

Grayslake Record



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November 2020

Residential Leaf Vacuuming Program

Leaf vacuuming consists of multiple rotations of the entire Village. The 2020 leaf vacuuming program will run weather permitting beginning October 19, 2020. The program runs until November 27, 2020.

Leaves should be placed, un-bagged, in a line within three (3) feet of the curb or within five (5) feet of the edge of the street where there is no sidewalk before 6:00 a.m. on Monday of the week in which pickup is desired. The length of each rotation is based on the volume of leaves and rotations may take less than a week or more than one week to complete. It is possible that leaves may not be vacuumed during a given week if the volume of leaves in the community is too large to be collected in a week. In this case, Waste Management will work to complete the remainder of a rotation at the beginning of the following week before starting the next rotation. Please do not put leaves in the street. Waste Management will not collect your leaves if they are not placed in the appropriate location.

2020 / 2021 Winter Season

With the arrival of the winter season, the Village is prepared for snow and ice removal operations. The Village's snow and ice removal operation includes eleven snow plowing routes. Eight of the eleven routes are completed by the Village's snow plow contractors and three of the routes are completed by the Village's Public Works personnel. Avon and Warren Townships also assist the Village in selected areas.

Ordinance Requirements

Citizen efforts are important in creating safer road and pedestrian conditions. Some responsibilities are required by Village ordinance, including:

- 1. SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL:** Residents are required to clear sidewalks adjacent to their homes of snow and ice within 24 hours of a snowfall.
- 2. PUTTING SNOW IN STREETS:** Please do not deposit snow on streets when shoveling sidewalks or driveways.
- 3. PARKING ON STREETS:** Parking on Village streets is prohibited during periods where snow removal operations are underway. Vehicles may be ticketed and/or towed at owner's expense.

Who Plows Where?

Village Responsibilities

- Village streets (except private streets)
- Municipal parking lots/alleys
- Metra parking lots

Other agencies are responsible for snow and ice removal on the following roads:

Lake County Division of Transportation

- Alleghany Road (south of Route 120)
- Casey Road
- Center Street (Route 83 to Route 45)
- Rollins Road
- Washington Street
- Peterson Road
- Midlothian Road

Illinois Department of Transportation

- Route 45
- Route 83 (Barron Boulevard)
- Route 120 (Belvidere Road)
- Route 137

The Village thanks residents for their cooperation in helping make our community a safer place during the winter season.

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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.

Senior Center

The Grayslake Senior Center normal activity schedule is located in the October newsletter; however, at this time we are not hosting group-involved events until further notice. Congregate meals have been replaced by containerized "to go" meals. Menus are located in the Senior Center newsletter at www.villageofgrayslake.com. In addition, you can find more Lake County meal pick up locations and senior resource information. If you have any questions, please call the Senior Center at 847-543-1041.

From the Mayor...

This is the third of five articles on your municipal organization and how it has remained resilient and strong during the COVID-19 pandemic. Two months ago I provided information on the Village's financial strategies that have helped the Village avoid operating disruptions from the financial impacts of COVID-19. Last month I discussed how innovative operating techniques in the Public Works Department have helped reduce costs that help us deliver services with a decline in revenues due to COVID-19. This month I will provide background on our Police Department.

COVID-19 has required our police to take on new community policing activities like encouraging our residents to adhere to the various, and changing, public health guidelines. In this process the department has taken a community support approach. For our police this community focused strategy is a continuation of the overall way the department provides its services so it could be expected that this is the selected approach. In fact over 50% of officer duty time is spent on community policing/crime prevention activities. Some specific community services include bike patrols, house watch, opioid reduction program, community presentations, shop with a cop and high school support officers. The Village employs community service personnel, and officers are specifically trained on providing community and youth services.

This attention to community policing is possible because in Grayslake, while there is crime, it remains a safe community. When officers must deal with criminal activity they do it with very little use of force. In the last five years the annual use of force numbers, involving people range from seven to sixteen for the entire year. It has been decades since one of our officers has been involved in discharging a firearm at a person.

The department's community focused service delivery is supported by ongoing training of all our officers. State training standards are always met.

This includes de-escalation training, procedural justice, implicit bias, human rights and dignity, youth services and culturally responsive services. This training gives our officers the knowledge they need to work with all our residents. Our police have adopted the Ten Shared Principles of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police to guide its work. For details on these principles please visit our website under the Government tab/Police Department/General FAQs.

Thanks to our civilian Police Commission who recruit and hire our officers. The members of the commission are citizen volunteers, often with human resource backgrounds, that bring the community's perspective to the hiring process.

Our police personnel are the main reason our department gets high marks in community surveys. It also is the reason our department is one of only about 5% of all departments in the nation that meet the highest standards established by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). Our department has been accredited since 2001. CALEA reviews and updates its 459 operating standards on an ongoing basis and our police operation must demonstrate continuously that it is operating within the standards. In addition to CALEA the department has utilized recommendations of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing appointed by President Obama in 2014 to refine its operations.

If you would like to discuss this further please contact me at mayortaylor@hotmail.com

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor, Mayor

2021 Aquatic Center Memberships On Sale Now

Aquatic Center memberships for the 2021 season are on sale now for the low price of \$65. This pays for itself in less than five visits to the pool! Memberships include a variety of benefits, so don't miss out on the best deal of the year!

For more information, or to purchase an Aquatic Center membership, visit www.swimgrayslake.com today!

50/50 Sidewalk Replacement

The sign-up period for the 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program begins on September 1 and will run through January 10, 2021. The 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program is a cost-sharing program between the Village and the property owners of Grayslake who wish to make aesthetic improvements to the sidewalk adjacent to their property. There is a set amount of dollars budgeted each year for the Village's portion of the cost, and inclusion in the annual program is on a first come first served basis. For more information on the program, please contact Zack Smith at 847-223-8515 or at zsmith@villageofgrayslake.com

Village Announcements

Waste Management Holiday Delay

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, garbage, recycling and leaf vacuuming service will be delayed by one day beginning Thursday, November 26.

Leak Detection Helpful Hints

Little leaks inside your home can waste large amounts of water and cost you money on your water utility bill. Here 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. **Bathroom, Kitchen, Outdoor Faucets:** You may have a leak if there are visible drips at the piping or if there are wet, damp areas underneath the sink.

Stories of Grayslake

The Grayslake Historical Society has published "Stories of Grayslake". This book contains 126 pages of memories about people, places and events written by present and former Grayslake residents. It highlights the history of the Grayslake Outdoor Theater, the Oasis, the Grayslake Gelatin Factory and more. Learn about Heartland, a huge development which would have changed the face of the community. Recall the candlelight vigil for 9/11. Read about the spirit of Grayslake as it recovered from disasters. Feel the community pride while enjoying history as written by those who remember former businesses and organizations. This indexed book is available at the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum for \$20.00.

Waste Management Reminder

Residents are reminded to place their garbage/recycle cans and yard waste out for pick-up no later than 6:00 a.m. on the morning of their regular pick-up day. After refuse is picked up, garbage and recycle cans must be placed either on the side of the house or inside the garage per Village ordinance.

Part-Time Snow Plow Operators

Public Works is seeking part-time snow plow operators for this winter season. This position is on-call and has an hourly wage of \$30. CDL and snow plow experience is preferred. Applications can be found at www.villageofgrayslake.com and submit to Jennifer Hess; jhess@villageofgrayslake.com

Police Commission Opening

The Village is seeking interested applicants to serve on the Grayslake Police Commission. Applicants must be a Grayslake resident and cannot be an active police officer. Human Resources experience desired. The duties of the Police Commission are to hire new police officers, administer testing for the establishment of an eligibility list for hiring and promotion of police officers to the sergeant position in accordance with state law and conduct disciplinary case hearings as needed.

If you are interested in applying to serve please complete the Resident Talent Bank form at www.villageofgrayslake.com and email to Jennifer Hess; jhess@villageofgrayslake.com.

This November with the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum

- Search and Share Genealogy will take place on Wednesday, November 4 at 2:00 p.m. and the first Wednesday of every month. Share your genealogy triumphs and stumbling blocks. Each participant will sit at their own 6' table and is required to wear a mask.
 - Tune in for "1918 Influenza Pandemic" on Facebook live on Wednesday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m. when Grayslake Historical Society member Jane Trump will bring a local focus to this virulent disease that killed up to 15 million people worldwide.
 - Grayslake Giving Trees opens on Friday, November 27. Each year, community organizations are invited to decorate a Giving Tree to showcase their mission. This year, trees may also be decorated with the theme "Winter Wonderland". The public is invited to see the display and vote for their favorite tree. Tickets are \$1 and one ticket = one vote. Support local nonprofits and get into the holiday spirit!
 - Vote for your favorite holiday window. The Downtown Grayslake Small Business Group will be hosting its annual window decorating competition. Take a stroll through Grayslake's Village Center to see the creative holiday decorations in our local businesses, then vote for your favorite in-person at the Heritage Center or online at www.facebook.com/VisitGrayslake.
 - We are open! Avoid big crowds and visit your local museum. Exhibits and public areas are sanitized each morning and throughout the day for the safety of our visitors, volunteers and staff. Per state guidelines capacity is limited and face coverings are required.
- For more information about these and other initiatives, visit www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com, 847-543-1745, or email mpoe@villageofgrayslake.com. For more information about the Grayslake Historical Society, visit www.grayslakehistory.org, 847-223-7663 or email charenehan@aol.com.

Happenings at the Grayslake Area Public Library

Recycle your pumpkins at the library - help keep them out of our landfill! We are partnering with Grayslake Central High School's Environmental Science Students who will collect pumpkins to be composted on Saturday, November 7th from 9 am -12 pm. Pumpkins with paint are okay but remove any decorations or candles.

For additional details and information on other library offerings visit www.grayslake.info or call 847-223-5313 for details.

CLC James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts

Join us for a **FREE** virtual event on **Friday, November 6!**

Relax in the privacy of your own home and rock to the music of Naturally 7 also referred to as "The Human Instruments." They will perform a mix of Pop, Rock and R&B tunes ... stunningly recreating the sound of a full band using just their voices!

Get your **FREE** virtual ticket by phone 847-543-2300 or email clcboxoffice@clcillinois.edu. Phone lines are open Monday – Friday, noon to 5 p.m.

Lake County Fairgrounds Events

*To confirm event
schedule please visit
www.lcfair.com*

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