



# Village of River Grove, Illinois Newsletter

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## From the Mayor's Desk



### THREE NEW POLICE SQUADS

Several weeks ago, the village board approved the purchase of three 2018 Police Interceptor Squad AWD Utility Vehicles. When compared to a police squad car, these three new utility vehicles will provide police officers more versatility when patrolling our community and when responding to emergency calls for service. Each new utility vehicle will be outfitted with a MDT (Mobil Data Terminal - computer), a high-efficiency low profile emergency lighting system, and other pieces of emergency use equipment. Purchasing these modern and efficient vehicles begins the process of addressing the long overdue need of replenishing an overused fleet of police vehicles. We anticipate the new vehicles to be delivered and ready for use in early fall. Mayor Guerin and the village board wish to stress their high level of commitment to providing the best and most efficient public safety services to our residents and our community.

### LYNDALE STREET IMPROVEMENTS - LEYDEN TO FIFTH

The project will include the replacement of all new curb and gutter the widening of the pavement by two feet to better accommodate snow removal, new carriage walks entrance walks and driveway and alley aprons, patching of the pavement and then a final overlay with new asphalt.

**During construction daytime parking on the street will be prohibited between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm to allow for the construction to be completed. In the evening one side of the street will be left over for parking.** The Village will also put in place temporary parking restrictions as it relates to street sweeping on Leyden Avenue and Trumbull Avenue between Belden and Palmer to accommodate vehicles displaced during construction. As parking will be at a premium the village encourages residents to utilize their garages for parking of vehicles. Work began in late August and is expected to be completed at the end of September. As in all construction, you will experience inconvenience. We are hopeful the weather will cooperate. The work is being funded with a combination of Cook County Community Development Block Grant the Village received through its 2017 application and Motor Fuel Tax funds, which are part of the gas tax the State collects and shares with local municipalities.

### FROM OUR RECREATION DEPARTMENT

As we prepare for our 2018 flag football season, I want to take an opportunity to remind everyone just how important our rec. programs are to the children and adults of our community. Our youth softball, football and newly formed basketball programs do so much more than introducing our kids to sports. The benefits go far beyond learning to catch, throw, kick and run. Organized team sports teach our children the importance of things like hard work, practice, patience and what it means to be part of a team. Most importantly, it teaches our kids how to win or lose with honor and dignity. We must take a moment to thank the parents. You volunteer your time, you drop off and pick up. Most importantly, you support and encourage your children as they take on new and exciting activities and challenges. Many of you do this for more than one child. Without you, we have no programs! We look forward to a fun filled flag football season. Special thanks to all volunteers. You make our programs better. If you would like to volunteer some time to ANY of our programs please contact the rec department.

Thanks again to all and remember, "A GOOD SPORT IS ALWAYS A WINNER"

### Dear Friendly Neighbors,

September is a wonderful time of year. For some it means the kids are back in school, for others it is football season, but for all of us it means summer is drawing to a close. Pools are closing down, our tree-lined streets start to turn into colorful fall shades, and also it also marks the return of our Unwined event at River Front Park. This annual event features live Jazz music, food, wine tastings, and local craft venders. Bring your friends and family for this free event on September 16 from 2-6 p.m.

Plans are underway for a memorial-sitting park on Palmer and Elm St. in partnership with our friends at Veterans Park. The village acquired the land many years ago and it has been sitting vacant for quite some time. The enhancement will beautify the corner and increase property value in the area. Our recreation department is working closely with park designers to address the dated kids parks at River Front Park and Spruce St.

There are a lot of street projects going on around town. Phase one of Fullerton Ave., from Webster to 1st Ave., is well underway and we apologize for any troubles this may be causing residents. The long-term fix will definitely outweigh any short-term inconvenience. We are happy to announce that we have received financial assistance from Invest in Cook program for Phase two of Fullerton, from 1st to Maple. This will include new sewers, curbs and gutters as well as resurfacing. Details on construction will be released as they become available. Lyndale repaving will be underway shortly and residents in that area have received notice of the construction timeline. I understand that the most important street and alley is the one in front of your home, because that is the one you use every day. We will continue to fight for funding until every street and alley is up to the standards Grovers deserve!

*Remember kids are back in school, so drive safely and obey the speed limit.*

**Best Regards, Mayor David B. Guerin**  
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### EAGLE SCOUT HONOREE



Trustee Bobby Thomas congratulating Eagle Scout Shawn Gugenti with Mayor David Guerin at a recent board meeting.

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