



# Village of River Grove, Illinois Newsletter

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## From the Mayor's Desk



### SUPPORT LOCAL RIVER GROVE BUSINESSES

The following new businesses were approved since January 2018:

**Nova Lines, Inc.** 2314 River Road

**Alma Latina Beauty Salon**

**TPS Pro Shop** 3111 River Road

8339 Grand Avenue

**Stella's Place** 3101 Thatcher Avenue

**S & A Autosound** 9017 Grand Avenue

### FROM THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER JOE HUTCHESON

With the good weather upon us, lots of home improvement projects will be beginning.

Please be aware that the permitting process is in place to protect our residents from unlicensed and uninsured contractors. The building department at the village is here to help you.

**Here are some other important reminders from our Building Department:**

- Time for the holiday decorations to come down! A River Grove ordinance states that no holiday decorations or signs shall be displayed for more than 30 days before the holiday and not more than 60 days after the holiday.
- River Grove has an ordinance that requires every building in the village to be identified with an address on it with numbers 3 to 6 inches high. Placement of the address will be on the front of the building and in the rear of the property.
- All exterior surfaces that are in disrepair on your house or building need to be resurfaced, painted or sided. All garages need gutters.
- All construction work needs permitting. If work is done without permits, fines will be incurred.

### RIVER GROVE RESIDENT OF YEAR AWARD

At the March 1st board meeting, Mayor David Guerin honored long-time River Grove resident Myron Legg with the first River Grove Resident of Year Award. This award will be presented every year to a resident who goes above and beyond to help others in the community. Myron owns and runs the Home Stretch Inn on River Road. For many years he has helped individuals within our community through his generous donations to the River Grove Food Pantry. He also helps organizations such as Misericordia, Shriners Hospital for Children, River Grove Lions Club and the Toys for Tots program. Mayor Guerin called Mr. Legg "a true Grover" and mentioned we are so proud to have him as a business owner in our town.



Mayor Dave Guerin and Myron Legg

### APRIL EVENTS IN RIVER GROVE

Friday April 20: Mom and Son Carnival Dance 6:30–9:30 p.m. American Legion/Community Center

Tuesday April 24: Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7 p.m. American Legion/Community Center

Friday April 27: Youth Government Teen Dance 7–9 p.m. American Legion/Community Center

Friday April 27: Arbor Day 10 a.m. Rhodes School

Saturday April 28: Basketball Clinic 1st–8th grade 10 a.m. to noon River Grove School



**Please Remember**

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

**Dear Friendly Neighbors,**

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. Easter is not only a time of year in which we get to dress up and spend quality time with our family, but it is also a time of new beginnings. Take a moment to reinvent yourself, rejuvenate your home or strengthen a long-term relationship that you may have neglected due to our busy lives.

I would like to send a shout out to our Beautification President Brent Leder and his team for once again organizing our annual Arbor Day event which will be held at 10 a.m. on April 27th at Rhodes School.

The ceremony includes 150 sixth-graders who decorate bird houses from our local schools. River Grove is proud to announce that we will once again be recognized as Tree City USA. Trees will be planted next to the newly constructed park along Fullerton Ave in Rhodes field for shading elements. I salute all who were involved in the creation of that park and volunteered for a community project. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend this event.

Please plan on attending our second Townhall meeting regarding the Neighborhood Watch program. River Grove is one of the safest communities around, and we encourage engagement by the whole neighborhood to keep it that way. Chief Loni and Officer Conway has put together a quality program to make our town an even safer place to live. This is also a fantastic way to meet your neighbors and develop friendships with others in our community.

Lastly, I am proud to announce the return of the River Front Fest on July 20, 21, and 22 in honor of River Grove's 130th birthday. This event will be one of the biggest and best in the area with big name bands, premium food venders and tons of family fun—all priced for a family on a budget. Stay tuned for sponsorship and volunteer opportunities. We would love to have you on Team River Grove!

As always, I am just a phone call, e-mail or visit away. I am honored to serve you. E-mail (mayor@rivergroveil.gov)

**Mayor David B. Guerin**