

# Grayslake Record



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February 2020

## 2020 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.

## Seasonal Employment Opportunities

The Village is currently accepting applications for seasonal employment for the Public Works Department and the Esper A. Petersen Foundation Family Aquatic Center. Information on these opportunities can be found below:

### Lifeguards and Swim Instructors

The Village is seeking candidates for seasonal employees for lifeguards and swim instructors for the summer 2020 season. The starting wage for swim instructor positions and lifeguard positions is \$11.25 +/- per hour. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age for swim instructor and for lifeguard.

Interested applicants should submit a Village employment application to Village Hall, Attn: Zack Smith, 10 S. Seymour Avenue, or by email to [zsmith@villageofgrayslake.com](mailto:zsmith@villageofgrayslake.com). An employment application is available at [www.swimgrayslake.com](http://www.swimgrayslake.com). Applications should be submitted by February 28, 2020.

### Seasonal Public Works Crew Member

The Village is seeking qualified candidates for Public Works seasonal positions working from approximately May 15<sup>th</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup>. The positions are for 40 hours per week starting at \$11.00 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](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com) and should be submitted no later than Friday, April 3, 2020 to Village of Grayslake, Attn: Jennifer Hess, 10 S. Seymour Avenue or to [jhess@villageofgrayslake.com](mailto:jhess@villageofgrayslake.com).

## Census 2020

Census 2020 is right around the corner! Beginning in the middle of March, residents will be able to be counted towards the Census. The Census is used to determine government funding and political representation, and helps municipalities and school districts plan for the future. For the first time ever, the Census can be completed online.

To find out more information on the 2020 Census, including what information will be requested and when residents can enumerate themselves, please visit the Census 2020 page on the Village of Grayslake website under the Government tab.

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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

Beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, eligible individuals should submit copies of their past electric bills dated April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020 at the Village Hall, 10 S. Seymour Avenue.

The Village's senior citizen electricity surcharge rebate reimburses individuals 65 years of age or older (as of April 1, 2019) for the amount of electricity surcharge paid on their electric bill during the previous year, not to exceed \$20. A valid driver's license or ID card is required. Past electric bills will be accepted April 1, 2020 - April 30, 2020.

## From the Mayor...

As we start 2020 please remember that this is the year when the nation is required to count population, as required by the U.S. Constitution. The U.S. Census Bureau is in charge of the counting process which will begin in March.

It is very important that you take a moment in the coming months to be counted. The municipal government obtains certain funds from the State of Illinois on a per-person basis. When Grayslake gets fully counted this maximizes the dollars received and reduces the need for additional property taxes. Being counted is one way you can help control future property taxes for municipal operations.

The Census Bureau has set a schedule for the counting process including:

**March 12, 2020:** Households should receive a mailer with instructions on how to be counted. The letter will provide information on how you can respond online and be counted. You are encouraged to take approximately 10 minutes to respond then.

**March 16-21, 2020:** Households who have not responded will receive a first reminder letter and a second reminder will be mailed between March 26 and April 3 and again between April 8-16. On this April 8-16 mailing households will also receive a paper questionnaire.

Non-response households will receive a final reminder April 20-27.

After the reminder letters the Census Bureau will be conducting non-response follow-up operations. These will include door-to-door visits, post-cards and other reminders.

Due to the importance of getting an accurate Grayslake count, the Village will be conducting its own communication effort to encourage census responses. Households will receive information via all of the Village's communication platforms including social media, community-wide robo-calls, website ([www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com)) and mailers. We will also target those census areas that data shows have lesser rates of response. We will also be partnering with civic organizations to increase awareness of the census process. In addition to these efforts the Village will be doing special outreach to seniors and multi-family complexes.

The Village developed its Census Plan in cooperation with other communities through the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus. For more information go to [www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com) under the Government tab. Our plan will be supported financially by a grant the Village was awarded.

Please watch for the upcoming information from the U.S. Census Bureau in March. Please respond when you get this information.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor, Mayor

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### Senior Center

As the holidays and New Year's events have ended, different programs and activities have begun at the Grayslake Senior Center. The Senior Center is open Monday – Friday from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. Active independent adults 60 and over can enjoy socializing with others by participating in exercise classes, Yoga, Tai Chi, computer classes, crafts and many more activities / programs. Membership is open to residents and non-residents. Please review our newsletter at the Village website [www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com) for complete details of events. For more info, stop by 50 Library Lane for a tour or call 847-543-1041. Follow us on Facebook.

## **FREE RECYCLE CAN UPGRADE PROGRAM**

Now through February 15<sup>th</sup>, registration is open for the 2020 garbage and recycle can exchange programs. Registration for the program is between January 1 and February 15, 2020. Residents opting to exchange their garbage can may choose one of three sizes:

**90-gallon (\$20.82 / month)**

**65-gallon (\$18.57 / month)**

**35-gallon (\$15.48 / month)**

Residents may also choose a FREE UPGRADE for their recycle

can size from 65-gallon to 96-gallon. An upgraded recycle can offers more recycling room, same floor space as smaller cans and less waste, which could result in reducing your garbage can size.

The exchange of the can(s) takes place during the month of March and the rate change will take effect on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The exchange is for residents who would like to have either a smaller or larger can size. For more information or to register for the exchange program, please contact 847-223-8515 or visit [www.villageofgrayslake.com/](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com/) r4s.

## Village Announcements

### 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 (east of 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

Avon and Warren Townships also assist the Village in selected areas.

### 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).

### Lake County Folk Club Concert

Sunday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum. Starring Katie Dahl, this singer-songwriter has earned accolades for the power of her alto voice, the literate candor of her songs, and the easy humor of her performances. Opener: Jim Schramm.

Tickets: general audience \$18, seniors \$15, Folk Club members \$13.

### Stop By Grayslake Heritage Center Exhibit!

Stop at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum at 164 Hawley Street to add your memory of the Grayslake Gelatin Company in the exhibit **Sounds, Smells, and a Smokestack: Remembering Grayslake Gelatin.** Memories of the whistle, buying gelatin in stores, working for Grayslake Gelatin, and more will be added to the exhibit.

Grayslake Gelatin t-shirts are also available for \$15.

### 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.

## February Happenings at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum

Prohibition, Memories of Grayslake Bars, Live Music and More. Events and exhibits in February include:

- **Wednesday, February 5 at 2:00 p.m. Search and Share Genealogy:** Join the Grayslake Historical Society. New and experienced genealogists can share their last research and get advice at this monthly discussion group.
- **Saturday, February 8 at 12:00 p.m. Grayslake Bars and Prohibition:** Step into the saloons of Grayslake's past and present. Grayslake's first known tavern building - called Charlie's today - became a silent movie theater during Prohibition and was back to being a bar shortly after selling alcohol became legal once again. Learn about who was selling illegal booze, what your favorite watering hole used to be, and more! The first 50 visitors get a prize to take home.
- **Saturday, February 15 at 10:00 a.m.** Reminisce about Grayslake bars and taverns with the Grayslake Historical Society. Visit the museum and share your memories of visiting Bill's, the Last Chance Saloon, and other area pubs past and present. Non-alcoholic refreshments will be served.
- Want to come outside of our regularly scheduled hours? All it takes is a phone call. Make an appointment by calling the Heritage Center or the Historical Society at the numbers below.

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).

### February Happenings at the Grayslake Area Public Library

**Tuesday, Feb 4; 12-1 p.m.** You bring a lunch, and we'll provide the speaker, coffee and dessert! German historian Anette Isaacs will take you on a photographic journey of memorials to Holocaust victims in Germany. Free program, space is limited. Call 847-223-5313 to save your seat.

**Sunday, Feb 9; 3-4 p.m.** Singer, musician, entertainer, musicologist, historian Steve Justman has been entertaining audiences since he was 12 years old. Rediscover the compelling music and story of Glen Campbell with "Chicago's Mr. Americana". Free for the whole family! Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

### CLC James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts

**Heart by Heart - Friday, February 14 at 7:30 p.m.** Don't miss this powerful, dynamic tribute to Heart with original members, Steve Fossen (bass) and Michael Derosier (drums) performing Heart's favorite, iconic songs.

**Lula Washington Dance Theatre - Sunday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m.** Celebrate Black History Month with this extraordinary contemporary dance ensemble that reflects African American history and culture.

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

## Lake County Fairgrounds Events

- Zurko Antiques & Flea Market: Saturday, Feb 8 & Sunday, Feb 9. Visit [www.zurkopromotions.com](http://www.zurkopromotions.com) for more info.
- 2020 Craft Beer Festival: Saturday, Feb 22. Presented by Lake County Fairgrounds & Event Center.
- Northern Illinois Boat Show: Thursday, March 5 - Sunday, March 8. Adults: \$8, Seniors \$6, Veterans, \$6, Children under 12: free. For more information visit [www.illinois-boatshow.com](http://www.illinois-boatshow.com).
- Lake Co RV Show: Friday, March 27 from 11am-7pm, Saturday March 28 from 10am-7pm and Sunday, March 29 from 11am-5pm. Free admission and free parking. For more information visit [www.rvoutletshow.com](http://www.rvoutletshow.com)

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