

Grayslake Record



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May 2021

Waste Management Holiday Delay

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, there will be no garbage, recycle or yard waste pick-ups on Monday, May 31. All pick-ups will be delayed by one day during this week.

Green Package Curbside Composting

Composting is a great way to reduce your food waste and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Grayslake. All sorts of food items can be composted, including fruits and 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 and paper towels can be composted too!

The cost of the Green Package is \$11.60 per month in addition to residents' current trash and recycling bill. To register for the Green Package program, please call 847-223-8515 or visit the Request for Service system at www.villageofgrayslake.com

Grayslake Bike Share Launches

Have you seen the orange bikes around town? Grayslake Bike Share has launched! The first community bike share in Lake County, Grayslake Bike Share is a community collaboration promoting transportation, local economy, environment, health & wellness, and recreation. The Grayslake Bike Share program was developed through a collaboration between the College of Lake County, the Grayslake Area Public Library, the Grayslake Park District, the Village of Grayslake, and Grayslake resident Mary Klees. There will be bikes available to rent at various locations throughout the Village including the following:

- Central Park
- The Village Center (Lot on corner of Whitney Street & Hawley Street)
- Mill Creek Park
- College of Lake County
- Washington Street Metra Station

The Grayslake Bike Share program supports the Village's ongoing sustainability efforts and the Grayslake Sustainability Plan 2017. The Village is always evaluating projects and programs that can further the goals set out in our Sustainability Plan.

Download the Koloni app today and get riding! The app can be downloaded both in the Apple App Store as well as through Google Play. For more information on the Grayslake Bike Share program including pricing, please visit our website (www.villageofgrayslake.com) and select Grayslake Bike Share Program under the Community Tab.

Together We #RideGrayslake

Aquatic Center Memberships On Sale Now

Memberships for the 2021 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! For more information please visit www.swimgrayslake.com or call 847-223-7665.

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Reminders

Garbage & Recycle Can Placement Reminder

Residents are reminded to place their garbage and recycle cans and yard waste out for pick-up no earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the night before 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.

Storage of Trailers, Recreational Vehicles

Storage of a trailer, recreational vehicle, jet-ski or boat in a driveway or in the front yard of residential property is prohibited by Village Code.

Be Kind to Your Neighbor

Residents are asked to be considerate of their neighbors with regards to barking dogs, loud vehicles and landscaping equipment 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...

During 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic related restrictions caused the cancellation of most of the year's events. While we were able to hold some virtual events like the annual Memorial Day Park event and the holiday tree lighting ceremony. The Grayslake Chamber of Commerce did the same. The events commemorating the 125th anniversary of the incorporation of Grayslake were not possible under the restrictions. The Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum was able to substitute virtual programming and conducted a number of contests and promotional activities. Fortunately the state restrictions permitted outdoor farmers markets and Grayslake Farmers Market volunteers were able to conduct the market with extra safety precautions. During the year I received many comments on how much these events were missed in 2020.

During the summer and fall the Village worked with local restaurants to permit outdoor dining on private and public property when this became possible under state restrictions. Three downtown restaurants used parking areas and joined a number of restaurants that expanded outdoor dining on their property.

As we enter the spring/summer season we continue to deal with COVID-19. Some state restrictions remain in place including specific guidance and limits on the conduct of outdoor events. The Grayslake Chamber of Commerce is planning for the usual set of special events during the season including events related to the Village's 125th anniversary (we are calling it 125+1). The spring farmers market is now operating and the summer market is planned with safety procedures.

In addition to special events, we now plan to open the Esper A. Petersen Foundation Family Aquatic Center this summer at 50% of capacity as allowed under current guidelines. Sign up for your membership for this season at www.swimgrayslake.com.

The Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum is now open with new exhibits and programs. Safety protocols are in-place for a great family experience. For event information go to www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com.

As the COVID-19 situation evolves restrictions may change which could alter our plans for the different special events, but, for now, we are planning to hold those events we can do under any restrictions in place at that time and with appropriate safety guidelines. Here are a few of the events that are being planned:

- **Memorial Day:** Honoring our veterans will take place at 10:00 a.m. at Memorial Park on May 31. The normal commemoration is being planned. Watch the Village website at www.villageofgrayslake.com for details.
- **Arts Festival and Wine Tasting:** The Grayslake Chamber of Commerce is planning this annual event on Whitney Street in the Village Center on June 19 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The site set-up will be adjusted to allow for social distancing.
- **125+1 Celebration Street Dance:** This is being planned for July 24 from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. on Center Street.
- **125+1 Grayslake Summer Days Parade:** This is being planned for August 21 at 6:00 p.m.
- **125+1 Grayslake Summer Days:** (August 20 and August 21) will include expanded carnival rides, music and other activities.
- **Annual Grayslake Craft Beer Festival:** Rescheduled this year to September 18.

As each of these special events approach visit the Grayslake Chamber of Commerce website (www.grayslakechamber.com) for updates.

As always be safe and enjoy the upcoming season.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor

Overcoming Disasters: A Community Comes Together

“With a fire of this magnitude... We have dug through the rubble for two days and are not even down to the floor.” – Fire Inspector Andy Neargarder

When the Electra Restaurant—located where Emil’s patio is now—burned down in 1980, the fire threatened the buildings nearby. It was February 28 and bitterly cold. Spraying water prevented the fire from spreading, but steps away from the heat of the flames, thick ice formed. Firefighters fought to put out the fire despite frostbite and slippery conditions. Thanks to their efforts, the Electra was the only building on Center Street to burn that night.

Grayslake has faced fires, tornadoes, floods, and now a pandemic. Learn more—and leave your own stories—in “Overcoming Disasters: A Community Comes Together”, the newest exhibit at the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum. With original photographs and artifacts from the Grayslake Historical Society and immersive sets built by the College of Lake County’s Theater Department, you can be an eyewitness to disasters of the past and how we overcame them.

Please visit www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com for our latest hours and updates.

Village 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.

Explore All That Grayslake’s Village Center Has To Offer!

Check the events calendar at www.grayslakevillagecenter.com or follow us on Facebook for a weekly digest of the latest in-person and virtual events 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.

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.

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.
- If the location of the floor drain permits, an uncapped standpipe may be installed in the floor drain. Never cap a standpipe or floor drain.
- 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.
- Downspouts with above ground opening should be extended away from the foundation.
- If water accumulates next to the outside walls of your home, consider relandscaping to direct the water away.
- Consider routine inspection or rodding of the sewer lines at your home. Root intrusion from trees is often the cause of a sewer line blockage.
- If you notice leaf or small branch debris obstructing a catch basin or street storm sewer, you can try to remove it to allow the water to flow through.

Grayslake History is available in-person, online or outside!

- See the list below of upcoming events and activities. Check online for the latest information about Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum hours and availability.
- Look online for weekly videos sharing Grayslake History in One Minute. 126 years ago on May 9, Grayslake became a village. Grayslake's 125th anniversary celebration was delayed to this year, so join us on May 9 as we start with a digital kickoff of Celebrate Grayslake 125+1.
- Join Grayslake Historical Society member Chuck Clow as he presents a century old business in Grayslake. The Clow Insurance Agency originated as the Morse Agency in 1904. Hear the story of this longtime Grayslake business on Wednesday, May 12 at 7 PM on Facebook Live.
- Experiment with weather! Spring storms are here and May's take home kit has all the supplies you need to study weather from the comfort of your own home. Kits are available May 22-23 or while supplies last. Be sure to come inside to see the damage weather can do in our exhibit "Overcoming Disasters: A Community Comes Together."
- Share your genealogy triumphs and struggles with the Grayslake Historical Society on the first Wednesday of each month at Search and Share Genealogy. Limit 10 people. Each participant will sit at their own 6' table and is required to wear a mask.

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

1920s Movie Makeup, Costumes, & Toupees | Mon, May 10; 7-8 pm Dab on some blush! Adjust your hairpiece! It's time for a jaunt through film history - with a special focus on 1920s Chicago. Presented by Chicago Movie Tours via Zoom.

The History Of The Beach Boys | Tues, May 25; 12-1 pm If summer had a sound it would be The Beach Boys! Join Gary Wenstrup via Zoom for this fun and nostalgic lunch hour.

To register for these programs go to www.grayslake.info or call 847-223-5313.

CLC James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts

So Good – The Neil Diamond Experience on Friday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m. A tribute like no other! Robert Neary takes on the persona of Neil Diamond as he and the band passionately perform 20 of his greatest hits!

To register for your FREE virtual event link: Phone the Box Office: 847-543-2300 or email: clcboxoffice@clcillinois.edu

Voice and email messages can be left anytime and will be answered at the earliest opportunity. 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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