

Grayslake Record



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June 2020

Grayslake Farmers Market

The Grayslake Farmers Market will be open on Wednesday, June 3rd, from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in downtown Grayslake. The market's goal is to provide shoppers with an outdoor shopping experience for fruit, vegetables, meats, seafood, wine, and more all while operating within social distancing guidelines.

For more information on the Grayslake Farmers Market, please visit www.grayslakefarmersmarket.com.

Census 2020

The 2020 Census is now live, and for the first time ever you can complete the form online! The Census will be used to determine political representation, government funding, and planning decisions through 2030 and beyond, and completing it can help keep your property taxes down. The form takes about 10 minutes to complete – visit the following link to complete yours today! <https://my2020census.gov>.

Celebrate Grayslake 125 By Playing Bingo!



Grayslake turned 125 years old on May 9, 2020. Play BINGO to celebrate our town's 125th anniversary and support Grayslake's Small Businesses during this difficult time. When you get a BINGO down, across, or diagonally, send your card & proof of your achievements to business@grayslakechamber.org. For every BINGO, you and your team will win a small prize from the Grayslake Chamber of Commerce & Industry. Blackout the entire card for a chance to win a BIG prize. Entries due by July 1, 2020.

Purchase a Gift Card from a Small Grayslake Business to use at a later date	Take a selfie at Gelatin Park	Donate to a Grayslake Nonprofit	Follow 3 new Small Grayslake Businesses on social media	Buy a non-food item from a Grayslake Small Business
Send an anonymous positive note or letter to a Small Grayslake Business	Take a photo of a Grayslake Small Business. Tag the business and @VisitGrayslake	Read the Grayslake History outdoor exhibit at the park across from Village Hall	Purchase an item you saw promote on a Grayslake Small Business's Facebook or Instagram page	Like @Grayslake Chamber of Commerce on Facebook
Order delivery from a Small Grayslake Restaurant	Purchase a gift at a Grayslake Small Business		Take a picture of a Celebrate 125 banner on Center Street	Take a virtual tour of a Grayslake business at www.grayslakevillagecenter.com
Take a selfie at Jones Island	Purchase an item locally that you were going to buy online	Share this BINGO card	Write a positive review online for a Grayslake Small Business	Take a picture at the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum
Purchase from a Health or Beauty Small Business in Grayslake	Share a post of a Small Grayslake Business on Facebook	Leave a big tip at a Small Grayslake Business	Like @VisitGrayslake on Facebook	Pick up food from a Small Grayslake Restaurant

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Reminders

Water & Sewer Bill Payment Options

Residents have six options to pay their water and sewer bills:

1. Electronically
2. Automatic debit
3. By phone (1-844-463-8922)
4. By mail
5. In person at Grayslake Village Hall
6. Drop box at Village Hall

For additional information regarding water bill payment options including auto-debit enrollment, please visit www.villageofgrayslake.com, "Water & Sewer Services", under the Residents tab or contact the Request for Service System at 847-223-8515.

Be Kind to Your Neighbor

Residents are asked to be considerate of their neighbors with regards to barking dogs and loud vehicles during the early and late hours of the day.

Pet Littering

Per Village Ordinance when walking a pet, owners must carry a receptacle or bag and properly dispose of animal waste. Thank you.

From the Mayor...

The economic shut-down related to COVID-19 has had a negative impact on the national economy. In Grayslake most of our businesses are small businesses who are especially hard hit. While the Village has limited financial and staff resources we have focused some of those capabilities toward trying to help these businesses.

Specifically we have provided direct financial assistance to dine-in restaurants and independent local retailers who have been closed due to the shut-down orders. We remain one of a very small number of towns that have provided direct assistance to these small businesses. We have also used special paid social media promotions of our restaurant carry-out services and added website information on this. Utilizing our business contact list we have been regularly sending information on different state and federal assistance programs with customized information to local restaurants. We have also provided on-request assistance where we can to individual businesses on these programs.

With the Chamber and GFX International a reopening sign kit for closed or heavily restricted commercial businesses has been developed and the Village will pay for the first 100 kits. Businesses are now reserving their kits.

In response to the Governor's decision to allow outside dining services in Phase 3 of his reopening plan, dining options on Village owned parking lots and on-street parking places in downtown are being considered. The options have been forwarded to all downtown restaurants for their consideration. If any want to use these public spots the Village

will be ready to work with them. Outside dining is already allowed on privately owned business properties so businesses with sufficient property can exercise this option.

Fortunately many of our manufacturing and professional services businesses are operational as essential businesses. This helped mitigate some of the adverse local economic impacts some. It is too early to tell what the longer range impacts of this shut-down will be but we will monitor the situation in the future and do what we can within our limited means.

In terms of Village facilities, the Governor's opening plan makes it infeasible to open the aquatic center this year. The Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum has been closed but visit their website for virtual offerings. The senior center is currently closed but staff can provide assistance by phone or email. There is no date set for the opening of Village Hall but online services access options remain and the police vestibule is open.

Stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor

Mayor

Senior Center

We appreciate your patience and understanding of the Senior Center's suspended activities during the Covid-19 pandemic. We hope all are well and remain safe. You can view our normal activity schedule in the June newsletter; however, at this time we are not hosting group-involved events until further notice. The congregational meals have been replaced by containerized "to go" meals. Contact the Senior Center at 847-543-1041 for more information. The monthly newsletter can be found at www.villageofgrayslake.com. If you are lonely and need someone to talk to, please call the "Friendship Line" at 800-971-0016. This service is available for persons aged 60 years and older. For additional senior resources, please call the Senior Center at 847-543-1041.

Explore Grayslake's Village Center from Home!

Until you can come to events in Grayslake's Village Center again, we're coming to you. Check the events calendar at www.grayslakevillagecenter.com for the latest virtual events and activities by local organizations.

You can also go behind the scenes at Fire Station #1, explore exhibits at the Heritage Center, and visit other buildings throughout our historic village center with the 3D virtual tours on the homepage.

Grayslake Park District Summer Program Guide Available Online Only

The Grayslake Park District will not be mailing a Summer Program Guide due to schedule uncertainty caused by COVID-19. Instead, a digital version of the Summer Program Guide is available online at www.glpd.com.

Follow @grayslakeparkdistrict on Facebook and Instagram for registration dates and details on summer programs and events.

Village Announcements

Outdoor Watering Restrictions

The following watering restrictions are in effect between May 15th and September 15th:

- All lawn sprinkling and landscape irrigation is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- Landscaping includes sodded and seeded lawns, gardens, trees, shrubs and other living plants.
- Newly sodded or seeded lawns may be watered at any time for a two-week period following installation.

Basement Flood Prevention Tips

- For basements that use a sump pump, it is a good idea to have an extra battery powered pump in the event of a power outage.
- For basements with window wells, make sure drains work and be sure to clear all leaves and debris. Window well covers for basement windows may also help.
- If water accumulates next to the outside walls of your home, consider re-landscaping to direct the water away.

Partnership Programs

With spring here, residents can take advantage of the Village partnership programs such as tree replacement, rain barrel/compost bin reimbursement and lawn mower replacement rebate programs. For more information or how to participate in the programs, please visit www.villageofgrayslake.com and select Partnership Programs under the "Residents" tab.

Friendly Reminder

A friendly reminder to all the joggers out there. Pursuant to the Illinois' Vehicle Code/Rules of the Road, joggers/walkers should use jogging paths and sidewalks when provided. When a sidewalk is not accessible on public roads, joggers/walkers should try to select wide roads with good shoulders. Joggers/walkers should face oncoming traffic and remember to look, listen and yield to all vehicles. At night or anytime visibility is poor, joggers/walkers should be in well-lit areas and wear reflective clothing. Remember these tips to help keep our community safe for both drivers and pedestrians.

Leak Detection Helpful Hints

Little leaks inside your home can waste large amounts of water and cost you money on your water utility bill. Below are some tips for identifying possible leaks inside your home:

- **Toilets:** If a toilet turns the water on without you touching the handle, if you have to jiggle the handle to make it stop running or if you have to hold the handle down to allow the tank to empty. One way to determine if you have a leak is to add dark food coloring to the tank and wait 40 minutes. Do not flush. If the water in the bowl changes colors, you have a leak.
- **Whole House Humidifiers:** Regular maintenance can keep a humidifier working well, but if issues arise, troubleshooting may be useful.
- **Bathroom, Kitchen and Outdoor Faucets:** Occasionally, faucets may leak in other places such as the on/off handles. You may have a leak if there are visible drips at the piping or if there are wet, damp areas underneath the sink.

Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum

When the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum can reopen, we will be ready for you with touch-free exhibits and safety measures in place. Check our website for the latest information about an opening date and entry procedures. Until then, we will continue to meet you where you are: online and outside.

- Visit our pop-up exhibits in the courtyard. The courtyard windows have been repurposed. On your next walk through Grayslake's Village Center, stop by to see old images of Grayslake and learn more about our community's history.
- The annual Chapin Jazz Studio Showcase is moving to cyberspace! Tune in to www.facebook.com/BillChapinJazz/Live at 7 PM on Wednesday, June 24 for live music streamed to your home.
- Follow the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum on Facebook to see #MuseumatHome posts, virtual field trips, and more. Find us at @GrayslakeHeritageCenterandMuseum. Follow the Grayslake Historical Society on Facebook for trivia questions to ponder, update, and other historical facts. Visit at @GrayslakeHistoricalSociety to learn more.
- Do you know someone who exemplifies the Best of Grayslake? As part of Grayslake's 125th anniversary this year, the Grayslake Heritage Center Foundation wishes to honor a history maker who has made long-lasting, positive impact on our community. Visit www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com to learn more.

For more information about the Heritage Center, please visit www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com, 847-543-1745, or mpoe@villageofgrayslake.com. To learn more about Grayslake artifacts, images and other records, contact the Grayslake Historical Society at www.grayslakehistory.org, 847-223-7663 or charenehan@aol.com.

Happenings at the Grayslake Area Public Library

Summer Reading is for Everyone! June 1 - July 31

Read what you choose and track your minutes! In honor of Grayslake's 125th anniversary, the community goal is 125,000 minutes. Plus weekly raffles for gift cards to local businesses and a grand raffle prize.

Although the Library Remains Closed, Services Continue!

Careful plans are underway with great attention to safety. Safe material handling, social distancing and logistics in regards to traffic, accessibility, etc. Your Library @ Home: Free digital items, Consumer Reports and Ancestry. www.grayslake.info

CLC James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts

All face-to-face events at college facilities have been cancelled until further notice. As guidance is released from federal and state agencies on how organizations can reopen to the public, we will post updates regarding when events will commence at college facilities.

To receive updates about our season, visit www.clcillinois.edu/tickets.

Lake County Fairgrounds Events

To confirm event schedule please visit www.lcfair.com

- Motocross: Friday, June 5 (open ride), Saturday, June 6 (Round 1 race), Friday, June 26, Saturday, June 27. Gates open 3:00 pm, sign-up 3:00-6:00 pm, races start: 7:00 pm.
- Slammeduff Chicago Car Show: Sunday, June 28 from 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. For more information visit www.slam-meduff.com.
- Zurko Antiques & Flea Market: Saturday, July 11 from 9:00 - 4:00 & Sunday, July 12 from 9:00 - 3:00. For more information visit www.zurkopromotions.com.
- Lake County RV Outlet Show: Friday, September 18 - Sunday, September 20. Visit www.rvoutletshow.com for info.

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To see our major meeting schedule, please visit www.villageofgrayslake.com.