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Grayslake Memorial Day Parade and Service

Grayslake will hold its annual Memorial Day Parade and Service on Monday, May 28th. Watch future newsletters for the parade route. The service will be held immediately following the parade.

To register to participate in this year's parade please contact Jennifer Hess at 847-223-8515 or jhess@villageofgrayslake.com

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>.

Swim Lesson Scheduled Rate Increase

Swim Lesson fees are scheduled to increase by \$5 a session for both members and non-members on May 1, 2018. Be sure to register for swim lessons today and take advantage of the lower prices!

2018 Memberships on Sale for Only \$70! Last Chance Before Price Increase!

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! These prices will increase to \$85 on May 1, so don't miss out on these savings! Purchase your membership today at www.swimgrayslake.com. For any questions please call 847-223-7665.

Don't Wait, Don't Pay, Recycle Today!

Free Textile Recycling!

It's springtime and time to clean out the closets and cupboards of clutter and other household items you no longer need. You can recycle the textiles you no longer need at the Richard Whittington Grayslake Recycling Center.

Some of the items accepted for textiles and clothing include blouses, shirts, coats, jackets, dresses. For a full list of accepted items please visit www.villageofgrayslake.com. About 95% of the materials collected will be repurposed or recycled.

Recycling Center Location

The Richard Whittington Grayslake 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.

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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.

Senior Citizen Electricity Surcharge Rebate

The Village's senior citizen electricity surcharge rebate reimburses current Village residents 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 1st, current Village residents 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...

Grayslake, like local government across the country, is often challenged by the decisions made by the federal and state governments. Federal and state decisions directly impact how much residents and businesses pay to their local governments. The federal regulatory burden is always growing and the State of Illinois requires local governments to do more every year. In most cases these new requirements are imposed without providing funding, increasing local costs. When Washington and Springfield fail to provide sufficient funding for vital infrastructure, like roads, mass transit, water or sewer lines and flood management, communities are adversely impacted. Minimizing the problems caused by federal and state decisions requires continuous effort by local government associations and individual local governments. Grayslake maintains a position in opposition to new unfunded mandates from Washington or Springfield and advocates for adequate funding for important infrastructure.

As part of the effort to represent the interests of local government taxpayers I participated, along with 44 other Illinois Mayors, in the first Mayors of Illinois White House conference. The conference was organized by the Illinois Municipal League to discuss issues of importance to municipalities and build working relationships between Illinois local governments and high ranking federal officials. During the White House portion of the conference mayors met with senior transportation, housing and urban development and veterans affairs officials and discussed a wide array of issues.

Grayslake can benefit from the conference. We now have new direct contacts in various federal departments which we can use in the future to obtain assistance with Village projects and issues. These contacts add to our work with our congressional representatives. As an example, during my trip to Washington I met with federal transportation representatives to discuss the impact of freight train stoppages and slow trains in

Grayslake. I also reiterated the need for capacity improvements to Illinois Route 120 as per the Belvidere Road Corridor Road Capacity Plan which was developed jointly by Grayslake, Hainesville, Round Lake Park, Round Lake and Volo. While imminent solutions on the trains and Illinois Route 120 issues are not possible due to a lack of funding, the discussions put the issues in front of federal officials. This is a step toward eventual solutions.

Over the last 25 years the Village has obtained millions of dollars in federal infrastructure grants for road improvements. These funds have made possible improvements to many roads under our jurisdiction including Atkinson Road, Center Street, Lake Street, Shorewood Road and Highland Road. A large percentage (80%) of this year's Lake Street improvement/resurfacing project will be paid for with federal funds. Gaining this outside funding reduced costs for our local taxpayers. Our ability to get these dollars will be enhanced by our new interactions with federal officials. This will be particularly important as funding becomes even more constrained in the future.

Local taxpayers must pay the costs for any new federal and state requirements imposed on local governments. The recent White House conference and the efforts of local government associations are two ways we can try to reduce the number of times new costly demands are made on local taxpayers by federal government.

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 meets 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 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 15th to August 15th. 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. Please submit applications no later than Friday, April 6, 2018 to Village of Grayslake, 10 S. Seymour Avenue.

Village Announcements

Yard Waste Clean-Up Week of April 9th

This service will take place during the week of April 9th. There is no extra cost to residents for this service. Residents may set out an unlimited amount of yard waste for this one-time pick-up. When putting out yard waste, residents are asked to follow these guidelines:

- Yard waste (up to 50 pounds) must be placed in brown paper yard waste bags or plastic garbage containers (up to 32 gallon) clearly marked "yard waste".
- All branches should be tied in bundles no more than 2" in diameter and 4' long.
- Yard waste should be placed at the street after 6:00 p.m. the night before the scheduled pick-up.

During the yard waste pick-up season (April through November), residents may use the yard waste sticker subscription service. Yard waste pick-ups occur on the same day as your regular garbage and recycle pick-up. For more information please contact Village Hall at 847-223-8515.

Household Chemical Waste Collection Event

The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) is hosting a household chemical waste collection event on Saturday, April 28th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Round Lake Beach Metra Station, 630 Hook Drive.

Chelesti Winds Concert

Enjoy a free spring performance by this local woodwind quintet on Saturday, April 28th at 2:00 p.m. at the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum.

Lake County Folk Club Concerts

Concerts hosted by the Lake County Folk Club at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum:

- **Sunday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m.**
Featuring Bill & Kate Isles with opener This Time Out.
- **Sunday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m.**
A Behind the Song performance, featuring Michael P. Smith with openers Bill Liggett & Larry Sell.

Admission is \$18 for general audience, \$15 for seniors and \$13 for Lake County Folk Club members.

GO Grayslake, Presented by the Grayslake Park District

The Grayslake Park District is excited to announce GO Grayslake, a new community movement designed to increase community health through activity, education and collaboration. The first stage of the GO Grayslake movement is to encourage everyone in our community to walk at least 30 minutes a day. Take your daily walk in your neighborhood or at a park/trail of your choice - the main mission is to get moving!

Please join the Grayslake Park District for a Community Walk on Sunday, May 6th at 11:00 a.m. in Central Park, 250 Library Lane. For more information, please contact Dana Olson at dolson@glpd.com, call 847-223-7529 or visit www.glpd.com/go-grayslake.

Mayfest

An outdoor festival of the arts with the Grayslake Arts Alliance on Saturday, May 5th from 12-4 p.m. Enjoy painting, photography, pencil art, children's crafts, music, refreshments and so much more. Rain location: Heritage Center community room.

Candy, Library History, Concerts, Genealogy and More!

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

- **Wednesday, April 4th 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, April 7th at 2:00 p.m. - Illinois' Sweetest History: Chicago Candy Companies:** Enjoy some of Illinois' sweetest history in this Bicentennial program about Chicago's Candy Companies. Learn about well-known candy companies that have been a part of Chicago's history including Tootsie Rolls, Brach's, Fannie May and Frango Mints.
- **Wednesday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m. - Local Library Lore: From Traveling Trunks to Makerspace Marvels:** Grayslake Historical Society member Jane Trump has researched and woven together the story of the Grayslake Area Library. Learn how it started, where it has been, and who the players were.
- **Saturday, April 14th at 10:00 a.m. - Saturday Kids!** Kids love candy, but how is it made? And how is candy today different than it used to be? This Saturday, we'll explore sweet treats of the past and present. Look for a *Saturday Kids!* program on the second Saturday of each month.
- **April 15th:** The museum will be open at 8:00 a.m. during the Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast at the Fire Station on Hawley Street. 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

Dynamic One Woman Show!

- **"Cool Heat of Peggy Lee" starring Spider Saloff:** Friday, May 11th at 7:30 p.m. Chicago based jazz vocalist Spider Saloff performs her one-woman show in this intimate performance which pays homage to the smoldering style of Peggy Lee.

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 all the events.

Lake County Fairgrounds Events

- Zurko Antiques & Flea Market: Saturday, April 7 and Sunday, April 8. For more information please visit www.zurkopromotions.com or call 715-526-9769.
- RV Outlet Show: Friday, April 13 - Sunday, April 15. For more information please visit www.rvoutletshow.com.
- On Saturday, April 21, the Exchange Club of Grayslake is hosting the 2nd Annual Food Truck Frenzy from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Home and Garden Expo: Saturday, April 28 and Sunday, April 29 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information please visit www.freehomeshow.com.

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