

Grayslake Record



April 2023

Aquatic Center Memberships and Swim Lessons On Sale Now!

Memberships for the 2023 Aquatic Center season are still available at a discounted price! Guarantee a summer of fun for the whole family and purchase yours today! Spend your summer poolside and create family memories that will last a lifetime! At the current discounted price, it only takes 5 visits to the pool for your membership to pay for itself! Get yours today!

The Swim Lessons program schedule is now live for the 2023 season! Classes are available for all ages, and as an added benefit aquatic center members pay less for all swim lessons they enroll in for the season!

For more information, and to sign up today, please visit www.swimgrayslake.com or call (847) 223-7665.

New Invoice Cloud Online Bill Pay Service is Now Live!

The Village is pleased to announce the launch of our new online bill pay service through Invoice Cloud, which offers customers greater flexibility to view and pay bills. The new payment portal provides customers quick access to their account to view bills, check their balance, make payments and enroll in paperless billing. Customers can sign up for email or text notifications and reminders and make a payment online, by phone, or by text. Additional forms of payment that are accepted include Visa, Master Card, Discover, American Express, PayPal, Google Pay, Apply Pay, and Venmo. Customers are able to make a one-time payment without having to register an account, or can register their account to schedule a payment, enroll in autopay, or schedule recurring payments. Please note that paperless billing and autopay will continue without disruption. To sign up today, visit invoicecloud.com/villageofgrayslake and click on "utility" or scan the QR code!



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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, cans must be placed either on the side/back of the house or inside of the garage per Village ordinance.

Senior Citizen Electricity Surcharge Rebate Program

Eligible individuals can submit copies of their past electric bills dated April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 to the email address 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. The Village's senior citizen electricity surcharge rebate program 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 is required. Past electric bills will be accepted April 1, 2023 through April 20, 2023. For more information about the program please call Village Hall at (847) 223-8515.

From the Mayor...

In April of each year the Village Board adopts fiscal year operating and capital budgets. In March, the Board met for a special workshop to review long range financial projects, proposed operating budgets for the Village's various operating departments, the ten-year community improvement plan, and the proposed community improvement budgets for the new fiscal year beginning on May 1. This month I provide information on the 2023 infrastructure and community improvement projects as approved by the Village Board.

Over the years the Village has been able to complete millions of dollars of reinvestment in its service delivery infrastructure (water and sewer system / roads / sidewalks and paths / storm water system / parking lots) and build various community improvements (paths / Village Center amenities / open space preservation / neighborhood improvements / heritage and senior center / pool / new parks like Gelatin Park). This has been possible without paying for these projects with property tax dollars or taking on debt. Dollars have been available because the Village controls its ongoing operating expenses on a continuous basis. In fact, the Village's per-person operating costs have increased 34.4% less than inflation since 1992. Without the Village's sound financial position these projects would not have been possible.

The Village's operating and capital budgets include funding for regular maintenance activities and replacements for our service delivery infrastructure. This includes work on our underground utilities (water / sewer / storm water) and surface facilities like pump stations, water towers, roads, sidewalks, paths and parking lots. These facilities are regularly inspected, and we welcome requests for attention to these facilities from residents. This ongoing work is done each year by private contractors or our Public Works Department primarily during the summer months, so you will likely see crews in town starting soon on

things like patching streets, striping parking lots and crosswalks, sealcoating paths and parking lots, repairing sidewalks / curbs, and repairing other infrastructure as needed.

One of the larger investments is in regular annual road resurfacing for streets under the jurisdiction of the Village. Each year over 19,000 feet of road is resurfaced. In 2023, some of the roads in West Trail, Hunters Ridge, Hidden Ponds, Estates of Eastlake, College Trail and Stony Ridge neighborhoods and Brae Loch Road will be done. As part of this work miscellaneous repairs of curbs with severe damage and sidewalk ramps will be replaced and new signage installed as needed.

In addition to regular attention to maintaining our fixed assets, the Board has selected various community improvements for 2023. These include a new nature trail / boardwalk in open space purchased by the Village on Center Street near Library Lane which will provide access to this latest addition to the open space inventory in the Village Center. Some of the 2023 projects include a new storm sewer on Washington Street to improve storm water flows for the Haryan Farm neighborhood and other areas in the western portions of town, the painting of the Lake Street and historic downtown water towers, design engineering for a new pedestrian path from Lake Street to Alleghany Park, new standby power for each of our emergency water wells improving supply redundancy, and the planting of 245 trees throughout town. The budget also includes a number of new sustainability projects, Heritage Center programs and additional Village Center events.

All these infrastructure and improvement projects will ensure regular service delivery, provide new amenities for residents, and help increase property values long term.

Thank you for reading.

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

CCSD 46 Hosts Family University: Legal Planning for Families

Join CCSD 46 on Thursday, April 13, for an evening of legal information and planning sessions designed to assist families with topics like setting up living wills, trusts, and power of attorney. Families of individuals with special needs will find future planning information on special needs trusts, estate planning, and guardianship and will touch on the unique considerations of special needs families. This **FREE** event is from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Park Campus, 400 W. Townline Road, Round Lake, IL. More information can be found at www.d46.org.

Visit the new Grayslake Village Center Website!



www.grayslakevillagecenter.com

Grayslake Park District Hop into Springtime Fun!

If you're looking to get active and hop into recreation, then be sure to check out the Grayslake Park District's digital Spring Program Guide, which can be found on their website at www.glpd.com. With hundreds of opportunities for all ages, there's definitely a program, class, or special event for everyone!

The Grayslake Golf Course is now open for the 2023 season and is located at 2150 Drury Lane in Grayslake. This charming par-3 course is perfect for beginners or advanced golfers and offers a unique short-game challenge. You can book your tee-time online at the website www.grayslakegolfcourse.com.

Looking for upcoming employment or volunteer opportunities? The Grayslake Park District is hiring for the Spring and Summer with positions like Inclusion Aides, Park Rangers, Park Laborers and more!

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

Yard Waste Clean-Up Week of April 17th

The annual spring yard waste clean-up service will take place this year during the week of April 17th. There is no extra cost to residents for this service. Residents may set out an unlimited amount of yard waste for this one-time pick-up. When putting out yard waste, residents are asked to follow these guidelines:

- Yard waste (up to 50 pounds) must be placed in brown paper yard waste bags or plastic garbage containers (up to 32 gallons) clearly marked "yard waste".
- All branches should be tied in bundles no more than 2' in diameter and 4' long.
- Yard waste should be placed at the street after 6:00 p.m. the night before the scheduled pick-up.

Yard waste pick-ups occur on the same day as your regular garbage and recycle pick-up.

Welcome to April and to spring! Be sure to check online for the latest updates about Heritage Center & Museum hours and 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.
- **Mr. Lee's Science Magic.** Returning to Grayslake on Saturday, April 8 @ 10:00 a.m., science wizard Mr. Lee will show kids how to create 'Foam Gnomes' using chemistry and a whole lot of fun. This event is free, but spaces are limited, so pre-reserve your spot at <https://mrleessciencemagic.eventbrite.com>. This event is part of our ongoing "Subject Series."
- **Grayslake Historical Society Program.** Grayslake Historical Society member Jane Trump will be presenting "Barron Family and Boulevard" on April 12 @ 7:00 p.m. She will share stories of the family, the construction of the boulevard, and a few fondly remembered businesses of yesteryear.
- **Patty and Craig Concert.** Sunday, April 16 @ 7:00 p.m. Join the Lake County Folk Club at Village Hall as they host Patty and Craig. Patty Stevenson and Craig Siemsen are known for their gorgeous harmonies, impeccable musicianship, playful stage humor, and jewel-like original songs. Tickets are \$18/general public, \$15/seniors, \$13/Folk Club members.
- **Exhibit Spotlight.** Friday, April 28 @ 1:00 p.m. Patty Brown from Romney Brown Candle Company will share the story of her opening her business in downtown Grayslake in the middle of the pandemic. Patty's story is also featured in our newest exhibit, *Focus on Grayslake*.
- **Mayfest.** Join the Grayslake Arts Alliance for their annual Mayfest celebration on May 6 from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. There will be art, live music, and family friendly activities.

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

American Lit 101: Revisit, *Of Mice and Men* |

Tuesday, April 25; 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Read *Of Mice and Men*, then join Patrick Green, English Teacher at Grayslake North, and students to discuss this classic! Books are available at the library; event is held at Grayslake Heritage Center - 164 Hawley Street.

Andrew Carnegie's Gospel of Wealth |

Monday, April 17; 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Discover Carnegie's life in the steel industry when he was one of the wealthiest men in American history.

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!

Chicago Dance Crash |

Sunday, April 23 @ 4:00 p.m.

An exhilarating energetic dance battle combining hip hop jazz and acrobatics!

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

- **Arts & Crafts Show** | Friday 3/31 from 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Saturday 4/1 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 4/2 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Admission: \$5.00; Free Parking.

- **Grayslake Antiques & Flea Market** | Saturday 4/15 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. & Sunday 4/16 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission: \$8.00; Free Parking.

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