

# 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 may not be on the same day as your garbage and recycling pick-up. To verify your pick-up day, please visit the Village website to see the leaf vacuuming route.

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 26<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the Request for Service System at 847-223-8515 with questions.

## Village Police Department Again Achieves National Accreditation

**Grayslake:** The Grayslake Police Department has again received national accreditation. Accreditation of the Police Department means that the Village's law enforcement and public safety efforts meet nationally recognized standards for police management and law enforcement agencies. This accreditation is granted by The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement (CALEA) after a full review of the department operating rules and procedures. In granting the accreditation CALEA confirms that the department meets 484 specific operating standards. Out of the thousands of police agencies across the country, just 3% receive national accreditation. The Village has been continuously accredited by CALEA since 2000.

"The Village's Police Department's national accreditation is another example of the Village's efforts to meet the nation's highest standards for municipal agencies. Our Police Department's high standards help make our residents safer" said Mayor Rhett Taylor.

A nationally accredited Police Department provides the Village of Grayslake with significant benefits. These benefits include reduced Village insurance premiums, an improvement in the Village's position in recruiting and hiring, and an added assurance for residents that police procedures are based on nationally recognized standards.

## Village Receives Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The Government Finance Officer's Association (GFOA) has recognized the Village for "Excellence in Financial Reporting". The certificate of achievement recognizes the Village's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2015. The certificate of achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Mayor Rhett Taylor: "The Village has worked hard to maintain a healthy financial position over the years and financial reporting is essential to making this happen. This GFOA recognition confirms the quality of the Village's financial management."

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

## From the Mayor...

One of the questions I am frequently asked as Mayor is ***"What can I do about those stopped/slow freight trains!?"***

If you ever drive east or west across the railroad tracks in Grayslake, the chances are that from time-to-time you have been delayed by a stopped or very slow freight train. This is without question a frustrating experience for motorists, and as a resident of Grayslake and someone who travels across the railroad tracks on a daily basis, I share in this frustration. For this month's *From the Mayor* I would like to provide some background on this issue, specifically what the Village is doing within its authority to address this issue and what you as a resident can do to help reduce this problem.

First, it is important to understand who exactly controls the railroads and trains that travel through Grayslake. The railroad line that runs through Grayslake at Washington Street, Lake Street, Center Street, and Route 83 at 120 and 137 is the Canadian National / Metra North Central service line. This line is owned by Canadian National and is under the jurisdiction of federal and state authorities. Unfortunately, the Village of Grayslake does not have authority to regulate or control the railroads in Grayslake under law.

While outside of the Village's authority and jurisdiction, the Village has taken steps and continues to work towards an improvement to this problem. Past efforts have included the passage of a formal resolution encouraging state and federal legislators to work with Canadian National and applicable state and federal agencies to address the stopped and slow moving trains. In

addition, the Village has directly engaged our national legislators and Illinois representatives and senators for support. Our representatives and senators have continued to work on our behalf on this issue.

The Village is also currently working with consulting engineers to identify possible infrastructure solutions that the railroad could build. Moving forward, the Village can use this information to advocate for federal or state funding for infrastructure improvements that would help reduce the problem.

As a resident you can help address this problem by providing feedback to our state and federal representatives. You can do this by calling their local office or by sending a formal letter. To assist you in providing this important feedback, the Village has drafted a sample letter which can be found on the Village website ([www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com)). Here you can also find your state and federal representatives contact information under the *Community Directory*. Your information and feedback will assist them in their efforts.

Until next month's *From the Mayor*, I wish you and your loved ones a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor, Mayor

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### Senior Center Announcement

The Senior Center is looking for volunteers during our lunch program. Either be a regular (one day a week) volunteer or substitute. Volunteer hours are from approximately 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Must be 16 years or older. For additional details call the Senior Center at 847-543-1041. For information on the Senior Center programs and activities please call 847-543-1041 or view the monthly newsletter at [www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com).

## Grayslake Chamber of Commerce Tree Lighting Festival and Holiday Market Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

The Grayslake Chamber of Commerce downtown tree lighting festival and holiday market is Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Santa arrives at the holiday tree in Centennial Park at 5:30 p.m. and will visit with the kids at The Oasis at 5:45 p.m. Enjoy sleigh rides on Center Street between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. (load and unload at the Heritage Center). Get a jump start on your holiday shopping! The holiday market at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum is from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information, please contact the Grayslake Chamber of Commerce at 847-223-6888.



## Village Announcements

### SWALCO Household Chemical Waste Collection Event

SWALCO is hosting a household chemical waste collection event on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Mundelein Metra train station, 205 N. Archer Avenue.

**Accepted materials include** aerosol products, antifreeze and motor oil, fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides, fluorescent light bulbs/CFLs, furniture stripper and varnishes, gasoline and kerosene, household batteries (lithium and rechargeable only), household cleaners, oil-based paints and paint removers, prescription and over-the-counter medicines and supplements (people and pet) - NO DEA controlled substances. **Not accepted materials include** latex paint, DEA controlled substances, business wastes, farm chemicals, propane tanks, lead-acid and alkaline batteries, explosives, medical or biohazard wastes, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and household electronics.

For more information contact SWALCO at 847-336-9340 or [www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org).

### Garbage Pick-Up Delayed

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, garbage, recycling and leaf vacuuming service will be delayed by one day beginning Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Thursday's service will take place on Friday and Friday's service will take place on Saturday.

### Snow Removal Operations

The winter season will soon be upon us. Preparations for the snow season have been underway for some weeks. Equipment has been repaired and deicing material has been obtained for the year.

As a result the Village's Public Works Department and its snow removal contractors are ready for this year's snow removal operations. The Village has an on-hand ample supply of salt and beet juice in its inventory.

### Garbage and Recycle Can Exchange Program

Beginning January 1, 2017, registration will be open for the 2017 garbage and recycle can exchange programs. Registration for the program is between January 1 and February 15, 2017. Residents opting to exchange their garbage can may choose one of three sizes:

- 90-gallon (\$20.82 / month)**
- 65-gallon (\$18.57 / month)**
- 35-gallon (\$15.48 / month)**

Residents may also choose a FREE UPGRADE for their recycle can size from a 65-gallon to a 96-gallon.

The exchange of the can(s) takes place in March 2017 on one of your regular pick-up days and the rate change will take effect on April 1st. The exchange is for residents who would like to have either a smaller or larger can size. For more information or to register for the exchange program after January 1<sup>st</sup>, please contact 847-223-8515 or visit [www.villageofgrayslake.com/r4s](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com/r4s).

## Upcoming Events at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum

Stop by the museum for engaging programs and exhibitions. Highlights include:

- **Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** - The Grayslake Historical Society hosts board member Dan Graham, who will present *No Greater Love Than This: Remembering the Grayslake Lift Station Tragedy of 1974*. Graham will remind the audience of a poignant day in Grayslake's history. Refreshments provided.
- **Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** - The Lake County Civil War Roundtable will host speaker Ty Rohrer, Museum Supervisor of the Waukegan Historical Society. Rohrer will present, *Children in the Civil War*. All are welcome.
- **Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> between 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.** - Join us for the premiere of the *Fourth Annual Grayslake Giving Trees* display. We will also be hosting the Grayslake Chamber of Commerce and Industry's annual *Holiday Market* from 5-8:00 p.m. that day. Local non-profit and community organizations have been invited to share their message by decorating a tree at the museum. The public is encouraged to vote for their favorites with their dollars through the end of December.
- **Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** - The Grayslake Historical Society will hold a special program in commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pearl Harbor and the beginning of World War II. The program will feature stories by World War II veterans from Grayslake, collected by Layton Plyman and former Grayslake Junior High School students as part of an oral history project. The interviews included stories about being a prisoner of war, serving in the U.S. Navy, guarding prisoners and being in charge of mess tents. The program is free.

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!

- **Tomáseen Foley's A Celtic Christmas** will perform a traditional holiday event with lots of Irish music, song, dance and of course storytelling on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.
- **Masters of Soul** will recreate the iconic Motown artists with this stroll down memory lane, complete with stylish costumes and endless smooth moves on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.

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: [www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://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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