



# Village of River Grove, Illinois Newsletter

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Desk**



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## GRAND CORRIDOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HONORS RIVER GROVE VILLAGE ATTORNEY

At its 73rd annual installation dinner on February 2nd, the Grand Corridor Chamber of Commerce awarded **River Grove resident and Village attorney Bart Smith** the 2018 Community Advancement Award.

"It was a great honor to receive the Community Advancement Award," said Smith. "I appreciate the opportunity to serve our communities, and receipt of the award is a reflection of the great teams of people I am able to work with including the Grand Corridor Chamber Board and the President and Board of the Village of River Grove."

The award recognized Smith's dedication and devotion not only to the advancement of River Grove but also to the surrounding areas the Chamber encompasses such as Mont Clare and Elmwood Park.

In addition to serving as a director on the Chamber board, Smith also volunteers as the treasurer of the River Grove Lions Club where he was recently presented with the Distinguished Service Award. Smith also serves as a director and secretary of the Triton College Foundation and has organized, promoted and operated numerous events for local charitable causes.



## RIVER GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

On Tuesday February 13, **Mayor Dave Guerin, Police Chief Rodger Loni and River Grove Police Officer Rob Conway** held a town hall meeting at the American Legion/ Recreation Center. The focus of the meeting was to start a neighborhood watch program in River Grove. After an informative presentation by Officer Conway there was a question and answer session for residents. Residents were given hand outs on how to keep their homes safe, a home security check list, unusual things to watch for in the neighborhood, a pamphlet explaining what a neighborhood watch is and signs to put in their windows identifying them as a home that calls the police.



Copies of these handouts are available at the village hall during normal business hours.



**March** is a great month because we honor the Irish Americans on St. Patrick's Day and the Italian Americans on St. Joseph's Day, but really we take time to honor the Hispanic Americans, the Polish Americans, the Asian Americans and all the other hard working family-oriented ethnic groups who make up our diverse and thriving community. We all share the same hopes and dreams: a healthy and happy family, peace in our mind and love in our hearts. Everyone plays a very important part in making our community successful, and I myself am very proud to be part of TEAM River Grove.

I would like to take this opportunity to bring to everyone's attention the Beautification Committee. The purpose of the committee is to make our town look great with fresh flowers, planting new trees, and sprucing up different areas in town. This spring, let us make our town look fantastic with our kick-off date of May 19th for "spruce up, clean up and planting day". Volunteers are asked to contact village hall if they are interested in getting involved. Home and building owners are encouraged to maintain and improve their property. Keeping your property looking good not only increases your property value, but also increases your neighbors'. Now that is truly being a friendly neighbor!

This year is on track to be one of the most eventful years ever in recent River Grove history. It's our 130th anniversary, and I encourage all residents to stay tuned to our official website [www.rivergroveil.gov](http://www.rivergroveil.gov) for accurate info, important dates and community events.

In closing, I would like to thank the residents who came out to our initial neighborhood watch meeting. We live in a very safe neighborhood and continually watching out for our neighbors and their property will keep it that way.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you. I am always available to you via e-mail ([mayor@rivergroveil.gov](mailto:mayor@rivergroveil.gov)) or by phone (708 453-8000).

*Warm regards,  
Mayor David B. Guerin*



**Please Remember**

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