

Grayslake Record



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Winter Parking Regulations

Pursuant to Village Ordinance, parking is prohibited on Village streets after a snowfall of two or more inches, until snow removal operations are complete. Vehicles found in violation of this ordinance are subject to ticketing and towing. Residents with disabled vehicles should contact the Grayslake Police Department at 847-223-2341.

Holiday Tree Pickup Program

The Holiday Tree Pickup Program will take place on the following Thursday's: January 7, January 14, January 21 and January 28.

Trees should be placed un-bagged at the curb or edge of street the night before the service day. Trees greater than six (6) feet in height must be cut in half prior to being set out for pickup. Waste Management will not pickup trees in plastic bags.

2021 Road Resurfacing Program

The Village has non property tax dollars allocated in its budget to annually resurface some streets within the Village each year based on an 18-year plan. By having this resurfacing and financial plan the Village does not have to ask voters for property tax increases to do road resurfacing. The Village Board has now approved a resurfacing list for spring 2021 that includes:

Manor Subdivision:

- Manor Avenue
- Laurel Terrace
- Kenilworth Street (north of Briargate Drive and north and south of Highland Road)
- Kenilworth Court (south of Briargate Drive)
- Briargate Drive
- Dawn Circle
- Stuart Street (north and south of Highland Road)
- Flanders Lane
- Lawrence Avenue
- Pierce Court

Haryan Farm

- Highland Road (west of Lake Street)
- Highland Court
- Willowby Court
- Killarney Court
- Mulrany Place
- Deep Woods Court
- Wellington Court
- Galway Street

Village Station

- Village Station Lane
- Thomas Court

Prairie Crossing

- Harris Road (Hedgerow to Blazing Star)
- Harris Road (Blazing Star to Casey Road)

Presidential Subdivision

- Lincoln Avenue

Old Town

- Slusser Street (Center Street to Hawley)

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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.

Waste Management

Residents are reminded to place their garbage and recycle cans out for pick-up no later than 6:00 a.m. on the morning of their regular pick-up day. After refuse is picked up, garbage and recycle cans must be placed either on the side of the house or inside the garage per Village ordinance.

Crime Tips / Police Non-Emergency Contact

If you have police non-emergencies/crime tips please feel free to utilize the online Request for Service system. This is one of the many ways to contact the Police Department.

From the Mayor...

This is the fifth and final article on your municipal organization and how its resilience has helped navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. Previous articles have discussed how the Village's financial planning has prevented service interruptions and allowed the Village's regular capital program to continue and how past operating cost containment, for decades, has strengthened this capability, how our nationally accredited police department has dealt with the challenges of the current situation through its strong community-policing program, the work of our Public Works Department in delivering services during this time and information on the Village's attention to maintaining its infrastructure as an essential element of community resilience. In this article I will discuss how the Village has been able to assist local businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Over many years the Village has worked hard to grow the local economy. Local businesses create jobs and provide products and services locally. In addition when new business space is built it provides non-homeowner property tax dollars to our schools and other districts providing an opportunity for property tax rate relief for our residents. They are important to our community. The local economy has grown substantially in the last 30 years including in our historic downtown and in the Atkinson Road, Peterson Road and Washington Street corridors. Our local medical services sector, anchored by the Northwestern Medical campus provides vital services to our area. National companies like CompX, FedEx, SAIA and Okabe have joined our community. This larger and growing economy makes the community more resilient in difficult economic times of recent months.

Like across the nation, the Grayslake business community has been impacted by the current situation. Things like supply chain disruptions, challenges to the availability of employees, new operating protocols, and government required operating restrictions have had profound impacts. The Village has assisted local businesses by communicating the latest information on available assistance programs provided by the national and state governments and constant updates on the State of Illinois operating restrictions as they have changed

and evolved during 2020. To date these communications to local businesses number over 15,000 contacts.

While all businesses have been impacted to different degrees, two sectors, dine-in restaurants and local independent retailers, have been especially hard-hit by state operating restrictions resulting in a severe downturn in business. The Village has stepped in, even with our limited resources, to provide direct financial assistance to these businesses. To date this direct assistance has totaled \$220,859. Since April, 30 businesses have been helped through a total of 45 separate payments. We have also promoted these businesses through our social media platforms and, with the Chamber of Commerce, through special promotional events. We have offered options for public space for outdoor dining as well. These initiatives do not come without cost. The Village's sound financial condition, even in the COVID-19 period of lower revenues, has made this assistance possible in 2020.

It is too early to know the full economic impact of the pandemic related restrictions and other operating disruptions. The Village will continue to monitor the economic situation and assist where we can within our limited capabilities.

As we move into 2021, we will be dealing with COVID-19 for some time yet. The Village organization is ready and equipped to continue to provide the services we all rely on. Our police, public works and village hall teams, utilizing the revised operating procedures required by our COVID-19 protocols, are committed to this. Resilience in these efforts is supported by our strong financial status and up-to-date infrastructure. Lets hope more normal times return soon. Be careful and stay safe in the new year.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor, Mayor

Grayslake Arts Alliance Online Store

The Grayslake Arts Alliance online store has officially launched! All of the products are original and hand-crafted by local artists and a portion of each sale will help the Grayslake Arts Alliance continue its mission to “promote the arts through education, participation, and development.”

You can view the shop here:

<https://www.grayslakeartsalliance.org/shop.html>

If you have any questions, please send us an email at grayslakeartsalliance@gmail.com.

50/50 Sidewalk Replacement

The sign-up period for the 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program runs through January 10, 2021. The 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program is a cost-sharing program between the Village and the property owners of Grayslake who wish to make aesthetic improvements to the sidewalk adjacent to their property. There is a set amount of dollars budgeted each year for the Village's portion of the cost, and inclusion in the annual program is on a first come first served basis.

For more information on the program, please contact Zack Smith at 847-223-8515 or at zsmith@villageofgrayslake.com.

Village Announcements

Best Winter Walking Neighborhood Contest!

When residents shovel their sidewalks, as required by ordinance, everybody's safety is improved. Help your neighborhood win the Best Grayslake Winter Walking Neighborhood contest! After each snowfall each of the Village's 11 snow route neighborhoods will be evaluated for completed sidewalk shoveling. Neighborhoods with the highest amount of sidewalks shoveling will be awarded the highest points after each event. At the end of the season households with the highest number of points in the neighborhood will be eligible for a drawing for one of three \$100 Chamber bucks certificates which can be used at any Chamber business.

FREE Recycle Can Upgrade

Now, before February 15, you can upgrade your recycle can from a 65-gallon to a 96-gallon size for FREE. An upgraded recycle can offers more recycling room, the same floor space as smaller cans and less waste, which can result in reducing your garbage can size and your monthly bill. To enroll in the program visit the Request for Service system at www.villageofgrayslake.com.

Stories of Grayslake

Need something to do on a cold winter's night? The Grayslake Historical Society has a perfect solution. Curl up with a book containing fascinating history and delightful memories. Stories of Grayslake includes outstanding information about people, places, events and more written by present and former Grayslake residents. The book sells for \$20.00 and is available in the gift shop of the Grayslake Heritage Center, 164 Hawley. If the Heritage Center is closed, call 847-223-7663 for pick up arrangements.

Mailbox Replacement Policy

Unfortunately, during the Village's snow and ice removal operations, mailboxes may be damaged either from a direct hit from a snow plow or from wet snow from a snow plow. The Village has a mailbox replacement policy for properly placed mailboxes that are damaged as a result of snow and ice removal operations.

For information, please contact the Request for Service System at 847-223-8515.

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.

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. Thank you for your cooperation.

Portable Basketball Hoops

To ensure all Village streets and sidewalks remain safe for residents this winter season, we ask for residents' cooperation in removing their portable basketball hoop from the parkway. By removing a portable basketball hoop from the parkway, residents are helping snow plow drivers keep the roadways safer for the motoring public.

Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum

We made it to the new year! Check online for the latest information about hours and availability.

- The 2020 Grayslake Giving Trees winners will be announced on Facebook Live on Friday, January 8 at 10 am. Voting for this year's Grayslake Giving Trees moved to cyberspace, and our annual small ceremony announcing the winners will do the same. Tune in to the Heritage Center or Historical Society's Facebook pages to find out this year's winners. Thank you to everyone who participated!
- Visit the new pop-up exhibit in the Heritage Center courtyard. Stop by on your next walk through town to look in our windows and learn more. Is there a topic you want to learn more about? Email us at mpoe@villageofgrayslake.com or charenehan@aol.com to share.
- Join the Grayslake Arts Alliance for a virtual art show. Each January, the Grayslake Arts Alliance hosts a Winter Art Show at the Heritage Center. This year, you will be able to explore the show from the comfort of your own home. Visit the Heritage Center and Grayslake Arts Alliance websites on Saturday, January 23 and support local artists.
- Pick-up a History Kids Kit Saturday, January 16 - Monday, January 18. Look for the bin in the Heritage Center courtyard. This free kit will have a small hands-on activity for children age 4-10. Available while supplies last.

For more information about these and other initiatives, visit www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com, 847-543-1745, or email mpoe@villageofgrayslake.com. For more information about the Grayslake Historical Society, visit www.grayslakehistory.org, 847-223-7663 or email charenehan@aol.com.

Happenings at the Grayslake Area Public Library

The Winter Reading Challenge is for EVERYONE! We challenge you to read (or be read to) for a total of 450 minutes. That breaks down to just 15 minutes a day for 30 days; from January 1 - February 28, 2021.

Grand prize raffles included. Kids get to choose from awesome STEAM kits! Teens and adults from gift cards to local businesses. Track your reading easily in the free Beanstack app or use a paper log.

Call 847-223-5313 or go to grayslake.info to register today!

CLC James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts

Sinatra Forever & The Greatest Piano Men, Friday, January 15 at 7:30 p.m. Sinatra Forever croons "Ol' Blue Eyes" greatest hits, then The Greatest Piano Men rocks it with hits from Billy Joel, Elton John and many more!

The Great DuBois: Masters of Variety, Friday, January 29 at 7 p.m. The whole family will love this fast-paced high energy circus event, showcasing incredible feats!

To get your free virtual ticket call the box office at 847-543-2300 or email clcboxoffice@clcillinois.edu

Lake County Fairgrounds Events

*To confirm event
schedule please visit
www.lcfair.com*

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