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Village of River Grove, Illinois

Newsletter

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From the Mayor's Desk

Dear Friendly Neighbors,

River Front Fest was a wonderful start to summer. It was amazing to see neighbors old and new. The food vendors were fabulous and the musical entertainment was great. A big thank you to our special events committee and public works for organizing and setting up the fest grounds. I would also like to thank the police and fire departments for keeping us safe and most importantly the volunteers who took time out of their busy lives to work the fest and give back to their community.

This month, we celebrate the independence of our great nation. July 4th is an important day in our nation's history. As we enjoy this special day, I ask that all residents celebrate safely with their friends and family. Please respect your neighbors and enjoy the day.

Coming up in August the River Grove Lions regionally famous Steak and Lobster fest. Tickets sell out quickly and are available on their website. The Lions have always been very supportive of the community and this year have contributed a large sum of money to the rehabilitation of our River Front Park. Please support this great club.

Lastly, I invite everyone to the Village's Unwined event which will be held on August 25 at the gazebo. This is a free event to all and features light bites, jazz, wine and many different vendors who will be selling items such as crafts, paintings, books and more. Come out and enjoy a great day at the park.

Enjoy your summer, and I hope to see you soon. My staff and I are always available to you.

Warm Regards, Mayor David B. Guerin E-mail (mayor@rivergroveil.gov), follow me on twitter @davidbguerin

Shout Out!

This month, the Village of River Grove would like to give a shout out and warm welcome to our new Director of Police Services, a position commonly referred to as Police Chief, Michael Konwinski. Mike recently and honorably served River Grove as an elected village trustee, but he resigned from that position after accepting the job of police chief. Mike is a well-respected law enforcement officer who brings nearly 30 years of law enforcement knowledge experience from his former job as a Police Commander in Franklin Park. He also has a master's degree in Organizational Leadership and various law enforcement related state certifications. He and his wife are longtime residents of River Grove and they live on the East side of the river with their teenage daughter and two dogs. In addition to serving River Grove as a village trustee for two-years, Mike also served a four-year term as an elected school board member for River Grove School District 85.5 (2013-2017). As a trustee, Mike displayed a desire, and shared a vision, of moving River Grove forward; there is no doubt that desire and vision will carry over as he leads the police department. Mike also possesses a strong passion for public service and is serious about effective leadership. He is eager to put his experiences and knowledge to work for the Village of River Grove Police Department. Mike is a committed professional and he is very approachable, you may even see him walking his dogs through the neighborhood. Mike is available to our residents and members of our community, so reach out to him as needed.



Please Remember

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



From the River Grove FOP #59

The River Grove FOP Lodge #59 would like to thank Chief Rodger Loni for his 45 years of service. Because he has been a mentor and a great leader to all of us, the River Grove FOP Lodge #59 members have decided to dedicate the annual 5k after him, declaring it ***The Rodger Loni River Grove FOP Lodge #59 5k Walk/Run.***



A REMINDER from the River Grove Fire Department: **Protect People, Property, Pets from Fireworks**

Having a safe Fourth of July takes a few precautions and some common sense. Sparklers burn at approximately 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit. Clothing ignites at approximately 900 degrees Fahrenheit. Your Fire Department believes that people who know how, when, and where to use fireworks will reduce the number and severity of injuries and dollar loss. A note to parents: Actions by children under the age of 18 are the legal responsibility of parents. Misuse of fireworks causing death, injury, or property loss could incur civil liability. As for your pets: The Humane Society encourages pet owners to keep their pets indoors and make sure their animals have identification tags in case they run away. Pets may refuse to eat, become hyperactive, or run away from home because of the noise from fireworks.

Never

- Re-ignite malfunctioning fireworks.
- Give to small children.
- Carry fireworks in your pocket.
- Alter or experiment with fireworks.
- Discharge fireworks near flammable liquids or in a glass or metal container.
- Use fireworks in a crowd or throw them at people, pets, or moving vehicles.



Always

- Read and follow label directions.
- Buy from reliable fireworks sellers
- Store in a cool, dry place. Ignite outdoors.
- Have a responsible adult present.
- Have water or a fire extinguisher handy.
- Use fireworks out of doors, away from buildings and dry fields.
- Light one item at a time; move away quickly and keep a safe distance.
- Dispose of used fireworks by first soaking them in water.

These are legal

- Ground and hand-held sparkling devices
- Dipped sticks and sparklers
- Cylindrical or cone fountains
- Illuminated torches
- Wheels or ground spinners
- Flitter sparklers, smoke devices
- Helicopters or aerials

These are not legal

- Missile-type rockets
- Skyrockets
- Firecrackers
- Salutes
- Chasers

