

Grayslake Record



November 2022

Residential Leaf Vacuuming Program

The Village's residential leaf vacuuming program is currently underway. Leaf vacuuming consists of multiple rotations of the entire Village and runs through December 3, 2022, weather permitting.

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.

Please do not put leaves in the street as they can clog drainage structures and cause problems. Thank you for your cooperation.

Grayslake Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Festival

The Grayslake Chamber of Commerce welcomes you to attend the Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Festival on Friday, November 25th from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The Tree Lighting Ceremony starts at 5:30 p.m.! Stroll up and down the Village Center listening to live madrigal carolers, stop into your favorite shops and vendors on the street for cocoa, treats and holiday shopping, enjoy sleigh rides, visit the fine arts show upstairs in Village Hall and take the kids to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus! Learn more about the festival and all of the activities taking place at grayslakechamber.com.

Festival activities include:

- Tree Lighting Ceremony
- Grayslake Giving Trees
- Holiday Fine Arts Show & Sale
- The Voices of Grayslake Singing Competition



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Reminders

Green Package Winter Service Reminder

As a reminder, the Green Package curbside composting program returns to its winter service schedule starting December 1 through March 31. During this time, your organics cart will be collected every other week by Waste Management on Tuesdays. The full winter service schedule is available on the Village's website.

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 a residential property is prohibited by Village Code. Trailers are prohibited on residential lots.

From the Mayor...

In recent years one major objective of the Village's community capital program has been to increase homeowner property values over the long term by improving the appeal of Grayslake to homebuyers. This starts with tending to infrastructure needs like regular road resurfacing, expansions of roads under our jurisdiction, water system improvements, flood control additions, and sanitary sewer projects. In addition to these types of projects other community improvements are selected that enhance the community in various ways. These can include improving our Village Center and its downtown area, installing curbing and sidewalk in high traffic areas, new/expanded recreational/cultural facilities like Gelatin Park, and added greenery/landscaping in our major roadway corridor planted medians and at other select locations. Last, but certainly not least, our capital plan includes projects that support our objectives as included in our Grayslake Sustainability Plan. These include the purchase of key properties for preservation and community resiliency, expanded tree planting, preservation of over 75% of our ash tree inventory, energy use reduction projects in our buildings and facilities, additions to our bike trail system, the recently added bike share program, and the full conversion of all Village owned streetlights to LED. All of the capital investments are designed, together, to improving our community in different ways.

Recently the Village Board selected capital projects for 2023. As usual all of these projects will be paid for on a pay as you go basis without debt and without the use of property taxes. As in years past the 2023 improvements include infrastructure work, community enhancements, and sustainability initiatives. Highlighting the list is the initial work on creating a new conservation preserve on 24 acres of open space bought by the Village in 2021. The purchase of these properties has added to the open space inventory in our Grayslake Village Center. The property, located on the south side of Center Street near Library Lane, has significant wetlands, over 350 trees, and a black walnut grove that will be preserved. The property also contains important floodwater

storage areas that will add to our flood protection in more severe rain events. Based on a detailed land resource inventory done on the property, the initial work in this preserve area will include preservation work on existing greenery and wetland enhancement activities. In addition to this work trails/boardwalks will be installed to give some access to the conservation preserve which can be extended further in future phases of the plan for the site. In addition to the sustainability/conservation benefits the new nature preserve will be an added public attraction in our Village Center joining Central Park, Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum, aquatic center, skate park, community garden, senior center, Gelatin Park, and Village Center Commons.

Other projects to be done in 2023 involve work on the water system including backup power at Well #4 to add redundancy to the water supply system and painting of the water tower on Lake Street. Community enhancement projects include a Village financial contribution to a Park District accessible playground project on Jones Island, preservation activities for the historic Heritage Center water tower, and curb/sidewalk and drainage projects at three locations of Route 120 that will improve the appearance of that corridor. In addition to the new Center Street preserve, other sustainability projects include updating our public tree inventory to help guide our future tree preservation activities and the planting of one hundred trees at different locations. Also selected was a Phase II engineering study needed for the expansion of the Washington/Atkinson intersection. This study is required to obtain federal highway grant funding for the eventual construction of this \$1.7 million project.

Thank you for reading.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor, Mayor

Grayslake Village Center Spotlight

Looking for something to do around Grayslake this weekend? There are always options available around the Grayslake Village Center! Follow the **Grayslake Village Center** on Facebook for up-to date happenings. While you're on the page, click the "Sign Up" button to subscribe to the VC newsletter which comes to your inbox at the beginning of each month. The newsletter is a great way to make sure you know what is happening around the Village Center so you can plan your monthly activities!



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 the website at grayslakefarmersmarket.com, follow them on Facebook or email juliegrayslakemarket@gmail.com.

Village Announcements

Grayslake Park District Fall Fun is Here!

November has arrived at the Grayslake Park District and another session of classes are beginning now! From music classes to art classes, chess classes to youth sports, the Park District is proud to offer hundreds of unique recreational opportunities for all ages. Also, don't forget to save the date for 'Family Bingo' on November 19, happening at the Recreation Center. To #FindYourFun and register for programs, visit www.glpd.com.

Winter Parking Regulations

Pursuant to Village Ordinance, parking on Village streets is prohibited during periods where snow removal operations are underway. Vehicles may be ticketed and/or towed at owner's expense. Residents with disabled vehicles should contact the Grayslake Police Department at 847-223-2341.

2023 Aquatic Center Memberships On Sale Now!

Aquatic Center memberships for the 2023 season are on sale now for the lowest price of the year! Season memberships are currently \$70/person - this pays for itself in less than 4 visits to the pool! Memberships include a variety of benefits, including early member pool access throughout the season, and discounts on swim lessons, birthday parties, facility rentals and special events!

For more information, or to purchase your membership today, visit swimgrayslake.com.



Waste Management Holiday Service Delay

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, all garbage, recycling, yard waste and leaf vacuuming service will be delayed by one day beginning Thursday, November 24. Thursday's service will take place on Friday and Friday's service will take place on Saturday. Thank you for your cooperation.

Employment Opportunity: Public Works Laborer

The Village of Grayslake is seeking qualified candidates for a full-time position of Laborer within the Village's Public Works Department.

Interested candidates should complete and submit an employment application to: Kiersten Reif, Executive Assistant at

kreif@villageofgrayslake.com.

Position open until filled.

Join us for holiday fun! Be sure to check online for the latest updates about Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum hours and programs!

- **Food Fads of the 1940s and 1960s.** Saturday, November 5 @ 10:00 a.m. Do you remember when every pantry held Velveeta and kids wanted to drink Tang like the astronauts? Join award winning actress and scholar Leslie Goddard for a nostalgic look at midcentury food fads. Thank you to Right at Home Lake County for sponsoring this program.
- **Search & Share Genealogy.** Share your genealogy triumphs and struggles with the Grayslake Historical Society on the first Wednesday of every month at 2:00 p.m.
- **Former Police Chief Larry Herzog.** Wednesday, November 9 @ 7:00 p.m. What do Ed Bundy, John Wayne Gacy and intergovernmental police partnerships have in common? Find out when former Grayslake Police Chief and current Grayslake Historical Society board member Larry Herzog shares stories from his career.
- **Jonas Friddle.** Sunday, November 20 @ 7:00 p.m. Join the Lake County Folk Club at Village Hall as they host Jonas Friddle, a singer, songwriter and Old-Time banjo player whose songs have received the John Lennon Songwriting Award, First Place in the Great American Song Contest and a nomination for Album of the Year in the Independent Music Awards. Tickets are \$18/general public, \$15/seniors, \$13/Folk Club members.
- **Exhibit Spotlight.** Friday, November 25 @ 1:00 p.m. Tune into Facebook Live for this month's Exhibit Spotlight!

For more information, visit www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com or call **847-543-1745**.

For more information about the Grayslake Historical Society, visit www.grayslakehistory.org or call **847-223-7663**.

Happenings at the Grayslake Area Public Library

Compost your pumpkins - don't put them in the trash!

The Grayslake Area Public Library, the Village of Grayslake, and Grayslake Central High School's Environmental Science students have partnered to collect pumpkins on Saturday, November 5, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the library parking lot. Pumpkins with paint will be accepted; decorations or candles must be removed.

For more information on the Grayslake Library, please visit www.grayslake.info or call (847) 223-5313.

CLC James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts

Join us at the James Lumber Center!

Exciting fall events coming to the JLC!

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 | Phone: 847-543-2300

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

Lake County Fairgrounds Events

- **Chicagoland Antique Advertising, Slot Machine & Jukebox Show** | Friday 11/11 from 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Saturday 11/12 from 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and Sunday 11/13 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- **Santa's Rock 'N' Lights** | Friday 11/18 - Sunday 1/1. For more information call (224) 757-5425.
- **Arts & Crafts Show** | Friday 11/25 from 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Saturday 11/26 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and Sunday 11/27 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. \$5.00 admission and free parking.

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