



Village of River Grove, Illinois

# Newsletter

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Desk



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## FROM THE TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC WORKS TRACY ALLER

After a long and cold winter, and a Spring which has been in hiding, we are looking forward to the **River Grove Beautification Committee's Annual Planting Day Event** on May 19, 2018, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Village Hall parking lot. Gloves and shovels will be provided. We welcome any and all volunteers to assist with planting at the Grand Avenue Bridge, "Welcome To" planters and at the Village Hall, Police and Fire Departments. Crews will be organized that morning and assigned to specific areas. We will also be sending people out to clean up the village. We need volunteers, so please consider giving us an hour of your time! Planting Day has been an annual event for over 30 years in River Grove. This year the Beautification Committee, in conjunction with the Village, looks forward to working with a new vendor who will be updating the landscaping along Grand Avenue with seasonal plantings. Flowers and landscaping help to beautify our town, and it is well known that "Curb appeal" adds value to any property. Aesthetic improvements are a great way to show off River Grove, and we hope all of our residents will take the time to beautify their own homes. Donations to the River Grove Beautification Committee are accepted year-round and help to cover the cost of the flowers that are planted throughout town on Village owned or maintained properties. We hope to see you on May 19th!

## FROM THE RIVER GROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT

One of the most important elements of doing any job is having the proper equipment; and modern-day firefighting is no different. President Guerin and the River Grove Board of Trustees recently solidified that belief by purchasing a new fire engine. This acquisition was certainly welcome news to all our firefighters; and to celebrate, they asked the school children of River Grove to help introduce the newest member of the firefighting family by conducting a "NAME the ENGINE" contest.

All River Grove school children from grades kindergarten thru 5th grade were issued ballots. When returned to their teachers, the student's ballot revealed the proposed name along with a brief explanation of for their selection. After over 150 ballots were received and reviewed by a selected group of village employees, the name that was selected was; "The Guardian".

Rhodes School 5th grade student **Johnny Medina** was the winner and will receive a ride to school on "The Guardian" along with some commemorative items from the fire department. Mayor Guerin and Chief LaRiviere want to extend their gratitude to all the students that took part in the naming contest.



## A FEW REMINDERS from the River Grove Code and Health Inspector:

- Apartment complex and condo dumpster lids must close to avoid accumulation of garbage outside the container. Many times, dumpsters are over filled causing garbage to fall around the dumpster, leading to rodents. Citations will be issued if the dumpster area is not cleaned up.
- It is unlawful for animals to run at large in the Village of River Grove. It is also the owners responsibility to purchase a tag and register their animals at the Village Hall. Please keep your pets on leashes when not in your home.
- Please be a good neighbor and clean up after you dog. If you do not remove your animals excrete from someone's lawn, you could be fined \$15.

## Dear Friendly Neighbors,

May is here and our beloved Village is bustling with excitement. The beautification committee has been working hard and with the help of our Public Works they have many great projects planned for this spring. Homeowners, business owners and landlords do not get left behind and take up your own beatification projects. Sprucing up the appearance of your property not only increases the value of your home, but that of your neighbor's and the entire village.

**River Front Fest** plans are in full swing and it is set to be one of the biggest fests in the area. I could not be more proud to be the Mayor of my home town during its 130-year anniversary. We have some of the biggest acts in the Midwest booked, top notch local food vendors are pouring in and the carnival is sure to be the highlight of any young Grover. You have my personal Guerin-T that this will be a great family event priced right for a family on a budget.

In closing I would ask that everyone have a wonderful and safe Memorial Day weekend. Please join us for our Memorial Day event hosted by the American Legion and the VFW. The service starts at 11 a.m. on May 28th, followed by a "touch a truck" event highlighting our new Fire Truck and many more vehicles. Free hot dogs for children under 13 years of age. Please keep in mind that this is much more than a day off work... it is a day to honor all our fallen soldiers who gave it all to protect the freedoms and life we live today.

Remember I am just an e-mail or phone call away.

*Best Regards,*  
**Mayor David B. Guerin**

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