

Grayslake Record



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August 2022

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 August 31, 2022.



GRAYSLAKE SUMMER DAYS

August 19th & 20th, 2022

Live Music • Food • Community • Games • Rides • Crafts

FRIDAY

- 6pm **Simply Elton** – Churchill, Quinn, Hamilton & Van Donslaar LTD
- 8pm **Boy Band Review** – Baird Warner
- 10pm **Hi Infidelity**

Event Sponsors



For information about festival events, visit www.GRAYSLAKECHAMBER.COM Photo Design: MOCK DESIGN GROUP, INC.

SATURDAY

- Noon **Bike and Pet Parade**
- 12-3 **Touch a Truck**
- 1:30 **Pie Eating Contest**
- 3:30 **Slam Funk** – State Bank of the Lakes
- 6:00 **Parade**
- 6:30 **Battle of the Bands Winner** – Strang Funeral
- 8pm **Fool House**
- 10pm **Sixteen Candles**

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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...

Last month I wrote about the Village's participation in the Chicago region's sustainability initiatives. The Village was an early supporter of the Greenest Region Compact 1 (2008) and the Greenest Region Compact 2 (2016). This year the Village expressed its support for the Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region. Not all communities in our area have done this. Grayslake's support reiterates its long-standing efforts for a more sustainable region.

Over the years the Village has been recognized by other organizations for its sustainability efforts. Recently, the Village was recognized by the Audubon Council of Illinois as a Bird City Illinois municipality. To achieve this designation the Village had to demonstrate, through its actions, progress in the areas of:

- Habitat creation, protection and monitoring of natural communities;
- Limiting or removing threats to birds;
- Education and inclusion; and
- Climate and sustainability

As with many of our sustainability efforts over the years, the Village is one of the first. In fact Grayslake is only the fourth community in Illinois to achieve this designation and just the second in Lake County. The Village thanks residents Bill and Sue Morris for encouraging the Village to seek this recognition and their work with us to prepare the needed application materials. Their support made this possible. Also thanks to other organizations that helped achieve the designation including the College of Lake County, Grayslake Community Park District, Lake County Forest Preserve District, Community Consolidated School District 46, Grayslake Community High School District 127, and the Lake County Audubon Chapter.

The Bird City Illinois designation adds to previous recognitions. The Village has been a Tree City USA for 28 years reflecting our support for tree planting, maintenance and other actions, in support of growing our tree canopy. Also the Village has been awarded the Tree City USA

Growth Award the last 4 years. More recently the Village took the Mayor's Monarch Pledge (2019) which commits to creating healthy, sustainable habitats for monarchs and other pollinators while also educating residents on how to make a difference at their home. The Village has planted more milkweed and other vegetation to encourage the growth of the monarch population. This summer five native planting areas were created. Look for the educational signs at those locations (Gelatin Park, Washington Street Metra Station, the southeast corner of Washington Street/ Atkinson Road, the northwest corner of Frederick Road/Atkinson Road, and Frederick Road near the Public Works Department entrance and watch over the next three years as these areas mature.

The Village intends to continue its sustainability focus by pursuing new initiatives as provided for in the Grayslake Sustainability Plan 2017. The hiring of a new sustainability coordinator this year will provide additional personnel resources for this.

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

Waste Management Labor Day Holiday Delay

Due to the Labor Day holiday, there will be no garbage, recycle or yard waste pick-ups on Monday, September 5. All pick-ups will be delayed by one day during this week.

Pet Leash & Littering

Per Village Ordinance when walking a pet, owners must carry a receptacle or bag and properly dispose of animal waste. In addition, all pets, including cats, must be kept on a leash when outside of your property.

Be True To Your School Exhibit Opening

What do you remember about high school? The Friday night lights? How you made your best friend? Join us for the grand opening of a new exhibit about Grayslake's two High Schools on Saturday, August 27 at 12:00 PM at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum, 164 Hawley Street. See the evolution of the buildings, academics, sports, clubs, and events over 75 years of history at "Be True to Your School: 75 Years of Grayslake High Schools." The first 30 visitors get a Rams or Knights school magnet.

Coffee With The Mayor

Mayor Taylor would like to invite you to "Coffee with the Mayor" on Saturday, August 20 at 11:00 a.m. at Village Hall, 10 South Seymour Avenue.

Aquatic Center Special Upcoming Events

- Sunday, August 7: Please join us ALL DAY LONG for one of the best days of the summer, Customer Appreciation Day! This fun-filled day will include activities for all ages, games, raffle prizes, and much more!
- Wednesday, August 10: Coin dive will be held from 4-5 p.m.

Grayslake Historical Society

Calling all past and present students, faculty, administration, board members and friends of the Grayslake High Schools to write a memory in commemoration of School District 127's seventy-five years of educating the youth of the area. The four hundred word or more story can be about an event, organization or other item of school interest. Stories are to be e-mailed to ChaRenehan@aol.com or mailed to Grayslake Historical Society, P. O. Box 185, Grayslake, Illinois 60030.

Grayslake Park District Fall Fun Arrives August 9!

On August 9, the Grayslake Park District will launch their digital Fall Program Guide featuring hundreds of recreational opportunities for all ages! Registration will open the same day.

Some of the programs offered include youth and adult sports leagues, youth recreation and early childhood classes, adult day trips, fitness classes, family-friendly special events, as well as information on the Park District's I Love Learning Preschool.

To #FindYourFun and register for programs, please visit www.glpd.com

Chamber of Commerce Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar for upcoming Grayslake Chamber events!

- Annual Business Trick-or-Treat: Saturday, October 29 from 11:00 - 1:00 p.m.
- Tree Lighting Festival: Friday, November 25 from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

www.grayslakechamber.com

Join us for summer fun! Check online for the latest updates about Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum hours and programs

- Search & Share Genealogy. Share your genealogy research with the Grayslake Historical Society on the first Wednesday at 2 PM.
- Mr. Myers Band Concert. Thursday, August 11 at 7 PM. Mr. Myers Band will play “Caribbean Rock” music at Centennial Park at the corner of Center and Whitney. Grab dinner from your favorite Grayslake restaurant, bring a chair or blanket, and enjoy a free concert.
- Farmers Market. Wednesday, August 17 from 3-7 PM. Try the Grayslake Historical Society’s old-fashioned corn shelling machine, and you can even take a bag of corn home with you.
- Take Home Kit. Saturday, August 20-21. Visit the Heritage Center to pick up a hands-on history activity for kids. Thank you to Orthodontic Specialists of Lake County for sponsoring this free children’s activity.
- Booth at Summer Days. Saturday, August 20. Look for our bright yellow tent with a fun activity for festival goers!
- Sons of the Never Wrong. Sunday, August 21 at 7 PM. Join the Lake County Folk Club at Village Hall as they host Sons of the Never Wrong, a turbo-charged Alt-folk trio from Chicago that delivers witty, whimsical songs with their signature soaring vocal harmonies and gorgeous arrangements. Tickets are \$18/General Public, \$15/Seniors, \$13/Folk Club Members.
- Exhibit Spotlight. Friday, August 26 at 1 PM. Tune into Facebook Live for this month’s Exhibit Spotlight!

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**

Makani is back! The Makani Family will take you on a musical journey to the Polynesian Islands on Monday, August 8, from 7-8 pm. Pack a picnic, grab a blanket and join us on the lawn.

Let’s chat about books! Connect over a book in monthly library-led book discussions. August 18, 7-8 pm, we will discuss The Fountains of Silence by Ruta Sepetys; available now for check out.

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

**CLC James Lumber Center
25th Anniversary !**

The JLC is excited to announce our first two professional fall events! Tickets are on sale now!

The Second City Presents: Out of the House Party, Saturday, September 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Close to You: the Music of the Carpenters, Sunday, October 23 at 4 p.m.

Website: <https://www.jlcenter.clcillinois.edu>

Phone: 847-543-2300 or email: clcboxoffice@clcillinois.edu

Box Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lake County Fairgrounds Events

- 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.
- WIIL Rock Fest: Saturday, 9/24 from 12:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Presented by FM Entertainment.
- Arts & Crafts Show: Friday, 9/30 - Sunday, 10/2 & Friday, 11/11 - Sunday, 11/13. \$5.00 admission, free parking.
- Chicagoland Antique Advertising, Slot Machine & Jukebox Show: Friday, 11/11 - Sunday, 11/13.

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