



# Village of River Grove, Illinois Newsletter

From the  
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Desk



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## BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR - FALL REMINDERS:

- Unlimited yard waste collection is provided in River Grove.
- Yard waste consists of grass clippings, twigs, leaves and plant material.
- Yard waste can be set out in 30 gallon Kraft paper bags or in approved refuse cans.
- Residents using conventional refuse containers (32 gal. can) must clearly mark the can with a large X.
- Yard waste bags or containers should not exceed 50 pounds.
- Brush must be tied into bundles 4 feet in length, not to exceed 50 pounds.
- Yard waste set out in plastic bags cannot be collected.
- Yard waste is to be placed out by 6 a.m. on Mondays during yard waste collection season, which is April 1 to November 30 each year.
- Electronic waste is banned from Illinois landfills. The Village's drop off site is at the Public Works building located at 2101 West Street. Drop off is the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon.
- Village solid waste tags can be purchased at the Village of River Grove 2621 Thatcher, ADA's Market at 8301 Grand Avenue or the BP Gas Mart & McDonald's at 8800 Grand Avenue. All garbage that does not fit in your 96 gallon container must be tagged in order to be picked up. Tags are \$2 and it is recommended that you do not tag items until the morning of garbage

## FROM THE RIVER GROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT:

October is Fire Prevention Month and River Grove has many initiatives going on. The village's smoke alarm program continues to be available. This program provides owner occupied residences with free smoke alarms, installation and battery replacement by simply calling 708-453-1429.

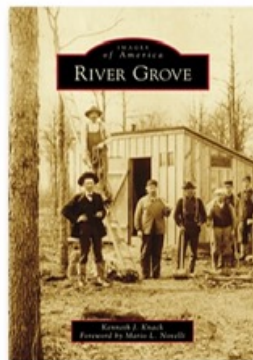
Here are the guidelines for that program:

- Only River Grove residence are eligible for this service.
- Only single-family occupancies, inhabited by the owner, qualify for this program.
- There is no charge for the smoke alarms or batteries. The RGFD will not sell smoke alarms or batteries.
- RGFD personnel will do all installation of smoke alarms provided through the program at no charge.
- Detectors and batteries must be installed-not just given to residents - no exceptions.
- Battery replacement is free.
- All appointments must be made thru the RGFD.
- Homeowners must be present at time of installation.

On Saturday October 13th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the River Grove Fire Department will offer a "Hands-Only" CPR class at the American Legion/Rec. Center located at 8664 W. Grand. "Hands-Only" is a compression only CPR or CPR without breaths. This is an appropriate action for any bystander to take at the scene of an out of hospital, witnessed, adult, sudden cardiac event. If you see an adult suddenly collapse, call 911 immediately, push hard and fast in the center of the chest. Join the RGFD on Oct. 13th and become more educated in the use of this procedure. For more information and to register for this free CPR class call 708-716-5032 or email [sflynn@rivergroveil.gov](mailto:sflynn@rivergroveil.gov)

## RGPD NEWS

River Grove police officer Tony Ikis applied for two grants from the State of Illinois and River Grove has been awarded with both. The first was the STEP Grant in which River Grove was awarded \$99,035.04 in funding. The second grant that was awarded was the eLAP (Enforcement Local Alcohol Program) Grant in the amount of \$35,744. Both of the grants are for the 2019 year. Kudo's to Officer Ikis and the RGPD, great work in trying to keep our community safe.



Kenneth J. Knack has written the book: **Images of America River Grove**. This book follows the history of the last 130 years of the village. There are many amazing pictures that show how River Grove began to where it is today. Mr. Knack has done extensive research and delivered a great product. His book is on sale at the Village Hall with a portion of the proceeds going to the River Grove Historical house. Stop by and pick up a copy. It's also available on Amazon.



Commissioner Peter Silvestri and River Grove Mayor Dave Guerin are reviewing plans for phase 2 of the Fullerton Ave project. This will entail new curb, gutter, road surface and water mains from First Avenue to Maple Street. This project is set to begin in Spring of 2019. Mayor Guerin is thankful to the Commissioner for all his hard work in assisting with funding through the Invest in Cook program.

## Dear Friendly Neighbors,

Fall is here, and it is a beautiful time of year in River Grove. Leaves turn an autumn shade and people decorate their houses with corn stalks, hay bushels and pumpkins. Halloween is right around the corner, both children and parents alike get excited as they pick out their favorite costume or prepare for their spooky celebration.

A big thank you to all our sponsors that made the Unwined event a success. Jazz, crafts and wine were on the menu along with good cheer and a relaxing afternoon in beautiful River Grove at River Front Park. Time spent with your friends and family at events like this exemplifies why we really are the village of friendly neighbors who appreciate and celebrate our diverse community.

Finally, I encourage everyone to take full advantage of the free smoke detector program implemented by the River Grove Fire Department. There is no excuse to not have a smoke detector installed in your home, especially when the fire department will provide and install it for free. I also encourage all pet lovers to pick up a free fire safety "Pet Sticker" at village hall. This sticker is to be displayed on the entrance to your home to make first responders aware of how many pets you have living in your home.

Go Bears and hope to see you soon.

**Best Regards, Mayor David B. Guerin**  
E-mail ([mayor@rivergroveil.gov](mailto:mayor@rivergroveil.gov))

## UNWINED

Our 3rd annual Unwined event had a great turn out and we were fortunate for the beautiful weather. People who attended were rewarded with blissful jazz music, a multitude of vendors and some great food. We could not have been able to have this event without the financial help of our sponsors.

We are very grateful to this year's sponsors:

**Chamber by O'Hare**  
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**Grand Corridor Chamber of Commerce**  
*Montclare – Elmwood Park – River Grove*  
**Lynn Bjorvik – Coldwell Banker Realty**  
**Underpass Lounge**



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