



Village of River Grove, Illinois May 2022



# Newsletter

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## From the Mayor's Desk

### Dear Friendly Neighbors,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter! It was great to see all the River Grove residents at our annual Easter Egg Hunt. The weather was a bit chilly, but the feeling of friendship was warm. It's always nice to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. There is something about being at the riverfront that brings the community together. I hope all of our residents can join us for Planting Day which will be held Saturday May 14; meet in the Village Hall parking lot at 9 a.m.

Our commercial and residential alley replacement is underway. This will be done in two phases, please visit our website to see the entire plan. The Alley Improvement Program is one of the largest infrastructure projects in River Grove to date. This approximately 11 million-dollar investment in our community increases your property value, mitigates flooding in basements and increases the quality of our resident's life. River Grove residents deserve the best! Upon completion, the oldest alley in River Grove will be from 2006 and most of us will be long gone before those require any attention. So pardon our dust and thank you for your patience while this project is underway. If you have any questions about this project please call our public works, we are here to help.

Happy Cinco De Mayo! River Grove Seniors are celebrating with Bingo De Mayo complete with Mexican food, Mariachi Band and great bingo prizes. If you missed this one, make sure you join us next time. Our PACE bus is available to give you a ride to this event or anywhere you may need to go within the program boundaries. The Pace bus is available to our seniors five days a week. Please call (708) 869-0481 for more details. We are here to serve you.

In closing, I want to remember and pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice this Memorial Day and every day. Thank you to those soldiers, and their families, who laid down their lives in defense of our great Nation and in protection of our freedom.

Thanks again for choosing River Grove as your home, having you here makes it "The Village of Friendly Neighbors"!

Warm regards and see you at River Front Fest, David B. Guerin, follow me on twitter @davidbguerin

### River Grove 2022 Easter Egg Hunt!

Many residents and children enjoyed last month's Easter Egg Hunt. Many Village employees attended to not only work, but have fun as well.

Thanks to all!



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

**Shout Out! Joe Hutcheson - River Grove Building Commissioner**

River Grove Building Commissioner Joe "Hutch" Hutcheson has been with the Village since 2017. Joe was born in Scotland and lived there until he was 10 years old. His family then moved to Detroit, where his father was Head Engineer at the Henry Ford Hospital. Later, they moved to Illinois where Joe attended West Leyden High School and Triton College. Joe and his wife Lisa have lived in River Grove since 1987. Joe owns McAllister Mechanical Construction where he does general contract work and is a licensed plumber. When we asked Joe what his favorite thing about River Grove was, he replied, "We are not in the urban city, but close enough if we wanted to take in a show or a game. River Grove is spacious and has friendly neighbors." Joe has decided to retire and head south to Florida. The Village will miss him, but wish him the best in his next chapter.



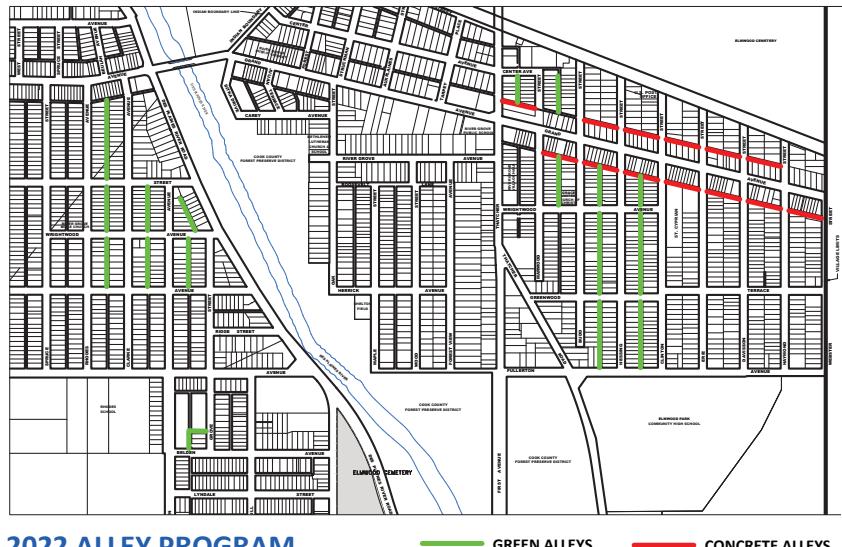
## Information and Reminders

- Spring is here! Please be a good neighbor and pick up any trash around the outside of your house, including the ad paper that is delivered Tuesday (they tend to accumulate).
- Items too large for your trash can will need a yellow sticker placed on it. Stickers can be purchased at the Village Hall for \$2. We recommend not applying to the items until Monday morning when the garbage pick-up is scheduled.
- Yard waste pick-up began April 4th. Please bundle sticks and have out by 7 a.m. Mondays.
- A reminder from the **Water Department**: Our water rates will be increasing due to the City of Chicago raising their rates to all surrounding communities. This increase will be passed on to our residents. As a Village, we must maintain clean and safe drinking water.



## 2022 RG Alley Improvement Program

- All residents and businesses who are directly affected have been notified in more detail.
- Commercial alley construction will start on or about 4/11/22 through approximately 7/22/22.
- Grand Ave. asphalt alleys will be replaced with concrete alleys.
- Residential alley construction will start on or about 4/11/22 through approximately 6/24/22.
- Residential alleys will be replaced with green concrete alleys.
- Each alley will take approximately 28 days during which there will be no access to garages, or parking lots from the alley.
- Start dates will vary. One week prior to the start of construction a sign will be placed at either end of the alley indicating that work will begin in seven (7) days.
- Street maintenance parking restrictions will be lifted while alley is being worked on.
- The remainder of alleys included in this project will be completed next year.



## Public Safety Information

Through the use of public safety software provided by Frontline Public Safety Solutions (**Frontline PASS**), officials from the Village of River Grove are excited to announce the introduction of four new reporting products. As of Monday May 2, 2022, new online reporting modules will provide residents with the ability to request overnight parking permission, request a vacation watch on their residence, register a pet or pets with the village, and register a bicycle with the village online. Where applicable, all reporting products will follow guidelines of established municipal ordinances, and all requests or registrations immediately filter to the proper department. For example, the overnight parking module allows users to create entries of authorized vehicles and their specific locations to request parking permission, and this information becomes available in real-time to patrol officers – saving both time and resources as it relates to requesting parking permission. Additionally, residents will have the ability to register their pet(s) on-line. After entering as much descriptive information as possible, pet owners should also upload a photo of their pet(s). Once the information is entered and confirmed by the resident, it becomes immediately available to authorized users within the village. By using the registration program, lost pets have the best chance of being reunited with their people. Residential vacation watch requests and resident bike registration work in the same fashion.

The village is happy to provide these user-friendly, easily accessible, and secure methods of communicating needs, but as previously mentioned these services continue to follow established rules set forth in municipal ordinances.

**\* Please note – Pet Registration:** Residents registering pets through the online system will have 14 days to apply for, and purchase, a village authorized pet registration tag. The cost of the pet registration tag is \$5.00 per pet, and the request for registration tags may be made in person or through the mail. Residents who purchase registration tags in person can opt to have their pet information entered in the database by a village representative. The interface can be accessed by navigating to the following web address: <https://www.frontlinepss.com/rivergrove>