

Grayslake Record



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Village Notes

Water Quality Report Available Online

The 2017 Water Quality Report is now available for downloading and printing at www.villageofgrayslake.com/waterqualityreport.

The report contains information including the quality of the Village's drinking water, the source of the water, how it is treated and the regulated compounds it contains.

Paper copies of the report are available at the Village Hall or may be obtained by contacting the Request for Service system at 847-223-8515.

Garbage, Recycle, Yard Waste Holiday Delay

Due to the 4th of July holiday, there will be no garbage, recycle and yard waste pick-up on Tuesday, July 4th. Garbage, recycle & yard waste pick-ups will be delayed by one day beginning Tuesday, July 4th.

Make Swimming Safe This Summer

Register for 2017 Swim Lesson Programs TODAY!

The swimming season is upon us and while swimming can be a fun family activity it can also be dangerous if young swimmers are not properly prepared for the water. Make sure that you and your family members have fun and stay safe this summer by enrolling in 2017 Swim Lesson Programs at the Grayslake Aquatic Center. The 2017 Swim Lessons Program offers classes for kids of all ages from as young as six months to as old as 12 years of age. Whether your child is a first-time swimmer or looking to master advanced strokes, the Grayslake Aquatic Center has something for you.

Offering Weekday Evening and Sunday Morning Programs

To help accommodate today's busy family schedules, the Grayslake Aquatic Center is now offering weekday evening and Sunday morning class times. Visit www.swimgrayslake.com for more information on 2017 Swim Lesson Program dates, times, and class offerings and register your kids TODAY!

Aquatic Center Receives Energy Efficiency Grants

The Esper A. Petersen Foundation Family Aquatic Center was recently awarded two energy efficiency grants through the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity's Illinois Energy Now program totaling \$17,069. With assistance from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and the 360 Energy Group, the Village was able to secure these grants to help complete two energy savings projects which will significantly lower the price of annual energy costs for the facility.

The first energy savings project includes the installation of variable frequency drives on the pool's five filter pumps. With this project the facility will receive consumption savings of approximately 68,730 kilowatt hours of energy at an energy cost savings of \$6,873 per year.

The second energy savings project includes the retrofitting of 92 exterior lights throughout the facility to high-efficiency LED lights. This project will achieve an annual consumption savings of approximately 45,351 kilowatt hours and an annual energy cost savings of \$4,535. Both energy efficiency projects are anticipated to achieve a return on investment within the first year after completion.

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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.

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...

Grayslake's historic downtown is a centerpiece of our community. Located in the more expansive Grayslake Village Center, public investments in the downtown business district encourage private business investments that are the key to creating a vibrant business area. This year the Village is again investing in downtown. New decorative sidewalks, like the sidewalks in the middle downtown block, are being installed on Center Street between Whitney Street and Seymour Avenue and on Whitney Street from Center Street to Hawley Street. New curbing is being added on Seymour Avenue north of Center Street along with new sidewalks. A new access walk between the new parking lot on north Slusser Street and Center Street has been built providing another convenient customer access to downtown businesses. Additional customer parking will be built on Whitney Street later this year. Also in the fall overhead utilities should be buried in the south alley between Whitney Street and Slusser Street.

The 2017 improvements are the latest enhancements as part of a multi-year plan. Past investments include additional parking (three new lots totaling about 100 spaces), creation of a new festival space that now houses many festivals and other special events during the year, and alley improvements including overhead utility burials. Since additional parking in the center of downtown consumed some greenspace, an expansion of the Millennium Court/Clocktower Veteran's Memorial replaced the lost green areas.

All of these investments have helped encour-

age new businesses in the downtown. New restaurants and other businesses have located in the district. Others, like Light the Lamp Brewery, are expanding at new downtown locations. The businesses of the district, along with things like the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum, The Oasis Youth Center, Farmers Market and many other special events each year, help make the area a destination. I am often told by the real estate community that the Village Center and the downtown business district are big selling points for new homebuyers. So when businesses and the Village government invest in this area it helps support our resident's property values.

Our attention to the downtown will continue in the future. The Village is currently working with downtown businesses/property owners adjacent to the alley south of Center Street to develop a new plan for surface improvements to the alley to make it more pedestrian friendly and to improve access to nearby businesses. Improvements to parking lots have also been planned.

Our downtown area has come a long way in the last twenty years because of the cooperative efforts on the private sector, Village government, community organizations and volunteers. Please visit the Village Center and all local businesses frequently.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor, Mayor

Senior Center

The Senior Center, located at 50 Library Lane (the south end) has a variety of activities for seniors 60 and over. It is a wonderful place for seniors to socialize and meet new friends. The activities include bingo, exercise, pokeno, Hatha yoga, Tai Chi, trivia games, crochet club and many more. We have either a party with entertainment or a social most every month. Stop by for a tour or go to the Village website at www.villageofgrayslake.com to view our monthly newsletter. Call us at 847-543-1041 for more information.

Metra Parking

Overnight / Multi-Day Parking: For commuters wishing to park vehicles overnight or for multiple days, a prepaid temporary hang tag can be purchased at the Village Hall prior to parking in any Metra lot. The cost is \$1.75 per day.

PrePay Parking: The prepay parking program provides unlimited monthly parking in any Metra parking lot. The \$35 monthly parking fee is automatically debited from an authorized checking or savings account.

Grayslake Summer Farmers Market

The Grayslake Farmers Market happens every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Farmers Market features many local and regional vendors that offer goods such as vegetables, fruits, flowers, wines, breads, meats and cheeses, as well as various fine art and entertainment.

For more information on the Grayslake Farmers Market, including volunteer opportunities, special events and a list of vendors, please visit www.grayslakefarmersmarket.com.

Village Announcements

Register for Your Aquatic Center Membership!

Summer is here at the Esper A. Petersen Grayslake Aquatic Center!

Aquatic Center memberships for the 2017 season are still available at \$85 for each person. An Aquatic Center membership provides unlimited access to the facility when it is open to the public all summer long. Members also receive exclusive benefits and discounts throughout the summer.

If you were planning on signing up for swim lessons, please remember that classes fill up quickly and we advise that you register today in order to hold your place. A complete guide to the entire swim lesson line-up can be found by visiting www.swimgrayslake.com. Just make sure to sign up for your membership first in order to receive the discounts available on swim lessons.

If you have questions, please call us at 847-223-POOL. We'd be happy to answer your questions or help you with your registration.

Outdoor Watering Restrictions

The following watering restrictions are in effect between May 15th and September 15th:

- All lawn sprinkling and landscape irrigation is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- Landscaping includes sodded and seeded lawns, gardens, trees, shrubs & other living plants.
- Newly sodded or seeded lawns may be watered at any time for a two-week period following installation.

Partnership Programs

With spring here, residents can take advantage of the Village partnership programs such as tree replacement, rain barrel / compost bin reimbursement and lawn mower replacement rebate programs.

For more information or how to participate in the programs, please visit www.villageofgrayslake.com and select the "Residents" tab or contact Village Hall at 847-223-8515.

Upcoming Summer Events

Plan your summer here in Grayslake as there are many upcoming fun events through the Grayslake Chamber of Commerce under its contract with the Economic Development Commission. The following are upcoming summer events:

- **22nd Annual Arts Festival & 1st Annual Wine Tasting**

The 21st Annual Arts Festival and 1st Annual Wine Tasting will be held in downtown Grayslake on Saturday, June 24th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- **Taste of Grayslake and Fireworks**

This event begins at 4:00 p.m. and ends at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 1st in Central Park. This event is presented by the Grayslake Park District and supported by the Village of Grayslake and Grayslake Chamber of Commerce.

- **26th Annual 5K Run and Walk**

This event begins in downtown Grayslake on Saturday, July 15th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Summer Fun is in Bloom at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum

The Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum is your headquarters for summer fun. Highlights for June include:

- **Sunday, June 11th at 2:00 p.m.** - The *Grayslake Athletics* will play 19th century rules baseball against the *McHenry County Independents* at Prairie Grove Village Hall Park, 3125 Barreville Road, Prairie Grove, IL 60012. Learn the wildly different rules and cheer on your *Athletics* using Victorian era baseball slang.
- **Wednesday, June 14th from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** - Visit the museum's tent at the Farmers Market for hands-on history fun.
- **Saturday, June 17th at 7:00 p.m.** - Leslie Goddard will portray suffragist Alice Paul at Centennial Park (corner of Whitney & Center Streets). Bring your lawn chairs & picnic baskets as you learn the history of a tireless champion for women's rights.
- **Sunday, June 18th at 7:00 p.m.** - The museum hosts the Lake County Folk Club, featuring *Small Potatoes*, with opener Jack Kennedy. Admission is \$18 for general audience, \$15 for seniors and \$13 for Lake County Folk Club members.
- **Sunday, June 24th at 10:00 - 4:00 p.m.** - The museum will have a tent at the Grayslake Arts Fair. From 2-4 we will be sponsoring a jazz concert at the fair featuring the Mike Flack Octet. The festival grounds are one block south of the museum at the corner of Whitney and Center Streets. Stop by the museum for a first look at a new exhibit exploring the history of Grays Lake, the lake that inspired our Village's name.

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 Renehan at charenehan@aol.com.



CLC James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts

Thank you for supporting our 20th anniversary season!

We are busy planning our 2017 - 2018 season. Subscription brochures will mail in early July. Our patrons can look forward to a variety of electrifying, nostalgic and traditional music, hilarious comedy, poignant theatre, breathtaking acrobatics and some amazing family-friendly events! Stay tuned for more information.

Call the JLC Box Office at 847-543-2300 or visit www.clcillinois.edu/tickets for more information.

Lake County Fairgrounds Events

- Zurko Antiques & Flea Market on Saturday, June 10 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 11 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Saturday, July 8 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 9 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Little Fort Kennel Club Dog Show on Wednesday, June 14 through Sunday, June 18 from 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. daily. Call 847-254-6166 for more information.
- 89th Annual Lake County Fair on Wednesday, July 26 through Sunday, July 30. For more information visit lcfair.com or call 847-680-7200.

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To see our major meeting schedule, please visit www.villageofgrayslake.com.