



Village of River Grove, Illinois Newsletter

From the
**Mayor's
Desk**



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GOOD NEWS FOR RESIDENTS CLAIMING HOMEOWNERS EXEMPTIONS ON THEIR COOK COUNTY PROPERTY TAX BILLS

One of the outcomes of the state budget approval this past summer was a change in the property tax laws relating to homeowner exemption credits. Effective on your Cook County property tax bill in 2018, homeowners claiming that exemption will see an increase in the assessed value credit that is used to calculate the amount the homeowner receives in a reduction to their overall property tax they pay for that year. This credit will be applied to the 2nd installment bill paid in August of 2018 and should result in an average additional reduction of approximately \$300-\$425 towards the tax bill and is taken against the gross tax bill amount that you would otherwise pay if the property was not qualified for the exemption. Residents qualify for this exemption because they are living in the home that they are paying taxes. Those who are unsure as to whether they are currently receiving that credit should refer to their previous year's tax bill and refer to the final tax calculation located on the lower left portion of your bill. Residents who believe they qualify but are not currently receiving that credit should contact either the Cook County or Leyden Township Assessor's offices.

Greg Peters Comptroller

NEW VILLAGE WEBSITE HAS LAUNCHED!

After months of planning, designing and creating content, we are thrilled to present to you our new Village of River Grove website! As of January 1, 2018, our official Village website will be located at: www.rivergroveil.gov

Website visitors will now have access to all the information they need right at their fingertips along with the ability to create an account which will allow them to customize the website to their own particular taste. The homepage will feature up-to-date news stories and calendars which include both Community Events and Village Board meetings. Please stop by our website and take a new look at the Village of River Grove!

Roger Sewell IT Committee Chairperson

Go2Logistics BREAKING GROUND IN RIVER GROVE



River Grove Mayor, Clerk and Trustees were joined by State Rep. Camille Lilly, Cook County Commissioner Peter Silvestri, Franklin Park Mayor Barrett Pedersen, Grand Corridor and O'Hare Chamber Presidents, as well as other business and community leaders. The approximately 22 million dollar investment in River Grove will bring much needed property tax and jobs to our community.

RIVER GROVE HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS!

Beautification Committee President Brent Leder, and Mayor Guerin presented the Faruggia family with **The Best Holiday Decorations in town!**

1st Place: James DiPaola 8760 Richard

2nd Place: Walter Stevenson 2535 Leyden Ave.

3rd Place: Tanisha Grant 2542 Budd St.



Christmas has come and gone. It seems like as soon as the decorations go up, they come down just as fast, a small reminder of how fast time flies by. That is why we must live everyday as if it was our last and cherish every moment we have with family and friends. I hope everyone had a wonderful time this holiday season, but remember the best is yet to come.

As we ring in the new year I am honored to be the Village President of such a wonderful town. With the new year comes a fresh start and new beginnings. 2018 is on track to be a very productive year in the Village of River Grove. The modernization of our town has begun, development is the highest it has been for over a decade, and with the housing shortage, great schools, and an unbeatable location, River Grove homes continue to be in high demand for first time homeowners. Our businesses are reinvesting in their community with new facades and homeowners are building additions on their houses to make their home a place to stay, as families grow.

I look forward to seeing everyone at one of the many Village events in 2018.

It is important to remember that we are all in this together and making our town the very best it can be is a team effort. I am always available and if I can be of any assistance to you, please contact me at mayer@rivergroveil.gov or via phone (708) 453-8000.

*Wishing you a Happy New Year,
Mayor David B. Guerin*



Please Remember

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