

Grayslake Record



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Village Notes

Clearing Snow Around Fire Hydrants

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Aquatic Center Position Openings

The Grayslake Aquatic Center is now accepting applications for seasonal employees for the Summer 2017 season. Open positions include pool manager, lifeguards, swim instructors, event program coordinator, admissions, and concessions. Additional position information and applications are available online at www.swimgrayslake.com.

Please submit all applications to Village Hall, 10 S. Seymour Avenue, Grayslake no later than Friday, February 24, 2017.

ESPER A. PETERSEN FOUNDATION FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER HIRES NEW SWIM LESSON PROGRAM DIRECTOR, REVAMPS LESSONS

The Esper A. Petersen Foundation Family Aquatic Center is pleased to announce hiring Ivan Munoz as the new director for its swim lessons program. Mr. Munoz brings 20 plus years of experience in program supervision, swim instruction, and coaching at area schools and aquatic facilities.

Mr. Munoz will be making enhancements to the swim lesson programs in 2017. This includes more "hands on" instruction, higher teaching standards, more personalized interaction, lots of attention to all students and skill levels, and much more which will make this the best swim program in the area. Swim lesson pricing ranges from \$30 to \$155. Hurry and sign up **NOW** as prices will increase on May 1, 2017. Go to www.swimgrayslake.com to register today. Lesson space will be limited.

"I look forward to working with our swim instructors to make our lessons program the best in the area and promote proper, safe, and fun swimming techniques for all ages," said Ivan Munoz.



ESPER A. PETERSEN FOUNDATION
FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

The Aquatic Center is conveniently located on five and a half acres on Library Lane in Grayslake near Route 83 and Center Street. The Center is the area's premiere swimming destination for all ages. It features multiple water attractions, swim lessons, and over 300 lounge chairs.

Special pool membership rates are now in effect. **JUST \$70 PER PERSON! \$15 UNDER THE REGULAR PRICE!** Members receive **UNLIMITED ACCESS** to the pool all summer long, **SPECIAL DISCOUNTS ON SWIM LESSONS** and more.

Affordable prices make it an excellent venue to host a birthday party or special event. Additional information is available at www.swimgrayslake.com or call 847-223-POOL (7665).

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Reminders

Reuse-A-Shoe

The Reuse-A-Shoe program offered through the Village of Grayslake and SWALCO provides residents with the opportunity to recycle unwanted shoes. Instead of throwing away shoes, recycling them will mean that 95% or more of all shoe materials will be reused. The program is available through the recycling center at the Grayslake Public Works facility located at 585 Berry Avenue. All shoe contributions must be in a pair as well as tied or connected to its pairing shoe.

Senior Citizen Electricity Surcharge Rebate

The Village of Grayslake's senior citizen electricity surcharge rebate reimburses individuals 65 years of age or older (as of April 1, 2016) for the amount of electricity surcharge paid on their electricity bill during the previous year, not to exceed \$20. Past electric bills will be accepted from April 1, 2017 through April 30, 2017.

Beginning April 1, eligible individuals can submit their past electric bills at the Village Hall, 10 S. Seymour Avenue. A valid driver's license or ID card is required along with a copy of all electricity bills from April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017.

To determine eligibility, contact the Request for Service system at 847-223-8515.

From the Mayor...

Recently a resident asked me why Mundelein school districts will receive property taxes from the new manufacturer coming to Grayslake. The answer is that the boundaries of the Village of Grayslake are different than the other taxing districts serving Grayslake residents and businesses. Different parts of the Village are served by different combinations of school or other taxing districts. When a new business is recruited to town, the districts in which it is located receive the property taxes generated by the new business. Here is a brief list of some of the different districts serving different parts of town.

Township Government: Lake County is divided into several different townships. The majority of the Village is in Avon Township. However, there are portions that are not. One example is the Waters Edge subdivision, which is in Warren Township. Similarly, portions of Prairie Crossing are in Fremont Township. The residents and businesses in these parts of town pay property taxes to Warren Township and Fremont Township respectively and not to Avon Township.

School Districts: A majority of the Village is served by Community Consolidated District 46 and Grayslake Community High School District 127. But there are a few portions of town where the children attend other schools due to differing boundaries. Portions of College Trail are in Woodland School District. Part of Prairie Crossing is in Woodland and part is in Fremont School District 79. Businesses in the Village and along Peterson Road are in Mundelein elementary and high school districts.

Library Districts: The Grayslake Library District serves most of the Village, however,

there are a few parts of town that are served by other library districts. As one example, our neighbors in Waters Edge are actually part of the Warren Newport Library District.

Park District: Much of the Village is within Grayslake Park District's boundaries, however, the Park District serves portions of Hainesville and Third Lake as well. Areas near Peterson Road are in the Round Lake Area Park District.

Grayslake Fire Protection District: Our Fire District serves almost all of the Village, but also serves other communities, such as portions of Round Lake Park. The Round Lake Fire Protection District also provides service to a small part of our Village.

When you read your property tax bill you can see all the different taxing bodies that serve your property. You can find maps of all the different taxing bodies shown on your property tax bill at the Lake County website: maps.lakecountyil.gov. Many other towns in Illinois find themselves in similar situations.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have or any topics you would like to see addressed in the monthly newsletter.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor

Senior Center

The Grayslake Senior Center not only provides independent seniors 60 plus with activities, programs and exercise, we have a lunch program as well. The meal is served at 11 a.m., catered by a local restaurant and served by volunteers. No cooking, no cleaning, no shopping or planning just sit down to a delicious meal and enjoy conversation with others. To view our monthly newsletter go to the Village website at www.villageofgrayslake.com. All are welcome to come by for a tour and a newsletter. If you have questions, call us at 847-543-1041.

FREE RECYCLING CAN UPGRADE PROGRAM

Now, before **Wednesday, February 15th** you can upgrade your Waste Management recycling can from a 65-gallon to a 96-gallon can size for **FREE** with the Village's Recycling Can Exchange Program. Over 2,000 Grayslake households have already taken advantage of this opportunity to increase their recycling space at no additional cost. An upgraded recycling can offers:

- More recycling room
- Same floor space as smaller cans
- Less waste, which could result in reducing your garbage can size and your monthly bill

For more information or to enroll in the program, visit the Village's Request for Service System online at www.egovlink.com/grayslake/action.asp and select "Recycling Can Exchange" or call 847-223-8515. Increasing the size of your recycling can could reduce the amount of waste you place in your garbage can. Save money and the environment by reducing the size of your garbage can through the Village's Garbage Can Exchange Program. Recycling cans will be switched during March 2017 on your regular service day. All requests must be submitted by **Wednesday, February 15, 2017**.

Village Announcements

Portable Basketball Hoops

To ensure all Village streets and sidewalks remain safe for residents this winter season, we ask for residents' cooperation in removing their portable basketball hoop from the parkway. By removing a portable basketball hoop from the parkway, residents are helping snow plow drivers keep the roadways safer for the motoring public.

Rainwater Drains

Per Village Ordinance, roof gutters, sump pumps and other rainwater drains are prohibited from discharging water onto any sidewalk, street or alley in the Village. Thank you for your cooperation.

Lake County Folk Club

On Sunday, February 19th at 7:00 p.m., the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum will host the Lake County Folk Club, featuring a performance by Patty Stevenson and Craig Siemsen, with an opener by *Cuz'n Bone*. Admission is \$18, \$15 for seniors and \$13 for Lake County Folk Club members.

The museum will be open before and after the event.

Shoveling Sidewalks After Snowfall

Pursuant to Village Ordinance, property owners are required to clear sidewalks of snow and ice within 24 hours of snowfall.

Residents are also responsible for clearing snow at the end of their driveways. Unfortunately, the Village does not have the personnel to clear all sidewalks in the Village.

Clearing Snow Around Fire Hydrants

Residents are also asked to remove snow and ice around fire hydrants so that they are clear and accessible to fire crews. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mailbox Replacement Policy

Unfortunately, during the Village's snow and ice removal operations, mailboxes may be damaged either from a direct hit from a snowplow or from wet snow from a snowplow. The Village has a mailbox replacement policy for properly placed mailboxes that are damaged as a result of snow and ice removal operations. For information, please contact Request for Service at 847-223-8515.

Sidewalk Replacement Program

The Village's 50/50 sidewalk program is for residents interested in replacing the sidewalk adjacent to their homes.

Once spring begins, the Village contracts for the replacement of the sidewalk and invoices the property owner 50% of the cost upon completion.

If you are interested in participating in this program or need additional information, please call the Village at 847-223-8515 or visit www.villageofgrayslake.com.

Car Safety Seat Inspections

The Grayslake Police Department provides free car seat safety checks for all Grayslake residents. With this service, a certified officer will check your child's car seat to ensure that it is safe and has been installed correctly.

The inspections are available by scheduling an appointment with the Grayslake Police Department by calling (847) 223-2341.

Upcoming Events at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum

Stop by the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum in February for engaging programs and exhibitions. Highlights include:

- **Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m.** - The Lake County Civil War Roundtable hosts Dave Oberg, who will present *Rolling Thunder*, a description of his trip to Shiloh to walk in the footsteps of his great-great grandfather and help move a cannon by hand from Pittsburg Landing to the position occupied by Battery H.
- **Saturday, February 11th at 2:00 p.m.** - Lynn Rymarz will portray journalist and globe-trotting daredevil Nellie Bly. Learn the fascinating story of the reporter who raced around the world in less than 80 days.
- **Saturday, February 18th at 10:00 a.m.** - The Grayslake Historical Society will hold a *Reminisce Session* in the museum's community room about the Grayslake Outdoor Theater. Attendees will be encouraged to share their memories of the drive-in theater. Refreshments will be served.
- **Saturday, February 25th at 2:00 p.m.** - The museum welcomes local author John Wasik, who will discuss his new book, *Lightning Strikes: Nikola Tesla, Creativity and the Soul of Innovation*. Wasik will tell the compelling story of how Tesla created radio, the modern electrical grid, robotics and more.

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!

- ***In the Mood*** celebrates the music of the Big Band era - February 19th at 3:00 p.m.
- **“You’ve Got A Friend” The Music of Carole King and James Taylor:** Recreates the timeless songbook of two incredibly talented performers. March 26th at 4 p.m.

Call the JLC Box Office at 847-543-2300 or visit www.clcillinois.edu/tickets to view this season's 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.