

# Grayslake Record



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## Village Notes

### Aquatic Center Lifeguard and Swim Instructor Position Openings

The Esper A. Petersen Foundation Family Aquatic Center is still accepting lifeguard and swim instructor employment applications for Summer 2017. Applications are available at [www.swimgrayslake.com](http://www.swimgrayslake.com).

Please submit all applications to the Village of Grayslake, 10 S. Seymour Avenue, no later than March 22, 2017.

### Garbage & Recycle Can Exchange Dates

If you enrolled in the garbage and / or recycle can exchange program, Waste Management will be exchanging the cans during the weeks of March 13<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup> on your regular service day. Please place your can(s) at the street the evening before your regular pick-up day and leave them there for the entire day since the exchange truck is separate than the emptying trucks.

## **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR 2017 MEMBERSHIPS AND SWIM LESSONS AT THE ESPER A. PETERSEN FOUNDATION FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER**

Memberships for 2017 are now on sale for **ONLY \$70 PER PERSON! \$15 UNDER THE REGULAR PRICE!** An Aquatic Center Membership not only gives you **UNLIMITED ACCESS** to the pool during open hours, but it gives you endless benefits and savings including:

- ***\$2 off daily admission tickets for guests***
- ***\$25 off group swim lessons***
- ***\$10 off private swim lessons***
- ***\$25 off parties***
- ***\$50 off rentals***



ESPER A. PETERSEN FOUNDATION  
FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

### **THE AQUATIC CENTER REVAMPS SWIM LESSONS WHICH OFFERS LOW PRICING AND A VARIETY OF BENEFITS!**

Brand new to this year's Swim Lessons Program is the hiring of a new professional swim lesson program director, Ivan Munoz. Mr. Munoz brings over 20 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 Lessons Program in 2017.

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 is limited.

The Swim Lessons Program offers a variety of benefits including smaller class sizes (up to 5 students), convenient evening and weekend class schedules, **FREE** daily admission for swim lesson participants on the day of their class, and much more.

Additional information is available at [www.swimgrayslake.com](http://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.

### Basement Flood Prevention Tips

- For basements that use a sump pump, it is a good idea to have an extra battery powered pump in the event of a power outage.
- If the location of the floor drain permits, an uncapped standpipe may be installed in the floor drain. Never cap a standpipe or floor drain.
- For basements with window wells, make sure drains work and be sure to clear all leaves and debris. Window well covers for basement windows may also help.
- If water accumulates next to the outside walls of your home, consider relandscaping to direct the water away.

## From the Mayor...

Ultimately, how much money governments must take from residents and businesses is determined by how much they spend to deliver the services their customers expect. Over the last 25 years the Village has kept track of how much its per resident operating costs have risen versus inflation. Since 1992 the Village's per person operating costs have gone up 35% less than inflation. This focus on controlling these expenses, which has been sustained over years, led the Village to pursue new ways of delivering those services and programs our customers expect from us. These innovative techniques include the use of private contractors, mutually beneficial relationships with local non-for-profits for some services, productivity initiatives for in-house activities and intergovernmental service agreements.

Recently one of our intergovernmental arrangements was highlighted by Governor Rauner in his recent State of the State address as an example of cost saving shared services. The Governor was talking about our police services agreement with Hainesville. Under this agreement the Grayslake Police Department provides Hainesville with the same police services provided in Grayslake. Since our police department is one of just 3% of departments in the nation to be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Hainesville, just like Grayslake, enjoys police services of the highest standards. When our neighboring community is safer as a result so is Grayslake. Importantly, this intergovernmental agreement is a financial win-win for the taxpayers of each village. Hainesville saves money versus their costs for having their own police department and Grayslake taxpayers have lower police property taxes due to the service fees Hainesville pays.

The Grayslake/Hainesville agreement is just one of a number of intergovernmental arrangements the Village is part of to deliver services at less cost. Grayslake was one of the first communities in the area to enter an agreement with another village for 9-1-1 dispatching services. Currently the Village of Glenview provides these services to us and this contract saves hundreds of thousands of dollars each year versus the cost of providing this in-house. Our agreement with the Grayslake Area Fire Protection District under which district personnel complete periodic safety inspections of commercial buildings provides non-property dollars to the district and saves the Village money. The Village is part of a number of joint organizations for specialized police services. Providing these services in cooperation with other public safety agencies is less expensive than our costs would be for providing them on a stand-alone basis. Our long time agreement for sewage treatment with Lake County has allowed our customers to avoid the high costs of maintaining our own sewage treatment plant. Many communities in our area are now facing expensive new regulatory requirements that we will not have because we do not own our own plant.

These types of intergovernmental agreements, along with our other cost saving techniques, contribute to controlled operating spending over the long term. This allows the Village to take less money from its customers and supports the Village's sound, debt free, financial condition. The Village is always looking for new ways to work with other governmental units to save money while delivering services.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor

### Senior Center

The Grayslake Senior Center has a wide variety of activities for those 60 and older. Whether you prefer to spend your time exercising, playing bingo, or enjoying our daily lunch, we have an activity for you. Go to the Village website at [www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com) to view our monthly newsletter. Inside the newsletter you will find the calendar and menu. Drop by or call us at 847-543-1041.

## More Upcoming Events at the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum

- **Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** - The Lake County Civil War Roundtable hosts speaker Rich Garling, who will discuss the various flags of the Confederacy.
- **Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** - The museum hosts the Lake County Folk Club, featuring a performance by Donna Herula and Tony Nardiello, with opener Cath Kasmer. Admission is \$18 for general audience, \$15 for seniors and \$13 for Lake County Folk Club members. The museum will be open before and after the concert.
- **Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.** - The Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum is pleased to host the *SummershotZ Photography Exhibit*, featuring work by student photographers from Grayslake and neighboring communities. The artists will be there to talk about their work and chat over hors d'oeuvres. Admission is free. The museum galleries will be open as well.

## Village Announcements

### 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 the electricity surcharge paid on their electricity bill during the previous year, not to exceed \$20. To apply for this rebate, past electric bills will be accepted from April 1, 2017 through April 30, 2017.

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

For more information or to determine rebate eligibility, please contact the Request for Service system at 847-223-8515.

### Redesigned Utility Bill

Beginning in April 2017 you will notice some changes in the look of your Village of Grayslake water/sewer bill. The statements have been redesigned using industry best standards to make the bill easier to understand with important information highlighted.

The redesigned top section offers an easy way to identify the amount due. The account activity section shows a quick reference of your last payment to easily track payment history. While the addition of a new usage history area provides a graph showing changes in your water consumption over a six-month period.

The redesigned bill is the latest initiative to help you read and interpret your usage and payments. Look for the new design in April and soon there will be more information on the Village website.

### Public Works Seasonal Employment

The Village is now accepting applications for a Public Works seasonal position working from approximately May 15<sup>th</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup>. The position is for 40 hours per week at \$9.00 per hour. Typical maintenance duties for this seasonal position include landscaping, painting, litter removal, tree trimming, and other general maintenance.

Applications are available online at [www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com). Please submit applications no later than March 31, 2017 to Village of Grayslake, 10 S. Seymour Avenue.

### 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.

If a ditch in your area becomes blocked due to a rainstorm and begins to flood an area, please contact the Request for Service system at 847-223-8515.

## Spring Has Sprung at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum

The Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum has a busy calendar full of family-friendly fun this spring. Highlights include:

- **Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** - The museum welcomes back the *Cinque Venti Wind Quintet*. The group will perform selections from European and American composers, with a reception following the concert.
- **Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** - The Grayslake Historical Society welcomes Jim Rockwell, who will give a presentation about Grayslake native son James Obenauf, an Air Force officer who had a particularly bad day while airborne over Texas. The Obenauf story has been the subject of a television documentary and the book, *Twenty Seconds to Live*.
- **Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.** - The Grayslake Arts Alliance will present a show at the museum, featuring original visual displays and music by local artists. The museum galleries will be open to the public as well.
- **Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.** - Take a first peek at a new exhibition about entertainment in Grayslake. Learn about what the people of Grayslake did for fun through the years and enjoy family-friendly giant games throughout the afternoon.
- **Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** - Actor and historian R.J. Lindsey will provide a detailed photo story of the *Lusitania* and World War I, with selected Western Front battles including American victories. This program is held to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States' entry into World War I.

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! Magnificent music and magic:

- **“You’ve Got A Friend” The Music of Carole King and James Taylor:** Recreates the timeless songbook of two incredibly talented performers. March 26<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.
- **The Magic of Bill Blagg Live!** - One of the nation’s top touring illusionists will thrill and amaze while creating the impossible. April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 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 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](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com)

IN PERSON: Village Hall, 10 S. Seymour Avenue  
Monday through Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### Elected Officials

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Rhett Taylor

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**To see our major meeting schedule, please visit [www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com).**