

Grayslake Record



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Village Notes

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.

Keep Your Storm Drainage Ditches Clean

In the event of a rainstorm 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 high vegetation that would prevent the water from flowing properly.

Don't Wait, Don't Pay, Recycle Today!

FREE TEXTILE RECYCLING!

It's time to clean out the closets and cupboards of clutter and other household items you no longer need. You can recycle the textiles you no longer need at the Richard Whittington Grayslake Recycling Center.

Some of the items accepted for textiles and clothing include blouses, shirts, coats, jackets, dresses, Halloween costumes, hats, scarves, pants, bedspreads, duvets, comforters, bed sheets, and more. About 95% of the materials collected will be repurposed or recycled.

For a full list of accepted items please visit www.villageofgrayslake.com.

FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING!

Got an old laptop, monitor, VCR, DVD player, or TV that you need to get rid of? Recycle it at the Richard Whittington Grayslake Recycling Center. For a full list of accepted electronics items please visit www.villageofgrayslake.com.

FREE Food Scraps Drop-Off Service

The Richard A. Whittington Grayslake Recycling Center is now accepting food scraps for drop-off. This is a FREE service to residents.

Accepted items include: *Fruits and Vegetables (includes unpainted holiday pumpkins); Left-overs/kitchen scraps (includes coffee grounds, tea bags & filters); Breads, grains, pasta and cereal; Meat, poultry, seafood (including shells and bones); Dairy and Eggs (including shells; no liquids); Paper Products (includes paper towels, plates, napkins, egg cartons and pizza boxes).*

RECYCLING CENTER LOCATION

The Richard Whittington Grayslake Recycling Center is located at the Grayslake Public Works facility, 585 Berry Avenue (off of Route 83 just north of Frederick Road). Hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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Reminders

Be Kind to Your Neighbor

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

Trailers or Recreational Vehicles

Storage of a trailer, recreational vehicle, jet-ski or boat in a driveway or in the front yard of residential property is prohibited by Village Code.

Metra Parking

Overnight/Multi-Day Parking

For commuters wishing to park vehicles overnight or for multiple days, a prepaid temporary hang tag can be purchased at the Village Hall prior to parking in any Metra lot. The cost is \$1.75 per day.

PrePay Parking

The prepay parking program provides unlimited monthly parking in any Metra parking lot. The \$35 monthly parking fee is automatically debited from an authorized checking or savings account. For more information please call Village Hall at 847-223-8515.

From the Mayor...

The Village's Comprehensive Plan includes the concept of a Village Center as a community focal point. The Village Center is an area bounded by Route 83 (east), Grayslake Middle School (north), Lake Street (west), and Route 120 (south). The area contains our historic downtown, Central Park, the heritage neighborhood, and municipal facilities. Over the years amenities like the aquatic center, skate park, senior center, Centennial Park, youth center and museum have been added. The area is home to many special events and activities throughout the year.

Work continues to develop the Village Center. In past Grayslake Records I have talked about our multi-year downtown improvement plan. The plan includes a varied set of public improvements designed to enhance the downtown area to help make the downtown a more attractive business and event location. Projects completed in recent years include additional parking, creation of a central festival site for many downtown special events, opening of the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum, and streetscape improvements. New businesses have located in downtown. This year's projects include an expansion of the downtown veteran's memorial which will add downtown greenspace, a new parking lot at Hawley Street and Slusser Street and Park Avenue curbing. A new 300 seat restaurant will open this fall.

Central Park is a key part of the Village Center providing active park amenities and a large amount of open space. Immediately to the south of the park is an old abandoned industrial site with three dilapidated antiquated industrial buildings. The property was once home to Grayslake Gelatin Company. Since the gelatin company ended operations in the early 1980s the area has become an unsafe dump site with severe environmental contamination issues. There was little possibility of a private sector redevelopment due to these conditions so the site was likely to continue to deteriorate over time. Recognizing the need

to eliminate the blight and hazardous conditions the Village first completed an evaluation of the site and structures which confirmed the poor condition of the buildings and the site environmental contamination levels. In order to have an opportunity to achieve the clean-up the Village purchased the ten acre site for \$30,000.

Now that we have control of the site, the Village Board included funding for building demolitions and environmental clean-up of the property. In this year's budget a competitive bidding process will be initiated in the next sixty days and it is hoped that substantial progress on the clean-up can be accomplished in the next twelve months.

Once the site clean-up is finished, the site will present a great opportunity for the Village Center. Since the site is not located in a prime business location, the property could add to Grayslake's open space inventory while also adding additional amenities to the Village Center. The Village has had initial conversations with the Grayslake Park District to gather ideas they may have for the site. The Village Board has also asked the Village's planning consultant to generate options for improving the area. The Village welcomes any ideas you may have. Please contact me at mayortaylor@hotmail.com with your suggestions.

The Village Center and downtown are important to our effort to increase property values over the long term. The clean-up of the Grayslake Gelatin Factory site and its redevelopment will improve the Village Center which will have a favorable impact on property values.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor, Mayor

Senior Center Announcements

The Grayslake Senior Center opened on September 30, 2002 with Barbara Medel as the Senior Center Manager. Now after 14 years with the senior center and 28 years with Catholic Charities, Barbara has retired. Sharon Wold, who has been the Senior Center Coordinator has been promoted to the position of Senior Center Manager. Ms. Medel has enjoyed her time at the Senior Center and getting to know so many people. Barbara is looking forward to retirement.

Grayslake Summer Farmers Market

The Grayslake Farmers Market happens every Wednesday from 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

The Farmers Market features many local and regional vendors that offer goods such as vegetables, fruits, flowers, wines, breads, meats and cheeses, as well as various fine art and entertainment.

For more information on the Grayslake Farmers Market, including volunteer opportunities, special events, and a list of vendors, please visit www.grayslakefarmersmarket.com.

Village Announcements

Interested in the Arts?

Grayslake Arts Group, a group to promote and develop the arts in Grayslake, is seeking members. Members are being sought from business, government, and education as well as from all the arts. Meetings are currently underway to generate ideas and to develop focus, mission and leadership. If you are interested, please contact Ernest J. Schweit at ernestjschweit@sbcglobal.net.

Garbage, Recycling & Yard Waste Pick-Up Delayed

Due to the 4th of July holiday, there will be no garbage, recycle and yard waste pick-up on Monday, July 4th. Garbage, recycle and yard waste pick-ups will be delayed by one day during the week of July 4th.

Register Now for Swim Lessons at
www.swimgrayslake.com

Upcoming Summer Events

Plan your summer here in Grayslake as there are many upcoming fun events through the Grayslake Chamber of Commerce through its contract with the Economic Development Commission. The following are upcoming summer events:

- **25th Annual 5K Run and Walk**

This event begins in downtown Grayslake on Saturday, July 16th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

- **Summer Days**

Bring the entire family to Grayslake Summer Days for two days full of fun family activities, music, carnival games, food vendors, and more. This event is on Friday, August 19th and Saturday, August 20th in downtown Grayslake.

- **4th Annual Color Aloft Balloon Festival**

Bring a picnic and set up in Central Park on Saturday, August 27th from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m and enjoy the sights of hot air balloons in the sky. Live music, children's activities, business vendors, and a Civil War Era baseball game will also be available for all to enjoy at the festival.

Register for Your Aquatic Center Membership and Swim Lessons for 2016!

Summer is here at the Esper A. Petersen Grayslake Aquatic Center!

Aquatic Center Memberships for the 2016 season are still available at \$85 for each person. An Aquatic Center Membership provides unlimited access to the facility when it is open to the public all summer long. Members also receive exclusive benefits and discounts throughout the summer.

If you were planning on signing up for swim lessons, please remember that classes fill up quickly and we advise that you register today in order to hold your place. A complete guide to the entire swim lesson lineup can be found by going to www.swimgrayslake.com. Just make sure to sign up for your membership first in order to receive the discounts available on swim lessons.

If you have questions, please call us at 847-223- POOL. We'd be happy to answer your questions or help you with your registration.

Summer Fun at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum

The Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum has a busy month full of engaging programs and shows for the whole family:

- **Wednesday, July 6th at 7:00 p.m.** - Author Marty Brounstein will discuss his book, *Two Among the Righteous Few: A Story of Courage in the Holocaust* at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum.
- **Saturday, July 16th at 10:00 a.m.** - The Grayslake Historical Society will present, *The Moving Story*, a program about moved buildings in Grayslake.
- **Wednesday, July 20th at 7:00 p.m.** - The *Grayslake Jazz Combo Workshop* will perform classic and modern jazz standards in the museum's courtyard.
- **Saturday, July 23rd at 2:00 p.m.** - Actor R.J. Lindsey will portray Stephen T. Mather, founding director of the National Park Service at Grayslake Village Hall. This program is planned in observance of the National Park Service's Centennial.
- **Tuesday, July 26th at 7:00 p.m.** - *The Mike Flack Jazz Octet* will perform West Coast Cool Jazz at Centennial Plaza (rain location: Grayslake Village Hall).
- **Saturday, July 30th from noon - 4:00 p.m.** - The museum will unveil a new exhibition exploring Grayslake's automotive history. Guided tours will be provided at 1:00 p.m.

For more information, visit us at www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com, call 847-543-1745, or email Dave Oberg at doberg@villageofgrayslake.com. For more information on the Grayslake Historical Society, visit www.grayslakehistory.org, call 847-223-7663 or email Charlotte Renehan at charenehan@aol.com.



CLC James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts

We are celebrating our 20th anniversary in 2016-2017 and we are excited to bring you the extraordinary Rita Moreno as the season opener, along with many other incredible artists throughout our celebration year.

Brochures will mail and be available in July, with subscription sales beginning on July 11. Enjoy the best prices and numerous other benefits when you become a subscriber. To obtain a brochure, call the Box Office or stop in and pick up a copy if you are not on our mailing list. Call the JLC Box Office at 847-543-2300 or visit www.clcillinois.edu/tickets for more information.

Request for Service

For service related requests, please contact the Request for Service System. Four options to submit a request are below:

PHONE: 847-223-8515

FAX: 847-223-4821

ONLINE: www.villageofgrayslake.com

IN PERSON: Village Hall, 10 S. Seymour Avenue
Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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