

# Grayslake Record



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## Village Notes

### Garbage and Recycle Cans Reminder

Residents are reminded to place their garbage and recycle cans and yard waste out for pick-up no earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the night before their regular pick-up day. After refuse is picked up, garbage and recycle cans must be placed either on the side of the house or inside the garage per Village ordinance. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Garbage, Recycle, Yard Waste Holiday Delay

Due to the Labor Day holiday, there will be no garbage, recycle and yard waste pick-up on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Garbage, recycle & yard waste pick-ups will be delayed by one day during this week.

## Village Community Notification System and Website

The Village-wide community notification system is used by Village officials to notify residents of emergencies and other time sensitive situations. Near the top right hand portion of the Village website is the link for "Community Notification Sign-Up". Residents and businesses have the option to register, add, or edit their existing contact information.

### Register for Email / Text Messages / Extra Phone Lines

When registering in the notification system, residents and businesses have the ability to enter up to three contact phone numbers, including one primary phone number, one phone number for text messages, and up to four email addresses.

### Land Lines

The Village's community notification system updates the system database each month with current land line phone numbers. It is possible that some resident or business phone land lines are not included in these monthly updates. Residents or businesses may contact the Request for Service system at 847-223-8515 to confirm their land line is in the notification system.

### eNews Notifications

On the homepage of the Village's website is the link for "eNews Sign-Up". By clicking this link, website visitors can select different categories of eNews notification subscriptions sent to their email addresses instantly after a subscription category on the website is updated. Subscription categories include instant notifications on Village news updates, agendas and minutes, newsletter, police blotter, press releases, and more.

### Online Utility Billing Viewing and Payment Options

Customers can manage their bills for water and sewer and garbage and recycling services on the Village's website using the online payment option accessible from the homepage or from the utility billing management option listed under the "Residents" tab.

If you have questions regarding the community notification system or any other Village item, please contact the Request for Service system at 847-223-8515.

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## Reminders

### Be Kind to your Neighbor

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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

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Per Village Ordinance when walking a pet, owners must carry a receptacle or bag and properly dispose of animal waste.

### Trailers or Recreational Vehicles

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Storage of a trailer, recreational vehicle, boat or jet-ski in a driveway or front yard of a residential property is prohibited by Village Code.

### Building Permits

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Most interior and exterior renovations and improvements to properties require a building permit per the Village Code. Please contact the Building Department at 847-223-8515 prior to making any improvements.

## From the Mayor...

As we all know, overnight on July 11 - 12, Grayslake, along with a number of other communities in Lake County, was hit with a very intense and severe rain storm. During the first three hours of the storm 4.5 inches of rain fell. In just under 12 hours the Village received 6.5 inches of rain. These totals well exceeded the so-called 100 year storm level. In fact the level of storm intensity can be extrapolated to be a 200 year storm event. The chances of any storm being a 200 year event is less than one percent. It was clearly an historic size rain event.

Of course when severe rain events hit there is only so much that can be done during the event. The stormwater system of ponds, pipes and designated flood plains handle an event as they are designed to do. Many communities in our area were hit with widespread surface flooding with homes and businesses impacted throughout those communities. In our case surface flooding was confined to three limited areas and these areas drained within three days of the storm. Overall most of the Village saw little impact despite the historic severity of the storm. Streets were water covered in some areas, ponds rose and water was stored in flood plain areas. As we all know road closures throughout the county impacted us all. Our Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum was severely damaged and Atkinson Road north of Brae Loch Road was impacted.

About 400 homes (of over 8,000) experienced water damage during the storm. If you haven't done so yet reach out to any of your neighbors who were impacted and offer a hand of assistance.

During the storm and its aftermath Village public works and police staff were in the field working to clean drainage ways that could impede the flow of stormwater through the system and assisted with traffic control. The Village worked to keep our customers aware of the latest infor-

mation through our website and social media platforms. We utilized our community-wide call system as well. I want to thank our staff members who have worked long hours in the last three weeks.

Since a number of homes had water impacts, our waste hauler began a special pick-up service for flood damaged items. In the four hardest hit areas Public Works Department personnel and equipment were utilized to remove debris in the week after the storm.

In some severe weather events federal financial assistance can be provided for property owners and/or to offset government costs for clean-up efforts. While the Village does not decide if there will be any financial help or determine what kind of assistance will be provided, the Village is working with its governmental partners to provide the information needed by federal authorities in their decision process. It is too early to know when a decision will be made. Watch our website for updates.

Our stormwater management system has been tested to a degree that is extremely rare. The overall system performed above its designed capability resulting in little impact to most of Grayslake. Some of the most impacted parts of town were older areas in designated flood areas. The test did reveal some places that our engineers feel could be evaluated to see if better results are possible. I would expect that work to be authorized.

Thank you to the Grayslake community that came together during this extreme situation. That's one thing that makes Grayslake a great place.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor, Mayor

## 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 either of the two Grayslake Metra parking lots. 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](http://www.grayslakefarmersmarket.com).

# Village Announcements

## Senior Center

The Grayslake Senior Center has an abundance of activities for independent seniors 60 and over. Meet others while playing Bingo, Pokeno, Bridge or participating in exercise, Hatha Yoga, Tai Chi or the Crochet & Knit group. We are open Monday – Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 p.m.

The Senior Center is located at 50 Library Lane, stop by for a tour or information. You can view the monthly newsletter at [www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com). Call 847-543-1041 for any additional questions.

## SWALCO Household Chemical Waste

To make an appointment for the next SWALCO household chemical waste collection public event, visit [www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org) or call 847-336-9340 to schedule your drop-off .

## Lake County Folk Club

The Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum will host a concert on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., featuring artist Briar Road, with opener Jerry Thiel. 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.

## Partnership Programs

With summer 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](http://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 through its contract with the Economic Development Commission.

- **Summer Days**

Bring the entire family to Grayslake Summer Days for two days full of fun family activities, music, carnival games, food vendors and more. This event is Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> in downtown Grayslake.

- **5th Annual Color Aloft Balloon Festival**

Bring a picnic to Central Park on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and enjoy the sights of hot air balloons in the sky. Live music, children’s activities, business vendors and a Civil War era baseball game will also be available for all to enjoy!

- **Business Trick-or-Treat**

The 2017 annual Business Trick-or-Treat will take place on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

## Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum to Reopen with a Full Slate of Programs

After being closed for over a month to enable recovery from the recent storms, the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum will reopen for business during Summer Days on Saturday, August 19 with a full slate of family friendly programs, including:

- **Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** - A *Reminisce Session* hosted by the Grayslake Historical Society. Visit the museum and share your stories of Gray's Lake, the body of water that inspired our community's name, or come to listen and learn. Refreshments served. Visit the museum's newest exhibition, *The Lure of Gray's Lake* after the session for more information.
- **Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.** - A performance of American Tall Tales in the Summer Days tent by actor and professional storyteller Terry Lynch. From Paul Bunyan to Johnny Appleseed, Pecos Bill and more.
- **Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.** - A Civil War rules baseball game at the north end of Central Park. Learn to cheer and jeer as your Grayslake Athletics take on the McHenry County Independents. This event is the kick-off for the Color Aloft Balloon Festival.
- **Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** - A toy and model car show staged by collectors Philip Bruno and Harold Flood. This event will coincide with the Oasis Car Show in downtown Grayslake.
- In addition, the museum will host a Drum Circle Jam at Centennial Park, facilitated by Helen Bond & Fode Camara on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (Centennial Park is located at corner of Whitney & Center Streets. Rain location: Village Hall).

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 Renahan at [charenahan@aol.com](mailto:charenahan@aol.com).



### CLC James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts

Looking for some fabulous entertainment right in your own backyard? Subscriptions are on sale now! The Capitol Steps begins our season followed by Beginnings (Chicago tribute band), Rockin' Road to Dublin, Animaniacs and Dan Zanes!

Too many events to list, but there is a show for everyone to enjoy!

If you have not received your 2017-2018 brochure, please visit or call the Box Office at 847-543-2300. You can also see ALL of our events on the website at [www.clcillinois.edu](http://www.clcillinois.edu).

### Lake County Fairgrounds Events

- Zurko Antiques and Flea Market on Saturday, August 12 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, August 13 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Visit [www.zurkopromotions.com](http://www.zurkopromotions.com) or call 715-526-9769 for more information.
- Windy City Dub Fest on Saturday, August 26 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Visit [www.windycitydubfest.com](http://www.windycitydubfest.com) for more information.
- Muck Fest MS 5k Mud Run 2017 on Saturday, September 16 at 9:00 a.m. Visit [main.nationalmssociety.org](http://main.nationalmssociety.org) for more information.

### Elected Officials

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