

Grayslake Record



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EDC / PCZBA Commission Openings

The Village is seeking interested candidates to serve on the Village's Economic Development Commission (EDC). The duties of the Economic Development Commission are to encourage continuing local economic growth, business expansion and other business promoting initiatives.

The Village is also seeking interested candidates to serve on the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (PCZBA). The Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals provides advice on planning issues, zoning of property, reviews of plats of subdivisions as well as subarea plans for inclusion in the Village's Comprehensive Plan.

If you are interested in applying to serve please submit your cover letter and resume to Deputy Village Clerk Jennifer Hess, jhess@villageofgrayslake.com. Applications will be accepted until July 31, 2022.

Are You Interested in Working Flexible Hours & Helping the Community? These Job Opportunities Could be for You!

Code Enforcement Official (Part-Time)

Do you want to work to maintain the quality and appearance of the community? The Village is seeking applicants for a part-time Code Enforcement Official to work approximately 15 hours per week (flexible schedule, hours will vary seasonally). The successful applicant will be responsible for administering established processes to work with residents to achieve compliance related to routine property maintenance, proactively inspect the community to identify property maintenance issues and work with residents to achieve satisfactory outcomes. The starting rate of pay is \$25 +/- per hour. Apply today!

Village Center Coordinator (Part-Time)

Are you someone who has a passion for collaborative marketing and promotion of a local destination for events, dining, shopping and more? The Village is seeking applicants for a part-time Village Center Coordinator position to work approximately 20 hours per week (flexible schedule). The successful applicant will lead in the coordination and communication with various Village Center stakeholders (businesses, event organizers, etc.) regarding the promotion of Village Center events and activities to help increase visits to the Village Center. This position will serve as the walking, talking Village Center information source, and will foster and maintain positive collaborative working relationships with Village Center businesses and stakeholders. The starting rate of pay is \$25 +/- per hour. Sound like a fit for you? Apply today!

Sustainability Coordinator (Part-Time)

Are you passionate about sustainability? The Village is seeking applicants for a part-time Sustainability Coordinator to work approximately 20 hours per week (flexible schedule). The successful applicant will lead in the research, development and implementation of sustainable programs and initiatives to help further the goals included in the Village of Grayslake Sustainability Plan 2017. The starting rate of pay is \$25 +/- per hour. Interested? Apply now!

For more information, please visit the Employment section of the Village website at www.villageofgrayslake.com under the Government tab.

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Reminders

Garbage & Recycle Can Placement Reminder

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

Storage of Recreational Vehicles/Trailers Not Allowed

Storage of a recreational vehicle, jet-ski or boat in a driveway or in the front yard of residential property is prohibited by Village Code. Trailers are prohibited on residential lots.

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 info regarding water bill payment options including auto-debit enrollment, please visit www.villageofgrayslake.com, "Water & Sewer Services", under the Residents tab or call at 847-223-8515.

From the Mayor...

The Village has been a long-time leader in sustainability initiatives in the region. Grayslake was one of the communities in the Chicago region that formally endorsed the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Greenest Region Compact-1 (2008) and Greenest Region Compact-2 (2016). Recently the Village Board endorsed the Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region. All of these actions speak to the Village's attention to the issues of creating a more sustainable region.

In support of our efforts on these issues the Village is one of a relatively small percentage of the region's municipal governments that have a local sustainability plan. You can see our local plan at www.villageofgrayslake.com. The plan describes the Village's decades long commitment in the areas of climate, economic development, energy, land, mobility, municipal operations, waste, and water. It reviews past Village sustainability actions and included is a list of future initiatives that the Village works toward as resources permit. In the last five years the Village has taken steps to lower its carbon footprint, increased programming for composting, lowered energy use at Village facilities, planted trees, and converted all street lights to LED. We started the Grayslake Sustainable Business Program that recognizes local businesses who take steps supporting sustainability objectives.

One initiative in the plan is to conserve key natural areas through acquisition, conservation easements, or other agreements. In past years the Village has obtained conservation easements and preserved key woodlands, wetlands, and other natural features through development agreements. In the last four years the Village purchased almost 45 acres for preservation purposes. This includes Gelatin Park, two parcels on Route 83 and property on Center Street near Library Lane. Each of these parcels will be preserved as open space adding to our area's already extensive open space inventory.

In purchasing Gelatin Park the Village took steps to clean-up significant and severe environmental contamination on the site and created a new park in the Village Center. The remaining properties contain valuable wetland areas, treelines, and other natural features. These land properties also set-aside from development for stormwater storage in the most severe rain events helping create a more resilient community.

The Village intends to continue its sustainability efforts as included in our sustainability plan. You can join the effort by participating in our various sustainability 50/50 partnership programs for tree planting, rain barrels, lawn mower conversions to manual or electric, and our Conservation@Home program. If you are not already composting/food scrapping please consider our different service opportunities for this. Of course, always remember to recycle.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have or any topics you would like to see addressed in the monthly newsletter.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor, Mayor



Sustainable Landscaping Consultations

Openlands is now scheduling spring appointments to help homeowners, businesses, and institutions manage their properties in ways that support aesthetics, stormwater management, and ecological resilience. On-site, outdoor property visits are provided by a staff Landscape Ecologist. Recommendations are tailored to each property owner's needs, and may address stormwater, the selection of native trees and other plants, the control of invasive species, and tree and lawn care.

Openlands is a nationally accredited land trust serving northeastern Illinois since 1963. Openlands.org/beautiful.

Summer Grayslake Farmers Market

The Grayslake Farmers Market takes place every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Farmers Market features many local and regional vendors that offer goods such as vegetables, fruits, flowers, wines, breads, meats and cheeses, as well as various fine art and entertainment.

For more information on the Grayslake Farmers Market, including volunteer opportunities, special events and a list of vendors, please visit www.grayslakefarmersmarket.com.

Village Announcements

Police Department Illegal Fireworks Reminder

We at the Grayslake Police Department understand that at this time we are celebrating the easing of many restrictions in place during a very difficult period. We are also celebrating the independence of our nation and marking the beginning of summer events, holidays and celebrations, but it is easy to "overdo it". Please let's respect our neighbors and our community.

Fireworks are illegal in Illinois as well as in Grayslake unless they are part of an authorized, permitted professional fireworks show. Additionally, fireworks are inherently dangerous and can cause serious injuries and fires. Given the current dry weather this season so far there is an even greater fire risk. Please respect your neighbors and remember some citizens and many pets within our community are bothered and frightened by the loud noises created by fireworks. The Grayslake Police Department will have ZERO TOLERANCE for firework violations. If we receive a complaint or personally observe fireworks infractions a person can receive, at minimum, a citation with a fine and/or arrest for violating State Law.

Aquatic Center Special Upcoming Events

- Monday, July 4: Open all day!
- Friday, July 8: After-hours Members Only Night from 8:30-10:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 12: Join us for Coin Dive from 4-5 p.m.
- Sunday, July 17: Come get a free soft-serve ice cream for National Ice Cream Day!
- Saturday, July 23: Glow Swim! Swim under the stars in our glowing pool from 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.
- Saturday, July 30: Visit our candy booths in your spookiest Halloween costume from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. for Halloween in July!

For more information visit www.swimgrayslake.com

Partnership Programs

Residents can take advantage of the Village partnership programs such as tree replacement, rain barrel / compost bin reimbursement and lawn mower replacement rebate programs.

For more information or how to participate in the programs, please visit www.villageofgrayslake.com and select the "Residents" tab or contact Village Hall at 847-223-8515.

Chamber of Commerce 5K Fun Run

Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 16 at 8:00 a.m. for the Grayslake Chamber of Commerce annual 5K Family Fun Run! Race starts at 8:00 a.m. on Center Street in the downtown Village Center. Kids race begins at 7:30 a.m. on Center Street too!

\$35.00 per person, to register please visit:

www.grayslakechamber.com.

Grayslake Park District It's Time For Summer Fun!

The Grayslake Park District's digital Summer Program Guide is now available to the public and offers hundreds of recreational opportunities for all ages!

Whether it's participating in one of their programs, taking a walk or bike ride on the miles of trails throughout the community, playing a pick-up softball game at one of their park sites, or taking your little ones to Jones Island Park, the outdoor activities the Park District offers are endless! In addition, I Love Learning Preschool registration is being accepted for the 2022-2023 school season. To #FindYourFun and register for programs, please visit www.glpd.com

Join Us For Summer Fun! Check Online for Latest Hours & Program Updates Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum

- Search & Share Genealogy. Share your genealogy research with the Grayslake Historical Society on the first Wednesday at 2 PM.
- Make Ice Cream. Wednesday, July 6 at 7 PM. Families are invited to make homemade ice cream then enjoy a special visit to the Heritage Center. RSVP at [icecreamGL.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/make-ice-cream-tickets-14444444444).
- ACME Music Band Concert. Thursday, July 14 at 7 PM. ACME Music Band will play hits from the 60s and 70s at Centennial (Center and Whitney).
- Reminisce: Klingerville. Saturday, July 16 at 10 AM. Join the Grayslake Historical Society for a Reminisce Session about the Grayslake neighborhood Klingerville.
- Take Home Kit. Saturday, July 16-17. Visit the Heritage Center to pick up a hands-on history activity for kids.
- Chapin Jazz Student Workshop. Tuesday, July 19 at 7 PM. Enjoy live music by students from Chapin Jazz Studio at Centennial Park.
- Greasfire Rangers. Sunday, July 24 at 7 PM. Join the Lake County Folk Club for a concert at Village Hall. Tickets are \$18/General Public, \$15/Seniors, \$13/Folk Club Members.
- Thank you to Orthodontic Specialists of Lake County for sponsoring our free children's activities.

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

Shredding Event | Saturday, July 23 | 10 am - 1 pm: Protect your identity! Personal document shredding event - sponsored by JPV Financial. Bring your personal documents; 1 box per car.

Friends of the Library Book Sale | Saturday, July 23 | 10 am - 5 pm: Shop a vast selection of hardcovers, paperbacks, picture books, CDs, and DVDs.

For details, go to www.grayslake.info or 847-223-5313.

CLC James Lumber Center 25th Anniversary !

We are pleased to introduce our new Executive Director Alisa Baum who joined our team in late May. Events for our 2022-2023 season are being planned and will be announced soon. Continue to check our website for updates.

We look forward to seeing you again in the fall!

Website: <https://www.jlcenter.clcillinois.edu>
Phone: 847-543-2300 or email: clcboxoffice@clcillinois.edu
Box Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, noon to 5 p.m.

Lake County Fairgrounds Events

- Lake County Fair: Wednesday, 7/27 - Sunday, 7/31. Celebrating its 93rd year, offering fun for the whole family!
- Rugged Maniac 5K Obstacle Race: Saturday, 8/20 at 8:30 a.m.
- Lake County RV Outlet Show: Friday, 9/9 - Sunday, 9/11. Free parking and free admission.
- Fiestas Lake County: Friday, 9/16 - Sunday, 9/18. Visit www.lakecountyfiestas.com for more information.
- Arts & Crafts Show: Friday, 9/30 - Sunday, 10/2. \$5.00 admission, free parking.

Elected Officials

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