

Grayslake Record



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July 2018

Outdoor Watering Restrictions

The following watering restrictions are in effect between May 15th and September 15th:

- 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.

Reminder: Fireworks

As you are celebrating the July 4th holiday, please be aware that fireworks are illegal in the Village. Fireworks are dangerous and even a single use of one firework device could subject individuals to fines. The Grayslake Police Department will strenuously enforce this prohibition.

Village Participates in Sustainability Initiatives

The Village has, since the 1970s, supported initiatives to improve our environment. Building on years of local efforts, in 2008 the Village endorsed the Greenest Region Compact thereby committing the Village to making efforts toward sustainability in the Chicago region. In 2016 the Village endorsed Greenest Region Compact 2 ("GRC2"). The GRC2 includes broad sustainability goals for the region. In 2017 the Village developed its own Grayslake Sustainability Plan that guides the Village's efforts on these initiatives and, as resources are available the Village works on an included list of 2017-2027 initiatives. In 2018 the Village is working with local businesses on a number of new items including:

- **Grayslake Sustainable Business Program:** Under this initiative the Village will recognize local businesses who complete sustainable items from a list of programs/services. Businesses must utilize regular recycling services to be eligible to participate and then implement new programs. Businesses can gain recognition with the silver, gold or platinum levels depending on the amount of sustainable efforts they make. This program will start in August 2018.
- **Expanded Business Recycling:** The Village's garbage/recycling franchise for local businesses provides free recycling for businesses. Now approximately 50% of our businesses have this service. In 2018 we are working to expand this number.
- **Residential and Business Food Scrap Composting:** Grayslake was the first Village in Illinois to open a public food-scrap drop-off. The drop-off is on Berry Avenue at the Grayslake Public Works facility. Also the Village was one of the first to set-up a program allowing residents to add food scraps to their landscaping they put out for pick-up under their subscription service with Waste Management. The Village has been recognized by the Illinois Food Scrap Coalition for these efforts. In 2018 and 2019 the Village will be working with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) and Bright Beat consultants to reach out to local businesses who could compost food scraps to encourage their participation in a program offered by our local commercial refuse hauler. Participation can help local businesses be recognized as a Grayslake Sustainable Business.

Beginning this fall the Village will be gaining the services of a sustainability intern under a program of the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus. The one-year internship will work to encourage home and business recycling and food scrap composting.

Further information on food scrap composting and the Grayslake Sustainability Plan 2017 can be found at www.villageofgrayslake.com under Residents/Garbage and Recycling Services.

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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.

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...

In recent years the Village has planned its community improvement efforts with the goal of enhancing homeowner property values long term by enhancing Grayslake. Over this time the Village has invested non-property tax dollars in projects throughout the Village. One main focus has included a multi-year effort to improve our downtown business district to make the area more attractive to residents and visitors and to encourage new business locations in the downtown. Specifically, projects include new parking, added open space and outdoor plazas, new sidewalk improvements and alley enhancements. In recent years new businesses, including a growing restaurant presence, have located in downtown adding to its vitality.

In addition to the downtown program, the Village has added curbing in highly visible locations including Highland Road, Harvey Avenue, Park Avenue and School Street, made key linkages to our extensive biking/trail system, assisted financially in the Washington Street underpass project, completed the extension of Atkinson Road south of Illinois Route 120, improved the Lake Street rail station and developed a small neighborhood park on Lake Street and Route 120 eliminating a long vacant gas station. In addition to these community improvements each year the Village resurfaces a portion of its 144 lane miles of streets. Grayslake has an adopted plan for the periodic resurfacing of all the roads under its jurisdiction and this program is supported by a regular commitment of non-property tax funds. Therefore, the Village, unlike many towns in our area, can resurface its roads without asking voters to approve special property tax increases.

In a major recent initiative the Village acted to eliminate large scale blight on 10 acres in the center of town by acquiring the old abandoned Grayslake

Gelatin Company property adjacent to Central Park and eliminating the environmental hazards and dilapidated buildings on the property. The 2018/19 fiscal year continues these Village efforts at improving property values long term. Construction of the new Gelatin Park in the Village Center is now underway adding new open space in central Grayslake and adding a new road/pedestrian connection between downtown and Central Park. A new cardio/sledding hill and additional Central Park parking will also be features of this new community amenity. A major re-surfacing of Lake Street, between Illinois Route 83 and Center Street, including additional curbing and bike path, will be completed this summer. In downtown, overhead utilities are being buried in another alley and alley surface improvements to improve access to businesses will be installed. Drainage improvements/studies are on this year's list based on our experience with the July 2017 record rain event and new curbing/sidewalks are being added on Alleghany Road near Jones Island. Our regular road resurfacing program will continue this year.

The Village's community improvement initiatives help create a better community and increase your property values. The property value improvements are possible without the use of property taxes and while maintaining the municipality's debt free status. This is possible due to the Village's innovative operating approaches that keep operating costs lower than similar communities.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor

Senior Center

Beat the heat and stay cool this summer by attending the various activities at the Senior Center. Some of the programs and activities are Bingo, Tai Chi, Yoga, monthly therapeutic massage (head/neck), pokeno, exercise and more. See our monthly newsletter/calendar at the Village of Grayslake website www.villageofgrayslake.com. Take a break from cooking and join other seniors during the congregate lunch program. The meals are catered by Maravela's, served on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. Orders are placed 3 days in advance. For additional information on the lunch program, please stop by or call 847-543-1041. We are located at 50 Library Lane, entrance at the south end of building.

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.

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 30th from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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

Grayslake residents can contact Nolan Blenniss at nolan.blenniss@gmail.com.

Lake County Folk Club Concert

Sunday, July 29th at 7:00 p.m. at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum. This event will be a Board Member Showcase, featuring Scott Engstrom, Marcia Krieger, David Callan and Cath Kasmer among others! Admission is \$18 for general audience, \$15 for seniors and \$13 for Lake County Folk Club members. All proceeds from this very special concert will be donated to the Grayslake Heritage Center.

Metra Parking

Overnight/Multi-Day Parking: For commuters wishing to park vehicles overnight or for multiple days, a pre-paid temporary hang tag can be purchased at the Village Hall prior to parking in any Metra lot. The cost is \$1.75 per day.

PrePay Parking: The prepay parking program provides unlimited monthly parking in either of the two Grayslake Metra parking lots. The \$35 monthly fee is automatically debited from an authorized checking or savings account.

Garbage, Recycle, Yard Waste Holiday Delay

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

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 for more information.

- **27th Annual 5K Run and Walk**
This event is in downtown Grayslake on Saturday, July 14th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- **Summer Days - August 17th & 18th**
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.
- **Color Aloft Balloon Festival**
Bring a picnic to Central Park on Saturday, August 25th from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and enjoy the sights of hot air balloons in the sky. Live music, children's activities, business vendors and a Civil War era baseball game will also be available for all to enjoy!

Coming this July at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum

- **Saturday, July 14th at 10:00 a.m. - *Saturday Kids! Happy Birthday*:** Join the Grayslake Historical Society for an old-fashioned birthday party for America and the state of Illinois.
- **Saturday, July 14th from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. - *Tales Unveiled Exhibit Opening*:** Our newest exhibit reveals the secret stories hidden inside Grayslake artifacts. The museum exhibit committee has uncovered historical facts previously unknown about objects in the collection.
- **Thursday, July 19th from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. - *A Celebration of the 200th Day of the Year*:** In honor of the Illinois Bicentennial, join us for a day full of fun games and activities themed to the number 200! There will be a surprise event at 2:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, July 21st at 10:00 a.m. - *Objects Unveiled*:** The Grayslake Historical Society invites the public to share an object. The object can be a family object with a story or an unique item to guess. Light refreshments are available during the discussion. The *Tales Unveiled* exhibit will be open following the program.
- **Wednesday, July 25th -** Look for our bright yellow tent during the Farmers Market from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. for hands-on history fun!
- Help select the People's Choice winner! Everyone who comes through the door can vote for their favorite photo on display in *Focus on Illinois*. Voting is open all summer.

For more events and 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.



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To receive weekly updates about our season, text JLCEMAIL to 22828. Call the JLC Box Office at 847-543-2300 or visit www.clcillinois.edu/tickets for more information.

Lake County Fairgrounds Events

- Zurko Antiques & Flea Market: Saturday, July 7 from 9:00 - 4:00 and Sunday, July 8 from 9:00 - 3:00. Visit www.zurkopromotions.com or call 715-526-9769 for more information.
- Save the Date - 90th Annual Lake County Fair: Wednesday, July 25 - Sunday, July 29. Visit www.lcfair.com for more information.
- Muck Fest MS 5K Mud Run 2018: Saturday, August 25 at 9:00 a.m. For more information visit www.event360.com
- Home Building and Remodeling Show: 10-5 on September 15 and September 16. For more information visit www.homeshowevent.com or call 630-468-2237.

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