

Grayslake Record



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Village Notes

Community Involvement Grant Pilot Program

The Village of Grayslake has launched the Community Involvement Grant Pilot Program!

The purpose of the Community Involvement Grant Pilot Program is to offer public support for Grayslake-based non-profit organizations with Village sponsored grants, which are used to enhance the missions of each organization and add to the overall well-being of the community. The program seeks to form strong ties between the Village and its residents by demonstrating our commitment to groups that add to our quality of life and provide a positive impact on the community.

More information on the Community Involvement Grant Pilot program, including the application for grant funding can be found on www.villageofgrayslake.com under the "Community" tab.

Aquatic Center 2019 Memberships Now on Sale for Only \$70!

2019 Membership Rates (All Customers)

GREAT VALUE (VALID THROUGH 4/30/2019)	\$70
REGULAR LOW PRICE (VALID THROUGH 8/31/2019)	\$90

Don't wait and pay more later! Register online today at www.swimgrayslake.com.

Need help registering? Please contact the Grayslake Aquatic Center by calling 847-223-7665.

To register today, visit www.swimgrayslake.com and click "Online Registration".

Aquatic Center 2019 Employment Opportunities

The Grayslake Aquatic Center is now accepting applications for seasonal employees for the Summer 2019 season. Open positions include general manager, swim lessons coordinator, lifeguards, swim instructors, admissions, and concessions attendants. Additional position information and applications are available online at www.swimgrayslake.com.

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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.

Mailbox Replacement Policy

Unfortunately, during the Village's snow and ice removal operations, mailboxes may be damaged either from a direct hit from a snow plow or from wet snow from a snow plow. The Village has a mailbox replacement policy for properly placed mailboxes that are damaged as a result of snow and ice removal operations.

For information, please contact the Request for Service System at 847-223-8515.

From the Mayor...

This fall, local artist Mary Haas was spotted throughout Grayslake. She stood on Center Street by the railroad tracks as she created Village Hall, in a field at Central Park to capture the smokestack, and on Jones Island in the early hours of the morning, rapidly painting a colorful sunrise before faded into day.

Haas was the winner of the "From Prairie to Village" public art competition, a joint effort between the Village of Grayslake and the Grayslake Arts Alliance. With a \$5,000 purchase prize as the award, local artists submitted proposals describing the artwork they would like to create in honor of the contest's theme: Grayslake and the Illinois Bicentennial.

The winning selection was presented on Friday, November 23rd as part of the annual Tree Lighting ceremony in Grayslake's Village Center. The artwork includes paintings of prairie fields from Rollins Savanna and Almond Marsh, displaying the prairie lands that once covered Grayslake. Modern images of the village include: Gelatin Park Smokestack, Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum (a portion of which contains the original 1895 Village Hall), the Fire Department, Center Street, and Prairie Crossing. As a tribute to Illinois in 2018—the year of the Illinois Bicentennial—the collection of paintings also includes the Old State Capitol in Springfield, Abraham Lincoln, and others.

Public art is known for creating vibrancy and a sense of place. "From Prairie to Village" is a thoughtful and beautifully made representation

of our community. Haas' collection of 20 paintings currently hangs on the second floor of Village Hall, where they can be viewed by the public during open hours (Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm). I would like to invite you to stop by and view the display in its entirety. Be on the lookout throughout 2019, as some of the paintings travel to other public locations.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor, Mayor

Images Courtesy of Leslie Armstrong



"From Prairie to Village", a collection of 20 original paintings honoring Grayslake and the Illinois Bicentennial.



The "Village of Grayslake" archway framing Village Hall.

Senior Center

Happy New Year! Do you have a few New Year's resolutions? Perhaps adding exercise into your routine, meeting and making new friends, or showing off your creative side with a craft or adult coloring. The Grayslake Senior Center provides a variety of programs and activities. Besides our regularly scheduled programs: exercise class, Hatha Yoga, Therapeutic Massage, Trivia, Bingo, Pokeno, Tai Chi and more, we have new programs each month. Lunch is served 3 times a month, check the newsletter for dates. Membership is open to active independent adults 60 and over. For more information or a tour, call us at 847-543-1041. View our monthly newsletter online at www.villageofgrayslake.com for all events and activities. Follow us on Facebook.

FREE Recycling Can Upgrade Program

Now, before **Friday, February 15th** you can upgrade your Waste Management recycling can from a 65-gallon to a 96-gallon can size for **FREE** with the Village's Recycling Can Exchange Program. Over 2,000 Grayslake households have already taken advantage of this opportunity to increase their recycling space at no additional cost. An upgraded recycling can offers:

- More recycling room
- Same floor space as smaller cans
- Less waste, which could result in reducing your garbage size and your monthly bill

For more information or to enroll in the program, visit the Village's Request for Service System online at www.egovlink.com/grayslake/action.asp and select "Recycling Can Exchange" or call 847-223-8515. Increasing the size of your recycling can could reduce the amount of waste you place in your garbage can. Save money and the environment by reducing the size of your garbage can through the Village's Garbage Can Exchange Program. Recycling cans will be switched during March 2019 on your regular service day. All requests must be submitted by **Friday, February 15, 2019**.

Village Announcements

Shoveling Sidewalks After Snowfall

Pursuant to Village Ordinance, property owners are required to clear sidewalks of snow and ice within 24 hours of snowfall. Unfortunately, the Village does not have the personnel to clear all sidewalks in the Village.

Residents are also responsible for clearing snow at the end of their driveways. Residents are also asked to remove snow and ice around fire hydrants so that they are clear and accessible to fire crews. Thank you for your cooperation.

Rainwater Drains

Per Village Ordinance, roof gutters, sump pumps and other rainwater drains are prohibited from discharging water onto any sidewalk, street or alley in the Village.

Storage Reminder

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

Volunteers Needed: PADS Lake County

PADS Lake County is looking for volunteers at the United Protestant Church, 54 S. Whitney Street, Grayslake. PADS Lake County is a community-based organization that provides support, resources and shelter to individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis. If you are interested in volunteering please call 847-689-4357, 847-223-8131 x17 or visit the Contact Us section on www.padslakecounty.org.

Holiday Tree Pickup Program

The Holiday Tree Pickup Program will take place on the following dates: Friday, January 4th, Thursday, January 10th and Thursday, January 17th.

Trees should be placed un-bagged at the curb or edge of street the night before the service day. Trees greater than six (6) feet in height must be cut in half prior to being set out for pickup. Waste Management will not pickup trees in plastic bags.

Grayslake Arts Alliance

The Grayslake Arts Alliance, a registered 501(c)3 charitable organization dedicated to bringing the arts to Grayslake, is seeking new members as part of its first-ever membership drive.

Membership in the group, which requires a \$50 annual fee, entitles members to show their work at four local art exhibits a year as well as the opportunity to show in the spring Grayslake Farmers Market, in local businesses through their Arts in the Community program, the opportunity to teach workshops, and the invaluable benefit of networking with artists throughout Lake County.

The membership registration application is available at www.grayslakeartsalliance.com. For more information please email grayslakeartsalliance@gmail.com.

Lake County Folk Club Concert

Featuring Bryan Bowers on Sunday, January 20th at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 10 S. Seymour Avenue. Tickets: general audience \$18, seniors \$15, Folk Club members: \$13.

This Winter at the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum

- **Wednesday, January 2nd at 2:00 p.m. - Search & Share Genealogy:** Join the Grayslake Historical Society and local genealogists for a lively discussion on researching family and local history. Share your own stories or come for advice from other genealogists.
- **Friday, January 4th at 11:00 a.m. - The Announcement of Grayslake Giving Trees Winner:** Find out which trees decorated by local nonprofits were voted as community favorites!
- **Saturday, January 12th at 10:00 a.m. - Saturday Kids! Cars On Ice:** Did you know there used to be an annual race between a horse and a car on frozen Grays Lake? This morning, we'll learn who won and how by making latex balloon rocket cars. Look for a Saturday Kids! program on the second Saturday of each month.
- **Saturday, January 19th from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Grayslake Arts Alliance Arts Show:** Come be inspired!
- **Saturday, February 2nd at 10:00 a.m. - New Exhibit Opening About Grayslake Park District:** After a large park on Grays Lake was sold to developers, concerned citizens started the Grayslake Park District. Join us for special activities, a raffle and more.
- **Saturday, February 2nd at 10:00 a.m. - Reminisce:** Hosted by the Grayslake Historical Society about the Grayslake Park District. Those who have worked for the park district or used Grayslake parks are invited to share their stories. Light refreshments will be served.
- **Tales Unveiled,** an exhibit revealing the secret stories hidden inside Grayslake artifacts, as told by the artifacts themselves.

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.

Friends of the Grayslake Library 2019 Winter Concert Series

The Grayslake Area Public Library is pleased to announce the 2019 Friends of the Library Winter Concert Series lineup. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, all concerts are free, no registration is required and all ages are welcome.

Sunday, January 27th from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. The Roots of Americana Music; Peter, Paul & Mary and the Kingston Trio with Steve Justman. Take a trip down memory lane with Steve Justman as he sings and plays the music of two of the most influential and successful bands from the folk revival era in Americana music.

CLC James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts

A Rock n' Roll Tribute -- from Elvis to The Beatles on Saturday, January 12th at 7:30 p.m.! Featuring The Neverly Brothers this high-energy, one-of-a-kind stage performance, complete with vintage wardrobe changes and stories will perform hits from Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Chuck Berry, The Beatles and many more. Don't miss this Magical History Tour!

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

- The Cool Cluster Dog Shows: Wednesday, January 23 - Sunday, January 27, 2019. Presented by Chain O'Lakes Kennel Club.
- 2019 Craft Beer Festival: Saturday, February 23 from 5:00 - 10:00 p.m. For more information please visit www.lcfair.com.
- Northern Illinois Boat Show: Thursday, February 28 - Sunday, March 3. For more information please visit www.illinoisboatshow.com.
- Lake County RV Outlet Show: Friday, March 22 - Sunday, March 24. For more information please visit www.gener-alrv.com.

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