



# Village of River Grove, Illinois Dec. 2021 Newsletter



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**From the Mayor's Desk**

## Dear Friendly Neighbors,

I had a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving, including food on the table and a roof over my head. Spending time with my good friends and family without gift obligations only reaffirms why Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. By the time of this communication, the official Village Christmas tree will be lit. I look forward to driving around town and seeing all the great Christmas decorations. Every year it seems people get more and more passionate about their lights and house bling, one home looking better than the next. Be sure to sign up for our house decorating contest for a chance to have River Grove bragging rights for the best looking holiday home or block.

As the year comes to a close we continue to plan for the future of our great town. The department heads, village trustees, village staff and myself are working on the budget. We are committed to providing you the best possible village services, keeping our town safe, all while running a lean operation and stretching your tax dollar. We thank you for putting your trust in us as River Grove continues to move forward. We value your input; everyone that lives in this town has a voice with this administration. We are here to serve you.

This has been a rough couple of years for many families and businesses. We all have been touched by the coronavirus whether it be financially, medically or even the loss of a loved one. I am confident that we are turning the page and 2022 will be a better year for our great nation as a whole. Please join me in keeping the faith and praying for a better tomorrow. From all the village officials and my family, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Your friend and neighbor, David B. Guerin, and follow me on twitter @davidbguerin*

## Happy 100th Anniversary Quasthoff's Flowers

At the November 4th board meeting the Mayor and Village Board recognized Quasthoff's Flowers on their 100-year Anniversary. They have been doing business as one of the premier Florists in the Chicagoland area since 1921. Quasthoff's came to River Grove in 1950 and located their shop at the corner of Center and Thatcher. Mrs. Quasthoff thought it was a perfect location because it was close to both cemeteries. When it was announced that different phone numbers were being released to the people of River Grove, Carl Quasthoff and his son Adolph were first in line to ensure they acquired the famous phone number of 456-7890!

Quasthoff's Flowers is currently located at 8125 W. Grand Ave. Their staff consists of dedicated employees that are committed to being a friendly local florist. They pride themselves on community connections that have lasted through multiple generations. Congratulations Quasthoff's! River Grove is honored to be your home.



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



## Congratulations Chief Michael Konwinski

The Village of River Grove is pleased to announce that Chief Michael Konwinski has been honored by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) by being designated as a Certified Police Chief through the Association's Police Chief Certification Program. This designation signifies that Chief Konwinski has met the highest standards of competency and conduct for his profession. To be eligible for consideration candidates must demonstrate extensive law enforcement experience, including command and executive posts, a solid educational background that encompasses continuing education and training, and an active participation in relevant professional and community organizations. As of today, there are only 156 certified police chiefs, only 70 of which are actively working (the others are retired). Chief Konwinski is among only a select few Police command staff that have been able to meet the stringent requirements of the program. This program is designed to recognize those law enforcement professionals who excel in all facets of the police chief function. Chief Konwinski shared this with his department and said, "I am sharing this information to highlight the point that continued growth and development is important for all of us, including me. Training and education, promotes growth and development and it enhances knowledge and proficiency which is where merit comes from." Mayor Guerin and the Village Board would like to applaud Chief Konwinski on this well-deserved recognition and this amazing accomplishment!



## Dog Wellness Fair

The November 6th **Dog Wellness Fair** co-hosted by Mayor David B. Guerin and the Anti-Cruelty Society saw 43 dogs. Available to them at no cost was: a 1-Year rabies vaccination, microchip, future spay/neuter appointment along with training tips, harness and collar check and giveaways. This was presented in partnership with the Cook County Department of Animal and Rabies Control and Cook County Commissioner Peter Silvestri, 9th District. We hope to host another in 2022!



## Understanding the Village's Snow Removal Sign

Winter is almost here and it's time to prepare for the snow. Every block in River Grove has street maintenance signs. These signs have the day of the week when there is no parking on that side of the street in order for Public Works to maintain it.

If we receive 2" of heavy snowfall **on your street maintenance day**, please follow street maintenance signs, as that side will get plowed first. Once it is plowed please move vehicles to the opposite side.

If we receive 2" of heavy snowfall **not on your street maintenance day**, we ask that all vehicles be moved to side of the street with **odd-numbered** addresses. Public Works can then clear the snow to the curb line on the side of the street with **even-numbered** addresses. After the even side is cleared of snow, we ask that vehicles be moved to that cleared, even side of the street so the village can clear snow to the curb line on the odd address side. Once both sides have been cleared of snow please follow your regular street maintenance signs.

For more information on snow removal and village emergency alerts and information please sign up at <https://www.rivergroveil.gov/EmergencyAlerts>

*Thank You, Brock Leder*



## River Grove Recreation – Flag Football

The beginning of November brought the end of the River Grove Recreation Flag Football season, which in turn brought the teams, coaches and families together for a season ending banquet. This year's program really flourished and there was a lot of enthusiasm throughout the league; so much so, that the banquet had to be moved from the Recreation Center to D'Agostino's restaurant in River Grove. There they had ample space to accommodate the 155 guests. During the banquet, the football teams were honored with pictures, plaques, pizza and pop. Thanks to all who coached, participated and came out to support.

