



Village of River Grove, Illinois Newsletter

From the
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Desk**



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GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN 2019!

The community showed an interest in having an indoor sport for children to stay active and involved over the winter. **The Recreation Department** is very excited to announce that we have added a NEW Youth Basketball league! We have had a positive response so far; the online registration will be available until January 5th. The program is set to start on Saturday, January 12th at River Grove Elementary School.

Our River Grove Baseball league is off to a tremendous start! A new Board of Directors have been voted in and a very successful early bird registration took place in November. Thank you to the parents who have stepped up and volunteered to be more involved! Our wonderful Schelten's Field is going to receive some improvements and be ready for opening day in the spring. As we move into the New Year, we will be adding a number of new programs for our younger toddler through pre-school age children. Please stay informed of new programs and events by signing up to receive notifications on our new website!

Visit our website at www.rivergroveil.gov

Recreation Director Laura Jardine

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2019 is sure to be a great year in River Grove.

I am confident that we will continue to see visible positive changes in our town. The 48-unit luxury rental development at 8465 Grand Avenue should be completed shortly, providing current and new residents of River Grove a beautiful and modern rental option. Another huge change will be the construction of a Starbucks at the corner of Grand and Thatcher. We will continue to work hard to find the right people to invest in River Grove.

There will be no shortage of fun events for residents to enjoy in the coming year. In addition to the many recreation programs available, you can plan to attend **Beautification Day**, the **5th Annual River Grove Police F.O.P. 5k**, **River Front Fest** and **UnWined Jazz Fest**...just to name a few.

Please remember that all of these events require the help of many volunteers in order to make them a success, so let us know if you can help. Keep an eye on the Village website and our Facebook page for more information throughout the year.

I wish everyone a safe and healthy New Year!

Trustee Lynn Bjorvik

2018 River Grove House Decorating Contest Winner!



In December the village had many residents sign up for the house decorating contest. There were so many creative and brilliant homes decorated, it really showed our town spirit. After the judges viewed all the homes here are the 2018 winners:

First Place: Rick Raimondi 8456 River Grove Ave.

Second Place: James Dipaola 8760 Richard

Third Place: Marlene Blasinski 2819 Struckman

Honorable Mentions go to:

Mike Detty 2501 Clarke

Jeannette 2304 Grove

Alicia Olmos 2539 Budd

Setfany Rosales 2419 First

Mallory Zolecki 8656 Lyndale

Dear Friendly Neighbors,

A new year brings new beginnings. It gives us the opportunity to not only look back and be thankful for the blessings we have, but it also gives us a snapshot of where our lives are at the moment. Although we may not be exactly where we would like to be in life, have faith and know that you will be there soon even though the journey may be taking longer than we had hoped. We all have long and short-term goals and as we continue to reach to hit those benchmarks, view the new year as an opportunity to start out fresh, reinvent yourselves and prioritize.

My first year and a half as your Village President has been a great joy. I appreciate and I am humbled by the opportunity to serve my hometown. This administration will continue to work hard and stretch the taxpayer's dollar. We are committed to push for economic development to lift the financial burden off resident's shoulders.

I invite you to read the first ever River Grove State of the Village address being released this month. We will put online and include in your next water bill. It is our duty as residents to stay informed about our community and hold elected officials accountable for their decisions. I am confident that you will come to the conclusion that our beloved town is on a much better financial path than it was two years ago. My team and I will continue to address our infrastructure needs, invest in only the best human resources, and bring back cost-effective services that our residents deserve.

My staff and I are always available to you via email or phone. Be sure to visit www.rivergroveil.gov for accurate and up-to-date info. Be sure to sign up for emergency alerts on the website or at village hall as well.

In closing, I leave you with one wish to your family from mine: May 2019 be the healthiest, happiest, and prosperous year ever!

Best Regards, Mayor David B. Guerin
E-mail (mayor@rivergroveil.gov)



Please Remember

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