

Grayslake Record



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July 2020

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 and 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. Download the BINGO card at www.grayslakechamber.com.

Census 2020

80% of Grayslake residents have already completed their census. Have you? If you have not yet completed do your duty and complete the form online! The form takes about 10 minutes to complete at <https://my2020census.gov>. The census is used to determine political representation, government funding and planning decisions through 2030. Completing it can help keep your property taxes down.

Senator Bush Gains Route 120 Underpass Funding

Traffic back-ups on Illinois Route 120 at the intersection with Illinois Route 83 continue to grow. The Canadian National Railroad (CN) crossing at this location makes the back-ups worse and more frequent. Senator Melinda Bush has been working for some time to gain state funding for a road underpass on Route 120 under the CN tracks. Her efforts were successful this year when the recently passed state budget included funding for this project.

Mayor Taylor commented "Senator Bush has worked tirelessly on capacity improvements to Route 120 and we thank her for her efforts on this much-needed project".

Inclusion of funding for a transportation project is the first step toward eventual construction. Now that funding is included in the state budget work can begin on the design engineering process. To meet all applicable federal and state requirements, the Phase I design process typically takes three to six years to complete as long as no major issues are encountered and budgeted funds remain available.

The Route 120 underpass is one project included in a plan for widenings at various locations on Route 120 between Route 120 and Almond Road. The plan, called the Belvidere Road Corridor Road Capacity Plan, was developed jointly by the towns of Grayslake, Hainesville, Round Lake, Round Lake Park and Volo. The plan was developed and presented to county and state officials with the help of Senator Bush. In addition to the underpass project, dollars were also included in a previous state budget for another widening included in this plan, the widening of Route 120 from Route 45 west to near Atkinson Road.

Work has been progressing on other transportation projects. Design engineering work is complete for the realignment of Route 83 to meet Atkinson Road at Route 137 and the seeking of construction bids is planned by June of next year. Phase I engineering on widening Route 83 is near completion.

Transportation improvements have been a focus of the Village over the years. The Village has completed a number of road, path and commuter rail projects and worked with state and county agencies on expansions to Washington Street, Route 45, Peterson Road and Rollins Road.

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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...

As part of Grayslake's 125th anniversary, a new flag will be unveiled and we are asking you to help select it. The Village of Grayslake partnered with the Grayslake Arts Alliance to collect flag designs created by local artists. Artists were told that their flag should include the color green, the traditional color of Grayslake's flag, and symbolize our village. Each design includes a statement from the artist explaining why they feel their flag best represents Grayslake. To vote for your favorite flag, visit www.villageofgrayslake.com and click on "Flag Competition". Votes will be accepted through Friday, July 31.

2020 is to be a celebration of our village's past and present. When Grayslake incorporated in 1895, this was a growing community. Nine years earlier, the first train arrived and the first neighborhood was subdivided, changing the area forever. People began moving to town and businesses flourished with access to the railroad. Incorporating as a village would mean residents could create laws for themselves and provide municipal services, so on May 9, 1895 men from the area voted at the Thomson brothers hardware store. The Village of Grays Lake was born, and George Thomson was the first president (mayor). A few years later the name was officially changed to Grayslake, though the two-word spelling could still be seen for decades.

In the past Grayslake has celebrated its anniversary with a variety of events and activities. During the 75th anniversary in 1970, the storefront that currently houses Fred's Diner was Jubilee Headquarters and festivities included a parade, Jubilee Ball, and pageant. In 1995, Grayslake kicked off its Centennial Celebration with an old-fashioned pic-

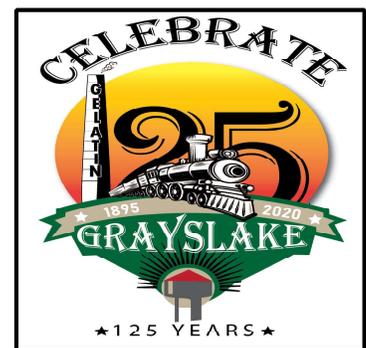
nic that included a marionette show, balloon sculptures, scavenger hunt, fishing derby, face painting and a clown. A two-and-a-half hour parade, tours of town and a time capsule was filled with items from the mid-1990s.

Grayslake's "Celebrate 125" was going to kick-off on the village's 125th birthday, May 9, 2020. Planned Celebrate 125 events included opening the Centennial time capsule, a history bike tour through town, and a special parade with horses, a fire juggler, and more. For the safety of the community, these large events have been canceled OR postponed until next year. In their place are smaller community events. In addition to voting for your favorite flag, you can download a Celebrate 125 Bingo card from the Grayslake Chamber of Commerce, record reading minutes to meet the Grayslake Library's goal of 125k minutes read by the community, and visit outdoor exhibits in the Heritage Center courtyard and the Village Commons park across from Village Hall to learn more Grayslake history.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor, Mayor



Senior Center

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding of the Senior Center's suspended activities during this COVID-19 pandemic. You can view our normal activity schedule in the July newsletter; however, at this time we are not hosting group-involved events until further notice. Our congregate meals have been replaced by containerized "to go" meals. Menus are in the Senior Center newsletter located at www.villageofgrayslake.com. 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.

Fireworks Reminder

As you are celebrating the July 4th holiday, please be aware that fireworks are illegal in the Village. Fireworks are dangerous and even a single use of one firework could subject individuals to fines.

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.
- **Bathroom, Kitchen and Outdoor Faucets:** You may have a leak if there are visible drips at the piping or if there are wet, damp areas underneath the sink.

This July with the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum

- Look for our reopening announcement! Museums are allowed to reopen in Phase 4 of the Governor's Plan to Restore Illinois, so check our website for the latest information about an opening date and entry procedures.
- Visit our two new outdoor exhibits: a popup exhibit called "Food, Family, and Tradition: Dining in Grayslake" in the Heritage Center courtyard and "Now and Then: Grayslake in the Past & Present" in the park across from Village Hall. The Grayslake Historical Society has scenes of "Early Grayslake" in the window between the Courtyard and the Fire Department.
- Check our events calendar for socially-distanced concerts and other events after Illinois enters Phase 4.
- Follow the Grayslake Historical Society on Facebook for trivia questions to ponder, update, and other historical facts. Visit at @GrayslakeHistoricalSociety to learn more.
- Follow the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum on Facebook to see #MuseumatHome posts, virtual field trips, and more. Find us at @GrayslakeHeritageCenterandMuseum.
- 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 for more information.

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

Curbside Pickup Of Library Materials Is Here! You can now request, by placing items on hold in your account, books, movies, magazines, music CDs, and more to check out and pick up curbside; all while practicing social distancing! For details, days, and hours go to www.grayslake.info.

Summer Concerts Are Back! This summer experience great performances online in the comfort of your home. Monday, June 22, 7-8:00 pm; Petra van Nuis & Andy Brown's Night of Jazz. Monday, July 20, 7-8:00 pm; I Feel Good! Hits of the '60s Monday, August 3, 7-8:00 pm; Makani and Friends.

CLC James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts

The JLC is working on new procedures to incorporate social distancing into our future events; stay tuned for an announcement about our upcoming season.

To receive updates about our season, visit [//www.clcillinois.edu/tickets](http://www.clcillinois.edu/tickets).

Lake County Fairgrounds Events

To confirm event schedule please visit www.lcfair.com

- Motocross: Tuesday, July 28 (open ride). Wednesday, July 29 & Thursday, July 30. Friday, August 28 & Saturday, August 29. Gates open 3:00 pm, sign-up 3:00-6:00 pm, races start: 7:00 pm.
- Zurko Antiques & Flea Market: Saturday, September 12 from 9:00 - 4:00 & Sunday, September 13 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.
- Arts & Crafts Show: Saturday, October 3 & Sunday, October 4.

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