

Grayslake Record



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Reuse-A-Shoe

The Reuse-a-Shoe program offered through the Village of Grayslake and SWALCO provides citizens with the opportunity to recycle unwanted shoes. Instead of throwing away shoes, recycling will mean that 95% or more of all shoe materials will be reused. The program is available at the Grayslake Public Works facility, 585 Berry Avenue (Mon-Fri 7-3:30; Sat 8-12). All shoe contributions must be in a pair and tied/connected to its pairing shoe.

Free Textile Recycling

Spring-time is coming and it's time to clean out closets, cupboards or other household items you no longer need. You can recycle the textiles you no longer need at the Grayslake Public Works facility, 585 Berry Avenue (Mon-Fri 7-3:30; Sat 8-12). Some of the items accepted for textiles and clothing include blouses, shirts, coats, jackets, dresses. For a full list of accepted items please visit www.villageofgrayslake.com. About 95% of the materials collected will be repurposed or recycled.

Seasonal Aquatic Center Employment Opportunities

The Village is currently accepting applications for seasonal employment for the Esper A. Petersen Foundation Family Aquatic Center. Information on these opportunities can be found below:

Lifeguards and Swim Instructors

The aquatic center is now accepting applications for seasonal employees for lifeguards and swim instructors for the upcoming 2021 summer season. Applicants must be 16 years of age or older. The starting wage is \$12.25 per hour.

Admissions and Concessions Attendants

The aquatic center is now accepting applications for seasonal employees for admissions and concessions attendants for the upcoming 2021 summer season. Applicants must be 15 years of age or older. All employees under 16 must obtain a work permit prior to employment. The starting wage is \$11.00 per hour.

Interested aquatic center applicants should submit a completed Village employment application to Village Hall, 10 S. Seymour Avenue, in the Village Hall drop-box, or by email to Zack Smith at zsmith@villageofgrayslake.com. Positions are open until filled.

Seasonal Public Works Department Crew Member Employment Opportunity

The Village is seeking qualified candidates for Public Works seasonal positions working from approximately May 15th to August 15th. The positions are for 40 hours per week starting at \$11.00 per hour with the opportunity for overtime. Typical duties for these positions include landscaping, painting, litter removal, tree trimming and other general maintenance.

Applications are available at www.villageofgrayslake.com and should be submitted no later than Friday, April 16, 2021 to the Village Hall drop-box, Attn: Jennifer Hess, 10 S. Seymour Avenue or to jhess@villageofgrayslake.com.

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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.

Senior Citizen Electricity Surcharge Rebate

Beginning April 1st, eligible individuals can submit copies of their past electric bills dated April 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021 at the drop-box located just outside the Village Hall front door, 10 S. Seymour Avenue.

The Village's senior citizen electricity surcharge rebate reimburses individuals 65 years of age or older (as of April 1, 2020) for the amount of electricity surcharge paid on their electric bill during the previous year, not to exceed \$20. A valid driver's license or ID card is required. Past electric bills will be accepted April 1, 2021 - April 30, 2021.

From the Mayor...

I am often asked by residents where their property taxes go each year. The answer is that tax bills cover the property tax distributions to a number of independent local taxing districts and county-wide entities. The areas covered by these independent local districts are different than the Grayslake boundaries where the municipal government has jurisdiction. In fact different parts of the Village are served by different combinations of school or other taxing districts. For this reason the tax bills of Grayslake residents may have lists of different taxing districts covered by the bill. When a new business is recruited to town, the districts in which it is located receive the property taxes generated by the new business. Here is a brief list of some of the different districts serving different parts of town. Many other towns in Illinois find themselves in similar situations.

Township Government: Lake County is divided into several different townships. The majority of the Village is in Avon Township. However, there are portions that are not. Examples are the Waters Edge subdivision, and other businesses/homes east of Route 45 that are in the Village. They are in Warren Township. Similarly, portions of Prairie Crossing are in Fremont Township. The residents and businesses in these parts of town pay property taxes to Warren Township and Fremont Township respectively and not to Avon Township.

School Districts: A majority of the Village is served by Community Consolidated District 46 and Grayslake Community High School District 127. But there are a few portions of town where the children attend other schools due to differing boundaries. Portions of College Trail are in Woodland School District. Part of Prairie Crossing is in Woodland and part is in Fremont School District 79. Businesses in the Village and along Peterson Road are in Mundelein elementary and high school districts.

Library Districts: The Grayslake Library District serves most of the Village, however, there are a few parts of town that are served by other library districts. As one example, our neighbors in Waters Edge are actually part of the Warren Newport Library District.

Park District: Much of the Village is within Grayslake Park District's boundaries, however, the Park District serves portions of Hainesville and Third Lake as well. Areas near Peterson Road are in the Round Lake Area Park District.

Grayslake Fire Protection District: Our Fire District serves almost all of the Village, but also serves other communities, such as portions of Round Lake Park and Wildwood. The Round Lake Fire Protection District also provides service to a small part of our Village.

When you read your property tax bill you can see all the different independent taxing bodies that serve your property. You can find maps of all the different taxing bodies shown on your property tax bill at the Lake County website: maps.lakecountyl.gov.

Each independent taxing district makes its own decisions on how much property taxes to collect and these are itemized on your tax bill. For many years the Village has taken less dollars than allowed by law so now only about 5% goes to the Village.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have or any topics you would like to see addressed in the monthly newsletter.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor

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.

Village Announcements

Garbage and Recycle Can Exchange

For those who enrolled in the exchange program, Waste Management will exchange the can(s) on your regular service day during the weeks of March 15 and March 22.

If you live in an area where multiple cans are at the street on your service day please indicate your numerical address on your can to ensure the proper can is exchanged by Waste Management.

Grayslake Arts Alliance Online Store

The Grayslake Arts Alliance online store has officially launched! All of the products are original and hand-crafted by local artists and a portion of each sale will help the Grayslake Arts Alliance continue its mission to “promote the arts through education, participation, and development.” You can view the shop here:

<https://www.grayslakeartsalliance.org/shop.html>

If you have any questions, please send an email at:

grayslakeartsalliance@gmail.com

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.
- If the location of the floor drain permits, an uncapped standpipe may be installed in the floor drain. Never cap a standpipe or floor drain.
- 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.
- Downspouts with above ground opening should be extended away from the foundation.
- If water accumulates next to the outside walls of your home, consider relandscaping to direct the water away.
- Consider routine inspection or rodding of the sewer lines at your home. Root intrusion from trees is often the cause of a sewer line blockage.
- If you notice leaf or small branch debris obstructing a catch basin or street storm sewer, you can try to remove it to allow the water to flow through.

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 14 at 2:00 a.m. Clocks will move forward one hour at this time. The Village encourages all residents to change the batteries in their smoke detectors at this time.

ComEd Assistance Programs

ComEd has many assistance programs available at this time to help you pay your electric bills. Residents, small businesses and non-profits can apply for hardship loans at www.comed.com

Find Your Fun in the Grayslake Park District's Online Program Guide

A digital version of the Grayslake Park District's Spring Program Guide will be available at www.glpd.com in early March and registration for spring programs begins March 15. The park district will not be mailing copies of the guide. Follow @grayslakeparkdistrict on Facebook and Instagram for details on upcoming programs and events.

This February with the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum

- Grayslake history is available in-person, online, or outside. Plus, we're open! Put on your mask and visit the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum Wednesday – Saturday from 12 to 4 pm.
- See “Sounds, Smells, and a Smokestack” before it closes. Learn more about the Grayslake Gelatin Company, the company that gave Gelatin Park (and its sledding hill) its name.
- Have you ever looked at Grayslake’s historic homes and wondered what stories those walls could tell? The Grayslake Historical Society will share six “Houses of Character” on March 10 at 7 PM on Facebook Live.
- Celebrate the first day of Spring with the Grayslake Arts Alliance’s Spring Virtual Fine Art Show. Visit the Heritage Center and Grayslake Arts Alliance websites on March 19-21 and support local artists!
- Visit by reservation. Use the contact info below to schedule a time for your household to visit the Heritage Center. Bonus: special flashlight visits also available.
- Share your genealogy triumphs and struggles with the Grayslake Historical Society on the first Wednesday of each month at Search and Share Genealogy!

For more information about these and other initiatives, visit www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com, 847-543-1745, or email mpoe@villageofgrayslake.com. For more information about the Grayslake Historical Society, visit www.grayslakehistory.org, 847-223-7663 or email charenehan@aol.com.

Happenings at the Grayslake Area Public Library

The library building is now open with Grab & Go! To keep everyone safe, we ask that your visit be brief – come in, browse, grab what you need, and take your items home to enjoy! Limited computer, printer, and scanner usage and notary available by appointments. Anyone over age 2 must wear a 2-ply mask.

Curbside Pickup Hours Expanded! Starting March 14, hours will be Mon-Thurs 10am-7pm, Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-1pm, Sun 1pm-4pm. Checkout, books, movies, magazines, music CDs, and more to pick up curbside! For more information go to www.grayslake.info or call 847-223-5313.

CLC James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts

The Red Hot Chilli Pipers on Friday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. An ensemble consisting of pipers, guitarists, keyboards and drummers with musicianship of the highest order and a passion for pipes that will leave you breathless.

To register for your FREE virtual event link: Phone the Box Office: 847-543-2300 or email: clcboxoffice@clcillinois.edu

Voice and email messages can be left anytime and will be answered at the earliest opportunity. Phone lines are open Monday – Friday, noon to 5 p.m.

Lake County Fairgrounds Events

*To confirm event
schedule please visit
www.lcfair.com*

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