against impaired driving. **We are proud of our River Grove Officers. Keep up the great work!**



My River Grove is Here!

My River Grove is here! Mayor Guerin and the Village are happy to announce the launch of our new Mobile App. One click to the Village Calendar, Pay your Water Bill or a Ticket, check out our Newsflash to keep updated on what's happening in the community, FAQs and more. **It is free and available on The App Store and Google Play.**

We hope all of our residents will download it on their devices and take advantage of this easy to use app to stay connected and engaged with River Grove .



Village of River Grove Flag Football Partnership with the NFL



River Grove Recreation has partnered with the prestigious **NFL Flag Football League**. This exciting development opens up a world of opportunities for young athletes in our community, providing a platform for **boys and girls in grades 2-8**. Each player receives a NFL team reversible jersey and families can receive **15% off all NFL Flag fan gear**. The Flag Football program encourages healthy competition, value of participating, team building and individual development. With the support of the NFL, we continue to provide a structured opportunity for kids to discover the importance of sportsmanship, teamwork, and friendship - both on and off the field. Mayor David B. Guerin said, **"I am really excited for River Grove to collaborate with the NFL and offer this exciting program to our kids."** Come out every Sunday morning to **Rhodes School** fields from **September 8 through October 20th** to cheer on our kids

For more information, contact Katie Muellner (708) 453-8000 x303.



Please Remember

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