

# Grayslake Record



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## Grayslake Memorial Day Parade and Service

Grayslake will hold its annual Memorial Day Parade and Service on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. The parade will step-off at 9:30 a.m. near the Grayslake Central High School parking lot on Lake Street and travel south on Lake Street to Junior Avenue and east to Memorial Park. The service will be held immediately following the parade.

To register to participate in this year's parade please contact Jennifer Hess at 847-223-8515 or [jhess@villageofgrayslake.com](mailto:jhess@villageofgrayslake.com).

## Reuse-a-Shoe

The Reuse-a-Shoe program offered through the Village of Grayslake and SWALCO provides citizens with the opportunity to recycle unwanted shoes. Instead of throwing away shoes, recycling will mean that 95% or more of all shoe materials will be reused. The program is available at the Grayslake Public Works facility, 585 Berry Avenue (Mon-Fri 7-3:30; Sat 8-12). All shoe contributions must be in a pair and tied/connected to its pairing shoe.

## Aquatic Center - Part-Time Business Manager

The Aquatic Center is seeking candidates for a part-time Business Manager position for the upcoming 2019 swim season. This supervisory position is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the Aquatic Center admissions and concessions stands.

The successful candidate will supervise all part-time seasonal concessions and admissions staff to ensure operational objectives and customer service standards are met and assist with other general administrative responsibilities such as data collection, reporting, and human resources as well as coordinating facility special events. Previous supervisory experience desired.

The hourly pay range for this position is \$15.00 +/- DOQ. A high school diploma or GED is required. This is a seasonal position.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter explaining interest in the position, resume, and completed employment application to: Chase Muscato, Management Analyst, 10 South Seymour Avenue, Grayslake, IL 60030 or to [cmuscato@villageofgrayslake.com](mailto:cmuscato@villageofgrayslake.com). The Village of Grayslake in an equal opportunity employer. Position open until filled.

## Don't Wait, Don't Pay, Recycle Today!

### Free Textile Recycling!

It's springtime and time to clean out the closets and cupboards of clutter and other household items you no longer need. You can recycle the textiles you no longer need at the Richard Whittington Grayslake Recycling Center.

Some of the items accepted for textiles and clothing include blouses, shirts, coats, jackets, dresses. For a full list of accepted items please visit [www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com). About 95% of the materials collected will be repurposed or recycled.

### Recycling Center Location

The Richard Whittington Grayslake Recycling Center is located at the Grayslake Public Works facility, 585 Berry Avenue (off of Route 83 just north of Frederick Road). Hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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...

Recently the Village Board recognized four businesses and the Prairie Crossing Charter School as Grayslake Sustainable Businesses. The four businesses were GRIL, Light the Lamp, Somethings Brewing and Old School Montessori. These were the first designations under our Grayslake Sustainable Business Program. Under the program entities can be recognized when they conduct their business utilizing a certain amount of sustainable practices. Some options include energy audits, lighting system upgrades, food scrap composting, energy efficiency systems and/or solar or wind power sources. The more practices a business applies in their facility or operations the higher the recognition level. First, in order to be eligible a business is required to utilize the commercial recycling services provided under the Village's commercial refuse/recycling franchise program. Then businesses can choose to utilize any of 17 options to reach the different recognition levels. Platinum businesses use 6 or more of the options. Gold level businesses, like the Prairie Crossing Charter School and Light the Lamp, have used at least 4 sustainability items and silver level businesses (GRIL/Somethings Brewing/Old School Montessori) have implemented at least two items.

The Grayslake Sustainable Business Program is one of many Village initiatives to support a more sustainable region. The Village is one of the region's communities to endorse the Greenest Region Compact 2. As a participant the Village agrees to continue its efforts toward making our region more sustainable. As part of this effort

the Village developed its Grayslake Sustainability Plan (2017-2027). You can find the plan on our website at [www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com). The plan details the Village's past efforts, since 1985, and includes a list of initiatives to pursue through 2027.

In the last year the Village has worked on a number of items in addition to creation of the new Grayslake Sustainable Business Program including developing new sustainability standards for new development projects, working with businesses on starting food scrap composting, lighting upgrades at some Village facilities that reduce lighting energy use by up to 80%, and participation in discussions on a possible bike share program. More work on the plan items will continue in 2019. The Village is working with the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus to acquire some part-time staff hours to assist with this work.

The Village has a decades-long record of supporting environmental protection initiatives. Major items include open space preservation, alternatives to the auto transportation systems (bike paths/commuter rail), protection of environmentally sensitive wetlands/woodlands and our partnership programs (lawn mower/ tree planting/rain barrel and compost bin rebate programs).

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor

Mayor

### Senior Center

As spring is approaching, it is time to get out of the house and enjoy the company of others. The Senior Center is the perfect place to participate in a variety of activities, programs and fitness options. We offer many exercise programs, Hatha Yoga (Tues.), Tai Chi (Fri.) and exercise classes (Mon. and Thurs.). We have a fitness room with 2 treadmills, 2 recumbent bikes, an elliptical and a weight machine. Regularly scheduled activities include bingo, Pokeno, bridge, trivia games, crochet, bible study and more. We serve lunch 3 days a month. Our monthly newsletter can be found on the [www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com) website under Residents. We are open Mon. - Fri. from 8:30 am - 4 pm. If you would like a tour, we are located at 50 Library Lane. Please call us at 847-543-1041 for any additional information.

## Grayslake Historical Society - Tell Your Story

In May of 2020, the Village of Grayslake will celebrate its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Grayslake Historical Society is asking past and present Grayslake residents to submit stories of Grayslake. The goal is to collect 125 stories to be made into a book. The stories are to be at least 500 words in length and tell about one event, business, organization or have a theme. It is to start with a brief family history. Send stories to the Grayslake Historical Society, P.O. Box 185, Grayslake, IL 60030 or as a PDF file to [charenehan@aol.com](mailto:charenehan@aol.com). More details can be found at [www.grayslakehistory.org](http://www.grayslakehistory.org).

## Public Works Seasonal Employment

The Village is now accepting applications for a Public Works seasonal position working from approximately May 15<sup>th</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup>. The position is for 40 hours per week at \$10.00 per hour. Typical maintenance duties for this seasonal position include landscaping, painting, litter removal, tree trimming, and other general maintenance.

Applications are available online at [www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com). Please submit applications no later than Friday, April 19, 2019 to Village of Grayslake, 10 S. Seymour Avenue.

# Village Announcements

## Yard Waste Clean-Up Week of April 22<sup>nd</sup>

This service will take place during the week of April 22<sup>nd</sup>. There is no extra cost to residents for this service. Residents may set out an unlimited amount of yard waste for this one-time pick-up. When putting out yard waste, residents are asked to follow these guidelines:

- Yard waste (up to 50 pounds) must be placed in brown paper yard waste bags or plastic garbage containers (up to 32 gallon) clearly marked "yard waste".
- All branches should be tied in bundles no more than 2" in diameter and 4' long.
- Yard waste should be placed at the street after 6:00 p.m. the night before the scheduled pick-up.

During the yard waste pick-up season (April through November), residents may use the yard waste sticker subscription service. Yard waste pick-ups occur on the same day as your regular garbage and recycle pick-up. For more information please contact Village Hall at 847-223-8515.

## Household Chemical Waste Collection Event

The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) is hosting a household chemical waste collection event on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Antioch Public Works Department, 796 Holbek Drive/ Depot Road. For more information please visit [www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org) or call 847-336-9340.

## ACT NOW! Community Garden Plots

A limited number of community garden plots are available. Plots are located on Library Lane and as a Community Garden member you have the use of one garden plot along with a shared responsibility for the total site. Please contact Village Hall at 847-223-8515 to confirm availability.

## Lake County Folk Club Concert

Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum. Award-winning songwriter Dan Weber in the new echelon of must-see Americana (Country-Folk) performers. Tickets: general audience \$18, seniors \$15, Folk Club members \$13.

## Leak Detection Helpful Hints

Little leaks inside your home can waste large amounts of water and cost you money on your water utility bill. Below are some tips for identifying possible leaks inside your home:

- **Toilets:** If a toilet turns the water on without you touching the handle, if you have to jiggle the handle to make it stop running or if you have to hold the handle down to allow the tank to empty. One way to determine if you have a leak is to add dark food coloring to the tank and wait 40 minutes. Do not flush. If the water in the bowl changes colors, you have a leak.
- **Whole House Humidifiers:** Regular maintenance can keep a humidifier working well, but if issues arise, troubleshooting may be useful.
- **Bathroom, Kitchen and Outdoor Faucets:** Occasionally, faucets may leak in other places such as the on/off handles. You may have a leak if there are visible drips at the piping or if there are wet, damp areas underneath the sink.

## Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum

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

- **Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.
- **Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. - Grayslake Historical Society Program and Annual Meeting:** Officers and Society board members will be elected. Family heirlooms and their stories will be shared by members of the community, including Karen Lenzen, Rick Lawrence, Tracy Nielsen, and Village Trustee Elizabeth Davies.
- **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-10:30 a.m.** - The Grayslake Park District will lead a seed planting and pet rock painting program for kids during this month's Saturday Kids! Join us at the Heritage Center for a morning of fun.
- **Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 p.m. - Best of Grayslake:** Stop by Brae Loch Golf Club for small bites and fan favorites from area restaurants paired with wine. Tickets may be purchased for \$50 in advance at [bestofgrayslake.eventbrite.com](http://bestofgrayslake.eventbrite.com) or by contacting the Heritage Center.
- **Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:00 p.m. - Spring Concert:** As springtime comes into full swing, why not kick off the season with a bang! Stop by the Heritage Center as Chelesti Winds performs musical favorites.

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).

### Grayslake Area Public Library Meet and Greet for New Library Director

**Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** In celebration of National Library Week, April 7-13, 2019, join us in welcoming Sara Brown to the Grayslake area and debut our new Library of Things collection. Telescopes, Memory Kits, Tinker Kits, board games and puzzles are some of the new "things" you can check out and enjoy at home.

This year's theme is Libraries = Strong Communities and we welcome the community to meet Sara and explore the library. Refreshments and giveaways will be provided. Visit [www.grayslake.info](http://www.grayslake.info) and/or [@GrayslakeLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/GrayslakeLibrary) on Facebook.

### CLC James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts

Two remaining events in our 2018/2019 season!

- **Erth's Prehistoric Aquarium Adventure:** Sunday, April 7 at 3:00 p.m. Explore prehistoric marine reptiles with puppets, technology and your imagination for an amazing visual experience! A must-see family adventure.
- **Jack Wright's Songs and Stories of Neil Diamond: A Contemporary Tribute:** Saturday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m. Passionate and powerful performance of 22 timeless hits.

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](http://www.cicillinois.edu/tickets) for more information.

## Lake County Fairgrounds Events

- Spring Arts & Crafts Show: Saturday, April 6 - Sunday, April 7. Admission: \$5.00, free parking. For more information visit [www.stepbystepromotions.com](http://www.stepbystepromotions.com).
- Pet Vaccination & Microchip Clinic: Saturday, April 20 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For more information please visit [www.lakecountyil.gov/animalcare](http://www.lakecountyil.gov/animalcare).
- Re/Max Center 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 20 at 11:30 a.m. SHARP. Free admission, for more information please call 847-223-7878.
- Home & Garden Expo: Saturday, April 27 - Sunday, April 28. For more information visit [www.freehomeshow.com](http://www.freehomeshow.com) or call 630-953-2500.

## Village Elected Officials

### Mayor

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### Trustees

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