

# Grayslake Record



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August 2020

## Celebrate Grayslake 125 by Playing Bingo!

Grayslake turned 125 years old on May 9, 2020. Play BINGO to celebrate our town's 125<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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.

## Village Community Notification System and Website

The Village-wide community notification system is used by Village officials to notify residents of emergencies and other time sensitive situations. Near the top right hand portion of the Village website is the link for "Community Notification Sign-Up". Residents and businesses have the option to register, add, or edit their existing contact information.

### Register for Email / Text Messages / Extra Phone Lines

When registering in the notification system, residents and businesses have the ability to enter up to three contact phone numbers, including one primary phone number, one phone number for text messages, and up to four email addresses.

### Land Lines

The Village's community notification system updates the system database each month with current land line phone numbers. It is possible that some resident or business phone land lines are not included in these monthly updates. Residents or businesses may contact the Request for Service system at 847-223-8515 to confirm their land line is in the notification system.

### eNews Notifications

On the homepage of the Village's website is the link for "eNews Sign-Up". By clicking this link, website visitors can select different categories of eNews notification subscriptions sent to their email addresses instantly after a subscription category on the website is updated. Subscription categories include instant notifications on Village news updates, agendas and minutes, newsletter, police blotter, press releases, and more.

### Online Utility Billing Viewing and Payment Options

Customers can manage their bills for water and sewer and garbage and recycling services on the Village's website using the online payment option accessible from the homepage or from the utility billing management option listed under the "Residents" tab.

If you have questions regarding the community notification system or any other Village item, please contact the Request for Service system at 847-223-8515.

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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](http://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...

Certainly few would have predicted that the world would experience a pandemic in 2020. COVID-19 has impacted our country, state and local community in ways that we are only now beginning to understand. For your municipal government it has created new challenges to our regular operations, services and programs. While the Village is in a strong financial condition, the revenue and cost implications are still being estimated. Meeting these new challenges requires a strong and adaptive organization.

Whether it is the current pandemic, a tornado, 25" snowfalls, microburst wind events, record-breaking rains or national economic downturns the Village has been able to provide the needed responses while maintaining its sound debt-free financial condition. Meeting these challenges and delivering vital regular services on an ongoing basis has been possible over the years while per-resident operating costs have increased 35% less than inflation in the last 30 or so years. Infrastructure investments and community improvements have been possible through good planning. This has been possible due to decades of work and effort that has built a sound and resilient organization.

In the next few issues of this newsletter I will be focusing on the municipal organization and how it is built to deliver in a cost-effective way the services we all rely on every day. I will highlight the innovative approaches that have been taken throughout the organization that make the operation very different from most municipal governments. Next month's edition will focus on the finances of the Village since its sound financial condition is a required foundation for any organization's effectiveness.

Secondly, our Public Works Department which provides services we use each and every day like water, sewer, trash/recycling pick-up, storm response management, snow plowing and street maintenance, will be the focus. Next, the services of our Police Department will be discussed including thousands of annual crime prevention and community policing activities. Important services cannot be delivered without sound infrastructure. The fourth installment will describe how, unlike much of the country, decades of attention have created an up-to-date and improved service delivery infrastructure. Lastly, a strong and expanding economy is a critical part of any community. While many organizations, both public and private, contribute to make the Village able to compete for the many benefits of business growth, the Village has a central local role in supporting a healthy business climate. The final column will discuss our efforts in this regard.

The Village is just one of a number of organizations that help to make our community what it is. I hope upcoming articles will help give you a picture of how the Village organization does its part. Watch for next month's information on the Village's finances.

If you would like to discuss this further please contact me at [mayortaylor@hotmail.com](mailto:mayortaylor@hotmail.com)

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor, Mayor

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### Senior Center

The Grayslake Senior Center normal activity schedule is located in the August newsletter; however, at this time we are not hosting group-involved events until further notice. The congregate meals have been replaced by containerized "to go" meals. Menus are located in the Senior Center newsletter at [www.vilageofgrayslake.com](http://www.vilageofgrayslake.com). In addition, you can find more Lake County meal pick up locations and senior resource information. If you have any questions, 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](http://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 Farmers Market

The Grayslake Farmers Market is open every Wednesday 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](http://www.grayslakefarmersmarket.com).

# Village Announcements

## Outdoor Watering Restrictions

The following watering restrictions are in effect between May 15<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup>:

- 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.

## Garbage & Recycle Can Placement Reminder

Residents are reminded to place their garbage and recycle cans and yard waste out for pick-up no earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the night before their regular pick-up day. After refuse is picked up, garbage and recycle cans must be placed either on the side of the house or inside the garage per Village ordinance.

## Keep Your Storm Drainage Ditches Clean

In the event of a rain storm it is important to keep storm drainage ditches clean. Continuous flow of water in a storm ditch is vital to proper drainage and preventative flooding. If you have a storm drain on your property, please keep it clear of any debris and vegetation that would prevent the water from flowing properly.

## 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.

## Waste Management Holiday Delay

Due to the Labor Day holiday there will be no garbage, recycle or yard waste pick-ups on Monday, September 7. All pick-ups are delayed by one day during this week.

## 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 August with the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum

- We're open! Avoid big crowds and visit your local museum to learn about Grayslake during the Prohibition era, how our town got its name, and more! A new Exhibit Explorer Guide will temporarily take the place of our hands-on play area. Exhibits and public areas are sanitized each morning and throughout the day for the safety of our visitors, volunteers, and staff. Per state guidelines, capacity is being limited and face coverings are required.
- Not ready to come inside yet? Explore our outdoor exhibits. Look for a new pop-up exhibit in the Heritage Center courtyard and images of Grayslake "Now and Then" in Village Center Commons, the park by the clock tower.
- Search and Share Genealogy will take place on Wednesday, August 5 at 2:00 p.m. and the first Wednesday of every month. Share your genealogy triumphs and stumbling blocks. Each participant will sit at their own 6' table and is required to wear a mask.
- Look for our bright yellow tent at the Grayslake Farmers Market in August and pick-up a take home FREE kids activity kit.
- Coming soon: socially-distant concerts with Mr. Meyers Band and Earthmother.
- Follow the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum on Facebook to see #MuseumatHome posts, virtual field trips, and more. Find us @GrayslakeHeritageCenterandMuseum. Follow the Grayslake Historical Society on Facebook for trivia questions to ponder, updates, and other historical facts. Visit @GrayslakeHistoricalSociety to learn more.

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

### Happenings at the Grayslake Area Public Library

**Grab & Go! By Appointment:** We welcome patrons in the building with one-hour appointments! To keep our staff, patrons, and the community safe, we ask that your visit be brief – come in, browse, grab what you need, and take your items home to enjoy! All patrons must practice safety standards: everyone over age 2 must wear a mask/facial covering and maintain 6ft social distance.

**Curbside Pickup Of Library Materials Continue!** Checkout, books, movies, magazines, music CDs, and more to pick up curbside; all while practicing social distancing!

### CLC James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts

The JLC is currently planning protocols to facilitate a safe operating environment to welcome back patrons and performers. These include occupancy limits; developing socially distant seating plans; and sanitation processes for our theaters and lobbies.

For updates on the college reopening, visit [www.clcillinois.edu](http://www.clcillinois.edu).

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## Lake County Fairgrounds Events

**To confirm event schedule please visit [www.lcfair.com](http://www.lcfair.com)**

- 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](http://www.zurkopromotions.com).
- Lake County RV Outlet Show: Friday, September 18 - Sunday, September 20. Visit [www.rvoutletshow.com](http://www.rvoutletshow.com) for info.
- Arts & Crafts Show: Saturday, October 3 & Sunday, October 4.
- Freeman's Autoswap: Sunday, November 1 from 8:00 - 3:00. Presented by Freeman's Muscledcar Motorsports.
- Chicagoland Antique Advertising, Slot Machine & Jukebox Show: Friday, November 13 - Sunday, November 15.

## Elected Officials

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**To see our major meeting schedule, please visit [www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com).**