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Village of River Grove, Illinois

Newsletter

From the
**Mayor's
Desk**



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The Sidewalk Replacement Program is coming back!

The Village has set aside funds to allow it to resume its annual replacement program of those trip hazards and sections of deteriorated sidewalk that form throughout town. While the Village Public Work's staff has a list of sidewalk locations that need attention, they realize that they don't have their eyes on every nook and cranny within the Village. If you have a sidewalk square (or squares) in front of your house that you think need some attention, please call Public Works so they can come out and inspect the issue and determine its priority. Please keep in mind that the Village is programming limited funds each year, but will be maintaining a list of locations for subsequent programs. Public Works staff will be prioritizing which sidewalk squares will be included for replacement each year and may concentrate work with specific areas of town in a given year. The Village will have proposals out to contractors in early April with the intent of awarding a project in early May and having the work completed by the end of June. Watch future newsletters for more details.

2019 Green Alley Program

Design work is almost complete for the replacement of three sections of alleys in the area between Wood and Oak Street south of Roosevelt Lane. The Village was fortunate to have received a matching grant for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for the construction of these alleys. The project will go out for bidding in April with the Village awarding a contract in May and construction occurring in June and July. In addition to replacing the deteriorated pavement, the project will remove 159,000 gallons of runoff from the sewer, which help reduce flooding associated with sewer backup.

Recreation Super Hero Bash

On Friday March 22 our River Grove Recreation Department held a Mom & Son Superhero Bash at the American Legion Recreation Center. There was a great turn out! There were plenty of Superhero's in attendance. Moms and sons all enjoyed games, prizes, music, dinner and dessert. The recreation department had commemorative photos taken for moms to take home and display on the fridge! A good time was had by all!



Please Remember

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

Dear Friendly Neighbors,

Spring is here! It has been a long cold winter which makes the warm up feel even better. The Public Works crews will be working extra hard to spruce up our great town. It's a team effort so we ask that you do your part and attend to your home, business, or apartment building. Fresh paint and minor landscaping additions are an inexpensive way to improve the look of your property and add value to your investment.

River Grove is loaded with spring and summer community building events, please see the enclosed special events calendar and make sure to save the dates...we hope to see you at some of these events. Whether you participate in planting day or attend the Front Fest, a community is only as strong as the people who live here and the families who call it home.

Warm Regards, Mayor David B. Guerin

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Reminders

- Street sweeping restrictions will resume for the season on April 1st. The posted **"NO PARKING"** signs apply, not only to street sweeping, but also road and parkway maintenance. Please do not park your car from 8am until 2pm, as posted, for your side of the street.
- Yard waste collection begins Monday, April 1st. Please remember to have all yard waste at the curb or in your alley by 7 a.m. All yard waste must be placed in paper yard waste bags, or cans marked with a red **X**.
- On Mondays, Public Works will pick up all branches, throughout town, that will fit through our tree chipper. Smaller clippings should be put into your yard waste container.
- Please remember to purchase yellow garbage tags for excess garbage or large items placed next to your bins. If it does not fit in your bin, it must be tagged. Please refer to the garbage guidelines on our website. Garbage tags can be purchased at the Village Hall, Ada's, and River/Grand BP.
- Electronics are no longer picked up as regular garbage. All electronics must be dropped off by residents at the Public Works facility located at 2101 West Street. Drop off is the first Saturday of the month from 9 am until noon. You must be a River Grove resident or own a River Grove business to participate. Please refer to our new website **www.rivergroveil.gov** for a list of acceptable items.
- Finally, as spring has arrived, please remove ALL outdoor Christmas decorations from your house and yard.
- Please call River Grove Public Works at **708-452-7055** if you have questions regarding any of these items.

River Grove Park Improvements

The village will be working on replacing the path around the Little League field in April so that the deteriorated walkway is nice and smooth in time for the baseball season. The Village will also be addressing the playground equipment near the gazebo by installing new equipment. The Village has received competitive proposals and is reviewing them with the intent to award the project soon so the equipment can be installed in time for summer.

Shout Out!

This month the Village of River Grove would like to give a shout out and warm welcome to our new Public Works Director Brock Leder. He and his wife Gina live on the west side of the river with their two children Payton and Brody. Brock has lived in River Grove all his life. He comes from a long line of River Grove public servants. Brock brings a variety of skills to the position. He is a proven leader with project management, construction and customer service all in his resume. Brock has owned two businesses and falls into Mayor Guerin's business approach to municipal management. Brock has a lot of energy and is excited to get new projects moving in River Grove. He is committed to being a working Director and is available to the residents.

