

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 17th. 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:

- Place 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 26th. Please contact the Request for Service System at 847-223-8515 with questions.

Business Trick-or-Treat / Village Hall Open House

Saturday, October 29th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The 2016 Chamber of Commerce Business Trick-or-Treat will take place on Saturday, October 29th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in downtown Grayslake. In conjunction with this event the Village will hold its annual open house where residents can visit the Village Hall, see the famous snowglobe collection, have a balloon animal made by the balloonist, take your pictures with a Public Works truck or sit in a Police Department squad vehicle. Carnival games, candy and more!



Regular Trick or Treat Hours

This year's regular Trick-or-Treating will take place on Monday, October 31st from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



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Reminders

Open Burning Prohibited

Pursuant to Village Ordinance, open burning is prohibited within the corporate limits of the Village. The open burning ban includes leaves, yard waste, garbage and tires. Residents conducting an open burn may be ticketed. For more information please contact Village Hall at 847-223-8515.

Trailers or Recreational Vehicles

Storage of a recreational vehicle, jet-ski, boat or a trailer 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...

In the August edition of the *Grayslake Record* I highlighted that Grayslake was featured as the #3 top suburb in Illinois according to Niche.com's ranking of the "The Top 10 Illinois Suburbs to Live In". This month I am pleased to report that Grayslake was named by *WalletHub* as the #2 "Best Illinois Cities for Jobs".

This analysis conducted by *WalletHub* included 162 Illinois cities and compared various metrics such as "job opportunities", "unemployment rate", and "monthly median starting salary", as well as socioeconomic/environmental factors including "housing affordability" and "safety", among others.

Over the years the Village has worked to make Grayslake an attractive location for employers, which has led to many businesses deciding to locate and/or expand their business in Grayslake. For example, in 2012 FedEx Ground made the decision to locate their now 300,000 square foot distribution facility in Grayslake's Central Range. This facility now employs approximately 250 full/part-time employees. Later in 2012, Fortune 150 company AbbVie opened their 39,000 square foot clinical pharmacology research unit on Route 45, which now employs approximately 50 full-time employees.

More recently, SAIA LTL Freight opened a new distribution facility along Midlothian Road which now employs over 60 full-time individuals.

To help promote further job growth in Grayslake, over the past several years the Village has

utilized its Economic Development Incentive Program to foster opportunities for businesses that are looking to bring new jobs to Grayslake.

In 2015, the Village entered into two economic incentive agreements, one with All-Kids Dental Center on Route 83 and the other with the owners of Emil's Tavern on Center for their new restaurant at 129 Center Street. Combined these projects will create over 50 new full-time and 40 new part-time jobs.

Also in 2015, the Village agreed to terms with Butera Market for the opening of a new grocery store at 815 Center Street in the location of the former Piggly Wiggly grocery store. The redevelopment of this long mostly vacant shopping center is estimated to create 80 new jobs, with one-third of these jobs being full-time.

Finally, this summer the Village approved an economic incentive for a new restaurant at the northwest corner of Seymour and Center Street, which is anticipated to create 30 new full-time and 30 new part-time jobs.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor, Mayor

Senior Center Daily Meal Program

The Senior Center serves a congregate meal Monday - Friday at 11:00 a.m. Food is catered by Maravela's which is served by volunteers. Become a member of the Senior Center to participate in the meal program. Call the Senior Center at 847-543-1041 for more details about the meals, cost and ordering schedule. There are several other programs and activities at the Senior Center. Visit the Village website at www.villageofgrayslake.com for the calendar of activities.

Grayslake Farmers Market Fall Season

The Grayslake Farmers Market will begin its fall season on Saturday, October 1st beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The fall market will have 25 vendors along with Farmer Grays, Ernie the keyboard entertainer and Balloons by Amber. The fall market is located in Centennial Park on the corner of Center Street and Whitney Street in downtown Grayslake.

For more information and to subscribe to the Grayslake Farmers Market newsletter, please visit www.grayslakefarmersmarket.com or email juliegrayslakemarket@gmail.com. Also follow Farmer Gray on Facebook!



Village Announcements

Still Underwater on Your Mortgage? Worried about Foreclosure?

Learn about new options for Illinois homeowners on November 9th from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Round Lake Beach Cultural and Civic Center, 2007 Civic Center Way, Round Lake Beach.

Two new forgivable loan assistance programs can help homeowners stabilize their mortgage once and for all. *I-Refi* provides up to \$50,000 to eliminate negative equity caused by the economic downturn, while the *Hardest Hit Fund* offers up to \$35,000 to homeowners working toward regaining employment and financial stability.

The Village of Round Lake Beach is teaming up with Affordable Housing Corporation of Lake County (a not-for-profit organization) to explain how the programs work, who is eligible, and how to apply. Participating lenders and housing counselors will be on hand to answer your questions. The program is free of charge and open to all Illinois homeowners. Please contact Lisa Pugliese with questions or register at 847-201-9186 / lpugliese@rlbeach.org.

Grayslake Police Department Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween is a fun time for everyone but it can also be a very dangerous time if the proper safety precautions are not followed. Below are some recommended Halloween safety tips from the Grayslake Police Department:

- Only "Trick or Treat" in neighborhoods and houses you are familiar with.
- "Trick or Treat" in groups or with parents/guardians.
- Do not wear costumes that obstruct your vision or are tripping hazards.
- Only cross the street at intersections and be watchful of road traffic.
- Do not enter a home to receive a treat.
- Accept only wrapped and sealed treats.

For any questions regarding the Grayslake Police Department Halloween safety tips, please contact the Grayslake Police Department at 847-223-2341.

Trick-or-Treat Hours

This year's Trick-or-Treating will take place on Monday, October 31st from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Coffee with the Mayor

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

Haunted Walk Through Downtown Grayslake

The Exchange Club of Grayslake and the Oasis Youth Center have embarked on a joint venture for a haunted walk through downtown Grayslake/haunted house at the Oasis on October 29, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Haunted passports cost \$25, and are worth of \$100 in goods and services at participating locations. Includes admission to the haunted house at the Oasis. Present your passport at participating businesses and receive discounted/free items.

More Fall Fun at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum

Stop by the museum for plenty of fall fun in October.

- **Wednesday, October 12th at 7:00 p.m.** - The Grayslake Historical Society will host Doug Rockenbach as he discusses the Rockenbach family and automobile dealership. Former employees will share stories as well. Refreshments are provided.
- **Thursday, October 13th at 7:00 p.m.** - The Lake County Civil War Roundtable will host speaker Lawrence Lee Hewitt, who will present, *Port Hudson: The Most Significant Battlefield Photographs of the Civil War*. Hewitt will explain why these images deserved to be so regarded, how, when, and why they came to exist, and who took them.
- **Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00 p.m.** - Local resident John Smiskol will describe his experiences as a navigator and driver in high speed performance rallies. This is an exhilarating sport and a program not to be missed, with great stories and images! Visit the museum's automotive exhibition, *Maps, Motors & Memories* after the lecture.
- **Saturday, October 29th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** - Stop by the museum as we participate in the Grayslake Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry's Downtown Trick or Treat event. In addition, local student Omar Rasidagic will be showcasing his toy and model train collection in the museum's Community Room from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. that day, as a fundraiser to benefit the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Admission to see the trains is one non-perishable food item or a monetary donation to the Northern Illinois Food Bank. This is a fun display for all ages.

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 Renahan at charenahan@aol.com.



CLC James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts

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

Don't miss the insanely funny Second City "Free Speech! (While Supplies Last)" on October 15th! It's a must-see evening of comedy that features some of Chicago's best and brightest. Hilariously relevant during this unique election season! Purchase your tickets now before they sell out!

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.