

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.

New Exhibit at the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum!

Maps, Motors and Memories

The Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum is offering an August full of engaging, family-friendly fun for visitors of all ages. Catch a glimpse at the museum's latest exhibition, *Maps, Motors and Memories*.

The show examines Grayslake's automotive history, including images and stories of local garages, service stations and automotive dealers, plus a timeline highlighting automotive milestones in Grayslake and beyond.

Be sure to add your recollections of your first car to our memory wall. The show also includes hands-on stations for younger visitors who might aspire to be mechanics and car enthusiasts. The exhibition runs through the end of February.



Center Street and Whitney Street looking East, 1960
Photo provided by the Grayslake Historical Society

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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.

Lead in Water Information

If your home was built before 1970 it is possible that your private water service running from the public watermain near the street to your home is made of lead. This could increase the lead content of your water.

If you want more information on the water service you own, contact any plumber who can check your service to determine if it is a lead water service.

You should have received a notice about lead in water from the Village. If you wish to know more about lead in water visit www.villageofgrayslake.com and on the left side of the homepage, click lead in water information.

From the Mayor...

From time-to-time you may read articles or see news stories about the best places to live or top towns to raise a family, etc. Recently, Niche.com came out with a ranking of the "Top 10 Illinois Suburbs to Live In" and Grayslake was featured as the #3 top suburb in Illinois. This ranking took into consideration many factors, including the quality of local schools, cost of living, crime and safety, and family amenities, among others. I am proud that Grayslake was recognized on this list.

Creating a great town requires more than just the efforts of the Village government. A great town is a result of collaborative efforts among local taxing districts such as schools, parks, and fire protection, as well as those of local civic, volunteer, and charitable groups. However, these groups and organizations could not function without the hard work and dedication of Grayslake residents who donate their time and energy to serve their community through various boards, commissions, and committees, all in an effort to make Grayslake a great place to live. In July, three individuals in the Grayslake community were recognized for their long-time service toward this goal.

Fred Schaefer, Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals - In 1962 Fred Schaefer was appointed to the Grayslake Plan Commission and Zoning Board of appeals. Over the past 54 years Fred has served his community proudly on these bodies as Grayslake grew from a small rural community in the 1960s to the prosperous suburban community it is today.

Fred's dedication to serving Grayslake goes unmatched through his attendance at hundreds of meetings across the past five decades. Fred's service is by far the longest of any commission member in Grayslake history and his expertise and insight were of great assistance during a time that the Village made great economic, social, and cultural progress. We thank Fred for his unprecedented service.

Amy Edwards, Village Trustee and Economic Development Commission Member - Amy was elected to the Village Board in 2005 and has served Grayslake for the past 11 years as a Village Trustee. In 2007, Amy was also appointed to the Economic Development Commission where she served as an advocate for business development in Grayslake. Through her efforts Amy helped to form the Grayslake Business Partnership, which is a public/private organization dedicated to business recruitment, retention, and expansion in Grayslake.

Amy left the Village Board this past July as she is relocating out of state. Amy's service and hard work as a Trustee is appreciated by me and her fellow Board members. We wish her best of luck in her new home.

Barbara Medel, Grayslake Senior Center - The Grayslake Senior Center, located at 50 Library Lane, opened in 2002 and Senior Center Manager Barbara Medel has been there for every minute of it. As an employee of Catholic Charities (the Senior Center's operating contractor with the Village), Barbara has served the Grayslake Senior Center for the past 14 years, creating a welcoming environment for all visitors.

Barbara announced her retirement from Catholic Charities in July after 28 years of service. We wish Barbara much joy and happiness in her retirement and thank her for her service to our Grayslake seniors.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor, Mayor

Senior Center Announcements

Summer is here and so is the hot weather. If you want to escape the heat join the Senior Center (ages 60 and over) for regularly scheduled activities. The monthly newsletter found at www.villageofgrayslake.com provides specific information for dates and times of these activities. Please contact us at 847-543-1041 or stop by at 50 Library Lane.

Grayslake 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.

For more information on the Grayslake Summer Days, visit the Grayslake Chamber of Commerce website at www.grayslakechamber.com or call 847-223-6888.

Village Announcements

4th Annual Color Aloft Balloon Festival

The Grayslake Chamber of Commerce, Village of Grayslake, and the Grayslake Park District will present the 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. For more information, contact the Grayslake Chamber of Commerce at 847-223-6888 or visit www.grayslakechamber.com.



Grayslake Farmers Market

The Grayslake Farmers Market happens every Wednesday from 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM on Center Street in Downtown Grayslake.

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.

Garbage, Recycling & Yard Waste Pick-Up Delayed

Due to the Labor Day holiday, there will be no garbage, recycle and yard waste pick-up on Monday, September 5th. Garbage, recycle and yard waste pick-ups will be delayed by one day during the week of September 5th.

Environmental Partnership Programs

When purchasing a tree, lawn mower, rain barrel or compost bin, please keep the Village's partnership programs in mind.

The Tree Partnership Program includes a 75% reimbursement (excluding sales tax, delivery, installation, etc.) for the purchase of a "native" tree, not to exceed \$200. The "native" tree list can be found on the Village website under the "Residents" tab within the "Partnership Program" webpage.

The Lawn Mower Replacement Rebate Program includes a 35% reimbursement for the purchase of an electric/battery-powered lawn mower and 75% for a manual (reel) mower, not to exceed \$100.

The Rain Barrel / Compost Bin Reimbursement Program includes a 50% reimbursement for the purchase of a rain barrel or compost bin, not to exceed \$75.

For more information please contact Request for Service at 847-223-8515.

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, August 3rd at 2:00 p.m.** - History buffs will want to mark their calendars for the next meeting of the Grayslake Historical Society's *Search and Share Genealogy Group*.
- **Saturday, August 6th at 10:00 a.m.** - Visit the museum as the Grayslake Historical Society gives a short presentation about Grayslake in the 1970s, followed by a "reminisce" session, inviting your input and memories.
- **Saturday, August 13th at 7:00 p.m.** - The museum is also continuing its historic music series in August as several bagpipers and drummers from the *Chicago Highlanders Pipe Band* will perform at Centennial Park. Bring your lawn chairs and picnic baskets for a night to remember.
- **Wednesday, August 17th at 7:00 p.m.** - Visit the museum as we welcome back the Cinque Venti Wind Quintet for a summer concert. The Quintet will feature musical selections from historical to modern. A reception will follow.
- **Saturday, August 27th at 4:00 p.m.** - Enjoy nine innings of 19th century baseball as the *Grayslake Athletics* take on the *McHenry County Independents* at the north end of Grayslake's Central Park. Learn the wildly different rules and cheer and jeer in fine, Victorian fashion.
- **Sunday, August 28th from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** - stop by the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum for the community's "little car show." We will have a special display of model cars and trucks, many of them collectible, to augment the "big car show" downtown.

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

Enjoy the best prices and numerous other benefits when you become a subscriber! *Rita Moreno, Second City, FAME - The Musical* and *In the Mood* are only a few of the amazing events to choose from. Order your subscriptions now for the best seats! Single tickets go on sale August 15th.

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 to view this seasons events.

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.