

Grayslake Record



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Village Notes

Garbage Can Exchange Program

Registration is now open for the 2018 Garbage and Recycle Can Exchange Program. Registration is from January 1 - February 15, 2018. Residents opting to exchange their garbage can may choose one of three sizes.

Residents may also choose a FREE UPGRADE for their recycle can size from a 65-gallon to a 96-gallon. See page three for additional information.

Winter Parking Regulations

Pursuant to Village Ordinance, parking is prohibited on Village streets after a snowfall of two or more inches, until snow removal operations are complete. Vehicles found in violation of this ordinance are subject to ticketing and towing. Residents with disabled vehicles should contact the Grayslake Police Department at 847-223-2341.

FREE Year-Round Food Scraps Drop-Off Service

The Richard Whittington Grayslake Recycling Center is accepting food scraps for drop-off ALL YEAR-ROUND! This is a FREE service to residents and is your opportunity to help protect our environment.

Accepted items include: Fruits and vegetables (includes unpainted holiday pumpkins); leftovers/kitchen scraps (includes coffee grounds, tea bags and filters); breads, grains, pasta and cereal; meat, poultry, seafood (including shells and bones); dairy and eggs (including shells; no liquids); paper products (includes paper towels, plates, napkins, egg cartons and pizza boxes).

The Recycling Center is located at the Grayslake Public Works facility, 585 Berry Avenue (off of Route 83 just north of Frederick Road). Hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Aquatic Center 2018 Pool Memberships Now On Sale for Only \$70!

2018 Membership Rates (All Customers)

GREAT VALUE (VALID THROUGH 4/30/2018)	\$70
REGULAR LOW PRICE (VALID THROUGH 8/31/2018)	\$85

Don't wait and pay more later! Register online today at www.swimgrayslake.com.

Need help registering? Please contact the Grayslake Aquatic Center by calling 847-223-POOL (7665).

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Reminders

Water & Sewer Bill Payment Options

Residents have six options to pay their water and sewer bills:

1. Electronically
2. Automatic debit
3. By phone (1-844-463-8922)
4. By mail
5. In person at Grayslake Village Hall
6. Drop box at Village Hall

For additional information regarding water bill payment options including auto-debit enrollment, please visit www.villageofgrayslake.com, "Water & Sewer Services", under the Residents tab or contact the Request for Service System at 847-223-8515.

Free Textile Recycling!

Help the environment and recycle your textiles for FREE at the Grayslake Public Works facility, 585 Berry Avenue. Hours are Monday - Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Some of the textile items accepted include blouses, shirts, coats, jackets, dresses, Halloween costumes, hats, scarves, pants, bedspreads, duvets, comforters, bed sheets and more. About 95% of the materials collected will be repurposed or recycled.

From the Mayor...

In late 2015 the Village acquired the ten acre Grayslake Gelatin Company property just south of Central Park for \$30,000. The Village Board decided to make the purchase due to the hazardous conditions on the site and in the buildings on the site. Over the many years the site was abandoned, it became an illegal dumping ground. Since there was little likelihood that the private sector would be willing to take on the required site clean-ups, without the Villages involvement the site would have continued to deteriorate over time making conditions worse.

Before making the purchase the Village was aware that the site had significant environmental issues from the decades of heavy industrial use of the property. An architectural study revealed that the old industrial buildings on the site were in severe disrepair and could not be saved. A special evaluation of the factory smoke stack completed at the Village's request determined that the stack, with some rehab work, could be preserved.

In 2016 and 2017 clean-up activities have been undertaken. The deteriorated buildings have been demolished, environmental hazards mitigated and substantial amount of debris removed from the property. Some minor clean-up activities should be completed by the spring.

While the clean-up of these hazardous conditions is, by itself, a plus for the Village, the ten acre site in the middle of the Grayslake Village Center offers a rare opportunity to add to the offerings of the Village Center. Since the site, which is located between Central Park and an established residential area and not visible or accessible from

major roads, it is not suited for commercial development. Industrial uses would not be compatible with the surrounding uses. For these reasons the Board determined that public uses should be planned for the site. The Village's planning consultants generated public use options and the Village met with nearby residents to take their input. With this information the Village Board has discussed the possibilities and have directed that a plan be created emphasizing open space. Some low intensity recreational features may be included. A winding road through the property would provide a new access to Central Park and connect the site into downtown. Much needed additional parking and bike paths would be part of the plan. The Gelatin Company smoke stack would remain.

The planning development effort is still underway. Once a concept plan is developed in the next 60 to 90 days it will be posted on our website at www.villageofgrayslake.com, to give interested people the opportunity to take a look and provide comments. The Village Board is interested in your ideas for the site. Please contact me or any Board members.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor, Mayor

Senior Center

Happy New Year, with the New Year brings New Year resolutions. If you have a fitness goal or want to meet new people this year, the Senior Center has a variety of programs to offer. The Senior Center has a fitness room and exercise programs available. There is also a congregate lunch served Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The monthly newsletter is available at the Village website www.villageofgrayslake.com. Membership is open to everyone 60 and older. Drop in for a visit or call 847-543-1041 for more information.

FREE RECYCLE CAN UPGRADE PROGRAM

Now through February 15th, registration is open for the 2018 garbage and recycle can exchange programs. Registration for the program is between January 1 and February 15, 2018. Residents opting to exchange their garbage can may choose one of three sizes:

90-gallon (\$20.82 / month)

65-gallon (\$18.57 / month)

35-gallon (\$15.48 / month)

Residents may also choose a FREE UPGRADE for their recycle

can size from 65-gallon to 96-gallon. An upgraded recycle can offers more recycling room, same floor space as smaller cans and less waste, which could result in reducing your garbage can size.

The exchange of the can(s) takes place during the month of March and the rate change will take effect on April 1st. The exchange is for residents who would like to have either a smaller or larger can size. For more information or to register for the exchange program, please contact 847-223-8515 or visit www.villageofgrayslake.com/r4s.

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.

Mailbox Replacement Policy

Unfortunately, during the Village's snow and ice removal operations, mailboxes may be damaged either from a direct hit from a snow plow or from wet snow from a snow plow. 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 the Request for Service System at 847-223-8515.

Snow Removal Operations

The winter season will soon be upon us. Preparations for the snow season have been underway for some weeks. Equipment has been repaired and deicing material has been obtained for the year.

As a result the Village's Public Works Department and its snow removal contractors are ready for this year's snow removal operations. The Village has an on-hand ample supply of salt and beet juice in its inventory.

Holiday Tree Pickup Program

The Holiday Tree Pickup Program will take place on the following dates: Friday, January 5th, Thursday, January 11th and Thursday, January 18th.

Trees should be placed un-bagged at the curb or edge of street the night before the service day. Trees greater than six (6) feet in height must be cut in half prior to being set out for pickup. Waste Management will not pickup trees in plastic bags. Contact the Request for Service system with questions.

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.

Clearing Snow Around Fire Hydrants

Along with clearing snow and ice off of sidewalks and the end of driveways, 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.

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.

Warm Up This Winter at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum

Stop by the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum for a month packed full of family fun. Highlights include:

- **Wednesday, January 3rd at 2:00 p.m. - Search and Share Genealogy:** Join the Grayslake Historical Society and local genealogists for a lively discussion on researching family history. Share your own stories or come for advice from other genealogists.
- **Saturday, January 13th at 10:00 a.m. - Saturday Kids!** Families are invited to put their hands on the past as members of the Grayslake Historical Society share artifacts from their Traveling Basket. Look for a *Saturday Kids!* program on the second Saturday of each month.
- **Monday, January 15th at 2:00 p.m. - Meet Harriet Tubman:** Join us on this day off from school as we learn about Harriet Tubman. Reenactor Pamela Welcome will share Harriet's life as a conductor on the Underground Railroad and spy during the Civil War through stories and songs.
- **Saturday, January 20th from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Grayslake Arts Alliance Fine Arts Show:** Enjoy a display of art created by local artists as well as artist demonstrations and refreshments. Come be inspired!
- **Sunday, January 21st at 7:00 p.m. - A Concert Hosted by the Lake County Folk Club:** Featuring Barbara Silverman and Colby Maddox with opener Wattle & Daub. Admission is \$18 for general audience, \$15 for seniors and \$13 for Folk Club members.

For more information, visit us at www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com, call 847-543-1745, or email Michelle Poe at mpoe@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

Start the New Year out with some great entertainment close to home! Check out these fantastic events the whole family will enjoy.

- Cirque Zuma Zuma: Saturday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m.
- Animaniacs Live! Sunday, March 4th at 4:00 p.m.
- Rockin' Road to Dublin: Friday, March 16th at 8:00 p.m.

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

- Park Shore & Chain O' Lakes Kennel Clubs Dog Shows: Thursday, January 25 - Sunday, January 28. Visit www.royjonesdogshows.com for more information.
- Northern Illinois Golf Expo: Friday, February 16 - Sunday, February 18. For more information please visit www.northernillinoisgolfexpo.com.
- Lake County Craft Beer Festival on Saturday, February 24. Food, beers, wine, distilleries, music and more! More information and ticket sales coming soon.
- Northern Illinois Boat Show: Thursday, March 1 - Sunday, March 4. For more information please visit www.illinoisboatshow.com.

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