



# Village of River Grove, Illinois Newsletter

## From the Mayor's Desk



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### DAVE GUERIN NAMED MAYOR OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by the Illinois State Crime Commission and the Police Athletic League (ISCC/PAL), the 22nd Annual "Salute To Those Who Make A Difference" recently honored **River Grove Village President Dave Guerin as Mayor of the Year**. According to the ISCC, the event honored a group of judges, state's attorneys, police chiefs, educators and elected officials who epitomize the values and ideals that the ISCC/PAL embodies as an organization.

*"Being recognized by an organization like the Illinois State Crime Commission demonstrates this administration's commitment to public safety," said Mayor Guerin. "River Grove is, and will continue to be, one of the safest communities to live in and do business in. I would personally like to thank the Illinois State Crime Commission for including me in their impressive program and for even considering me to add to their list of distinguished honorees. I accept this honor on behalf of my Village Board, department heads, first responders, staff members and residents of River Grove."*



### WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER HELP

The Village of River Grove Summer Help Program allows high school and college students from River Grove the opportunity to work for the village in the summer. This year we have some students helping at Public Works and the Village Hall. On June 19 we had a lunch to welcome the following young adults; Daniel Calderon, Ousame Fofana, Weronika Komperda (not pictured), Jack Lio, Sean Mellett, Anthony Thomas and Jazlyn Zavala.



**JUST TO CLEAR THINGS UP** Many of our residents have been inquiring about what numbers to call for the River Grove Police and Fire. If the situation is a life threatening or an emergency then always call 911. If it is not an emergency situation then call **708-453-2121**.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY RIVER GROVE 130 YEARS STRONG

The Village of River Grove is proud to honor our town by bringing back the **River Front Fest**. Check out the flyer on the back of this newsletter for hours and band times. Some highlights to see at the Fest, on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. the River Grove Library will host the Jesse White Tumblers on the fest grounds for all to enjoy. On Sunday starting at 2 p.m. the RG Beautification Committee will begin the Garden Walk which will provide trolley rides to local gardens for residents to view. Beautification also sponsors the 13th annual Duck Race. Duck Race tickets will be available all weekend for purchase for \$5 per ticket or a "quack pack" which is 6 for \$25. The ducks will be dropped into the water at 5 p.m.

There will be many local food vendors serving up a variety of foods including, fried dough, pizza, beef, hot dogs, hamburgers, spaghetti and meatballs, pork and fish tacos, grilled chicken pita, Italian sausage, pierogi's, and so much more. There will also be pop, water, a beer garden and a very special Hala Kahiki Tiki Tent for those who would like a taste of the islands! All this and a carnival for families to enjoy all 3 days. There will be a variety of rides and wrist bands will be available daily for \$25.

The Village has been very fortunate to have the following sponsors to date, to help support the fest: **Silver Sponsors** are: FH Paschen, Handcock Engineering Co., Noah Properties and Redspeed. **Bronze Sponsors** are: Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Lynn Bjorvik – Broker, Home Stretch Inn, Picket Fence Day Care & Learning Center, Regent Products Inc. and the Underpass. Please remember to support these and all of our local businesses. We are hoping all our residents will come out and enjoy the weekend. We encourage residents to walk or ride bikes, bike racks will be available. If you must drive, parking will be available at River Grove School, National Field and handicap parking will be available in the Library Lot.

### Dear Friendly Neighbors,

July is a wonderful month, summer is in full swing and we celebrate our nation's independence. So, as we enjoy the summer BBQ, relax in our backyards, or take a family trip...take a second to thank our service men and women for protecting our independence and making our country the best place on earth.

I would personally like to invite all our friendly neighbors to visit the **River Front Fest July 20-22** as River Grove celebrates its 130th birthday. I look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones. I will be around all three days and hope you have a moment to chat. Many things have changed over the past 130 years in our great town, but one thing continues to stay the same. River Grove has always had a strong culture of great neighbors, always helping and lifting one another up. River Grove embraces and is proud of its diverse cultures and all they have to offer.

Lastly, I would like to take a moment to thank all those who have taken the time to enhance their residence, rental property or business. A fresh coat of paint, repairing your gutter, or fresh landscaping does wonders in increasing the value of your home and that of your neighbors. River Grove's real-estate market is booming, and our housing stock is in high demand. The building department is here to assist you if you have any questions about improving your property.

Wishing everyone a very happy and safe Fourth of July. Call or email me anytime.

**Best Regards, Mayor David B. Guerin**  
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