

Grayslake Record



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February 2021

2021 Winter Season Reminder

Citizen efforts are important to create safer road and pedestrian conditions. As a reminder, responsibilities required by Village ordinance are as follows:

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.

Property owners are subject to the enforcement of these Village ordinances which could result in fines for non-compliance. The Village thanks residents for their cooperation in helping make our community a safer place during the winter season.

Seasonal Aquatic Center Employment Opportunities

The Village is currently accepting applications for seasonal employment for the Esper A. Petersen Foundation Family Aquatic Center. Information on these opportunities can be found below:

Lifeguards and Swim Instructors

The aquatic center is now accepting applications for seasonal employees for lifeguards and swim instructors for the upcoming 2021 summer season. Applicants must be 16 years of age or older. The starting wage is \$12.25 per hour.

Admissions and Concessions Attendants

The aquatic center is now accepting applications for seasonal employees for admissions and concessions attendants for the upcoming 2021 summer season. Applicants must be 15 years of age or older. All employees under 16 must obtain a work permit prior to employment. The starting wage is \$11.00 per hour.

Interested aquatic center applicants should submit a completed Village employment application to Village Hall, 10 S. Seymour Avenue, in the Village Hall drop-box, or by email to Zack Smith at zsmith@villageofgrayslake.com. Positions are open until filled.

Seasonal Public Works Department Crew Member Employment Opportunity

The Village is seeking qualified candidates for Public Works seasonal positions working from approximately May 15th to August 15th. The positions are for 40 hours per week starting at \$11.00 per hour with the opportunity for overtime. Typical duties for these positions include landscaping, painting, litter removal, tree trimming and other general maintenance.

Applications are available at www.villageofgrayslake.com and should be submitted no later than Friday, April 16, 2021 to the Village Hall drop-box, Attn: Jennifer Hess, 10 S. Seymour Avenue or to jhess@villageofgrayslake.com.

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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.

Waste Management

Residents are reminded to place their garbage and recycle cans 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.

Crime Tips / Police Non-Emergency Contact

If you have police non-emergencies/crime tips please feel free to utilize the online Request for Service system. This is one of the many ways to contact the Police Department.

From the Mayor...

Grayslake has had a strong commitment to sustainability going back decades. Long time commitments to open space, wetland and woodland preservation have been part of Grayslake's development programs including in the approval of the nationally recognized Prairie Crossing conservation community. Grayslake opened the first drop-off recycling center (one of the few still open) and was an early provider of curbside recycling. The development of the Village's greenway trail system, the planting of thousands of new trees and our 50/50 lawn mower and compost bin programs are notable. In more recent years the Village has supported regional efforts. Grayslake was one of a small percentage of villages that endorsed the Greenest Region Compact in 2008. Later (2016) the Village was an early supporter of the Greenest Region Compact 2 (GRC2). In encouraging these regional initiatives Grayslake has been a leader in the area's efforts.

Regional efforts are advanced by the work of the area communities. In 2017 the Village created its own sustainability plan to guide its local efforts toward a greener region. The plan details the community's long time commitments through specific actions going all the way back to 1980. It also includes information on climate, economic development, energy, land, mobility, municipal operations, waste and water strategies. A list of future initiatives for each subject is also included. Since 2017, as staff resources allow, the Village has been able to take a number of sustainability steps. Some of these include:

- Update of land development sustainable best management practices to guide future land development.
 - Achieved SolSmart designation as a solar friendly community (91 solar system permits issued).
 - Designated a Bike Friendly Community (one of just 51 in the nation) and working with community partners (CLC/Library District/Park District) to organize a bike share program starting in 2021.
 - Commercial food scrap program and start-up of residential food scrap collection programs.
- Currently the Village is working on a number of sustainability projects. 2021 is year one of our street light LED conversion plan. The Village is a member of a county-wide composting planning initiative and will be working to expand our local composting programs. We are investigating a solar energy grant program, pursuing additional open space purchases, and reviewing options for a green energy purchasing program for our residents and small businesses.
- The Grayslake Sustainability Plan has 45 sustainable goals for the coming years. The Village will continue its efforts and support for the Greenest Region Compact 2.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor, Mayor

FREE RECYCLE CAN UPGRADE PROGRAM

Now through February 15, registration is open for the 2021 garbage and recycle can exchange programs. Registration for the program is between January 1 and February 15, 2021. Residents opting to exchange their garbage can may choose one of three sizes:

90-gallon (\$24.22 / month)

65-gallon (\$21.60 / month)

35-gallon (\$18.01 / month)

Residents may also choose a **FREE UPGRADE** for their recycle

can size from 65-gallon to 96-gallon. An upgraded recycle can offers more recycling room, same floor space as smaller cans and less waste, which could result in reducing your garbage can size.

The exchange of the can(s) takes place during the month of March and the rate change will take effect on April 1st. The exchange is for residents who would like to have either a smaller or larger can size. For more information or to register for the exchange program, please contact 847-223-8515 or visit www.villageofgrayslake.com/

Village Announcements

Best Winter Walking Neighborhood Contest!

When residents shovel their sidewalks, as required by ordinance, everybody's safety is improved. Help your neighborhood win the Best Grayslake Winter Walking Neighborhood contest! After each snowfall each of the Village's 11 snow route neighborhoods will be evaluated for completed sidewalk shoveling. Neighborhoods with the highest amount of sidewalks shoveling will be awarded the highest points after each event. At the end of the season households with the highest number of points in the neighborhood will be eligible for a drawing for one of three \$100 Chamber bucks certificates which can be used at any Chamber business.

Grayslake Arts Alliance Online Store

The Grayslake Arts Alliance online store has officially launched! All of the products are original and hand-crafted by local artists and a portion of each sale will help the Grayslake Arts Alliance continue its mission to "promote the arts through education, participation, and development." You can view the shop here: <https://www.grayslakeartsalliance.org/shop.html>

If you have any questions, please send an email at grayslakeartsalliance@gmail.com.

Stories of Grayslake

Need something to do on a cold winter's night? The Grayslake Historical Society has a perfect solution. Curl up with a book containing fascinating history and delightful memories. Stories of Grayslake include outstanding information about people, places, events and more written by present and former Grayslake residents. The book sells for \$20.00 and is available in the gift shop of the Grayslake Heritage Center, 164 Hawley. If the Heritage Center is closed, call 847-223-7663 for pick up arrangements.

Clearing Snow Around Fire Hydrants

Along with clearing snow and ice off of sidewalks and the end of driveways, residents are also asked to remove snow and ice around fire hydrants so that they are clear and accessible to fire crews. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mailbox Replacement

Unfortunately, during the Village's snow and ice removal operations, mailboxes may be damaged either from a direct hit from a snow plow or from wet snow from a snow plow. The Village has a mailbox replacement policy for properly placed mailboxes that are damaged as a result of snow and ice removal operations. Any questions please call the Request for Service System at 847-223-8515.

Portable Basketball Hoops

To ensure all Village streets and sidewalks remain safe for residents this winter season, we ask for residents' cooperation in removing their portable basketball hoop from the parkway to helping snow plow drivers keep the roadways safer for the motoring public.

This February with the Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum

- We're Open! Avoid big crowds & visit your local museum! Per state guidelines, capacity is be limited & face coverings are required.
- Want to stay outside? Visit our outdoor pop-up exhibit about Grayslake sports in the Heritage Center courtyard. Did you know Grayslake had an Olympic Team USA curler? Or that Red Faber, White Sox pitcher, ran a bar on Center Street? At the end of February, watch the windows change to a new pop-up exhibit about historic houses in Grayslake.
- Search and Share Genealogy will take place on Wednesday, February 3 at 2:00 PM and the first Wednesday of every month. Join the Grayslake Historical Society and share your genealogy triumphs & stumbling blocks. Limit 10 people. Each participant will sit at their own 6' table and is required to wear a mask.
- Pick up a "Cocoa and Coloring" kit. This Valentine's Day weekend, adults and children can stop by the Heritage Center for a package that includes hot cocoa mix and a variety of fun coloring sheets! Outdoor & indoor pick up available. Bonus: Enter to win a package of 100 Crayola Colored Pencils by finding 10 items hidden in the vintage Valentines on display in the lobby.
- Tune in to our first Exhibit Spotlight. On February 19 at 1:30 pm, tune in to Facebook Live for an Exhibit Spotlight. We'll pick one of our favorite parts of an exhibit and share the story on Facebook Live. One lucky viewer will have the opportunity to bring their household after hours for their own self-guided "flashlight tour" of the museum.

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

Cutting the Cable Cord Wednesday, February 10; 10:00 - 11:00 am -YouTube. Are you thinking about switching from a cable TV service to streaming services? Tune in to find out how.

Understanding Your Credit Score & Identity Theft Prevention Friday, February 12; 12-1 pm - Zoom. What really impacts your credit score? How can you protect your identity? Find these answers and even more personal finance tips.

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

CLC James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts

Celebration of the Chinese New Year of the Ox: Friday, February 12 at 7:30 p.m. or Saturday, February 13 at 3:30 p.m. The entire family will enjoy the vibrant costumes, acrobatic dance and enchanting music in this colorful and thrilling Chinese New Year celebration. Join them as they welcome and celebrate the Year of the Ox.

To register for your FREE virtual event link call 847-543-2300 or email: clcboxoffice@clcillinois.edu Voice and email messages can be left anytime and will be answered at the earliest opportunity. Phones 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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