



Village of River Grove, Illinois October 2024

Newsletter



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From the Mayor's Desk

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Dear Neighbors and Friends, Happy Birthday River Grove! The Village of River Grove is the oldest municipality in Leyden Township at 136 years old! Named after the river and surrounding grove on October 6th, 1888. The village has prospered and developed into one of the most desirable places to live in Cook County. We offer a great location; a small town feel with big city access. Transportation is easy by bike, car, bus, rail or plane. We have multiple housing options, whether you live in one of our highly sought-after single-family homes on our tree lined streets or if you prefer the maintenance free multifamily luxury residences, or even one of our newly developed townhomes. River Grove has good schooling options, it is clean and safe, and continues to boast community events showcasing our friendly neighbors. Hopefully you will receive this newsletter prior to our October 5th **Fall Flannel Fest** at beautiful River Front Park, it will be a great family day. Join me in wishing our great Village a happy birthday!

Parents, guardians and kids, do not miss out on our annual **Trunk or Treat** event on October 26 (which is also my daughter's 11th birthday) at River Front Park. Come dressed up and go trunk to trunk to collect Halloween treats. This event is open exclusively to River Grove residents and is an annual tradition with participation by local businesses, elected officials, and community organizations. We can't wait to see you Saturday, October 26th at 10 AM.

Pardon our dust. We have multiple construction projects throughout town. This administration has been committed since day one to improve infrastructure and increase safety for our residents. We apologize for the temporary inconvenience as we replace old sidewalks, replace streets and remove and replace dated lead water lines with modern copper water lines. We thank you for your patience.

The Village has been very fortunate to receive some generous grant money. At our September Board meeting we approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Cook County Forest Preserve District committing to the funding for phase II Engineering Services for the improvement of the DesPlaines River Trail running north to south from Fullerton Ave to North Avenue, including two connections at Strieby Drive and Evans Field. The grants, from APRA and Forest Preserve District funds total an estimated \$1,423,000. Our trail system is a real gift, we can use it for recreation, improving mental health, commuting and the educational value of nature. We are fortunate and grateful for these grants.

In closing I want to thank everyone who has already committed money to the new Veteran's Memorial, an everlasting tribute to Veteran's on the corner of Indian Boundary and Grand Ave. There are still ways to contribute, please visit our website.

Your friend and neighbor, **Dave Guerin**



Mayor Guerin and his daughter, Audrey at the Taylor Swift experience held at River Front Park last month.



Mayor Guerin visited the Rhodes 4th grade class and discussed the importance of local government.

From River Grove Fire Chief, Sean Flynn

Fire Prevention Week for 2024 is October 6-12th.

Here are a few reminders:



- Smoke Alarms: Make them work for you! This year's campaign strives to educate everyone about the importance of having smoke alarms in the home.
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of the home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are ten (10) years old or stop responding when tested.
- Ensure that smoke alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

Did you know that cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries?

Cooking safety starts with YOU.

SPARKY



Pay attention to fire prevention.

Village of River Grove/NFL Flag Football Program



As mentioned in our September newsletter, **RG Recreation's NFL Flag Football program** kicked off last month with a Meet and Greet for all players, parents and coaches. Actual games are played every Sunday at Rhodes School fields starting at 9:30 a.m. (through October 30th). Recreation Director, Katie Muellner is thrilled with the participation, with a total of 10 teams involved. She also stated, "I am so impressed and thrilled with the number of spectators that show up every Sunday to support and cheer their team on." *For more information, contact Katie Muellner (708) 453-8000 x303.*

October Reminders

- The last day to purchase your vehicle sticker was September 30th. Please be sure you have a current sticker. Residents can still pick them up at the Village Hall, but unfortunately, a late fee will be applied.
- October is Fire Prevention Month, which is a good time to check your smoke detectors and change the batteries in them. The RGFD will install a smoke detector for owner-occupants either in single-family homes or condos at no cost. Please call 708-716-5033 to schedule an installation.
- The Village is getting an increase in calls from residents stating people walking their dogs are not picking up their dog's waste. Please be a good neighbor and clean up after your pets. It is the neighborly thing to do! Not picking up animal waste is also a code violation in River Grove and it carries a fine from \$100 to \$750.
- Please be extra cautious driving on Halloween and watch for kids as they trick or treat. Suggested trick or treat hours from 3 to 7 p.m.



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