

Grayslake Record



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Village Notes

2017 / 2018 Winter Season

Residential Leaf Vacuuming Program

The Village of Grayslake leaf vacuuming program will run for six weeks beginning Monday, October 23rd. Vacuuming will take place one day per week and due to the pace of falling leaves, vacuuming may not be on the same day as your scheduled garbage / recycle pick-up.

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 Friday, December 1st. Please contact the Request for Service System at 847-223-8515 with questions.

With the arrival of the winter season, the Village is prepared for snow and ice removal operations. The Village's snow and ice removal operation includes eleven snow plowing routes. Eight of the eleven routes are completed by the Village's snow plow contractors and three of the routes are completed by the Village's Public Works personnel. Avon and Warren Townships also assist the Village in selected areas.

Ordinance Requirements

Citizen efforts are important in creating safer road and pedestrian conditions. Some responsibilities are required by Village ordinance, including:

1. SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL:

Residents are required to clear sidewalks adjacent to their homes of snow and ice within 24 hours of a snowfall.

2. **PUTTING SNOW IN STREETS:** Please do not deposit snow on streets when shoveling sidewalks or driveways.

3. **PARKING ON STREETS:** Parking on Village streets is prohibited during periods where snow removal operations are underway. Vehicles may be ticketed and/or towed at owner's expense.

Who Plows Where?

Village Responsibilities

- Village streets (except private streets)
- Municipal parking lots/alleys
- Metra parking lots

Other agencies are responsible for snow and ice removal on the following roads:

Lake County Division of Transportation

- Alleghany Road (south of Route 120)
- Casey Road
- Center Street (Route 83 to Route 45)
- Rollins Road
- Washington Street
- Peterson Road
- Midlothian Road

Illinois Department of Transportation

- Route 45
- Route 83 (Barron Boulevard)
- Route 120 (Belvidere Road)
- Route 137

The Village thanks residents for their cooperation in helping make our community a safer place during the winter season.

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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 lawn equipment or 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.

Trailers or Recreational Vehicles

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.

Annual Report Available Online

The fiscal year 2016/17 annual report is now available for viewing or downloading and printing at www.villageofgrayslake.com/annualreport.

The report contains information including operational and capital reports for the Village, and highlights and new programs by each department.

From the Mayor...

In the fall of every year the Village Board selects community improvement projects to be completed in the coming twelve month period. In recent years the Board's strategic objective in choosing projects has been to enhance Grayslake's appeal with the goal of increasing homeowner and business property values long-term. Projects have included drainage improvements, Village Center/downtown improvements, road projects, commuter rail station enhancements, neighborhood improvements like sidewalks/bike paths and curb and gutter at key locations, and landscaping. The Village does not use property taxes for these improvements and good financial planning has allowed the projects to be done without borrowing so the Village government remains debt free.

In addition to community improvement projects, the Village works on an ongoing basis to improve community appearance in major road corridors. Examples include the newly installed planted center medians on Route 45, Peterson Road and Washington Street.

The Village periodically updates its capital plans based on changing circumstances and the availability of funding. As an example recently several projects were included in the program as a result of last summer's 200 year rain event. The opportunity to utilize federal or state grant funds to pay for project costs can help advance a project to construction. Federal grant funds have contributed millions of dollars to improvements to Village streets including Atkinson Road, Shorewood Road, Center Street, and Lake Street. In 2018

the resurfacing of Lake Street (Center Street to Route 83) will be completed with 80% of the \$2.0 million project coming from a federal highway grant.

Large scale expansions to the transportation system not under the jurisdiction of the Village are beyond the financial capability of the Village. In those cases the Village continues to work with state and county transportation agencies to expand their facilities. Recently Lake County completed the Washington Street underpass/widening project with the Village contributing some funding and adding a new Washington Street bike path to the east. The Village is also working with other Route 120 communities to advocate for capacity improvements to Route 120. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is designing the widening of Route 83 through Grayslake. This widening, with its five-lane configuration, will improve traffic flow through town.

When our community is improved this has a positive impact on homeowner property values and makes Grayslake a better place to live and operate a business.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor, Mayor

Senior Center

Are you 60 and over? Would like to meet new people, make a craft, or join an exercise class? If so, visit the Grayslake Senior Center, which offers a variety of activities and socialization. Our regularly scheduled programs include Bingo, Pokeno, Tai Chi, Hatha Yoga, exercise class, computer class and more. We are continually adding new programs. In November, we will have a Power of Attorney presentation, a special Thanksgiving meal from our congregate program, a travel presentation (about Alaska) and more. The past few months we had a painted rocks event, crafts, tea parties, socials etc... If you are interested in becoming a member of the Senior Center, we are located at 50 Library Lane and our phone number is 847-543-1041. Anne or Sharon can assist you with any questions.

**Grayslake Chamber of Commerce
Tree Lighting Festival and Holiday Market
Friday, November 24th**

The Grayslake Chamber of Commerce downtown tree lighting festival and holiday market is Friday, November 24th 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

The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) is hosting a household chemical waste collection event on Saturday, November 4, 2017 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 & motor oil, fertilizers/herbicides/pesticides, fluorescent light bulbs/CFLs, furniture stripper & varnishes, gasoline & kerosene, household batteries (lithium & rechargeable only), household cleaners, oil-based paints & paint removers, prescription & over-the-counter medicines & supplements (people & pet) - NO DEA controlled substances.

For additional information and a list of not accepted items please visit www.swalco.org or call 847-336-9340.

Boughs and Bows

On Friday, November 24th from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., get into the holiday spirit with a festive display of holiday wreaths in the Heritage Center courtyard, then come inside for the Grayslake Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Holiday Market. Each Boughs and Bows wreath was created by a local nonprofit and can be bid upon between November 24 and December 10. Proceeds will be split between the creators and the Grayslake

Winter Parking Regulations

Pursuant to Village Ordinance, parking on Village streets is prohibited during periods where snow removal operations are underway.

Vehicles may be ticketed and/or towed at owner's expense.

Residents with disabled vehicles should contact the Grayslake Police Department at 847-223-2341.

Garbage Pick-Up Delayed

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, garbage, recycling and leaf vacuuming service will be delayed by one day beginning Thursday, November 23rd.

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

Lake County Folk Club Concert

On Sunday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m. the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum will host a concert by the Lake County Folk Club featuring LJ Booth and Chris Kokesh. Tickets: general audience \$18, seniors \$15, Lake County Folk Club members \$13. The museum will be open before and after the show.

More Fall Fun at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum

Make plans to visit the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum for fall fun. Highlights include:

- **Wednesday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m. - The Edwards Family:** Every family has a history. The Edwards family's history includes an asphyxiation, a lawsuit, politics and wealth. Using images and stories, Grayslake Historical Society board member Linda Willhite will share her extensive research on this intriguing family.
- **Thursday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m. - Lake County Civil War Roundtable:** The museum will host the Lake County Civil War Roundtable. Program: TBD. All are welcome.
- **Friday, November 10th from 7-10 p.m. - Wine and Art Auction:** Please join us for a wine tasting and silent auction of original art at the Redwood Country Club. Tickets are \$30/person in advance, \$35/person at the door, and all proceeds from the event will help with the preservation of museum collections affected by the flood. RSVP by November 8th or direct any questions to Dave Oberg at 847-543-1745 or doberg@villageofgrayslake.com.
- **Saturday, November 11th at 10:00 a.m. - Saturday Kids! Bowling Games:** 9 pins, 10 pins, 2 balls, obstacles...Today we'll travel through time and around the world as we explore various bowling games. Join us for a morning of hands-on, history fun. Saturday Kids is a free hands-on program series for families.

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

Don't miss **Dan Zanes' Holiday Sing-Along** on Sunday, December 17th at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. This sensory-friendly festive holiday show by Grammy Award winning artist Dan Zanes is designed to entertain all families including those with autism or other special needs. The perfect musical fare for family audiences this season!

Why wait, purchase your tickets now before they sell out! Call the JLC Box Office at 847-543-2300 or visit www.clcillinois.edu/tickets to view this seasons events.

Lake County Fairgrounds Events

- Zurko Antiques & Flea Market on Saturday, November 11 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 12 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Visit www.zurkopromotions.com for more information.
- Arts & Crafts Show on Friday, November 24 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday, November 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 26 from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Visit www.stepbystepromotions.com or call 847-301-8543.
- Obenauf Auction on Saturday, December 2 at 9:00 a.m. Visit www.obenaufauctions.com for more information.

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