

Grayslake Record



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May 2020

Grayslake Memorial Day Parade and Service

Grayslake will hold its annual Memorial Day Parade and Service on Monday, May 25. The parade will step-off at 9:30 a.m. near the Grayslake Central High School parking lot on Lake Street and travel south on Lake Street to Junior Avenue and east to Memorial Park. Schedule subject to change.

To register to participate in this year's parade please contact Jennifer Hess at 847-223-8515 or jhess@villageofgrayslake.com.

Waste Management Holiday Delay

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, there will be no garbage, recycle or yard waste pick-ups on Monday, May 25. All pick-ups will be delayed by one day during this week.

Register for the Green Package Curbside Composting Program Today!

Are you interested in sustainability and looking for a way to be more sustainable in your home? Look no further! The Village of Grayslake is promoting the Green Package, a waste service package centered on composting food scraps as well as landscape waste that can help residents and the Village be more sustainable. The Green Package includes a dedicated 35-gallon cart for organics & yard waste, collected year round, in addition to residents' current sized trash & recycling carts.

The cost of the Green Package is \$11.32 per month in addition to residents' current trash and recycling bill. This cost is billed by the Village, just like your current trash & recycling bill.

Composting is a great way to reduce your food waste and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Composting also keeps food and yard waste products from going to the landfill. By helping divert food and yard waste from the landfill, you can do your part to help the Village achieve its goal of diverting 60% of the waste stream from going to the landfill!

All sorts of food items can be composted, including fruits & vegetables, meat / poultry / fish products, pasta, bread, cereal, dairy products, eggs, and nuts. Additionally, many non-food items like coffee grounds / filters, tea bags, ice cream containers, popcorn bags, soiled tissues, napkins & paper towels can be composted too! In addition to food waste, residents can also use their organics cart for grass clippings and other yard waste!

To register for the Green Package program, please call the Village of Grayslake at 847-223-8515 or visit the Request for Service system at villageofgrayslake.com. The Green Package is another way the Village can continue to be a municipal leader in sustainability.

Aquatic Center Memberships

Memberships for the 2020 season are still available for a discounted price. Guarantee a summer of fun for the whole family and purchase yours today! The Swim Lessons schedule is now live, sign your child up for lessons today! Spending your summer at the Aquatic Center will create family memories that will last a lifetime! More information can be found at www.swimgrayslake.com.

Census 2020

The 2020 Census is now live, and for the first time ever you can complete the form online! The Census will be used to determine political representation, government funding, and planning decisions through 2030 and beyond, and completing it can help keep your property taxes down. The form takes about 10 minutes to complete – visit the following link to complete yours today! <https://my2020census.gov>.

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Reminders

Water & Sewer Bill Payment Options

Residents have six options to pay their water and sewer bills:

1. Electronically
2. Automatic debit
3. By phone (1-844-463-8922)
4. By mail
5. In person at Grayslake Village Hall
6. Drop box at Village Hall

For additional information regarding water bill payment options including auto-debit enrollment, please visit www.villageofgrayslake.com, "Water & Sewer Services", under the Residents tab or contact the Request for Service System at 847-223-8515.

Be Kind to Your Neighbor

Residents are asked to be considerate of their neighbors with regards to barking dogs and loud vehicles during the early and late hours of the day.

Pet Littering

Per Village Ordinance when walking a pet, owners must carry a receptacle or bag and properly dispose of animal waste. Thank you.

From the Mayor...

As you read this month's newsletter, I hope you and your family are well and continue to stay safe. In these challenging times brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic it remains important that we adhere to social distancing and other guidelines to keep safe and keep others safe.

As the situation continues to change it is important to have accurate and up-to-date information. The Lake County Health Department is the central agency coordinating the COVID-19 response for the entire county, including Grayslake. Go to their website for the latest information: www.lakecountyil.gov/coronavirus.

In addition to the Lake County Health Department site the Village's website (www.villageofgrayslake.com) also has information related to Village operations that have changed in order to deal with the COVID-19 situation. At this time all essential Village services are being provided including, but not limited to, police, water/sewer services and trash and recycling pick-ups (excluding bulk item collection). While the Village Hall remains closed Village staff is in place to take calls and emails and operate online services. Please go to the above site to access our online services or call us at 847-223-8515 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (Monday - Friday). As always call 9-1-1 in case of emergency.

The Governor's order has led to the closure of many of Grayslake's small businesses. Locally owned dine-in restaurants and small retailers, that are so important to the fabric of our community and our Village Center, have been hit especially hard by these closure orders. Many local dine-in restaurants are offering pick-up and/or de-

livery services. As much as you can please patronize these businesses. This support of Grayslake businesses is important to our community.

The Village has initiated two COVID-19 financial assistance programs for dine-in restaurants and local independent retailers. Eligible businesses can receive dollars equal to a percentage of sales taxes each business paid to the Village in 2019. These dollars are meant to help these businesses meet staff, rent or other regular business expenses while they are closed during the unprecedented shut-down period. Each business agrees to restore previous staffing and remain open as before once the shut-down period ends and for one year. These assistance programs avoid the lengthy processes and paperwork of other programs being implemented at the federal and state levels, and as of April 21st, eighteen businesses have accessed this assistance.

As the COVID-19 situation evolves I strongly encourage you to abide by all guidance from the health department and the Governor's office. Working together we will prevail against COVID-19.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor, Mayor

Senior Center

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding of the Senior Center's suspended activities during this Covid-19 pandemic. You can view our normal activity schedule in the May newsletter; however, at this time we are not hosting group-involved events until further notice. Our congregate meals have been replaced by containerized "to go" meals. Contact the Senior Center at 847-543-1041 for more information. If you are lonely and need someone to talk to, please call the "Friendship Line" at 800-971-0016. This service is available for persons aged 60 years and older. For additional senior resources, please call the Senior Center at 847-543-1041.

Explore Grayslake's Village Center from Home!

Until you can come to events in Grayslake's Village Center again, we're coming to you. Check the events calendar at www.grayslakevillagecenter.com for the latest virtual events and activities by local organizations.

You can also go behind the scenes at Fire Station #1, explore exhibits at the Heritage Center, and visit other buildings throughout our historic village center with the 3D virtual tours on the homepage.

Grayslake Park District Summer Program Guide Available Online Only

The Grayslake Park District will not be mailing a Summer Program Guide due to schedule uncertainty caused by COVID-19. Instead, a digital version of the Summer Program Guide will be available online at www.glpd.com.

Follow [@grayslakeparkdistrict](https://www.facebook.com/grayslakeparkdistrict) on Facebook and Instagram for registration dates and details on summer programs and events.

Village Announcements

2020 Road Resurfacing

The Village's annual road resurfacing program is set to begin for 2020. As part of this year's program, the following streets will be resurfaced:

- Alleghany Road (Mitchell Drive to Haryan Way)
- Bonnie Brae Avenue
- Francis Drive
- Harding Street
- Heather Avenue
- Hedgerow Drive
- Kildere Court
- Normandy Woods Court
- Phillip Drive
- Reagan's Place
- Roosevelt Court
- Shooting Star Lane
- Trestle Court
- Walton Lane
- Washington Boulevard
- Waterford Drive
- Whispering Oaks Lane

- For basements with window wells, make sure drains work and be sure to clear all leaves and debris. Window well covers for basement windows may also help.
- If water accumulates next to the outside walls of your home, consider re-landscaping to direct the water away.

Postponed: Rain Barrel, Compost Bin & Native Plant Sale

This year's rain barrel, compost bin and native plant sale is postponed until further notice. Please visit lcfpd.org/plant-sale for future announcements.

Partnership Programs

With spring here, residents can take advantage of the Village partnership programs such as tree replacement, rain barrel/compost bin reimbursement and lawn mower replacement rebate programs.

For more information or how to participate in the programs, please visit www.villageofgrayslake.com and select Partnership Programs under the "Residents" tab.

Basement Flood Prevention Tips

- For basements that use a sump pump, it is a good idea to have an extra battery powered pump in the event of a power outage.

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:** If a toilet turns the water on without you touching the handle, if you have to jiggle the handle to make it stop running or 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.
- **Whole House Humidifiers:** Regular maintenance can keep a humidifier working well, but if issues arise, troubleshooting may be useful.
- **Bathroom, Kitchen and 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.

Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum

When the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum can reopen, we will be ready for you with touch-free exhibits and safe social distancing measures in place. Until then, we'll meet you where you are - online and outside. This is History in the Making:

- When did you realize this coronavirus was going to significantly impact your life?
- What is the hardest part of all this? What gives you the most hope?
- We learn about the past by reading the records adults and children leave behind. Help us preserve this moment in Grayslake's history by sharing your experiences. Answer any or all questions in our surveys - one for adults and one for kids - at www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com.
- Follow the Grayslake Historical Society on Facebook for trivia questions to ponder, updates, and other historical facts to keep you entertained. Visit their Facebook page [@GrayslakeHistoricalSociety](https://www.facebook.com/GrayslakeHistoricalSociety) to learn more.
- Follow the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum on Facebook to see daily #MuseumatHome posts, virtual field trips, and more. Follow at [@GrayslakeHeritageCenterandMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/GrayslakeHeritageCenterandMuseum).
- Happy Birthday, Grayslake! On May 9, Grayslake turns 125 years old. In 1895 residents met at a local hardware store to vote, Grayslake (then called Grays Lake) officially became a village.

For more information about the Heritage Center, please visit www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com, 847-543-1745, or mpoe@villageofgrayslake.com. To learn more about Grayslake artifacts, images and other records, contact the Grayslake Historical Society at www.grayslakehistory.org, 847-223-7663 or charenehan@aol.com.

Happenings at the Grayslake Area Public Library

The library building remains closed until further notice and all programs have been canceled through May 31 but your virtual library is open! Library staff is available M-F; 9:30 - 5:00 pm for help with your library account, reference, and technical assistance. Call 847-461-3822 (new temp #) or go to www.grayslake.info to use online chat and email. Digital library - free digital books, music, movies, TV shows, magazines & more! Also, free access to Consumer Reports, Ancestry, and Lynda.com. Online temp library cards - don't have a Grayslake Library card? Get a temporary library card online! Go to www.grayslake.info.

CLC James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts

The James Lumber Center hopes everyone is staying healthy and safe. Although CLC is currently working remotely offsite, we are tentatively planning some great events, including Second City, for our upcoming 2020/2021 season!

Please continue to check our website for updates.

To receive updates about our season, text: JLCEMAIL to 22828
Call the JLC Box Office at 847-543-2300 or visit [//www.clcillinois.edu/tickets](http://www.clcillinois.edu/tickets) for more information.

Lake County Fairgrounds Events

To confirm event schedule please visit www.lcfair.com

- Garden Bros Circus: Wednesday, May 20 and Thursday, May 21. Showtimes: 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm. For more information please visit www.gardenbroscircus.com.
- Spartan Race: Saturday, May 30 and Sunday, May 31 from 7:30 am - 8:00 pm. www.spartan.com.
- Motocross: Friday, June 5 (open ride), Saturday, June 6 (Round 1 race), Friday, June 26, Saturday, June 27. Gates open 3:00 pm, sign-up 3:00-6:00 pm, races start: 7:00 pm.
- Festival of Arts & Crafts: Saturday, June 20 & Sunday, June 21. \$5.00 admission, free parking. For more information please visit www.stepbystepromotions.com.

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