

Grayslake Record



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April 2020

Grayslake Memorial Day Parade and Service

Grayslake will hold its annual Memorial Day Parade and Service on Monday, May 25. 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. Schedule subject to change.

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

Waste Management Bulk Item Suspension

Waste Management has temporarily suspended their bulk item collection, including weekly items or extra call-in service for bulk items, until further notice. At this time, Waste Management is maintaining their standard collection schedule for trash and recycle, and is not experiencing any collection interruptions. For up-to-date service information please visit www.wm.com/alerts.

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 Grayslake Aquatic Center is currently hiring Lifeguards and Swim Instructors for the 2020 pool season. Applicants must be 16 years of age or older. 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. An employment application is available at www.swimgrayslake.com. Applications should be submitted by April 24, 2020.

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 starting at \$12.00 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 24, 2020 to Village of Grayslake, Attn: Jennifer Hess, 10 S. Seymour Avenue or to jhess@villageofgrayslake.com.

Aquatic Center Memberships

Memberships for the 2020 season are still available for a discounted price. Guarantee a summer of fun for the whole family and purchase yours today! The Swim Lessons schedule is now live, sign your child up for lessons today! Spending your summer at the Aquatic Center will create family memories that will last a lifetime! More information can be found at www.swimgrayslake.com.

Census 2020

The 2020 Census is now live, and for the first time ever you can complete the form online! The Census will be used to determine political representation, government funding, and planning decisions through 2030 and beyond, and completing it can help keep your property taxes down. The form takes about 10 minutes to complete – visit the following link to complete yours today! <https://my2020census.gov>.

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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

Beginning April 1st, 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...

On March 13, 2020, the president declared a national state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As per our Village Code I have also declared a state of emergency in Grayslake. This declaration will help ensure that Village operations will be as close to normal as possible in these circumstances.

Communication is vitally important during this pandemic as the situation changes rapidly. We are keeping the Village website up-to-date as we receive information. Go to the Community menu bar on the main page for the latest information we receive from national, state and county agencies.

The Lake County Health Department is the lead local agency and they are providing regular, twice weekly communication to area mayors and villages. The governor's office is communicating with each municipality and having regular calls with all mayors. Both are doing an excellent job communicating and sharing information as rapidly as possible.

In response to the emergency the Village, in accordance with our emergency preparedness plans, has altered some operations to ensure continuation of priority services and to do as much as we can to protect our residents, businesses and employees. During this emergency the Village will be suspending water/sewer service shut-offs/fees and the associated late payment charges. To assist businesses that are being impacted by various state restrictions we will be deferring various May 1 business licensing requirements. Village Hall is closed to all non-police visits however staff will remain on-site to receive phone or email inquiries. Look to our website (www.villageofgrayslake.com)

for online options for water/sewer or permit payments. The police vestibule in Village Hall remains open for phone contact for the police services. The 9-1-1 system remains operational for emergencies. The Public Works Department will remain on duty. The heritage center and senior center are closed through March. Please note that these operating changes may be extended as conditions warrant.

Our local restaurants have been restricted to delivery or pick-up service only. Most of our restaurants are providing these options to you. Our website provides information received from our businesses on these options. I urge you to patronize our local restaurants as often as you can. They need your support.

This is a difficult and challenging time for all of us. I am strongly encouraging you to abide by all guidance from health department and the governor's office regarding containment and social distancing. The precautions are being put in place to try to contain the spread of a highly contagious virus. Please take all needed precautions to keep you and your friends and family safe.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor, Mayor

Visit our website:
www.villageofgrayslake.com

Senior Center

April is National Volunteer Month. The Senior Center will be honoring our fabulous volunteers all month long. Volunteers help us with our lunch program, bingo, pokeno, parties and a variety of classes and much more. Without our volunteers some of our programs would not exist, we really appreciate all of the time they give to the Senior Center. Stop by for our monthly newsletter or go to the Village website at www.villageofgrayslake.com, or call us at 847-543-1041.

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.

Village Announcements

Smart 911 Services

Make sure that your family is safe in every situation. New Smart 911 services are now available to all Grayslake residents. This is a free service that allows individuals and families to sign up online and create a profile that provides key information to 911 call takers during any emergency situation.

Information that can be included on the safety profile includes household members, medical conditions, emergency contacts and property details.

This service saves critical time and has been proven to save lives by enabling first responders to know exactly where they are going and who they are looking for in the event of an emergency. Creating a profile today is just one more way to keep your family as safe as possible.

To register your household today, please visit www.smart911.com.

Yard Waste Clean-Up Week of April 13

This service will take place during the week of April 13. 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.

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 leaf or small branch debris obstructing a catch basin or street storm sewer, you can try to remove it to allow the water to flow through.

Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum

Follow the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum and the Grayslake Historical Society on Facebook for information, activities and more! Take a virtual field trip at www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com. **On your virtual field trip can you find the following items on the second floor of the building?**

- **Permanent wave machine, a chair with wired clips hanging:** Hazel White's beauty parlor used this machine to perm clients' hair.
- **Cabinet of medical supplies used by Dr. Goshgarian** who cared for generations of Grayslakers from his office in Round Lake.
- **Poll book, Grayslake's first Village poll book:** This book holds the results of an 1895 election.
- **Newspaper from the Grayslake Times:** The Grayslake Times reported local news from 1905 to 2003.
- **Container from the Grayslake Gelatin Company:** These 3 Grayslake Gelatin Company containers span more than 50 years of gelatin production.
- **Speaker from the Grayslake Outdoor Theater:** Grayslake's drive-in movie theater was located where the Jewel-Osco stands today.
- **Wilbur Lumber Co Apron:** This carpenter's apron was used to hold a worker's tools circa 1930.

For more information about the Heritage Center, please visit www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com, 847-543-1745, or mpoe@villageofgrayslake.com. To learn more about Grayslake artifacts, images and other records, contact the Grayslake Historical Society at www.grayslakehistory.org, 847-223-7663 or charenehan@aol.com.

Happenings at the Grayslake Area Public Library

Tuesday, May 5; 7-8:30 p.m. - Beatlemania with WXRT's Professor Moptop: Beatle expert Greg Alexander will discuss Beatlemania and all the excitement surrounding it. Using rare audio and news clips the Professor will discuss 1963 and 1964, the time just before they came to America.

Weds, May 27; 12-1 p.m. - Lunch and Learn at the Library: All Things British: You bring a lunch, and we'll provide the speaker, coffee and dessert! Ever wondered why Queen Elizabeth "reigns" but doesn't "rule"? Do you know the difference between Great Britain and the United Kingdom? London tour guide John Gowing will share answers and more!

CLC James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts

The James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts is dedicated to the health and safety of all who enter our theatres.

We regret to inform you that ALL remaining professional performances have been cancelled through May 2020.

To receive 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

- Terrain Race: Saturday, May 2 from 7:30 am - 5:00 pm. For more information please visit terrainrace.com
- Garden Bros Circus: Wednesday, May 20 and Thursday, May 21. Showtimes: 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm. For more information please visit www.gardenbroscircus.com.
- Grayslake Night Flea Market: Saturday, May 23 & Sunday, May 24 from 3:00 pm-midnight. www.zurkopromotions.com.
- Spartan Race: Saturday, May 30 and Sunday, May 31 from 7:30 am - 8:00 pm. www.spartan.com.
- Motocross: Friday, June 5 (open ride), Saturday, June 6 (Round 1 race). Gates open 3:00 pm, sign-up 3:00-6:00 pm, races start: 7:00 pm.

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