



Village of River Grove, Illinois May 2025

Newsletter



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Dear Neighbors and Friends,

Wow! The weather is breaking which means we just saw the first pitch thrown out on opening day at historic Scheltens Field. A big thanks to the leadership of the **River Grove Baseball Organization**, the volunteers, the coaches and the parents or guardians who get their kids to practices and games. Every time I step on that field, it brings back memories of all the good times I had growing up down the block on Maple Street. I am now honored to make new memories with my son, David Jr. on that very same field. Hope you can make it out to a ball game this year.

Another reason I love May is we kick off the festival season with **River Front Fest** beginning on Thursday May 29th and going through June 1st. This is our 8th year since we brought back the River Front Fest and it's bigger and better than ever. Along with big entertainment like **Mike and Joe, Hi Infidelity and the Blooze Brothers**, we have a big variety of food options from all over the world! American, Italian, Polish, Mexican, Indian, Chinese, are all represented on the menu, as well as many frozen and dessert options. Don't forget to stop at the beer and wine garden; it will be like no other! Kids of all ages love one of the greatest carnivals in northern Illinois, it's so massive we have to split it in to three sections, with new rides every year. Please check our website for more information on wristband deals and parking options. Our special events committee works hard year-round to make this event a success. I personally love to see the east and west side of town come together at beautiful River Front Park. Thank you in advance to our **Special Events Committee, Public Works, and Public Safety Committee, as well as the volunteers** who make this event one of the most successful festivals around.

Be sure to join us in the Village Hall Parking lot at 9 am on May 17th for our **Planting Day**. This annual tradition was started by the **River Grove Aesthetics Committee**, which many people know as the **Beautification Committee**. Residents, Village employees and other volunteers meet to plant our parks, bridge and Village Hall. This tradition has inspired residents to plant their own homes, which in my opinion is one of the, many reasons the Village of River Grove is so beautiful in the summer time. In closing, please try and make it out to our **Memorial Day Service**, honoring all of our Veterans, on Memorial Day, Monday May 26th at 11 a.m. at our newly constructed **Veterans Memorial** at Indian Boundary and Grand Ave.

Looking forward to seeing all of our friendly neighbors at one of our many events this summer. Be sure to stop and introduce yourself. I love meeting new neighbors.

Your friend and neighbor,

Dave Guerin

Cop on a Roof

Last month the **RGPD** hosted a **Coffee with a Cop** in the Village Hall. This month they will be joining **Dunkin Cop on a Roof** that supports **Special Olympics Illinois**. This event will take place on May 16th starting at 6 a.m. at the Dunkin located at 8257 Belmont in the Thatcher Woods Shopping Center in River Grove. Stop by and support a great cause and meet some of River Grove's finest!



What's Happening Around River Grove?

- **Slice Factory** will be opening soon in the former McDonald's facility at Grand and River Road. We are looking forward to enjoying some tasty pizza!
- **Kona Ice** is moving into the Village to become one of the newest businesses in town. Be sure to stop and see them at the River Front Fest.
- **Station Café** is open for business - featuring gelato, pizza and coffees.
- We are excited about the completion of the engineering portion of our **River Trail** from North Ave. to Fullerton Ave. Construction will begin in 2025. This will enhance trail access and the trail user's experience.
- Congratulations to our **River Grove Rockets 14U team** on taking home first place honors in their tournament this past month.



Mayor Guerin enjoys a Kona Ice



River Grove Rockets 14 U team

River Grove Mobile App

Did you know that River Grove has a mobile app? A mobile app, or mobile application, is a software program designed to run on mobile devices like smartphones and tablets. The Village of River Grove App, My River Grove, can be download for **FREE** from the **App Store or Google Play Store**. The River Grove municipal mobile app offers numerous benefits, including instant communication, increased citizen engagement, improved transparency, and streamlined operations. This app allows the Village to send real-time notifications, enabling residents to stay informed about emergencies, events, and important updates. Residents can also easily engage with the Village registering for events, and accessing essential services, all through a centralized platform. We strongly advise all of residents to download the app and get in touch with all that is going on in the Village.



Congratulations Regent Products on 40 Years in Business

Mayor Guerin and the Village Board recognized **Regent Products Corp.** for celebrating 40 years in business. Regent's founders, William Bailes and Michael DePaul were in attendance at the meeting, along with other colleagues from the business. Regent Products is a wholesaler located at 8999 Palmer and they are a leading supplier of direct imports, domestic general merchandise, dollar store items and name brand closeouts. Mayor Guerin thanked them for being such a well-respected business in the Village of River Grove and wished them many years of continued success.

