

Grayslake Record



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Village Notes

Garbage and Recycle Cans Reminder

Residents are reminded to place their garbage and recycle cans and yard waste out for pick-up no earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the night before their regular pick-up day. After refuse is picked up, garbage and recycle cans must be placed either on the side of the house or inside the garage per Village ordinance.

Police Commission Opening

The Village is seeking interested applicants to serve on the Police Commission. The duties of the Police Commission is to hire new police officers, administer testing for the establishment of an eligibility list for hiring and promotion of police officers to the sergeant position and the hearing of disciplinary cases. If you are interested in applying to serve please complete the Resident Volunteer/Talent Bank form at www.villageofgrayslake.com ("Residents" Tab).

Village Community Notification System and Website

The Village-wide community notification system is used by Village officials to notify residents of emergencies and other time sensitive situations. Near the top right hand portion of the Village website is the link for "Community Notification Sign-Up". Residents and businesses have the option to register, add, or edit their existing contact information.

Register for Email / Text Messages / Extra Phone Lines

When registering in the notification system, residents and businesses have the ability to enter up to three contact phone numbers, including one primary phone number, one phone number for text messages, and up to four email addresses.

Land Lines

The Village's community notification system updates the system database each month with current land line phone numbers. It is possible that some resident or business phone land lines are not included in these monthly updates. Residents or businesses may contact the Request for Service system at 847-223-8515 to confirm their land line is in the notification system.

eNews Notifications

On the homepage of the Village's website is the link for "eNews Sign-Up". By clicking this link, website visitors can select different categories of eNews notification subscriptions sent to their email addresses instantly after a subscription category on the website is updated. Subscription categories include instant notifications on Village news updates, agendas and minutes, newsletter, police blotter, press releases, and more.

Online Utility Billing Viewing and Payment Options

Customers can manage their bills for water and sewer and garbage and recycling services on the Village's website using the online payment option accessible from the homepage or from the utility billing management option listed under the "Residents" tab.

If you have questions regarding the community notification system or any other Village item, please contact the Request for Service system at 847-223-8515.

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Reminders

Waste Management Holiday Delay

Due to the Labor Day holiday, there will be no garbage, recycle or yard waste pick-ups on Monday, September 3. All pick-ups will be delayed by one day during this week.

Be Kind to your Neighbor

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

Pet Leash & Littering

Per Village Ordinance when walking a pet, owners must carry a receptacle or bag and properly dispose of animal waste. In addition, all pets, including cats, must be kept on a leash when outside of your property.

Trailers or Recreational Vehicles

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

Building Permits

Most interior and exterior renovations and improvements to properties require a building permit per the Village Code. Please contact the Building Department at 847-223-8515 prior to making any improvements.

From the Mayor...

The Village Board recently approved an economic incentive agreement for the development of another new downtown restaurant. The new business will be located near the intersection of Seymour Avenue and Center Street and occupy a currently vacant building. In addition to the preservation and rehab of this older vacant building the plan includes an expansion to the east on currently vacant property. The expanded footprint would include outdoor seating on both the ground level and second floor. The estimated \$2,500,000 project is just the latest private investment in the downtown area of the Grayslake Village Center. The new establishment will be called First Draft Grayslake and will offer locally sourced family cuisine. It will initially create 30 full-time and 30 part-time positions.

A vital town center/downtown is an important part of what makes Grayslake more than just a typical suburb. Local real estate people tell us the town center is a key selling point for Grayslake so the downtown is important to homeowner property values. Over the years the Village has invested no property tax capital dollars to improve this area to make it a place to visit for residents and outside visitors. This has included additional parking, public green spaces, overhead utility burials in alleys and enhanced landscaping treatments. The Village owned Heritage Center and Museum is a new attraction.

This year additional alley improvements will give easier access to downtown business and enhance access to existing parking. Additional Center Street utility burials are planned to improve appearance and utility reliability. The clean-up of the old dilapidated Grayslake Gelatin Factory property and its development as a new ten acre park will add another feature in the Grayslake Village Center.

The Village also works with various civic groups to organize and operate a number of public events and festivals throughout the year. The Farmers Market, Oasis Youth Center and the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum also provide events and activities downtown.

In addition to making the area attractive to residents and businesses the public investments and civic group event efforts are designed to make downtown attractive to private investment. Without this private sector involvement the downtown would not be the place it has become. In recent years a number of new restaurants and businesses have chosen to locate in the Village Center. The new restaurant, and the soon to open expanded Light the Lamp restaurant on Lake Street, will add new attractions to the business district.

Many suburbs can only wish for a downtown like the one we have. Years of cooperation between the private sector, civic organizations and local government have built our downtown as the center of our community.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor, Mayor



Metra Parking

Overnight / Multi-Day Parking: For commuters wishing to park vehicles overnight or for multiple days, a prepaid 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 parking fee is automatically debited from an authorized checking or savings account.

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.

Village Announcements

Senior Center

The Grayslake Senior Center has many activities and programs for active independent adults 60+. This month we have the following special programs: Chair Yoga/Meditation, Hawaiian Travel Presentation, Ice Cream Social and a Drum Circle. We are open from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and located at 50 Library Lane. For more information, call 847-543-1041. Follow us on Facebook.

Lake County Folk Club Concert

A concert hosted by the Lake County Folk Club on Sunday, August 19 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. featuring Trillium at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum. Admission is \$18 for general audience, \$15 for seniors and \$13 for Lake County Folk Club members.

Focus on Illinois Photography Contest

Vote while you still can! The People's Choice winner of our Focus on Illinois photography contest will be announced on August 31. Stop by the Heritage Center to see photos and vote to help your favorite win!

Outdoor Watering Restrictions

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

- 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.

Keep Your Storm Drainage Ditches Clean

In the event of a rainstorm it is important to keep storm drainage ditches clean. Continuous flow of water in a storm ditch is vital to proper drainage and preventative flooding. If you have a storm drain on your property, please keep it clear of any debris and high vegetation that would prevent the water from flowing properly.

Upcoming Summer Events

Plan your summer here in Grayslake as there are many upcoming fun events through the Grayslake Chamber of Commerce through its contract with the Economic Development Commission.

• Summer Days

Bring the entire family to Grayslake Summer Days for two days full of fun family activities, music, carnival games, food vendors and more. This event is Friday, August 17th and Saturday, August 18th in downtown Grayslake. Parade steps-off at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday.

• 5th Annual 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!

• Business Trick-or-Treat

The 2018 annual Business Trick-or-Treat will take place on Saturday, October 27th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Coming this August at the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum

- **Friday, August 10th from 7-8:30 p.m. - A Drum Circle Downtown** - Join us for this free community event where we will create music together. We promise - no experience necessary! Listen to the rhythm or step up to a drum and add your own beat. Hosted in partnership with Motherland Rhythm Community & Medusa's Musical Mysteries.
- **Saturday, August 11th at 10:00 a.m. - Saturday Kids! Archaeology Adventure** - We're going to dig for hidden artifacts and learn how archaeologists work in the field, then we'll see real items found in a Grayslake archaeological dig. This program will be held outdoors, weather pending.
- **Saturday, August 18th from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** - Look for the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum's booth at Summer Days downtown. Be sure to wave at Wilbur the fire engine in the parade!
- **Saturday, August 25th at 3:00 p.m.** - A 19th century-style baseball match between the Grayslake Athletics and McHenry County Independents. Cheer and jeer with us on the north side of Central Park as we kick-off the Color Aloft Balloon Festival!
- **Sunday, August 26th from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** - An appearance by Wilbur, the Grayslake Historical Society's vintage fire engine at the Oasis Car Show downtown.
- **First Wednesday of Every Month** - Join the Grayslake Historical Society & local genealogists for Search and Share Genealogy. 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

Don't miss *The Second City: Made in America!* on Friday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m. A spectacularly funny satirical revue celebrating what makes us tick, loose screws and all.

Subscriptions are on sale August 1 through October 1, get your subscription today! Feel the energy at JLC!

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

- Great Inflatable Race on Saturday, September 15 at 9:00 a.m. Visit www.thegreatinflatable.com/chicago for more information.
- Farm Heritage & Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 22 & Sunday, September 23. Rain or shine - indoor and outdoor event.
- Lake County RV Outlet Show: Friday, September 28 - Sunday, September 30 from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information please visit www.generalrv.com.
- Fall Arts and Crafts Show: Saturday, October 6 & Sunday, October 7. For more information visit www.stepbystepromotions.com.

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