

# Grayslake Record



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## Village Notes

### Residential Leaf Vacuuming Program

The Village of Grayslake leaf vacuuming program will run for six weeks beginning Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Vacuuming will take place one day per week and due to the pace of falling leaves, vacuuming may not be on the same day as your scheduled garbage / recycle pick-up.

Guidelines of the program include:

- Places leaves into piles, unbagged before 6:00 a.m.
- Please place leaf piles between the edge of the street and sidewalk. In areas without a sidewalk, please place leaf piles within seven feet from the edge of the street.
- Please do not deposit leaves into the street. Your cooperation is appreciated.

The program runs until Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the Request for Service System at 847-223-8515 with questions.

## Read This Before Your Next Family Dinner...

Does this scene sound familiar...? You and your family have just finished a delicious family dinner – It’s time to clear the table and start the dishes – You collect the plates and head over to the trash where you empty the meal’s leftover food scraps into the garbage. Business as usual, right?

**BUT . . .** Did you know that your food scraps mixed with your garbage eventually wind up in a landfill? In fact, it is estimated that over 40% of all edible food in the U.S. is thrown away, ultimately taking-up precious landfill space. In addition, your food scraps mixed-in with your garbage at a landfill creates methane; a harmful greenhouse gas.

### DON'T WORRY, THERE'S ANOTHER WAY!

The Village of Grayslake would like to invite you to participate in the *new* Residential Food Scraps Program. This voluntary program, in partnership with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO), offers residents several options for recycling their leftover food scraps into re-purposed, nutrient rich compost instead of being added to landfills. These convenient options include:

1. **Subscription Service:** In conjunction with the Village’s landscape waste subscription service, you may mix food scraps with landscape waste by placing food scraps at the curb in a rigid and lidded container.
2. **Sticker Service (Pay-As-You-Go):** This option is the same as the subscription service except that it allows you to participate in a pay-as-you-go fashion versus a fixed eight-month fee. A new sticker is required with each pick-up.
3. **Recycling Center Drop-Off Service:** The Richard A. Whittington Grayslake Recycling Center, located at 585 Berry Avenue, is accepting food scraps for drop-off. This is a *FREE* service to residents.

Now that you know, help protect our environment by having your family participate in the Village of Grayslake Residential Food Scraps Program. For more details on program options, including pricing, how to register, and year-long pick-up services, please visit [www.villageofgrayslake.com/foodscraps](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com/foodscraps).

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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](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com) and on the left side of the homepage, click lead in water information.

## From the Mayor...

Each year the Village Board selects community improvement projects to be completed in the coming twelve month period. In recent years the Board's strategic objective in choosing projects has been to enhance Grayslake's appeal with the goal of increasing homeowner and business property values long-term.

In addition to completing its improvement projects each year, on an ongoing basis, the Village works with other governments to encourage improvements to their facilities or infrastructure in Grayslake to improve Grayslake's appeal. Recent examples include the widenings of Route 45 and Peterson Road to add road capacity and the installation of planted medians in Grayslake. The Washington Street (west of Lake Street) widening/underpass project, now being constructed by Lake County Department of Transportation, will include sidewalks, landscaped medians and roadsides and decorative wall treatments.

In addition to the projects recently completed or in-progress the Village has been focusing on the Route 83/137 corridor, between Casey Road and Washington Street, in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). That agency is in the process of developing preliminary plans for the widening of Route 83 from Route 132 to near Butterfield Road. The current planning envisions a four lane road with dedicated turn lanes where needed. To make sure the outcome improves the corridor's appearance the Village is developing concept plans for sidewalks, bike paths, planted medians at some locations and antique street lighting. With these concepts in-hand the Village will be in a position to encourage these improvements to be included in the IDOT designs. As of now the completion of the preliminary engineering by IDOT is projected for 2018.

While the overall corridor is under design, IDOT and the Village are working cooperatively to realign Route 83 (between the Metra tracks and the Route

137/Ivanhoe Road intersection) to eliminate the inadequate Route 137/83/Ivanhoe Road intersection. Once realigned the new intersection, including traffic signals, will be at the Atkinson Road extension recently completed by the Village using primarily federal funding. Final engineering is near completion and IDOT is now in the process of purchasing properties on the east side of Route 83 and Route 137 for the project. Soon the project will be ready for construction when state funding is available.

Public improvements only get us so far on improving a corridor's appearance. Working with property owners is also an ongoing focus for the Village. The Village successfully negotiated for the removal of an asphalt plant just outside the Village limits near Route 83 and Route 137. This eliminated an unsightly facility and a major polluter. As part of this agreement the large aggregate piles that you can see from Route 83 or Route 137 must be removed by 2018 by agreement and this will eliminate railroad car parking near these piles. Four large billboards also were recently removed in this area as per the agreement. This year the Village encouraged IDOT to improve drainage near the Route 83/Center Street intersection. That work is now done including new curbing eliminating standing water and icing. While some progress has been made in the Route 83 corridor more work needs to be done. The Village continues to work with state transportation agencies to improve maintenance in the corridor and with railroads on the appearance of their properties along their tracks in the corridor.

When our community is improved this has a positive impact on homeowner property values and makes Grayslake a better place to live and operate a business.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor, Mayor

## Senior Center Announcements

The Senior Center is looking for a full-time Administrative Assistant with benefits. Requires strong computer skills. Minimum requirements include an Associate's Degree with 2 years relevant experience. Mail or drop off resumes at the Senior Center, 50 Library Lane. Or resumes can be emailed to [swold@catholiccharities.net](mailto:swold@catholiccharities.net).

For information on the Senior Center programs and activities please contact 847-543-1041 or view the monthly newsletter at [www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com).

## Annual Grayslake Cemetery Walk

The Grayslake Historical Society's nineteenth annual living history tour of the Grayslake Cemetery is Sunday, October 2, 2016 with performances at 1:30 and at 2:30. This year's theme is immigration. Costumed performers will portray early immigrants and tell about their lives in Grayslake. The event is free but donations are accepted. The cemetery is immediately north of Belvidere Road and Lake Street. Dress appropriate for the weather.

# Village Announcements

## Recycle First Trash Last

Recycling as much as possible makes a real impact and is one of the easiest ways to help preserve the environment. Recycle First Trash Last is a Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) campaign and encourages residents to learn everything that can be recycled via their curbside program and to recycle from all rooms of the house, not just the kitchen.

For a list of non-accepted items please visit [www.recyclefirsttrashlast.org](http://www.recyclefirsttrashlast.org) or contact SWALCO at 847-336-9340.

## Coffee with the Mayor

Mayor Taylor would like to invite you to "Coffee with the Mayor" on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Village Hall, 10 South Seymour Avenue.

## Pet Vaccination and Microchip Clinic

Together with the Grayslake Police Department, the Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center's Animal Care and Control Program is offering a low-cost pet vaccination and microchip clinic on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Grayslake Police Department, 10 S. Seymour Avenue, Grayslake.

### For pets spayed / neutered:

- One-year rabies vaccination and Lake County tag: \$20.00
- One-year rabies vaccination, tag and distemper: \$25.00
- Distemper complex only: \$10.00
- Microchip: \$15.00

Cash payment is required at the time of vaccination (**CASH ONLY**). All animals brought to the clinic should be at least four months old. In addition, dogs must be leashed and cats placed in carriers.

For additional information including fees for pets that are not spayed/neutered, please contact the Lake County Health Department's Animal Care and Control facility at 847-377-4700.

## Business Trick-or-Treat

The 2016 Halloween Fall Festival and Business Trick-or-Treat will take place on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in downtown Grayslake. There will be various Halloween festivities organized by the Grayslake Chamber of Commerce.

## SWALCO Household Chemical Waste Event

SWALCO is hosting a household chemical waste collection event on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Lake Forest Municipal Services Center, 800 Field Drive.

For more information or for a list of accepted and not-accepted materials, please contact SWALCO at 847-336-9340 or [www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org).

## Fall Fun at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum

We have plenty of fall fun at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum.

- **Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** - Join the Lake County Civil War Roundtable in the museum's community room as Frank Crawford presents *Burnside at the Bridge*. All are welcome.
- **Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** - The Grayslake Historical Society will present, *Who's Behind the Words? The Story of Grayslake Publishers*. Come hear the stories of three magazine publishers with connections to our Village between 1912 and 1995.
- Be sure to visit the museum's latest exhibition, *Maps, Motors and Memories*, which features the histories of area garages, dealerships, automotive milestones and more. Visitors can share their stories of their first automobiles by filling out a brief questionnaire, which will be added to the museum's automotive wall of fame. The show includes wonderful hands-on learning opportunities for younger visitors, including a play garage where they can pretend to be a mechanic.

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



### CLC James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts

CLC James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts celebrates 20 years!

The 20<sup>th</sup> season opens September 18<sup>th</sup>, with the legendary Rita Moreno, who has won every major award! *An Afternoon with Rita Moreno* will include a compilation of songs, experiences and anecdotes about her storied lifetime. Purchase your tickets now before they sell out!

Call the JLC Box Office at 847-543-2300 or visit [www.clcillinois.edu/tickets](http://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:	<a href="http://www.villageofgrayslake.com">www.villageofgrayslake.com</a>
IN PERSON:	Village Hall, 10 S. Seymour Avenue Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### *Elected Officials*

#### **Mayor**

Rhett Taylor [mayortaylor@hotmail.com](mailto:mayortaylor@hotmail.com)

#### **Trustees**

Bruce Bassett	<a href="mailto:trusteebassett@hotmail.com">trusteebassett@hotmail.com</a>
Shawn Vogel	<a href="mailto:trusteevogel@hotmail.com">trusteevogel@hotmail.com</a>
Ron Jarvis	<a href="mailto:trusteejarvis@hotmail.com">trusteejarvis@hotmail.com</a>
Kevin Waldenstrom	<a href="mailto:trusteewaldenstrom@hotmail.com">trusteewaldenstrom@hotmail.com</a>
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*To see our major meeting schedule, please visit [www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com).*