

# Grayslake Record



January 2023

## 2023 Road Resurfacing Program

The Village Board has now approved a road resurfacing list for spring 2023 that includes:

- **Hidden Ponds Subdivision:**  
Wood Duck Ct., Bald Eagle Ct., Redwing Ct. & Teal Ct.
- **Old Town Subdivision:**  
Hickory St.
- **Presidential Subdivision:**  
Garfield Blvd. & Jackson Blvd.
- **Hunters Ridge Subdivision:**  
Meadowlark Ln., Mockingbird Ct., Sandpiper Ct., Hummingbird Ln., Mallard Ct. & Partridge Ct.
- **College Trail Subdivision:**  
Attenborough Way/Court
- **Estates of Eastlake Subdivision:** Langley Ct., York Dr., Wexford Ct. & Banbury Ln.
- **Eastlake Farm Subdivision:** Hampshire Ct. & Yorkshire Ct.
- **Stoney Ridge Subdivision:** Crozier Dr. & Sheldon Rd.
- **West Trail Subdivision:** Christy Cir., Kelly Ave., Lindsey Ave., Parker Dr. (N of Scott), & Scott Ave.
- **Brae Loch Road (Route 45 to Willow Way)**

## Stay Connected to the Village of Grayslake!

There are many ways to stay up to date on what is happening throughout Grayslake, and more details on these services are included below:

### Community Notification System & eNews Sign-Up

The Village's community notification system and eNews Sign-Up are two free services that keep you up to date on all things Grayslake. These two services share messages on various topics including: road closures, Village services, community events, employment opportunities and many more items. The community notification system consists of calls, emails or texts that get sent out to all subscribed members. The eNews subscription shares updates on public services and other important information in the form of a "News Flash" on the Village's website. This format, while less formal, is a great place to find updated community information. You can subscribe to both of these free services online on the home page of the Village website (or under the "Residents" tab).

### Smart 911

Smart 911 is a free online service that allows all Grayslake residents to create an online profile that provides key information to 911 call takers during an emergency situation. In addition to this critical service, residents enrolled in Smart911 can also receive alerts and notifications of traffic incidents, weather updates and other emergency situations happening in the community. You can register your household today at [smart911.com](http://smart911.com).

### Social Media

The Village of Grayslake is always sharing information on its different social media platforms. Following all of these pages is a good way to stay up to date on events in the community, important updates on regular Village services (garbage/recycle, firework reminders, etc.), Village programs and more! Be sure to check out the Facebook pages for the Village, the aquatic center, the Heritage Center, the police department and the Grayslake Village Center to stay up to date on all that is happening in Grayslake!

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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 service 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.**

### **Village of Grayslake Snow Shoveling Referral Program**

**The new Village of Grayslake Snow Shoveling Referral Program is designed to help and provide assistance to Grayslake residents who are over the age of 65 or who have a disability to have snow cleared from the walkways and driveways of their homes.**

**This program will assist residents in connecting local persons who are willing to contribute to the Grayslake community. The Village will provide names and contact information of shovelers who have registered and are willing to shovel snow on an as-needed basis.**

**Please visit the Village website for more information & to view the program FAQs.**

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

As we all know technology changes in today's world have altered the ways people obtain information. This has changed the way the Village communicates and transmits information to its residents, businesses and other stakeholders. Today, the Village uses a variety of methods to provide information and maintain transparency. In recent years the Village has greatly expanded the amount of information it makes available, increasing the public access. The number of people reached has grown significantly. Transparency has been central to our operations and we expend significant resources towards this.

### **Websites**

The Village maintains its main website 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 website including contractors for the current year and four previous years. There are details on various Village services, job openings and meeting agendas/minutes. 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 or contact Village officials directly is also provided.

The Village maintains four other websites to provide information on economic development, the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum, Esper A. Petersen Foundation Family Aquatic Center and the historic Grayslake Village Center 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 each week covering various topics of interest. Through December 1, 2022, we have posted on Facebook 461 times reaching 606,930 people across all accounts.

### **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. Not all local taxing districts record their Board meetings. The Village records each regular Board meeting and posts them on our website. Starting in 2023 we will also be livestreaming each Board meeting for viewing while each meeting is underway. 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. These email accounts are separate from the Village's more formal information processes allowing for direct resident contact and dialogue with their elected officials.

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 another way for resident feedback. This monthly newsletter provides updated information throughout the year.

Thank you for reading.

**Sincerely,**



**Rhett Taylor, Mayor**

# FREE Recycling Can Upgrade Program

Now, before **Wednesday, February 15th**, you can upgrade your Waste Management recycling can from a 65-gallon to a 96-gallon can size for **FREE** with the Village's Recycling Can Exchange Program. Over 2,000 Grayslake households have already taken advantage of this opportunity to increase their recycling space at **no additional cost**. An upgraded recycling can offers: *more recycling room, same floor space as smaller cans, less waste, which could result in reducing your garbage size and your monthly bill*. For more information or to enroll in the program, visit the Village's Request for Service System online at [www.egovlink.com/grayslake/action.asp](http://www.egovlink.com/grayslake/action.asp) and select "Recycling Can Exchange" or call Village Hall at (847) 223-8515. Recycling cans will be switched in March 2023 on your regular service day. All request must be submitted by **Wednesday, February 15, 2023**.

## Village Announcements

### Holiday Tree Pickup Program

The Holiday Tree Pickup Program will take place on the following dates:

- Friday, January 6th
- Thursday, January 13th
- Thursday, January 20th
- Thursday, January 27th

Trees should be placed un-bagged at the curb or edge of street the night before the service day. Tinsel and garlands must be removed. 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.

### 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 the owner's expense.

### Grayslake Park District Winter Fun Has Arrived!

On December 6, 2022, the Park District published their digital Winter Program Guide and opened up registration to the general public. From Parent & Tot classes to Active Adult (50+ years) trips, the community can now browse and register for over 200 programs. In addition to winter programming, the Park District will be offering some incredibly fun special events, such as Family Dodgeball, a Daddy/Daughter dance, a Mother/Son dance, Family Bingo and more! The Park District also owns miles of trails and paths throughout the community that can be used for winter activities. Please use extreme caution when using these paths, as the Park District does **NOT** salt when ice is most present. To #FindYourFun and register for programs today, please visit the Park District's website at [www.glpd.com](http://www.glpd.com).

### Grayslake Historical Society Upcoming Event

Do you ever wonder what your neighborhood was like fifty and more years ago? On Thursday, January 12 at 1:00 p.m. at the Grayslake Senior Center (50 Library Lane), the Grayslake Historical Society will tell the residents about the mule barn which was across the street. They will learn that one of the best restaurants around was less than a block away. The farm land which became a home to many has a great story to tell. This informative program is free and open to the public.

### Rainwater Drain Reminder

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.

# Kick off 2023 with the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum!

## Be sure to check online for the latest updates about hours & programs.

- **Busy Brains Children's Museum.** Busy Brains Children's Museum is back at the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum! Stop by their pop-up location for hands-on fun and learning. Open daily from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.. Admission is \$5 per child.
- **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.
- **Grayslake Giving Trees Winners Announcement.** Friday, January 6 @ 12:00 p.m. Tune in to Facebook Live or visit us in person as we announce the winners of this year's Grayslake Giving Trees display.
- **The Wildwoods Concert.** Sunday, January 15 @ 7:00 p.m. Join the Lake County Folk Club at Village Hall as they host the Wildwoods. The Wildwoods are an enchanting Folk/Americana duo based in Lincoln, Nebraska, whose flowing songwriting tandem has been praised by Paste Magazine as "focused and charmingly human". The Wildwoods' delicate melodies and descriptive lyrics come from nature, love, experiences from the road, and growing up in Nebraska. Tickets are \$18/general public, \$15/seniors, \$13/Folk Club members.
- **Exhibit Spotlight.** Friday, January 27 @ 1:00 p.m. Tune into Facebook Live for this month's special "Behind the Scenes" Exhibit Spotlight!
- **Play along with #Grayslake30.** Grayslake#30 is a 30-day photo challenge inspired by hometown love and the desire to build even stronger connections within our community.
- **Instrument Petting Zoo.** January 20 @ 1:00 p.m. Join the Music Institute of Chicago as they bring in instruments for kids to try and learn about. Be sure to check out our latest exhibit "Be True to Your School" to learn more about music in Grayslake high schools.

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

Cozy up this winter and read (or be read to) for **30 days from January 9 - February 28** for our ALL Ages Cozy Reading Challenge. All reading counts; books, magazines, newspapers, picture books, listening to audiobooks, etc.

Sign up and get a delicious hot cocoa packet, and after reading for 15 days, a mug or a stuffed toy for the little ones. Everyone who reads for 30 days will have a chance to win one of the Grand Prizes!

Call (847) 223-5313 or go to [grayslake.info](http://grayslake.info) to register today!

## CLC James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts

### The Great Dubois

**Sunday, January 22 @ 4:00 p.m.**

Featured in the movie "The Greatest Showman," this exhilarating, high-energy circus show for all ages will be the most unique 2-person circus show you will ever see!

*Visit our website for the entire JLC Spring 2023 Performing Arts Series.*

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

**Email:** [clcboxoffice@clcillinois.edu](mailto:clcboxoffice@clcillinois.edu)

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

## Lake County Fairgrounds Events

- **Northern Illinois Sports Show** | Thursday 1/19 & Friday 1/20 from 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Saturday 1/21 from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Sunday 1/22 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information call (212) 564-8823.
- **Cool Cluster Dog Show** | Wednesday 1/25 - Sunday 1/29 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. This event is hosted by the Chain of Lakes Kennel Club.
- **American Cheerleading Championship** | Sunday 2/5 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## Elected Officials

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