

# Grayslake Record



October 2022

## Waste Management Leaf Vacuuming Program

Residential leaf vacuuming consists of multiple rotations of the entire Village. The 2022 leaf vacuuming program will be, weather permitting, from October 24, 2022 through December 3, 2022. Leaves should be placed, unbagged, in a line within three (3) feet of the curb or within five (5) feet of the edge of the street where there is no sidewalk before 6:00 a.m. on Monday of the week when pickup is desired. The length of each rotation is based on the volume of leaves and rotations may take less than a week or more than one week to complete. It is possible that leaves may not be vacuumed during a given week if the volume of leaves in the community is too large to be collected in a week. In this case, Waste Management will work to complete the remainder of a rotation at the beginning of the following week before starting the next rotation. **Please do not put leaves in the street.** Waste Management will not collect your leaves if they are not placed in the appropriate location.

## Grayslake Chamber of Commerce Business Trick-or-Treat

Join businesses in the Village Center's downtown and throughout Grayslake for a fun trick-or-treating experience on Saturday, October 29 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Kids of all ages are encouraged to dress in their costumes and visit any of the participating local businesses during this fun event!

For more information please call the Grayslake Chamber of Commerce at 847-223-6888 or visit [www.grayslakechamber.com](http://www.grayslakechamber.com).



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## Reminders

### **Don't Make It Easy: Crime Prevention Information and Tips**

Don't make it easy for thieves to burglarize your home or vehicle! Most theft is a crime of opportunity that can be avoided by simply locking your doors and windows. **Virtually all car burglaries in Grayslake are committed against unlocked cars.**

The Village of Grayslake Police Department urges you to always lock your car doors, keep all valuables and door openers out of sight and park in your garage when you can.

Please visit the following link for more crime prevention tips from the Grayslake Police Department:

[villageofgrayslake.com/545/Dont-Make-It-Easy-Crime-Prevention-and-T](http://villageofgrayslake.com/545/Dont-Make-It-Easy-Crime-Prevention-and-T)

### **Be Kind to Your Neighbor**

Residents are reminded to be considerate of their neighbors with regards to barking dogs, loud vehicles and landscaping equipment during the early and late hours of the day.

## **From the Mayor...**

Over the years I have often written here about the services and programming that the Village provides to its residents and businesses. Sometimes the Village's efforts to hold down per person operating costs, which have increased about 34% less than inflation over the last thirty years, have been reviewed. Information on the property tax process, transportation, community improvements, and our sustainability efforts have been discussed.

This monthly column in the Grayslake Record newsletter is just one of many ways your municipal government works to be transparent in its operations and provide information to the interested public. Transparency has been central to our operations and we expend significant resources towards this.

### **Websites**

The Village maintains its main website ([www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com)) which contains a wide array of easily accessible public information including years of detailed budget, audit and other financial information. Every contract the Village enters into is on the site including contracts for the current year and four previous years. There are details on various Village services, job openings, meeting agendas/minutes and videos of recent Village Board meetings. You can read the Village's *Comprehensive Plan*, the *Grayslake Sustainability Plan 2017* and our economic development plan *Meeting the Challenges and Winning the Competition*. Information on how to make a service request to the Village or contact Village officials directly is also provided.

The Village maintains four other websites to provide information on economic development ([www.grayslakebusiness.com](http://www.grayslakebusiness.com)), the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum ([www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com](http://www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com)), Esper A. Petersen Foundation Family Aquatic Center ([www.swimgrayslake.com](http://www.swimgrayslake.com)) and the historic Village Center ([www.grayslakevillagecenter.com](http://www.grayslakevillagecenter.com)) which includes events and other information.

In the year ending April 30, 2022, these websites were visited over 250,000 times.

### **Social Media**

In addition to our websites and monthly newsletters the Village maintains an active social media program covering Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Regular postings happen weekly covering various topics of interest. In our last fiscal year (ending 4/30/2022) we posted on Facebook 163 times reaching 316,701 people.

### **Public Meetings**

The Village Board and our citizen advisory commissions hold numerous regular meetings that are open to the public and include regular opportunities for public comments. Meeting dates and agendas are posted on our website. Board agendas include a short summary of each agenda item. Every year the Village and the Planning Commission / Zoning Board of Appeals gather public comment on various topics at numerous formal public hearings.

### **Contacting Your Elected Officials**

It is easy to contact your Village elected officials at their individual email addresses (see Page 4). These email accounts are separate from the Village's more formal information processes allowing for direct resident contact and dialogue with their elected municipal officials.

It's not always possible to anticipate what information our residents/businesses may want at any given time. Through these various means the Village provides information on its plans, operations, finances, events and services. Public meetings year-round provide background, and direct email opportunities to Village elected officials offers one way for resident feedback. This monthly newsletter provides updated information throughout the year.

Thank you for reading.

**Sincerely,**



**Rhett Taylor, Mayor**

## Grayslake Farmers Market Fall Season

The Grayslake Farmers Market has begun its fall season! Every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. the fall market will have vendors along with Farmer Gray in Centennial Park (located on the corner of Center Street and Whitney Street in the Village Center's downtown).

For more information, and to subscribe to the Farmers Market newsletter, please visit [www.grayslakefarmersmarket.com](http://www.grayslakefarmersmarket.com) or email [juliegrayslakemarket@gmail.com](mailto:juliegrayslakemarket@gmail.com). You can also follow Farmer Gray on Facebook!



## Village Announcements

### Police Pension Board Opening

The Village is seeking interested candidates to serve on the Police Pension Board. This body monitors and manages the Village's police pension funds.

If you are interested in applying to serve please submit your cover letter and resume via email to Deputy Village Clerk Chris Sparkman [csparkman@villageofgrayslake.com](mailto:csparkman@villageofgrayslake.com).

### Part-Time Snow Plow Operators

The Public Works Department is seeking part-time snow plow operators for this winter season. This position is on-call and has an hourly wage of \$30.

**CDL licensed operators** and snow plow experience is preferred.

Visit [villageofgrayslake.com](http://villageofgrayslake.com) for the employment application (Government tab, employment)

### Grayslake Park District Annual Pumpkin Fest

Enjoy an evening of Halloween fun with the Grayslake Community Park District's Annual Pumpkin Fest! On October 13, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., families are invited to the Central Park Aquatic Fields (250 Library Lane) for Halloween games, hay rides, moon-walks, a costume contest, and a Halloween character path.

Walk-in registration at the event will be \$15 per child. Adult attendance is free with a paying child.

To **FIND YOUR FUN** and register for this event, please visit [www.glpd.com](http://www.glpd.com).



### Grayslake Historical Society Annual Cemetery Walk

The annual Living History Tour of the Grayslake Cemetery on South Lake Street, hosted by the Grayslake Historical Society, will be presented on Sunday, October 2 at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. This year's cemetery walk will highlight Barber Deke White who knew Cyrus E. Harvey, Gilbert Frazier, Jacob DeVoe, Mary Whitehead Wilson, Nellie Marck Kemp and Alice Forvor Hart. This costumed event is sponsored by Strang Funeral Chapel. Donations are appreciated.

Grayslake Cemetery is located on Lake Street just north of Belvidere Road (Illinois Route 120). Please dress appropriate for the weather.

## Welcome Fall! Be sure to check online for the latest updates about Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum hours and programs.

- Visit our newest exhibit "Be True to Your School: 75 Years of Grayslake High Schools".
- Search & Share Genealogy. Wednesday, October 5 @ 2:00 p.m. Share your genealogy triumphs and struggles with the Grayslake Historical Society on the first Wednesday of every month.
- Allendale History. Wednesday, October 12 @ 7:00 p.m. Explore the history of Allendale Association as they celebrate their 125th anniversary.
- Corner Boys Concert. October 16 @ 7:00 p.m. Enjoy Corner Boys at Village Hall with the Lake County Folk Club. Tickets are \$18/general public, \$15/seniors, \$13/Folk Club members.
- What's in a Name. Thursday, October 27 @ 7:00 p.m. This special presentation by the Dunn Museum will explore the stories behind the names of towns and roads in Lake County. Thank you to Right at Home Lake County for sponsoring this program.
- Exhibit Spotlight. Friday, October 28 @ 1:00 p.m. Tune into Facebook Live for this month's Exhibit Spotlight!
- Food Fads. Saturday, November 5 @ 10:00 a.m. Remember Jell-O salads and cheese sprayed out of a can? When every pantry held Velveeta and all the kid wanted to drink Tang like the astronauts? Join actress and historian Dr. Leslie Goddard as she presents "Food Fads from the 40s through 60s."

For more information, visit [www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com](http://www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com) or call **847-543-1745**.

For more information about the Grayslake Historical Society, visit [www.grayslakehistory.org](http://www.grayslakehistory.org) or call **847-223-7663**.

### Happenings at the Grayslake Area Public Library

Friday Classic Movie Matinee | October 21 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
DROP-IN | Drop in and enjoy the classic movie; *Night of the Living Dead*

Friends of the Library Concert | Those Were the Days Radio Players | October 22 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

DROP-IN | Experience the bygone days of radio. This talented troupe will perform scripts and spread old-time radio magic with live sound effects and music.

For more details or information about the library, go to [www.grayslake.info](http://www.grayslake.info) or call **847-223-5313**.

### CLC James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts

**Join us at the James Lumber Center!**

**Lisa Rock in Close to You: The Music of the Carpenters.** Sunday, October 23 @ 4:00 p.m.

**The Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass.** Saturday, November 12 @ 8:00 p.m.

**Ruth Page's *The Nutcracker*.**

Saturday, December 17 @ 1:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

**Website:** [jcenter.clcillinois.edu](http://jcenter.clcillinois.edu) | **Phone:** 847-543-2300

**Box Office Hours:** Monday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### Lake County Fairgrounds Events

- Arts and Crafts Show: Friday, 9/30 - Sunday, 10/2.  
\$5.00 admission, free parking. Visit <https://www.stepbystepromotions.com> for more information.
- Jurassic Quest: Friday, 10/7 from 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Saturday, 10/8 from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, 10/9 from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Visit [www.jurassicquest.com](http://www.jurassicquest.com) for more information.
- Lake County Home Show: Saturday, 10/15 & Sunday, 10/16 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Lake County Jeep Invasion: Sunday, 10/23

### Elected Officials

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