

Grayslake Record



July 2023

Resident Advisory Commission Openings

The Village of Grayslake has three open vacancies on various Boards & Commissions. The open positions are as follows:

- Police Pension Board Member
- Economic Development Committee Member
- Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals Member

The Village is currently accepting applications for these vacancies. Applicants must be registered voters and live in the corporate boundaries of the Village. Please submit a resume and cover letter to:

Executive Assistant, Natalie Esterl at nesterl@villageofgrayslake.com.

In the cover letter please provide the following:

- Why you are interested in serving
- Record of community service, including with civic organizations, church/religious organizations, volunteer positions, etc.
- Previous government experience professionally or in a volunteer capacity, if applicable

Applications for each position will be accepted until all vacancies are filled.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE IN THE GRAYSLAKE VILLAGE CENTER

The Grayslake Village Center in the heart of Grayslake has many attractions for all kinds of tastes. This area is the location of the village's historic downtown and its businesses, Central Park, Gelatin Park with its iconic smokestack, the Esper A. Petersen Foundation Family Aquatic Center, the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum, the popular Farmers Market, Grayslake Public Library, Grayslake Senior Center, and Daniel Barry Skate Park.

Each year the Grayslake Village Center hosts many community events ranging from carnivals to festivals, sporting events, parades, historical programs, car shows, concerts, art, and much more. These many event offerings are brought to you through the hard work of the volunteers of many local civic organizations.

Beginning in September 2022, the Village's Village Center Coordinator Allison Koch, a Grayslake resident, began working with Village Center event organizers and businesses to promote the many offerings of the Grayslake Village Center through social media posts, press releases, advertising, a monthly e-newsletter, and other means. The Village Center website has been created and you can sign up for event notifications there.

For more information on the Grayslake Village Center and to see all upcoming events, please visit their website at:

www.grayslakevill.com



GRAYSLAKE

Village Center

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Reminders

Sustainable Landscaping Consultations

Openlands is now scheduling appointments to help homeowners, businesses, and institutions manage their properties in ways that support aesthetics, stormwater management, and ecological resilience. On-site outdoor property visits are provided by a staff Landscape Ecologist. Recommendations are tailored to each property owner's needs, and may address stormwater, the selection of native trees and other plants, the control of invasive species, and tree and lawn care.

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, visit invoicecloud.com/villageofgrayslake.

From the Mayor...

Grayslake has been a leader in environmental stewardship and the preservation of open space, such as wetlands and woodlands. As habitats are preserved, we will see a corresponding increase in wildlife as animals and birds return to previous habitats. Sandhill cranes, once rare, have become a regular site in Grayslake, as well as numerous herons and egrets. And this year white pelicans made a brief stop on Grayslake as they migrated north.

Visits like this are one indication that we are bird friendly. In fact, Grayslake became a Bird City last year -- one of only four in the state of Illinois. One thing you can do to help us maintain this status is to keep your cats indoors. Domestic cats are the number one killer of song birds. Keeping cats indoors helps preserve our bird population.

In addition to an increase in the diversity of birds, larger animals are not uncommon. While we haven't had any black bear sightings -- like Gurnee and Antioch -- coyotes and foxes have become common. It is important to not feed wild animals like foxes. If you have concerns about coyotes or any wildlife, please call our police department and they will provide assistance.



One recently identified benefit to our strategy to preserve open space is the ability to protect valued wetlands and endangered species. Recently, land purchased by the Village across from the Dog n Suds, was found to be home to the Northern Long-eared Bat, which is an endangered species. Our acquisition of this open space not only preserves an existing wetland, but will help protect this native North American species as well.

Sincerely,

Rhett Taylor, Mayor

New Sustainability Programs

Lawn Mower and Leaf Blower Rebate Program

The Village recently launched a leaf blower rebate program to help encourage residents to switch from gas to electric leaf blowers. This program is similar to the Village's long-standing lawn mower rebate program which encourages the use of electric or battery powered mowers vs. gasoline. These programs are designed to support environmental efforts to reduce the amounts of volatile organic compounds being emitted into the air in our community.

Cul-de-sac Partnership Program

The Cul-de-sac Partnership Program is a program that allows residents on a cul-de-sac to plant native species in the circular unpaved section in the middle of the cul-de-sac. This is a cost-sharing program that is provided as a reimbursement after an approved planting plan has been installed on the cul-de-sac. Property owners are responsible for maintenance, weed removal, pruning, and appearance. The Village will provide a list of aesthetically appealing, site-approved native species to interested residents and work with them through the process.

Sustainable Home Program

Have your home recognized by the Village of Grayslake! This program encourages households to participate in sustainable practices to receive either a silver, gold, or platinum level sustainable home recognition. Verified residents receive a yard sign to display at their home showing their designation as a Grayslake Sustainable Home. To be eligible for the Sustainable Home program, residents must first be enrolled in the Village's Green Package subscription for food scrapping and yard waste.

If you would like more information on any of the new or existing programs, please visit our website at www.villageofgrayslake.com/753/Sustainability-Partnership-Programs.

Road Safety Reminder

A friendly reminder to all the joggers out there! Pursuant to the Illinois' Vehicle Code/Rules of the Road, joggers/walkers should use jogging paths and sidewalks when provided. When a sidewalk is not accessible on public roads, joggers/walkers should try to select wide roads with good shoulders. Joggers/walkers should face oncoming traffic and remember to look, listen and yield to all vehicles. At night or anytime visibility is poor, joggers/walkers should be in well-lit areas and wear reflective clothing. Remember these tips to help keep our community safe for both drivers and pedestrians.

Summer Grayslake Farmers Market

The Grayslake Farmers Market takes place every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Farmers Market features local and regional vendors that offer produce, flowers, wines, breads, meats and cheeses, as well as various fine art and entertainment!

For more information on the Grayslake Farmers Market, including volunteer opportunities, special events and a list of vendors, please visit:

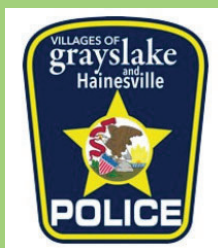
www.grayslakefarmersmarket.com

Village Announcements

Police Department

Illegal Fireworks Reminder

As you are celebrating the July 4th holiday, please be aware that fireworks are illegal in the Village. Fireworks are also illegal in Illinois unless they are part of an authorized, permitted professional fireworks show. Additionally, fireworks are inherently dangerous and can cause serious injuries and fires. Given the current dry weather this season so far there is an even greater fire risk. Please respect your neighbors and remember some citizens and many pets within our community are bothered and frightened by the loud noises created by fireworks. The Grayslake Police Department will have ZERO TOLERANCE for firework violations. If we receive a complaint or personally observe fireworks infractions a person can receive, at minimum, a citation with a fine and/or arrest for violating State Law. Please let's respect our neighbors and community.



Aquatic Center Special

Upcoming Events

- Monday, July 4th: Open all day!
- Friday, July 7th: After-hours Members Only Night from 8:30-10:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 11th: Join us for Coin Dive from 4-5 p.m.
- Sunday, July 16th: Come get a free ice cream treat for National Ice Cream Day!
- Saturday, July 22nd: Glow Swim! Swim under the stars in our glowing pool from 8:30-10:30 p.m.
- Saturday, July 29th: Visit our candy booths in your spooky Halloween costume from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. for Halloween in July!

For more information on all special events, please visit our website at www.swimgrayslake.com.

Chamber of Commerce

5K Fun Run

Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 15th at 7:30 a.m. for the Grayslake Chamber of Commerce 5K Family Fun Run! Race starts at 8:00 a.m. on Center Street in the downtown Village Center. Kids race begins at 7:30 a.m. on Center Street too! \$35.00 per person, to register, please visit:

www.grayslakechamber.com.

Grayslake Park District

It's Time for Summer Fun!

The Grayslake Park District's digital Summer Program Guide can be found online at www.glpd.com. The Park District offers hundreds of recreational opportunities for all ages! Whether it's participating in one of their programs, taking a walk or bike ride on the miles of trails throughout the community, playing a pick-up softball game at one of their parks, or taking your little ones to Jones Island Beach, the outdoor activities the Park District offers are endless! In addition, I Love Learning Preschool registration is being accepted for the 2023-2024 school season.

Mark your calendar - August 15, 2023 you'll be able to view the Fall Program Guide and register for programs, leagues, day trips and so much more. To #FindYourFun and register for programs, please visit www.glpd.com.

Partnership Programs

Residents can take advantage of the many Village partnership programs such as tree replacement, rain barrel/compost bin reimbursement and lawn mower replacement rebate programs. For more information, please visit:

www.villageofgrayslake.com

Summer is in full swing at the Heritage Center! Be sure to check online for the latest updates about Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum hours and upcoming programs!

- **Search & Share Genealogy Discussion Group.** Share your genealogy triumphs and struggles with the Grayslake Historical Society on the first Wednesday at 2 PM each month.
- **ACME Music Band.** Get ready for the rock and roll hits of the 1960s and 70s when ACME Music Band comes to town on July 11th! This is a part of our outdoor concert series, and will be located downtown at the corner of Center and Whitney streets.
- **Biking Through the Years: Cycling in Grayslake Exhibit Opening.** Cycle through the museum to learn the history of bicycling on both a national and local scale. The exhibit will show the evolution of bicycles, safety advancements, and Grayslake's contributions to the progress of bicycles. Grand Opening will be at the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum on July 15th at 12 PM.
- **AuthorFest.** On July 22nd, Grayslake AuthorFest aims to bring together authors, readers, and aspiring writers for talks, panel discussions, book signings, and other bookish activities. Free and open to the general public, this will be on Whitney Street and at the Heritage Center from 11 AM to 5 PM.
- **David HB Drake Concert.** On July 23, join the Lake County Folk Club at the Village Hall as they host David HB Drake. Tickets are \$18/General Public, \$15/Seniors, \$13/Folk Club Members.
- **Movies Off Center Series.** Don't talk about Bruno, because on July 25th, the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum will be showing Encanto for the next Movie Off Center! The big-screen will be set up on Whitney Street by Centennial Plaza. Bring a chair, your favorite snacks from home or purchased in the Village Center, and enjoy a movie under the stars!
- **Exhibit Spotlight.** We will be going live on July 28th at 1 PM to showcase Akhil Sahu and the patent he received for a new style of bicycle seat.
- **Historical Society Reminisce: Harvey Subdivision.** Saturday, July 29th at 10 AM. Join the Grayslake Historical Society for a Reminisce Session about the Harvey Subdivision. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information about these and other initiatives, visit www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com, call 847-543-1745, or email mpoe@villageofgrayslake.com. For more information about the Grayslake Historical Society, visit www.grayslakehistory.org, call 847-223-7663, or email charenehan@aol.com.

Happenings at the Grayslake Area Public Library

One Hundred and Sixty Minutes

Monday, July 17 | 7 - 8 pm

Rescuers only had 160 minutes before the Titanic slipped beneath the icy Atlantic. Learn about the amazing heroism and astounding incompetence in the race to save it with Author William Hazelgrove.

Citizens Utility Board (CUB)

Wednesday, July 19 | 12 - 2 pm

Speak one-on-one with a CUB counselor; get advice to reduce electric, gas, and phone bills. Call 847-223-5315 to schedule an appointment.

For details, go to www.grayslake.info or call 847-223-5313.

CLC James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts

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The JLC is excited to announce our first three fall events!

Tartan Terrors, Saturday, September 16 at 8 p.m.

Hasta La Muerte, A Day of the Dead Show by Las Cafeteras, Friday, October 27 at 8 p.m.

Isaac Mizrahi, Sunday, October 29 at 4 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now! Visit our website for new upcoming events!

Website: <https://www.jlcenter.clcillinois.edu>

Phone: (847) 543-2300

Box Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lake County Fairgrounds Events

July Events

- **Bubble Run & Foam Glow Run**
Saturday, July 8th: Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

- **Jurassic Quest**
Friday, July 14th: 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 15th: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 16th: 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

- **2023 Lake County Fair**
Wednesday - Sunday, July 26th - 30th

For more information on events happening at the Lake County Fairgrounds, please visit www.lcfairgrounds.com.

Elected Officials

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