

# Grayslake Record



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## Village Notes

### Residential Leaf Vacuuming Program

The Village of Grayslake leaf vacuuming program will run for six weeks beginning Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Vacuuming will take place one day per week and due to the pace of falling leaves, vacuuming may not be on the same day as your scheduled garbage / recycle pick-up.

Guidelines of the program include:

- Places leaves into piles, unbagged before 6:00 a.m.
- Please place leaf piles between the edge of the street and sidewalk. In areas without a sidewalk, please place leaf piles within seven feet from the edge of the street.
- Do not deposit leaves into the street. Your cooperation is appreciated.

The program runs until Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the Request for Service System at 847-223-8515 with questions.

## Village Receives Energy Consumption Grants

The Village of Grayslake has been the recipient of grant incentives awarded by Com Ed Energy Efficiency Programs. Approximately \$17,000 awarded to the Village has allowed for the replacement and/or upgrade of lights at the Berry Avenue Public Works building. The lights retrofitted with energy efficient LEDs will yield an 80% reduction in yearly energy usage at the facility. These projects are part of the Village's ongoing energy efficiency efforts that include conducting energy savings audits to determine what types of projects are eligible for monies through Com Ed as well as a multi-year phased replacement process of energy systems at various facilities.

"The award of this grant is yet another example of how this and other similar initiatives are both good for the environment and help to achieve the goals set forth in the Village's sustainability plan", said Management Analyst Chase Muscato.

The Public Works lighting upgrade project is one of many energy efficiency projects undertaken by the Village over the last few years that have been pursued with the assistance of grant monies. In 2017, the aquatic center received grant funding from the Com Ed Energy Efficiency Programs to aid in the installation of variable frequency drives on the pool's filter pumps and to retrofit the exterior lights with high efficiency LED lights.

All energy efficiency upgrade projects help to achieve the larger goals that were established in the Village of Grayslake Sustainability Plan. The sustainability plan calls for the Village to continually assess and audit various facilities and to implement energy savings projects whenever feasible to help promote the efficient use of energy. The decrease in energy consumption that results from these projects helps to decrease the Village costs for energy and create more sustainable municipal facilities. To learn more about the Village's sustainability plan, please visit the Village of Grayslake website.

Questions, comments or further inquiries about the Village's Lighting Upgrade Replacement Project can be directed to the Village Hall 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 is known in its industry for its use of innovative service delivery methods. These include time use management plans for our personnel, use of private contractors where practical, vendor relationships with local governments, ongoing process evaluations, early technology applications and relationships with local not-for-profit organizations. The control of spending has been the central objective that has guided the Village in deciding to utilize these techniques that are different than those used by other governments. To gauge our progress we have tracked per person operating costs versus inflation. Use of these techniques has supported a strong containment in the Village's operating costs. Since 1992 the Village's per person operating costs have risen almost 40% less than inflation. Grayslake spends less dollars per person on operations than most similar communities. The cost containment has taken place throughout the organization including a 60% reduction in non-police officer full-time positions by attrition since 2003.

As our organization's reputation for utilizing alternative ways to deliver services has grown, other municipalities and intergovernmental groups have asked Grayslake what we do, how we do it and what results have we achieved. This was particularly true after the 2008/09 national economic downturn when many governments across the nation experienced severe revenue declines. Village team members have been presenters at numerous educational/training events throughout Illinois. These presentations have led to discussions with individual municipalities over the last decade. Recently members of our team made a presentation on our privatization initiatives in Michigan to the Midwest Advanced Public Service Institute.

Many of our operating innovations relate to reducing the use of costly personnel time for different services by making the most productive

use of our personnel resources. As just one example Grayslake tracks the use of police officer time and actively plans the use of officer time for non-call for service activities. The idea is to direct non-call police time toward specific activities that change as conditions warrant. To our knowledge we are the only municipality that has implemented a system like ours. This took significant time for conceptual development and a lengthy implementation process over some years. Specialized software and reporting was developed to make all of this possible. Like with our other innovative methods, interest in our police time use planning system is rising. In anticipation of this the Village and our software developer for this system have entered into a joint agreement to enhance and market the software packages we jointly developed over the last 15 years. Not only will Grayslake's innovator reputation grow as communities begin using our police time use planning system, the Village will have the opportunity for raising some revenue from this innovation.

Whether in public works, police, building permitting, finance or operations support the Village is continuing its search for new ways to control its operating costs long term. Holding down operating costs is important because road resurfacing and infrastructure costs continue to rise.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor, Mayor

### Part-Time Snow Plow Operators

The Public Works Department is seeking part-time snow plow operators for this winter season. This position is on-call and has an hourly wage of \$30. CDL and snow plowing experience is preferred.

Please download an employment application at [www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com).

### Annual Grayslake Cemetery Walk

The Grayslake Historical Society hosts its living history tour of the Grayslake Cemetery on Sunday, September 30, 2018 with performances at 1:30 p.m. and at 2:30 p.m. Costumed interpreters will bring to life stories of families buried in the cemetery and talk about major Grayslake and Illinois events which happened in their lifetime.

Grayslake Cemetery is located on Lake Street just north of Belvidere Road (Illinois Route 120). Dress appropriate for the weather.

## Village Announcements

### Senior Center

The Grayslake Senior Center offers a variety of programs and activities for active independent adults 60 and over. We offer exercise classes, Yoga, Tai Chi, Bingo, Socials and much more. A congregate meal is served Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00 a.m., catered by Maravela's. Call 847-543-1041 for details. There are numerous events added throughout the year besides our regularly scheduled activities. View our newsletter at [www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com) for complete details. Follow us on Facebook.

### Lake County Folk Club Concert

The Lake County Folk Club is hosting a concert on Sunday, September 16 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. featuring Sarah McQuaid with opener Kath Casmer at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum.

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

### Pet Vaccination Clinic

Together with the Grayslake Police Department, the Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center's Animal Care and Control Program is offering a low-cost pet vaccination and microchip clinic on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Grayslake Police Department, 10 S. Seymour Avenue, Grayslake.

#### **CASH ONLY for pets spayed / neutered:**

- One-year rabies vaccination and Lake County tag: \$20.00
- One-year rabies vaccination, tag and distemper: \$25.00
- Distemper complex only: \$10.00
- Microchip: \$15.00

Cash payment is required at the time of vaccination. All animals brought to the clinic should be at least four months old. In addition, dogs must be leashed and cats placed in carriers.

For additional information including fees for pets that are not spayed/neutered, please contact the Lake County Health Department's Animal Care and Control facility at 847-377-4700.

### SWALCO Household Chemical Waste

SWALCO is hosting a household chemical waste collection event on Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Lake Forest Municipal Services Center, 800 N. Field Drive. Visit the SWALCO website at [www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org) or call 847-336-9340 for additional information.

### Billboard Efforts

The Village continues its effort to eliminate large billboards from the community as they create visual blight. In the last two years the Village has eliminated four large billboards near the intersection of Route 137 and Route 83. The latest removal is on the Liberty Marine property. The one billboard along Route 137 is not in the Village so the Village cannot gain its removal.

### Open Burning Prohibited

Pursuant to Village Ordinance, open burning is prohibited within the corporate limits of the Village. The open burning ban includes leaves, yard waste, garbage and tires. Residents conducting an open burn may be ticketed.

## Coming this September at the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum

- **Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 8-10:00 a.m. - *Saturday Kids!*** - Harvest the crops, clear the gardens and rake the leaves...Fall is here!
- **Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> - Focus on Illinois** - The winners of the Focus on Illinois Bicentennial photography exhibit will be announced at 12:00 p.m. The exhibit, including the winning photographs, will be open until November 3.
- **Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** - The Grayslake Historical Society will present "Tales Unveiled: The Rest of the Story." Based on their extensive research, members of the Tales Unveiled museum exhibit committee will reveal additional secrets hidden about the artifacts on display. The artifacts didn't tell everything. *Tales Unveiled* reveals the secret stories hidden inside Grayslake artifacts, as told by the artifacts themselves.
- **Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.** - Look for the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum's bright yellow tent at the Grayslake Farmers Market and join us for some hands-on history fun!
- **Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.** - A "Behind the Song" concert hosted by the Lake County Folk Club featuring Kat Eggleston. Admission is \$18 for general audience, \$15 for seniors and \$13 for Lake County Folk Club members.
- **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](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

There is still time to subscribe! Here are just a few events from our fabulous upcoming season:

- The Second City: Made In America (Some Assembly Required)
- Masters of Soul Holiday Show
- Golden Dragon Acrobats
- A Rock n' Roll Tribute from Elvis to the Beatles featuring the Nevery Brothers
- Jack Wright's Songs and Stories of Neil Diamond: A Contemporary Tribute

Subscriptions are on sale through October 1! Text JLCEMAIL to 22828, call 847-543-2300 or visit [www.clcillinois.edu/tickets](http://www.clcillinois.edu/tickets).

### Lake County Fairgrounds Events

- Great Inflatable Race on Saturday, September 15 at 9:00 a.m. Visit [www.thegreatinflatable.com/chicago](http://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](http://www.generalrv.com).
- Fall Arts and Crafts Show: Saturday, October 6 & Sunday, October 7. For more information visit [www.stepbystepromotions.com](http://www.stepbystepromotions.com).

### Elected Officials

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