

Grayslake Record



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2019 Winter Season Reminder

Citizen efforts are important to create safer road and pedestrian conditions. As a reminder, responsibilities required by Village ordinance are as follows:

- 1. Sidewalk Snow Removal:** Residents are required to clear sidewalks adjacent to their homes of snow and ice within 24 hours of a snowfall.
- 2. Putting Snow In Streets:** Please do not deposit snow on streets when shoveling sidewalks or driveways.
- 3. Parking On Streets:** Parking on Village streets is prohibited during periods where snow removal operations are underway. Vehicles may be ticketed and/or towed at owner's expense.

Property owners are subject to the enforcement of these Village ordinances which could result in fines for non-compliance. The Village thanks residents for their cooperation in helping make our community a safer place during the winter season.

Esper A. Petersen Foundation Family Aquatic Center 2019 Swim Season Information

2019 Memberships on Sale for Only \$70!

Summer 2019 memberships for the Esper A. Petersen Foundation Family Aquatic Center are currently on sale for \$70. That's a savings of \$20 per membership! Summer will be here before you know it, so don't wait! Purchase your membership today at www.swimgrayslake.com. This offer for discounted memberships expires on April 30th, at which time memberships will be \$90 per individual. For any questions please call 847-223-7665.

Lifeguards and Swim Instructors

The Village is seeking candidates for seasonal employees for lifeguards and swim instructors for the summer 2019 season. The starting wage for swim instructor positions and lifeguard positions is \$10.00 +/- per hour. Applicants must be at least 17 years of age for swim instructor and at least 16 years of age for lifeguard.

Interested applicants should submit a Village employment application to Village Hall, 10 S. Seymour Avenue, or by email to cmuscato@villageofgrayslake.com. An employment application is available at www.swimgrayslake.com. Applications should be submitted by March 15, 2019.

Seasonal Positions Available with the Public Works Department

Seasonal Public Works Crew Member

The Village is seeking qualified candidates for Public Works seasonal positions working from approximately May 15th to August 15th. The positions are for 40 hours per week at starting at \$10.00+/- per hour with the opportunity for overtime. Typical duties for these positions include landscaping, painting, litter removal, tree trimming, and other general maintenance. Applications are available at www.villageofgrayslake.com and should be submitted no later than Friday, April 5, 2019 to Village of Grayslake Attn: Jennifer Hess, 10 S. Seymour Avenue or to jhess@villageofgrayslake.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.

Senior Citizen Electricity Surcharge Rebate

The Village's senior citizen electricity surcharge rebate reimburses individuals 65 years of age or older (as of April 1, 2018) for the amount of electricity surcharge paid on their electric bill during the previous year, not to exceed \$20.

Beginning April 1st, eligible individuals should submit copies of their past electric bills dated April 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019 at the Village Hall, 10 S. Seymour Avenue. A valid driver's license or ID card is required. Past electric bills will be accepted April 1, 2019 - April 30, 2019.

From the Mayor...

Building a complete local transportation system requires attention to all facets of the system. This includes roads, commuter rail, bike/trails, buses and sidewalks. In the last ten years the Village has spent 60% of its community improvement dollars on transportation projects. This amounts to \$27.7 million. While transportation projects are expensive and outside funding is hard to obtain, this has made possible improvements to our roads, extension of our Greenway Trail system, expanded downtown parking, new sidewalks and improvements to one commuter rail station.

In addition to the expense, major transportation projects are complex endeavors requiring years of community outreach, planning and design. With some projects there are strict federal environmental requirements and meeting the standards often requires years of studies. Major projects would not be possible without cooperation between federal, state, county and municipal governments. The Lake County government has been a leader in making major projects a reality. The Village has advocated for intergovernmental transportation projects like the widening of Route 45, Rollins Road, Peterson Road and Washington Street (including the new underpass). Often we have contributed local financial shares to the projects. A more local example is Frederick Road where School District 46 and the Village cooperated to construct this new road, which added another east/west connection between Atkinson Road and Route 83, become a reality.

As we all know Belvidere Road (Route 120) is in need of expansions to handle current and future traffic volumes. The towns of Volo, Round Lake, Round Lake Park, Hainesville and Grayslake collaborated on a list of needed improvements to the existing road. This plan, called the Belvidere Road Corridor Road Capacity Plan, includes potential projects totaling an estimated cost between \$49 million and \$58 million. In Grayslake projects include the widening of the intersection of Route 120 and Route 83 including the option of a railroad underpass and widening between Route 83 and Route 45. Just to the east of Grayslake the widening of Route 120 east of Sears Boulevard is included. Since this road is a state road state funding will be needed. It will be a long process to gain state support but all the communities have agreed to advocate together for the projects included in the plan. Even with state support it will take some time to get to actual construction.

The Village will continue to work to improve the transportation system to meet the increasing demands of our residents and the local economy.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor
Mayor

Senior Center

There is something for everyone at the Grayslake Senior Center. We offer a variety of programs and activities for active independent seniors 60 and over. Besides our numerous games and different types of exercise classes we have Therapeutic Massage once a month. This is a head, neck, shoulder chair massage, which will relieve tension and increase relaxation. Do you remember the song "Tell Me Why" or the cost of a Viewmaster? Did you have a Schwinn bike as a kid or use the "Encyclopedia Britannica" in school? If so, then you may enjoy Reminisce, one of our programs. The group discusses great events or unique objects of the past. 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.

Shop'n'Swirl Wine Walk

On Saturday, March 9th from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m., pick up your wine glass and map at the Heritage Center before visiting a dozen Grayslake businesses to shop and taste wine. Tickets are \$25 in advance and proceeds go to the Grayslake Heritage Center Foundation. Get tickets at grayslakeshopnswirl.eventbrite.com.

Questions please contact the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum at 847-543-1745 or email Michelle at mpoe@villageofgrayslake.com.

Sidewalk Replacement Program

The Village's 50/50 sidewalk program is for residents interested in replacing the sidewalk adjacent to their homes. Once spring begins, the Village contracts for the replacement of the sidewalk and invoices the property owner 50% of the cost upon completion.

If you are interested in participating in this program or need additional information, please call the Village at 847-223-8515 or visit www.villageofgrayslake.com.

Village Announcements

Basement Flood Prevention Tips

- For basements that use a sump pump, it is a good idea to have an extra battery powered pump in the event of a power outage.
- If the location of the floor drain permits, an uncapped standpipe may be installed in the floor drain. Never cap a standpipe or floor drain.
- For basements with window wells, make sure drains work and be sure to clear all leaves and debris. Window well covers for basement windows may also help.
- Downspouts with above ground opening should be extended away from the foundation.
- If water accumulates next to the outside walls of your home, consider relandscaping to direct the water away.
- Consider routine inspection or rodding of the sewer lines at your home. Root intrusion from trees is often the cause of a sewer line blockage.
- If you notice water standing over the street catch basin, please contact Request for Service at 847-223-8515. If you notice debris obstructing the catch basin, you can try to remove it to allow the water to flow through.

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 10th at 2:00 a.m. Clocks will move forward one hour at this time. The Village encourages all residents to change the batteries in their smoke detectors at this time.

Lake County Folk Club Concert

Featuring Lee Murdock and opener Margie Skora. Sunday, March 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum. Tickets: general audience: \$18, seniors: \$15, Folk Club members: \$13.

Garbage and Recycle Can Exchange

For those who enrolled in the exchange program, Waste Management will exchange garbage and/or recycle cans on your service day during the week of March 25th.

If you live in an area where multiple cans are at the street on your service day please indicate your numerical address on your can to ensure the proper can is exchanged by Waste Management.

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.

Clearing Snow Around Fire Hydrants

Along with clearing snow and ice off of sidewalks and the end of 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.

Warm Up This Winter at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum

Come to the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum this month for:

- **Wednesday, March 6th at 2:00 p.m. - Search and Share Genealogy:** Join the Grayslake Historical Society & local genealogists for a lively discussion on researching family and local history. Share your own stories or come for advice from other genealogists.
- **Saturday, March 9th at 10:00 a.m. - Saturday Kids! Watercolor Wonders:** Salt, wax and straws can turn an average watercolor painting into something magical. In honor of Youth Art Month, join us and we'll explore fun ways to make watercolor art.
- **Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00 p.m.** - In the early decades of the twentieth century, Chicago area dairy farmers organized in order to do battle with distributors over milk prices. Grayslake Historical Society member Jane Trump will discuss the hot button issues involved and reveal how Grayslake was in the thick of the often violent struggles that ensued.
- **Saturday, March 16th from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. - A Fine Art Show:** Hosted with the Grayslake Arts Alliance.
- **Sunday, March 31st at 7:00 p.m. - A Special Behind-the-Song Concert** with the Lake County Folk Club at Village Hall, 10 S. Seymour Avenue. Featuring Dan Zahn and friends. Tickets: general audience: \$18, seniors: \$15, Folk Club members: \$13.
- **Thursday, April 26th - Best of Grayslake:** Sample bites from your long-time favorites and new area restaurants paired with wine at the Heritage Center Foundation Fundraiser at Brae Loch Golf Club. Contact mpoe@villageofgrayslake.com for tickets and info.

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, March 10th from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Experience the bygone days of radio with annual favorites. Those Were the Days Radio Players of Lake County. This talented troupe will perform scripts from the 1930s to the 50's, and will spread the magic of old time radio with live sound effects and music. For more information visit www.grayslake.info.

CLC James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts

Tickets are still available to these marvelous events at the JLC!

- **Golden Dragon Acrobats:** Saturday, March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Fearless feats and spellbound beauty.
- **Artrageous:** Tuesday, March 26th at 6:30 p.m. An artistic and musical experience like no other.
- **80s Night Out:** Saturday, March 30th at 8:00 p.m. Your favorite 80s rock and pop hits - live!

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

Lake County Fairgrounds Events

- Survival & Green Living Show: Saturday, March 9 - Sunday, March 10. For more information please visit www.rkpreppershows.com
- Lake County RV Outlet Show: Friday, March 22 - Sunday, March 24. For more information please visit www.gener-alrv.com.
- Spring Arts & Crafts Show: Saturday, April 6 - Sunday, April 7. Admission: \$5.00, free parking. For more information visit www.stepbystepromotions.com
- Home & Garden Expo: Saturday, April 27 - Sunday, April 28. For more information visit freehomeshow.com or call 630-953-2500.

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