

# Grayslake Record



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## Garbage and Recycle Can Exchange Dates

If you enrolled in the 2018 garbage and/or recycle exchange program, Waste Management will be exchanging the can(s) during the week of March 26<sup>th</sup>. Please place your can(s) at the street the evening before your regular pick-up day. For those residents not available to place can(s) at the street, can(s) may be placed at the side of your home. Please note that pursuant to Village Code, cans cannot be left in front of your home.

## Reuse-a-Shoe

The Reuse-a-Shoe program offered through the Village of Grayslake and SWALCO provides citizens with the opportunity to recycle unwanted shoes. Instead of throwing away shoes, recycling will mean that 95% or more of all shoe materials will be reused. The program is available at the Grayslake Public Works facility, 585 Berry Avenue (Mon-Fri 7-3:30; Sat 8-12). All shoe contributions must be in a pair and tied/connected to its pairing shoe.

## Esper A. Petersen Foundation Family Aquatic Center 2018 Swim Season Information

### Swim Lessons Registration

Registration for 2018 Swim Lessons at the Esper A. Petersen Foundation Family Aquatic Center is now available! To register for swim lessons, please visit <https://jefellismangement.com/jes/grayslake>.

### 2018 Memberships on Sale for Only \$70!

Summer 2018 memberships for the Esper A. Petersen Foundation Family Aquatic Center are currently on sale for \$70. That's a savings of \$15 per membership! Summer will be here before you know it, so don't wait! Purchase your membership today at [www.swimgrayslake.com](http://www.swimgrayslake.com). This offer expires April 30th, at which time memberships will be \$85 per individual. For any questions please call (847)-223-7665.

### Aquatic Center - Part-Time Business Manager

The Aquatic Center is seeking candidates for a part-time Business Manager position for the upcoming 2018 swim season. This supervisory position is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the Aquatic Center admissions and concessions stands.

The successful candidate will supervise all part-time seasonal concessions and admissions staff to ensure operation objectives and customer service standards are met and assist with other general administrative responsibilities such as data collection, reporting, and human resources as well as coordinating facility special events. Previous supervisory experience desired.

The hourly pay range for this position is \$12.00 - \$15.00 DOQ. A high school diploma or GED is required. This is a seasonal position.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter explaining interest in the position, resume, and completed employment application to: Chase Muscato, Management Analyst, 10 South Seymour Avenue, Grayslake, IL 60030 or to [cmuscato@villageofgrayslake.com](mailto:cmuscato@villageofgrayslake.com). The Village of Grayslake is an equal opportunity employer. Position open until filled.

### Admissions & Concessions Positions

Positions in both Admissions & Concessions are open for the upcoming 2018 swim season. For more information on how to apply, visit the Employment Opportunities section of [www.swimgrayslake.com](http://www.swimgrayslake.com). For any questions please call (847)-223-7665.

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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](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com), "Water & Sewer Services", under the Residents tab or contact the Request for Service System at 847-223-8515.

### Senior Citizen Electricity Surcharge Rebate

The Village's senior citizen electricity surcharge rebate reimburses individuals 65 years of age or older (as of April 1, 2017) for the amount of electricity surcharge paid on their electric bill during the previous year, not to exceed \$20.

Beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, eligible individuals should submit copies of their past electric bills dated April 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018 at the Village Hall, 10 S. Seymour Avenue. A valid driver's license or ID card is required. Past electric bills will be accepted April 1, 2018 - April 30, 2018.

## From the Mayor...

In recent years a number of national companies have chosen Grayslake to locate their businesses. These include FedEx, AbbVie, SAIA, CompX and Okabe. In addition the Village has seen the expansion of the Northwestern Hospital campus. Our downtown has added a number of new businesses adding vitality to our historic central business district. Recently the old deteriorating Piggly Wiggly shopping center at Atkinson Road and Center Street has been refurbished and is now the home to Butera grocery store. The new businesses expand the local tax base, add new job opportunities and bring new products/services to the area. All of this business development, which has happened in challenging national and state economic conditions, confirms that Grayslake remains an attractive location for business.

In addition to the recruiting of businesses in many areas of the Village, we continue to work with our private sector partner, the Grayslake Business Partnership (GBP), to seek developer and business interest in larger, more challenging, sites like the retired fairgrounds property on Route 120 and Route 45. As you may remember, in 2007 the Village Board approved a plan for a large retail project for the entire 110 acre site. The national economic downturn starting in 2008 and changed the retail sector of the nation's economy ending the viability of the approved project. Since 2008 the retail sector continues to transform itself. Few large new retail development projects are being proposed in our area. Limited new development and redevelopment in already established commercial areas are being attempted. There is much speculation on the future shape of retail as part of the rapidly changing national economy.

With all the economic changes the Village continues to discuss development options with the owner of the old fairgrounds. These discussions have included the Village's preference for property tax base diversity through some business development on the site. New local retail is also a prefer-

ence but office uses would also provide new non-homeowner property tax dollars to schools and other taxing districts, create jobs and enhance property values. In light of the changing economy redevelopment of a site as large as the old fairgrounds may require a mixed use approach involving retail, office and some residential. No matter what mix of redevelopment is considered the Village Board wants a high quality project that meets the Village's architectural, landscaping and other standards.

In the last year the work of the Village and GBP has increased developer interest in the site. A number of individual retail and restaurant businesses have also expressed interest once a developer is active on the site. A handful of residential developers have expressed interest as part of a mixed use projected including commercial/office uses. As of now no site development plans have been submitted for Village consideration.

The property owner has an engaged real estate representative that is pursuing interested parties on an ongoing basis. While this process is underway, the Village is working with the owner to remove the old fairgrounds structures which are in a state of disrepair. Hopefully this will happen in the next few months. This will clean-up this entryway into the Village and also make the property more attractive for redevelopment.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor

## Senior Center

Are you interested in playing Bingo, Pokeno or Bridge? The Grayslake Senior Center has these games available plus many other activities and programs. We offer Tai Chi and Yoga, whether you are a beginner or experienced, all are welcome to participate. Our fitness room has a treadmill, elliptical, New-Step machine, recumbent bike and a weight machine. The crochet club meetings on Wednesday mornings, they donate many of their crocheted items to various organizations (Linus, American Heart Association, Lambs Farm, etc). If you are interested in joining the Senior Center, please call 847-543-1041 or stop by 50 Library Lane. See our newsletter at [www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com) for more information on the activities and programs.

## Public Works Seasonal Employment Announcement

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 Friday, April 6, 2018 to Village of Grayslake, 10 S. Seymour Avenue.

# Village Announcements

## 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.
- Downspouts with above ground opening should be extended away from the foundation.
- If water accumulates next to the outside walls of your home, consider relandscaping to direct the water away.
- Consider routine inspection or rodding of the sewer lines at your home. Root intrusion from trees is often the cause of a sewer line blockage.
- If you notice water standing over the street catch basin, please contact Request for Service at 847-223-8515. If you notice debris obstructing the catch basin, you can try to remove it to allow the water to flow through.

## Lake County Folk Club Concert

A concert hosted by the Lake County Folk Club is on Sunday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m. Featuring Claudia Russell and Bruce Kaplan with opener Cuz 'n Bone. Admission is \$18 for general audience, \$15 for seniors and \$13 for Lake County Folk Club members.

For more information please visit [www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com](http://www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com) or call 847-543-1745.

## Illinois Bicentennial Fine Art Show

A special Illinois Bicentennial Fine Art Show by the Grayslake Arts Alliance will take place on Saturday, March 17th from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Enjoy a display of art created by local artists as well as artist demonstrations, live music and refreshments.

For more information please visit [www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com](http://www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com) or call 847-543-1745.

## Storage of Trailers, Recreational Vehicles

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

## Sidewalk Replacement Program

The Village's 50/50 sidewalk program is for residents interested in replacing the sidewalk adjacent to their homes. Once spring begins, the Village contracts for the replacement of the sidewalk and invoices the property owner 50% of the cost upon completion.

If you are interested in participating in this program or need additional information, please call the Village at 847-223-8515 or visit [www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com).

## 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.

## Plenty of Fun This Month at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum!

Makes plans to visit the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum this month. Highlights include:

- **Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 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, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. - Saturday Kids!** Weaving is a special skill used to make blankets, baskets or rugs. This Saturday, kids will see real artifacts used for weaving and make a woven treasure of their own. Look for a *Saturday Kids!* program on the second Saturday of each month.
- **Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. - Family Heirlooms:** Join the Grayslake Historical Society program as six individuals share a family object and tell its story with a little family history. Presenters include Nancy Reed, Steve Lawrence, Cynthia Lee, Kim Denny, Nancy Johannsen and Joyce Norton.
- Our newest exhibit, **Focus on Illinois** opens on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. When you picture Illinois, what do you see? 2018 marks the Illinois Bicentennial & *Focus on Illinois* invites amateur and professional photographers alike to share images that celebrate Illinois.
- **Spring Break Activities from 12 - 4 p.m. on March 28 - 30:** Families are invited to play games, make projects and complete a bicentennial scavenger hunt around the building!

For more information, visit us at [www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com](http://www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com), call 847-543-1745, or email Michelle Poe at [mpoe@villageofgrayslake.com](mailto:mpoe@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

Don't miss these spirited dance and music performances! Try something different and exciting!

- **Rockin' Road to Dublin:** Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. Stylish, high-octane fusion of concert and stage show.
- **Taikoza:** Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Highly visual and energetic performance with traditional "big drum" music.

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](http://www.clcillinois.edu/tickets) to view all the events.

### Lake County Fairgrounds Events

- Northern Illinois Boat Show: Thursday, March 1 - Sunday, March 4. For more information please visit [www.illinoisboatshow.com](http://www.illinoisboatshow.com).
- Survival and Green Living Expo: Saturday, March 17 and Sunday, March 18. For more information visit [www.rkpreppershows.com](http://www.rkpreppershows.com).
- Spring Arts & Crafts Show: Saturday March 24 and Sunday, March 25. For more information please visit [www.stepbystepromotions.com](http://www.stepbystepromotions.com).
- Zurko Antiques & Flea Market: Saturday, April 7 and Sunday, April 8. For more information please visit [www.zurkopromotions.com](http://www.zurkopromotions.com) or call 715-526-9769.

### Elected Officials

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