

# Grayslake Record



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November 2019

## Residential Leaf Vacuuming Program

Leaf vacuuming consists of six (6) rotations of the entire Village. The 2019 leaf vacuuming program will run for six (6) weeks weather permitting beginning Oct 21, 2019. The program runs until Nov 30, 2019 or as needed to complete the six (6) rotations.

Leaves should be placed, un-bagged, in a line within three (3) feet of the curb or within five (5) feet of the edge of the street where there is no sidewalk before 6:00 a.m. on Monday of the week in which pickup is desired. The length of each rotation is based on the volume of leaves and rotations may take less than a week or more than one week to complete. It is possible that leaves may not be vacuumed during a given week if the volume of leaves in the community is too large to be collected in a week. In this case, Waste Management will work to complete the remainder of a rotation at the beginning of the following week before starting the next rotation. Please do not put leaves in the street. Waste Management will not collect your leaves if they are not placed in the appropriate location.

## 2019 / 2020 Winter Season

With the arrival of the winter season, the Village is prepared for snow and ice removal operations. The Village's snow and ice removal operation includes eleven snow plowing routes. Eight of the eleven routes are completed by the Village's snow plow contractors and three of the routes are completed by the Village's Public Works personnel. Avon and Warren Townships also assist the Village in selected areas.

### Ordinance Requirements

Citizen efforts are important in creating safer road and pedestrian conditions. Some responsibilities are required by Village ordinance, including:

- 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.

### Who Plows Where?

#### Village Responsibilities

- Village streets (except private streets)
- Municipal parking lots/alleys
- Metra parking lots

Other agencies are responsible for snow and ice removal on the following roads:

#### Lake County Division of Transportation

- Alleghany Road (south of Route 120)
- Casey Road
- Center Street (Route 83 to Route 45)
- Rollins Road
- Washington Street
- Peterson Road
- Midlothian Road

#### Illinois Department of Transportation

- Route 45
- Route 83 (Barron Boulevard)
- Route 120 (Belvidere Road)
- Route 137

The Village thanks residents for their cooperation in helping make our community a safer place during the winter season.

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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.

### 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.

## From the Mayor...

Every year the Village completes various community improvement projects. In 2019 work was done on a new emergency back-up well and drainage improvements in the downtown area. New curbing was added on Oak Avenue and White Street. Design engineering for an expansion to the Atkinson Road/Washington Street intersection was started as the Village seeks federal dollars to pay for 80% of the eventual construction costs for the project.

In addition to these improvements, road resurfacing was completed on 18 streets. This program is noteworthy because the Village sets aside sufficient annual non-property tax dollars for the program. Many towns in our area do not have funds for this work leading to deteriorating streets. Some have recently raised property taxes to try to address their backlogs. In our case this work is per our regular resurfacing plan which provides funds each year to resurface all streets within their 18-year service life.

In recent years the Board's strategic objective in choosing projects has been to enhance Grayslake's appeal with the goal of increasing homeowner and business property values long-term. Projects have included drainage improvements, Village Center enhancements, road projects, commuter rail station enhancements, neighborhood improvements like sidewalks/bike paths and curb and gutter at key locations, and landscaping. The Village does not use property taxes for these improvements and good financial planning has allowed the projects to be done without borrowing so the Village government remains debt free.

Recently the Village Board selected a number of projects for 2020 starting with the annual road resurfacing

of various neighborhood streets. This includes resurfacing of Walton Lane, Francis Drive, Phillip Drive, Normandy Woods Court, Trestle Court, Shooting Star Lane, Hedgerow Drive, Harding Street, Washington Boulevard, Reagan Place, Roosevelt Court, Kildere Court, Waterford Drive, Alleghany Road (Mitchell Drive to Haryan Way), Whispering Oaks Lane, Heather Avenue and Bonnie Brae Avenue.

Also selected were additional work on the back-up emergency well for our water system. Plans will be developed for a new ice skating rink in Gelatin Park to pair with the new sledding hill. Money was set aside for an eventual new parking lot in downtown that will be located based on the continuing analysis of parking patterns. A small path between the library and aquatic center and support for a pilot bike share program, in conjunction with other organizations, also received funding.

When our community is improved through these projects there is a positive impact on homeowner property values and it makes Grayslake a better place to live and operate a business. These 2020 projects will continue toward this objective.

If you wish to contact me to discuss any of the capital improvement projects, please send me an email at [mayortaylor@hotmail.com](mailto:mayortaylor@hotmail.com).

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor, Mayor

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## Senior Center

Are you an active independent adult 60 and over? Would you like to meet new people, make a craft, play a game or join an exercise class? If so, visit the Grayslake Senior Center, which offers a variety of activities/programs and socialization. In November, we will have 3 delicious congregate lunches, one being our annual Thanksgiving meal. For complete details of our programs and membership, please view our newsletter at [www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com). If you would like a tour, we are located at 50 Library Lane. Please call 847-543-1041 for any additional questions. Follow us on Facebook.

## Grayslake Chamber of Commerce Tree Lighting Festival and Holiday Market

The Grayslake Chamber of Commerce downtown tree lighting festival and holiday market is Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Santa arrives at the holiday tree in Centennial Park at 5:30 p.m. and will visit with the kids at The Oasis at 5:45 p.m. Enjoy sleigh rides on Center Street between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. (load and unload at the Heritage Center). Get a jump start on your holiday shopping! The holiday market at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum is from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information, please contact the Grayslake Chamber of Commerce at 847-223-6888.

## 2020 Aquatic Center Memberships On Sale Now!

Aquatic Center memberships for the 2020 season are on sale now for the low price of \$65! This pays for itself in less than five visits to the pool! Memberships include a variety of benefits, so don't miss out on the best deal of the year!

For more information, or to purchase an Aquatic Center membership, visit [www.swimgrayslake.com](http://www.swimgrayslake.com) today!

## Village Announcements

### Grayslake Arts Alliance

On Saturday, October 5, the Grayslake Arts Alliance unveiled their latest project, the first phase of a series of cases creating an Art Trail that will wind its way through the Village, showing off and promoting the arts in Grayslake.

Built with money provided by the Village of Grayslake and developed by the Arts Alliance, these cases are an example of what good things can happen when two groups can work together for the betterment of the community. This project is just one way the Grayslake Arts Alliance promotes the arts in our community. With the financial support from the village, donations and membership dues we hope to continue to fulfill our mission of "bringing the arts to Grayslake through education, participation and development."

We'd like to thank Mayor Rhett Taylor and Village Trustees and to all the members of the Grayslake Arts Alliance who planned and executed this project.

Visit our website for upcoming classes and events at [www.grayslakeartsalliance.com](http://www.grayslakeartsalliance.com).

### 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, email [pads\\_at\\_upc@hotmail.com](mailto:pads_at_upc@hotmail.com) or visit the Contact Us section on [www.padslakecounty.org](http://www.padslakecounty.org).

### Waste Management Holiday Delay

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, garbage, recycling, yard waste and leaf vacuuming service will be delayed by one day beginning Thursday, November 28.

### Sounds, Smells, and a Smokestack

Do you want to know the story behind the smokestack in Gelatin Park? Visit **Sounds, Smells, and a Smokestack: Remembering Grayslake Gelatin** at the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum to learn more about the factories that used the stack and how the land became a park.

### Part-Time Snow Plow Operators Needed

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 plow experience is preferred.

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

### Stories of Grayslake

In 2020 Grayslake will have 125 years of history. The Grayslake Historical Society is requesting that residents and friends of the community help preserve the stories that make the village memorable. New, old, present, past Grayslakers are asked to write at least 500 words about an event, organizations, business or neighborhood. The memory can have a theme. The story is to start with some family history to set the scene. To ensure quality, editing may be done. Send submission to [charenehan@aol.com](mailto:charenehan@aol.com) or mail to the Grayslake Historical Society, P.O. Box 185, Grayslake, IL 60030 before 12/31/2019. The stories will be published in book form.

## Fun, Center Street, Trees and More at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum

- **Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Search and Share Genealogy:** The Grayslake Historical Society hosts this genealogy discussion group the first Wednesday of each month from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>:** The last day to see **Where the Fun Grows: 60 Years of the Grayslake Community Park District**, an exhibit celebrating the history of the Grayslake Park District, before it closes.
- **Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Center Street Now and Then:** The Grayslake Historical Society will use images new and old to share the history of various buildings on the north side of Grayslake's main street. The audience will be encouraged to share their memories.
- **Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> - Grayslake Giving Trees** opens during the Tree Lighting Ceremony in Grayslake's Village Center. Visit the Heritage Center to see trees decorated by local organizations and vote for your favorite. The Grayslake Chamber's holiday market will take place in the community room from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. - Lake County Folk Club Concert:** Michael P. Smith, a Chicago-based singer-songwriter who Rolling Stone Magazine once called "The greatest songwriter in the English language" will perform. Tickets: general audience \$18, seniors \$15, Folk Club members \$13.

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).

### Programs for All Ages @ the Grayslake Area Public Library

**Cut the Cable Cord** - Wednesday, November 13 from 7:00 - 8:30: Is ditching cable the right decision for you? Explore viable cable TV alternatives and discover today's online streaming services and the equipment available to cut the cable cord including Disney+, Netflix, YouTube, Hulu, Amazon Prime, Apple TV, Roku, and Hoopla.

**The Rope Warrior** - Saturday, November 16 from 10:30 - 11:30: Be entertained and inspired by this interactive and visually entertaining jump rope show for all ages! Seating is limited and free tickets are required and available at the Youth Services Desk.

### CLC James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts

Young and old will enjoy this family holiday event at the JLC! **Ruth Page Civic Ballet's The Nutcracker** on Saturday, December 14 at 1:00 & 5:00 p.m.

Experience the exquisite dancing, stunning costumes and magical settings in the Land of Snow and the Kingdom of the Sweets like never before!

To receive weekly updates about our season, text JLCEMAIL to 22828. Call the JLC Box Office at 847-543-2300 or [www.clcillinois.edu/tickets](http://www.clcillinois.edu/tickets) for more information.

## Lake County Fairgrounds Events

- Freeman's Autoswap: Sunday, November 3 from 8:00-3:00. For more information visit [www.freemansmm.com](http://www.freemansmm.com).
- Zurko Antiques & Flea Market: Saturday, November 9 & Sunday, November 10, Saturday December 7 & Sunday, December 8. For more information visit [www.zurkoproductions.com](http://www.zurkoproductions.com).
- Holiday Arts & Crafts Show: Friday, November 29 - Sunday, December 1. Visit [www.stepbystepromotions.com](http://www.stepbystepromotions.com) for more information.
- Obenauf Auction: Saturday, December 14 from 9:00 - 4:00 p.m. For more information please visit [www.obenaufauctions.com](http://www.obenaufauctions.com).

## Village Elected Officials

### Mayor

Rhett Taylor [mayortaylor@hotmail.com](mailto:mayortaylor@hotmail.com)

### Trustees

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