



Village of River Grove, Illinois May 2024

# Newsletter



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## From the Mayor's Desk

### Dear Neighbors and Friends,

As we enter into May, I would like to take the opportunity to wish all the River Grove moms a **Happy Mother's Day**. I have been blessed with a loving and caring mom, who has always had my back and continues to do so. Not only is she a wonderful mom to my sisters and I, she is a wonderful grandma to her grandkids. So, cheers to all the moms who have dedicated their lives to their kids! We would not be here without you!

May also brings us **Memorial Day**, which is not a day to celebrate, but a day to reflect on all the military personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice defending our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The Village recently held a ceremonial groundbreaking on the future site of our Veterans Memorial at Grand Ave. and Indian Boundary Road. For information on how to contribute to this worthy cause visit our website at <https://www.rivergroveil.gov/365/River-Grove-Veterans-Memorial>. Please take a moment to pause and reflect on our fallen soldiers and their families this Memorial Day.

This year at **Planting Day**, an annual event hosted by our Beautification Committee, they will be hosting a flower sale to fund beautification projects throughout the community. We are always looking for new volunteers; shovels and gloves will be provided. Thank you to our Beautification committee for keeping our village looking great!

The **River Front Fest** committee has been working hard to bring bigger bands, more food options and a bigger carnival to the fest! A big thanks to the volunteers, public works and public safety teams who make this annual event a big success. Every year we get thousands of visitors, but this year we have some special guests who weren't invited, Cicadas! These insects are harmless and come out in abundance every 13 to 17 years, and they promise to provide free entertainment with their buzzing! I promise they won't spoil any fun in the Village of Friendly Neighbors. Looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new neighbors at the River Front Fest!

Call or email me with any questions. My staff is here to serve you!

Your friend and neighbor, **Dave Guerin**



### Tree City USA Program

For the 29th year in a row the Village was once again recognized as a **Tree City USA Community**. The Tree City USA program recognizes communities across the United States for their commitment to trees and forests.

## Welcome SAMA to the Village of River Grove

Mayor Dave Guerin stopped by River Grove's newest eatery for lunch last week; Sama, located at 8347 W. Grand Ave. He met the owners Purvin Patel and Chef Yogi Hastorya who are bringing a fresh new menu to River Grove. They offer a taste of Fusion Indian cuisine in a welcoming atmosphere. They ask you to stop by and experience scratch-made dishes - craft beer, cocktails, and spirits! Visit their website for more info at: [www.samarivergrove.com](http://www.samarivergrove.com)



## From the River Grove Beautification Committee

The **River Grove Aesthetic Committee**, more commonly known as the **Beautification Committee**, was formed by a group of volunteers and is funded by donation. **Brent Leder, former Director of Public Works**, is currently the president of the committee. Members of the committee also serve as the Village's **Tree Board**. The committee hosts an **Arbor Day Ceremony** each year on the last Friday of April. All residents are invited to attend. Each year the committee, with the help of **Public Works**, plants trees in different areas of town, including parks, schools, churches, and the River Grove Historical House. Sixth grade students from the schools attend and participate in the craft contest as well as with the tree planting. The committee is also responsible for the planning and planting of the flowers on the **Grand Avenue Bridge, planter boxes**, and the **Welcome To River Grove signs**. We could not accomplish this task without the help of the many volunteers who lend their talents to the event. This year's **Planting Day** will be held on **Saturday, May 18th, beginning at 9 am in the Village Office parking lot**, rain or shine. Donation envelopes are enclosed in this month's water bills and are available at the Village Hall as well. Your donation helps us plant trees and flowers to beautify River Grove.



## From the River Grove Police Department – Helping the Special Olympics!

Its official! River Grove Police will be participating in **Dunkin' Cop on a Rooftop 2024**. The event will be held on **Friday, May 17, 2024 from 5 AM until 12 PM**. All are invited to come out and rally support for the Special Olympics! River Grove Police Officers will be at the Dunkin Donuts located at **8257 Belmont in the Thatcher Woods Plaza**.

## Vehicle Sticker and Pet Tag Renewals Due Dates Have Changed!

To better serve our residents, we have changed our vehicle sticker and pet tag renewal season!

Renewals for vehicle stickers and pet tags will **NOW** be due in September! Your current sticker will be valid until **September 30**.

*Check your mail for your renewal form(s) in August.  
All prices will remain the same.*



### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please **do not** feed birds and animals. Doing so creates a source of food for unwanted rodents and contributes to the rat population.

Thank you for your cooperation,  
RIVER GROVE PUBLIC WORKS



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