



# Village of River Grove, Illinois Newsletter

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## From the Mayor's Desk



### A FEW REMINDERS from the Village of River Grove:

- Vehicle sticker notification was sent out in the mail. The deadline for having the new stickers on your vehicles is June 30, 2018.
- Public works is open the 1st Saturday of every month for big recycling drop off such as tv's and electronics. Public Works is located at 2101 West Street in River Grove.
- The recreation department is having a Kid's Garage Sale on Saturday June 16, tables are still available, but limited. Call the village for more information.
- In an emergency call 911 for help.
- Be a good neighbor and keep your grass cut. Grass should be kept at 6 inches or under.

### RIVER GROVE RIVER FRONT FEST

In honor of River Grove's 130th Birthday, Mayor Dave Guerin has decided to bring back the River Grove River Front Fest. This 3-day event was always a popular gathering point to unite old and new friends. This year there will be a carnival, many local food vendors, top name musical entertainment as well as old favorites like the Duck Race and the Garden Walk. There will be a beer garden and even a Hala Bar sponsored by Hala Kahiki!

We look forward to seeing many of our residents this **July 20, 21 & 22** to help celebrate River Grove's 130th birthday. *The village is looking for volunteers for this 3-day festival. Please call the village hall at 708-453-8000 to donate some of your time.*

### RIVER GROVE PLANTING DAY

Spring time in River Grove must mean that it is planting day time! This long-standing tradition in River Grove brings the community together to plant flowers and beautify our town. With the help of volunteers, the River Grove Public Works Department and the Beautification Committee residents will start to see the town transform into a garden of colors. Watch for street scaping along Grand Ave too! We think you will like what you see.



### FROM IT TRUSTEE ROGER SEWELL:

We are moving forward with plans for a new Mass Notification system for our village which we expect to officially launch in early June. This new system will provide public safety officials with an effective way to alert and warn the public about serious emergencies using the Emergency Alert System (EAS), Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio, and other public alerting systems from a single interface. Residents, business owners and visitors will soon be able to download the Alert Me app to their cell phone to stay informed or they can sign up to receive both emergency and routine alerts by either visiting our website or by calling Village Hall at (708) 453-8000. We expect this upgrade will enhance and dramatically improve our ability to instantly alert the members of our community to any conditions that they need to be aware of. As always, stay up-to-date with all the local news by visiting our website at [www.rivergroveil.gov](http://www.rivergroveil.gov) or the Village of River Grove Facebook page.

### Dear Friendly Neighbors,

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out on Beautification Day to help plant our town. The flowers look fantastic and make our town look wonderful. A big shout out to Anthony Lanzito and his business Vinyl Touch Graphics at 2638 North Davisson Street for their very generous donation of branding banners that will be displayed on poles on the Grand Corridor. Thanks for taking pride in our community, it is business owners like you who make our town great.

We are happy to announce the demolition of two properties on Spruce and Palmer which have been a blight on the community for many years. This administration is committed to protecting and growing the value of our homes. We are currently in the process of pursuing three more properties that have been abandoned along our major streets to make way for new businesses and other development.

Summer is in full swing and we hope to see you at our many summer events. We encourage all residents to take advantage of the summer weather and run, hike, or bike through the Forest Preserves. The forest is filled with many different plant and animal species and is a great educational opportunity for families with young kids. Just a few minutes into the preserves and you can easily escape the worries of the day.

On a personal note I am very proud to announce that my wife and I will be having another baby in October. We could not think of a safer, friendly and more affordable town to raise our family. The small town feel with big city access is the perfect environment to instill good values, create life long friendships, with great educational and recreational opportunities.

Remember I am always just a phone call away.

*Best Regards,  
Mayor David B. Guerin  
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**Please Remember**  
**STOP** Speeding... **STOP** Littering...  
and **STOP** at Stop Signs... **FOR OUR KIDS!**