



Village of River Grove, Illinois Newsletter

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From the Mayor's Desk



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Village officials are in the process of creating and implementing a village wide neighborhood watch program. The idea of creating the program was discussed and set into motion at the last Public Safety Committee meeting. The efforts to get the program up and running are being undertaken by the police chief. Final details and the actual implementation of the neighbor-watch program will be shared with our residents at a forthcoming village meeting. Additional information will be posted on our village website as it becomes available.

Mike Konwinski, Trustee of Public Safety

FIRE SAFETY

I am happy to announce that the fire department will be taking delivery of a new fire engine within the next 30-40 days. In response to an urgent situation, President Guerin and the Village Board took quick and decisive action to acquire a new fire engine in order to secure continued and uninterrupted emergency service to our community.

The new engine is a 2017, "E-One" that has been used as a demonstrator for the last several months. After researching a number of options, it was determined that purchasing a "demo" - as opposed to ordering a new vehicle - provides considerable monetary savings as well as much quicker delivery time. The new vehicle will be covered under all the warranties that would be afforded to a new vehicle. Additionally, the fire department is currently working with the manufacturer on modifications that will fit the specific needs of the department.

This purchase will represent the first new fire engine acquisition since 2001, and will be a welcome addition to the current fleet.

Larry LaRiviere, River Grove Fire Chief



SENIORS WATCH YOUR MAIL

Residents over the age of 65 who own and reside in their home are annually eligible to apply for the Cook County Senior Homeowner Exemption that reduces the property tax bill on the property they reside. We have been advised that the office of the Cook County Assessor will have mailed the application forms the week of January 15th and seniors are advised to complete and return them to the assessor by the February 7th deadline. Eligible seniors who have never applied for the Senior and/or Senior Freeze Exemptions in the past will also be able to visit the Assessor's web site at www.cookcountyassessor.com and download an application or contact the Assessor's Office at 312-443-7550 and request a form be mailed to them. If you have any additional questions, please contact the Assessor's Taxpayer Services Department at 312-443-7550.

Greg Peters, Comptroller

February is here and as the weather begins to warm so do our hearts as Valentine's Day is right around the corner. As we shower our loved ones with flowers and chocolates, may I suggest you buy them locally and keep your tax dollars in town. There are some great local dining options to have a nice dinner or libation with a friend.

Recreational options continue to expand. This month, the village features a teen dance and craft programs. Registration for our Girls Rockets Softball program included a kickoff party attended by past players who made it to the collegiate level and are great role models to our young girls in town. Little League kickoff parade plans are in the works for opening day. Stay tuned to our virtual village hall for accurate and up-to-date info by heading to www.rivergroveil.gov or following us on our Village of River Grove Facebook page.

In other news, we are proud to announce that the legal process in the condemnation of two blighted houses on Spruce and Palmer is nearing completion and the village is putting out to bid the demolition of these two properties. We are currently pursuing the demolition and repurposing of two commercial properties in our downtown area. This administration is committed to maintaining and growing the property value of our great community.

Our engineering firm is currently reviewing upcoming road projects with the State of Illinois. We will share details of these projects when they are finalized.

Thank you for letting me serve you. I am always available to you via e-mail (mayor@rivergroveil.gov) or by phone (708 453-8000).

Mayor David B. Guerin



Please Remember

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