



Village of River Grove, Illinois July 2025

Newsletter



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Dear Neighbors and Friends,

I want to thank the residents for reelecting me to my third term. I am very proud of the work my team and I have done over the past 8 years and there is much more work to do. We have forged intergovernmental relationships on a local, county, state and federal level securing over 8.5 million dollars in grants, addressing infrastructure needs and improving the quality of lives for our residents. We have implemented a quiet zone dictating to trains to not use their horns protecting the tranquility of our residential areas and have secured a PACE Bus program for our Village. We have built an everlasting tribute to our Veterans; memorializing those who have served and those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We have given our public safety teams new equipment and new vehicles enabling them to serve our community better. We have advanced our public works with modern tools helping them to serve our town in a safe and efficient manner. We have implemented more inspections on our rental properties holding landlords to a higher standard and protecting our residents. We have upgraded our parks and greenspace beautifying our community and providing more recreational opportunities for our residents. While other communities are shrinking, we are growing with new development, higher home values and new businesses. My promise to you is that I will continue to advocate for our great town and hold my staff and department heads accountable. Our number one goal is to serve you, keep you safe, and provide the best possible services while stretching your tax dollar. Thank you for having confidence in me and I value your friendship.

We all had a great time at the fest but the summer fun has not ended! Grab your cooler, lawn chair and neighbors for our **Concert in the Park on Wednesday, July 23** to enjoy the music of the **Jersey Girls**. Hope you can make it out. There will be food trucks on site, so come hungry!

In closing, I hope everyone had a Happy 4th of July! God Bless the USA!

Your friend and neighbor, **Dave Guerin**



Mayor David B. Guerin and Village Officials were sworn in to office by State Representative Brad Stephens. This is Mayor Guerin's third term in office.

2025 River Front Fest Wrap-Up

The 2025 River Front Fest is in the books! We lucked out with wonderful weather, a great carnival, music for everyone, and a hybrid of local restaurant booths and food trucks. Many said this year's food selection was the best ever! The Village is thrilled with how well this high-energy event turned out. There is a great deal of work that goes into planning, setting up, recruiting volunteers, and ensuring all aspects of public safety are covered. This event would never be able to go on without the cooperation of all involved, including our **sponsors**. We are fortunate to have committed sponsors who believe in our mission and are willing to contribute to the event. We also have to give a **shout-out to our dedicated Public Works, Police, and Fire departments**, who were all at the top of their game during this event. Lastly, we are so **grateful to all who volunteered**; your commitment to the Fest is so greatly appreciated. It is always a positive experience when we can bring our community together for River Grove fun.



Fest Fun at the Carnival!



Mayor Guerin gets a ride with the Blooze Brothers

River Grove Flag Football is back!

River Grove Flag Football registration is open for boys and girls in grades 1st-8th. River Grove will be joining the Leyden League with surrounding communities. River Grove Recreation will form teams and play in weekly games at rotating locations throughout the season. Teams will practice once a week at their home location to learn fundamentals. Equal playing time will be given to all participants. We are committed to providing a safe and competitive league environment while fostering friendships. River Grove Flag Football will provide an opportunity for kids to spend time with friends, bond over shared experiences, work together, and compete in a healthy and enjoyable way. Teamwork, communication, and shared experiences contribute to social development and strengthen existing friendships. **The season starts in September and runs until 10/19/25. Visit the Village website at www.rivergroveil.gov to register or scan the QR code.**



QR CODE

Happenings Around the Village:

- Our **Historical House** is open for **free tours** on the third Sunday of the month until October. See the flyer in this month's water bill.
- On Wednesday July 23rd, the **Jersey Girls** will once again be performing at the Gazebo. They will be there from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Food trucks will be available if you would like to enjoy some tasty delights. Bring a lawn chair, a blanket, a cooler and enjoy an evening of music on a summer night.
- The **RGPD** are once again hosting **National Night Out** on Tuesday, August 5 at River Front Park from 5 to 8 p.m.
- **River Grove Lions Steak and Lobster Fest** will be held on Saturday, August 2 from 2 to 10 p.m. at River Front Park. Burgers, hot dogs and sausage will also be available for purchase all day. For more info go to: www.rivergrovelionsclub.com
- **Village vehicle/pet sticker renewals** are due by September 30th. They will be mailed to your house if you are a current sticker holder. They will be available for purchase beginning August 1st.

Some Important Reminders from the River Grove Police Department

By the time you read this, we will have officially entered the summer season. Here are a few tips to keep you and your family safe while enjoying the outdoor weather and vacations:

- When hosting outdoor parties or events, please be mindful of your neighbors and note that the village has an ordinance restricting loud noise after certain hours.
- Use the village vacation watch program to request periodic checks on your residence while you are away. Visit the village website for more information.
- Always supervise children around swimming pools, large bodies of water, and hot grills.
- If you leave your entry doors open during nice weather, be sure to lock your screen door.
- If you have them, use safety locks on partially opened house or apartment windows.
- Never leave children or pets in a closed or locked vehicle; internal temperatures rise fast, even on nice weather days.
- On hot days, do not leave pets outdoors unsupervised.
- Stay hydrated when outdoors in warm and hot weather.





RIVER GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2025

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025

5PM - 8PM

RIVER FRONT PARK
2650 DITKA DRIVE



THIS IS A FREE EVENT
FOOD ★ DRINKS ★ GAMES ★ ACTIVITIES FOR ALL!

TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING COMMUNITIES
SAFER, MORE CARING PLACES TO LIVE & WORK

RIVER GROVE FLAG FOOTBALL



OPEN
FOR BOYS
& GIRLS

1ST-4TH CO-ED
5TH - 8TH BOYS AND GIRLS DIVISIONS

LEAGUE DATES
SEPTEMBER 7- OCTOBER 19, 2025

\$125 RESIDENT \$135 NON-RESIDENT

REGISTER BY AUGUST 1ST
RIVERGROVEIL.GOV/ACTIVITIES

708-453-8000 X303

FRANKLIN PARK DISTRICT
NORRIDGE PARK DISTRICT
ROSEMONT

LEYDEN TOWNSHIP
RIVER GROVE
SCHILLER PARK



MAYOR DAVID B GUERIN

AND THE VILLAGE OFFICIALS

PRESENT

THE JERSEY GIRLS CONCERT IN THE PARK



FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
LAWN CHAIRS ENCOURAGED
BRING A FRIEND!

07.23.25

July TWENTY-THIRD 2025

6:30PM - 8PM



STEAK & LOBSTER FEST

Saturday • August 2, 2025 • 2:00 – 10:00 pm
River Front Park – 8701 W. Grand Avenue



\$30 Steak Meal \$40
Lobster Meal \$60 Steak &
Lobster Combo
PRE-SALE ONLY!

SERVING 4:00 – 8:00 PM



Burgers, Hot Dogs & Sausage Available for Purchase All Day

Live Entertainment

"Velvet Drive" - Alternative/Classic Rock

"1924" - Leyden's Very Own Band

"YACHT Rock-ettes" - Smooth hits of the late 70's and early 80'

Celebrating 75 Years of Service to the River Grove Community

For more information or to order tickets, please visit our website at www.rivergrovellionsclub.com and click on events



Forms of Payment Accepted: Credit/Debit Cards, Cash, Check or Zelle

Event Open to the Public – No Coolers or Grills Allowed

Please follow signs to Free Parking at National Field