

Grayslake Record



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Senior Citizen Electricity Surcharge Rebate Program

The Village's senior citizen electricity surcharge rebate reimburses individuals 65 years of age or older (as of April 1, 2022) for the amount of electricity surcharge paid on their electric bill during the previous year, not to exceed \$20. A valid driver's license or ID card is required. Past electric bills will be accepted from April 1, 2023 - April 30, 2023.

Beginning April 1st, eligible individuals can submit copies of their past electric bills dated April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023 to seniorrebate@villageofgrayslake.com.

Residents may also submit copies in-person at Village Hall, 10 S. Seymour Avenue or by using the drop-box located just outside the Village Hall front entrance. For more information please call Village Hall at (847) 223-8515.

New Village Center Website Launches

Learn about what there is to do, including upcoming events, and what offerings you can find in the Grayslake Village Center by visiting the brand new website - www.grayslakevillagecenter.com - or simply scan the QR code below!

The new website features an event listing, business directory, and information about the Village Center including upcoming family-friendly events for 2023! You can also sign up for the monthly newsletter that will come to your inbox the first of each month, highlighting events in the Village Center including those brought to you by the Grayslake Area Chamber of Commerce, the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum, the Grayslake Area Public Library and more!

The Grayslake Village Center includes the historic downtown encompassing a variety of businesses, restaurants and civic institutions that reside there. It also extends to the open spaces of Central Park and Gelatin Park, including the community campus, featuring recreational amenities and the Grayslake Area Public Library. The Village Center is bordered by Route 83, Route 120, Lake Street and Central Park.

If you're looking for something to do, the Grayslake Village Center has it all!



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Reminders

Garbage & Recycle Can Placement Reminder

Residents are reminded to place their garbage and recycle cans and yard waste containers 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...

On the front page of this month's Grayslake Record you can read about a new website for the Grayslake Village Center (GVC). The new website (www.grayslakevillagecenter.com) is just one part of a multi-year plan for making the Village Center an even bigger part of Grayslake and to attract new visits to that area. The site will be your one-stop place to get information on the many happenings in the GVC. Making the GVC the center point of our community has taken years of cooperative efforts by many. This has included the new Heritage Center & Museum and the addition of Gelatin Park with its new sled hill and ice rink. Other public investments for parking, streetscape improvements, and landscaping enhancements have been combined with significant private investment in new restaurants and other business to add to the vitality of the area. Working with our partners the GVC now has a year-round schedule of events for you and your family to enjoy. Recent open space purchases on the south side of Center Street at Library Lane will add a new passive recreation amenity to the GVC later this year.

Like with anything the progress in the GVC would not have been possible without a good plan combined with a continuing commitment to implement the planning over a longer period of time. Nothing as good as the Grayslake Village Center would be possible without years of work by many people and organizations. The plan for the Village Center / downtown area was developed in 2005 and has been guiding the effort over the years. This plan was part of the Village's Comprehensive Plan 2005 which has been a flexible guide used by the Village Board in its land planning, natural resource/open space preservation, economic development, transportation, and facilities decision-making over the years.

The Village believes that long-term planning is a key to success. Just like the planning for the Grayslake Village Center, the Village has other plans in place in a number of areas. The Village remains in outstanding financial

shape which allows us to complete new community improvements without debt. This is made possible, in part, by our Grayslake Financial Plan including a 15-year extended term budget outlook based on detailed financial forecasts. Building on this financial planning foundation we have an 18-year resurfacing plan that funds, without property taxes, the regular resurfacing of roads under our jurisdiction (150 lane miles). The Village's Ten Year General Capital Project Fund Improvement Plan contains five larger projects (\$8.4 million) to be gradually completed in the coming years. Meeting the Challenges and Winning the Competition is our economic development strategy developed by the Economic Development Commission to pursue quality new business tax base and support current businesses. The Grayslake Sustainability Plan 2017 continues our local efforts toward the region's climate goals by making the region more sustainable. All of these plans, together, represent an integrated plan for the future. You can see these plans on our websites at (www.villageofgrayslake.com and www.grayslakebusiness.com).

While sticking with a plan over time is essential to getting the envisioned results, conditions change as time goes by so the Village is always updating its planning. The Village financial plan is updated annually, the economic development plan was updated in 2020. In 2022 the Board approved a new ten-year capital improvement plan, and we became one of a select group of municipalities in the region with our own local sustainability plan in 2017. Currently the citizen advisory Plan Commission / Zoning Board of Appeals is working on a supplement to the Comprehensive Plan of 2005 to update that portion of our planning.

Please feel free to contact me with any ideas you have for adding to these various plans.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor, Mayor

Seasonal Employment Opportunities with the Village of Grayslake

The Esper A. Petersen Foundation Family Aquatic Center is seeking applicants for the following positions for the 2023 swim season:

- Lifeguards & Swim Instructors (*must be 16 or older*)

Management opportunities are also available. Please submit a resume and cover letter along with your application.

Interested applicants should submit a completed employment application to Village Hall or by email to swim@villageofgrayslake.com. Positions open until filled.

The Village is seeking qualified candidates for Public Works seasonal positions working from approximately May 15 - August 15. The positions are for 40 hours per week ranging from \$16.00 - \$18.00 per hour based on experience. Typical duties for these positions include landscaping, painting, litter removal, tree trimming and other general maintenance.

Applications are available on the Village website and can be submitted either at Village Hall or by email to Natalie Esterl @ nesterl@villageofgrayslake.com.

Village Announcements

New Online Bill Pay Service to be Launched Soon!

The Village is pleased to announce the upcoming launch of our new online bill pay service through Invoice Cloud, which will offer customers greater flexibility to view and pay bills. The new payment portal will provide customers quick access to their account to view bills, check their balance, make payments and enroll in paperless billing. Customers can also sign up for email or text notifications and make their payments online, by phone or text. Please be on the lookout for more information from the Village in April!

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 Digital Spring Program Guide Coming Soon

If you're looking to get active and *spring* into action, be on the look-out for the Grayslake Park District's digital Spring Program Guide on Tuesday, March 7. Registration for residents and non-residents will open that same day at 8:30 a.m.

This spring, the Grayslake Park District will offer all of your favorite programs and events, like Start Smart Golf, Little Soccer League, Easter Egg Hunts, Family Bingo, Youth Volleyball, Girls Softball, Active Adult trips, and so much more.

Looking for employment and volunteer opportunities? The Grayslake Park District is hiring for the Spring and Summer with positions like Summer Camp Counselors, Inclusion Aides, Concessions Staff, Park Rangers, Youth Sports Instructors, Park Laborers, Golf Course Cashiers, and more!

To #FindYourFun, register for programs, or fill out an application visit: www.glpd.com.

Leak Detection Helpful Hints!

Little leaks inside your home can waste large amounts of water and cost you money on your water utility bill. Below are some tips for identifying possible leaks inside your home:

Toilets

Some signs of a leak include: (1) If a toilet turns the water on without you touching the handle; (2) if you have to jiggle the handle to make it stop running; or (3) if you have to hold the handle down to allow the tank to empty. One way to determine if you have a leak is to add dark food coloring to the tank and wait 40 minutes. Do not flush. If the water in the bowl changes colors, you have a leak.

Bathroom/Kitchen/Outdoor

Faucets

Occasionally, faucets may leak in other places such as the on/off handles. You may have a leak if there are visible drips at the piping or if there are wet, damp areas underneath the sink.

Whole House Humidifiers

Regular maintenance can keep a humidifier working well, but if issues arise, troubleshooting may be useful.

Happy March! Be sure to check online for the latest updates about Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum hours and upcoming programs!

- **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 Historical Society "Family Heirlooms".** On Wednesday, March 8 @ 7:00 p.m., Chuck Clow, Jane Tiffany-Hansen, Rick Lawrence, and others will show and tell about a family item.
- **Pi Day Celebration!** Tune in virtually on March 14 starting at 12:00 p.m. to our various social medias for all things pi(e). Circles, snacks, and all things math, this all-day event will be part of our ongoing "Subject Series."
- **Tim Grimm Concert.** Monday, March 19 @ 7:00 p.m. Join the Lake County Folk Club at Village Hall as they host Tim Grimm. He has for the past 20 years blended his love for songwriting, travel, and the storytelling of acting (theatre, film and television). Tickets are \$18/general public, \$15/seniors, \$13/Folk Club members.
- **"Tumultuous 2020, an Oral History Presentation."** March 23 @ 7:00 p.m. Presenting "Tumultuous 2020," an oral historian Amanda Riggerbach will discuss the array of oral histories she collected directly following the pivotal year in our history. This event will be part of our ongoing "Subject Series," but also directly ties to our most recent exhibit, *Focus on Grayslake*.
- **Exhibit Spotlight.** Our currently running exhibit, "Be True to Your School: 75 years of Grayslake High Schools" features a typical homecoming dress from 1969. Tune in on Friday, March 31 @ 1:00 p.m. to the Grayslake Historical Society's Facebook Live to hear the owner of the dress, Laurie Frank, tell its history and share memories of Homecoming weekend.

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

Art Takes Over the Library in March |

Community Art Fair

Astounding artwork will be displayed throughout the library by talented students from our community. New this year; featured art by adults from the Grayslake Arts Alliance!

Celebrate Women's History Month |

Monday, March 19; 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Women have done big things, secret things, and even dangerous things! Martina Mathisen will represent famous and not-so-famous women who have made a difference in our American experience.

Call (847) 223-5313 or go to grayslake.info to register today!

CLC James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts

Upcoming events at the JLC!

Switchback | Sunday, March 19 @ 4:00 p.m.

Celtic harmonies with bluegrass and American roots.

Chicago Dance Crash | Sunday, April 23 @ 4:00 p.m.

Innovative, energetic and theatrical dance.

Visit our website for more information.

Website: jlcenter.clcillinois.edu | **Phone:** (847) 543-2300

Email: clcboxoffice@clcillinois.edu

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

Lake County Fairgrounds Events

- **Northern Illinois Boat Show** | Thursday 3/2 & Friday 3/3 from 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Saturday 3/4 from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Sunday 3/5 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information and ticket costs visit illinoisboatshow.com.

- **Grayslake Antiques & Flea Market** | Saturday 3/11 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. & Sunday 3/12 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. \$8.00 admission and free parking.

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