

# Grayslake Record



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## Water Quality Report Available Online

The 2018 Water Quality Report is now available for downloading and printing at [www.villageofgrayslake.com/waterqualityreport](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com/waterqualityreport).

The report contains information including the quality of the Village's drinking water, the source of the water, how it is treated and the regulated compounds it contains.

Paper copies of the report are available at the Village Hall or may be obtained by contacting the Request for Service system at 847-223-8515.

## Garbage, Recycle, Yard Waste Holiday Delay

Due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, there will be no garbage, recycle and yard waste pick-up on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Garbage, recycle and yard waste pick-ups will be delayed by one day starting Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Summer 2018 at the Aquatic Center

### Aquatic Center open for the summer

The Esper A. Petersen Foundation Family Aquatic Center is now open! General pool hours are 12:00PM to 8:00PM, 7 days a week, weather permitting.

### 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://jeffellismanagement.com/jes/grayslake>. Members receive \$25 off all swim lessons!

### Get your 2018 Membership Today!

Summer 2018 memberships for the Esper A. Petersen Foundation Family Aquatic Center are currently on sale for \$85. Purchase your membership today at [www.swimgrayslake.com](http://www.swimgrayslake.com). Memberships come with many perks such as shorter entry lines, discounts on daily admissions for guests, discounts on swim lessons, special events, parties and facility rentals and access to the Concessions Cash program. For any questions please call 847-223-7665.

### 2018 Major Special Events Calendar

Don't miss a chance to be a part of the exciting array of special events held at the aquatic center this summer. Major special events usually take place outside of the normal operating hours of the aquatic center and members will receive discounted entry to these events. Other special events such as coin toss, trivia and bags tournaments will be take place within operating hours at various points during the season. See below the list of major special events for the summer and visit the website [www.swimgrayslake.com](http://www.swimgrayslake.com) for the full event calendar. Dates and times are subject to change:

- Carnival Night: June 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM
- Taste of Grayslake Fireworks: June 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 PM - 10:30 PM
- Movie Night: July 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 PM
- Glow Swim: July 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM
- Customer Appreciation Day: August 11<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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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.

### Be Kind to your Neighbor

Residents are asked to be considerate of their neighbors with regards to barking dogs and loud vehicles during early and late 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.

## From the Mayor...

Each year the Village Board considers how many dollars it should request from property taxpayers. This year the Village Board was able to approve its annual levy ordinance that taxes less money from property taxes than allowed by state law. In a number of recent years the Board has done this and in two recent years the Board froze its property taxes at the previous year amount.

This year's decision was possible due to your Village's sound financial condition. This condition is the result of years of operating spending control made possible by the implementation of operating efficiency and productivity initiatives over time. Some of these include the use of private contractors, intergovernmental agreements to reduce costs, relationships with local not-for-profits to provide selected services and ongoing operating evaluations seeking administrative and other cost savings.

One result of these initiatives has been an over 50% reduction in non-police officer full-time positions by attrition since 2003. Importantly the Village remains debt free so no property tax dollars are needed to meet borrowing costs.

The impact on property taxpayers has been an important consideration for the Board along with the need to provide vital public safety and other services our residents need and expect. The property tax dollars the Village receives are used primarily to pay for a portion of the costs to provide the community's police protection services, retirement costs for our police personnel and our limited other staff, and insurance. Balancing the desire to limit the impact on property taxpayers with resident and business service expectations can be a challenge. Specifically, as part of our deliberations on this question, the Board

considers the input it receives from taxpayers, the Village's overall financial condition (both current and forecasted for the upcoming years), the financial condition of the State of Illinois, and the anticipated costs for providing important municipal services including new unfunded mandates from the state. At the end of these deliberations the Board approves its annual property tax levy ordinance. This ordinance, passed in November/December of each year, impacts property tax bills taxpayers receive the following spring.

Only 4% to 5% of a typical property tax bill goes to the Village government. While the Village has been committed to limiting its share of property taxes, the reality is that the Village's decisions have only a small impact on overall property tax bills. Grayslake's other independent taxing districts, like schools, fire, park, etc., go through their own processes to determine their own annual individual tax levies. Their individual decisions impact your tax bill.

Over the year's the Village Board has made different decisions on the Village's annual property tax levy as circumstances change. Sometimes the level has been increased for inflation or to receive new dollars generated from new building construction in the Village. As a result, over the last 33 years the Village's tax rate has declined by 52%.

This year's property tax decision represents the Village Board's efforts to do what it can to control its portion of property tax bills for 2018.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor

### Senior Center

The Grayslake Senior Center is a wonderful place for active independent adults 60 and over to meet new people and socialize. We offer a variety of activities: exercise, pokeno, Hatha yoga, Tai Chi, bingo, trivia games, crochet club and more. We have either a party with entertainment or a social most every month. We serve a congregate lunch Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 11 am with the meal catered by Maravela's. The fitness room is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. Stop by for a tour or go to the Village website at [www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com) to view our monthly newsletter. For more information, call 847-543-1041. Follow us on Facebook.

## 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).

## Friendly Reminder

A friendly reminder to all the joggers out there. Pursuant to the Illinois' Vehicle Code/Rules of the Road, joggers/walkers should use jogging paths and sidewalks when provided. When a sidewalk is not accessible on public roads, joggers/walkers should try to select wide roads with good shoulders. Joggers/walkers should face oncoming traffic and remember to look, listen and yield to all vehicles. At night or anytime visibility is poor, joggers/walkers should be in well-lit areas and wear reflective clothing. Remember these tips to help keep our community safe for both drivers and pedestrians.

# Village Announcements

## Volunteer Opportunity - Eagle Scout Project

Nolan Blenniss, a Life Scout in Boy Scout Troop 96 is organizing volunteers to open and grease the fire hydrant port caps on Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Volunteers will brush old paint off the hydrants and prime the hydrants on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The final coat of paint will be applied on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Grayslake residents can contact Nolan Blenniss at [nolan.blenniss@gmail.com](mailto:nolan.blenniss@gmail.com).

## Lake County Folk Club

A concert hosted by the Lake County Folk Club on Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum. Featuring Chris Vallillo with opener Ted Geise.

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

## Outdoor Watering Restrictions

The following watering restrictions are in effect between May 15<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup>:

- All lawn sprinkling and landscape irrigation is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- Landscaping includes sodded and seeded lawns, gardens, trees, shrubs and other living plants.
- Newly sodded or seeded lawns may be watered at any time for a two-week period following installation.

## Partnership Programs

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 under its contract with the Economic Development Commission. Visit [www.grayslakechamber.com](http://www.grayslakechamber.com) for more information.

- **23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Arts Festival & Annual Wine Tasting**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Arts Festival and Annual Wine Tasting will be held in downtown Grayslake on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- **27<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Run and Walk**

This event is in downtown Grayslake on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

- **Summer Days - August 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**

Bring the entire family for two days full of fun family activities, music, carnival games, food vendors and more! Saturday events include a bike and pet parade at noon, bags tournament at 12:30, go-kart races at 1:00 (Seymour Avenue) and the Summer Days parade kicks-off at 6:30 p.m.

## This Month with the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum

- **Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> - Grayslake Heritage Center Foundation Annual World War II Era, USO-Style Fundraiser:** Enjoy a powerful address from Rosie the Riveter, played by Lynn Rymarz, then swing the night away with the Highland Park Pops Big Band at the Brae Loch Golf Club. A 1940's themed dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For more information visit [www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com](http://www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com).
- **Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.** - The Grayslake Historical Society hosts the **Search and Share Genealogy Discussion Group**. The Archives of the Society is open every Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. - Saturday Kids! Butterflies:** Did you know a Monarch butterfly can travel more than 200 miles in one day? Today we'll make butterfly art while exploring Monarch butterflies - the official state insects of Illinois.
- **Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. - 19<sup>th</sup> Century Baseball Game:** Join us on the road as the Grayslake Athletics play the McHenry County Independents in nine innings of 19<sup>th</sup> century baseball. The game will take place at Village Hall Park in Prairie Grove. Learn the wildly different rules on how to cheer and jeer in fine Victorian fashion.
- **Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** - Live music in the Heritage Center courtyard with performances by students from Chapin Jazz Studio.

For more events and 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

Wait til you see our line-up for next season! We are excited to bring back two of our favorite and most popular events. The hilarious Second City will open our season in September and the amazing Golden Dragon Acrobats will be performing later in the spring. There will also be classical music and tribute bands, a little magic, superb dance and much more to round out the season!

Be the first to find out about the season line-up, text: JLCEMAIL to 22828. Call the JLC Box Office at 847-543-2300 or visit [www.clcillinois.edu/tickets](http://www.clcillinois.edu/tickets) for more information.

### Lake County Fairgrounds Events

- Obenauf Auction: Saturday, June 2 from 9:00 - 3:00. For more information visit [www.obenaufauctions.com](http://www.obenaufauctions.com).
- Zurko Antiques & Flea Market: Saturday, June 9 from 9:00 - 4:00 and Sunday, June 10 from 9:00 - 3:00. Visit [www.zurkopromotions.com](http://www.zurkopromotions.com) or call 715-526-9769 for more information.
- Grayslake Summer Cluster Dog Show: Wednesday, June 13 - Sunday, June 17 from 8:00 - 5:00. For more information visit [www.royjonesdogshows.com](http://www.royjonesdogshows.com)
- Save the Date - 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake County Fair: Wednesday, July 25 - Sunday, July 29. Visit [www.lcfair.com](http://www.lcfair.com) for more information.

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