

# Grayslake Record



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## Reuse-A-Shoe

The Reuse-a-Shoe program offered through the Village of Grayslake and SWALCO provides citizens with the opportunity to recycle unwanted shoes. Instead of throwing away shoes, recycling will mean that 95% or more of all shoe materials will be reused. The program is available at the Grayslake Public Works facility, 585 Berry Avenue (Mon-Fri 7-3:30; Sat 8-12). All shoe contributions must be in a pair and tied/connected to its pairing shoe.

## Free Textile Recycling

Spring-time is coming and it's time to clean out closets, cupboards or other household items you no longer need. You can recycle the textiles you no longer need at the Grayslake Public Works facility, 585 Berry Avenue (Mon-Fri 7-3:30; Sat 8-12). Some of the items accepted for textiles and clothing include blouses, shirts, coats, jackets, dresses. For a full list of accepted items please visit [www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com). About 95% of the materials collected will be repurposed or recycled.

## 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 2022 summer season. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age or older. The starting wage is \$13.25 per hour.

### Admissions and Concessions Attendants

The aquatic center is now accepting applications for seasonal employees for admissions attendants and concessions attendants for the upcoming 2022 summer season. Applicants must be 15 years of age or older. All employees under 16 years of age must obtain a work permit prior to employment. The starting wage is \$12.00 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, Attn: Kara Michalski or Zack Smith, or by email to [swim@villageofgrayslake.com](mailto:swim@villageofgrayslake.com).

Applications can be found on our website at: <https://www.villageofgrayslake.com/324/Employment-Opportunities>

## Seasonal Public Works Department Crew Member Employment Opportunity

The Village is seeking qualified candidates for Public Works seasonal positions working from approximately May 15<sup>th</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup>. The positions are for 40 hours per week ranging from \$13.00 - \$15.00 per hour based on experience. Typical duties for these positions include landscaping, painting, litter removal, tree trimming and other general maintenance.

Applications are available at [www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com) and should be submitted no later than Friday, April 15, 2022 to the Village Hall drop-box, Attn: Jennifer Hess, 10 S. Seymour Avenue or to [jhess@villageofgrayslake.com](mailto:jhess@villageofgrayslake.com).

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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 or back of the house or inside the garage per Village ordinance.

### Storage of Recreational Vehicles/Trailers Not Allowed

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

### 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.

### Winter Parking Regulations

Pursuant to Village Ordinance, 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.

Residents with disabled vehicles should contact the Grayslake Police Department at 847-223-2341.

## From the Mayor...

For many years one goal of the Village has been to support the expansion of the local economy. Economic development grows the tax base providing opportunities to gain property tax revenue for our schools and other taxing districts that is not from homeowners. Business growth increases our property values because businesses create jobs creating increased demand for existing housing. When new enterprises join the local economy it gives existing businesses more opportunities. In addition to creating new employment, economic development provides products and services locally to our residents.

One way the Village supports economic development by working to create shovel-ready sites for businesses to consider when they are looking to expand or relocate. One part of this involves the investment of non-property tax dollars in infrastructure like roads, water and sewer lines and other facilities. When the Village makes these investments it prefers to create private/public partnerships to accomplish this. This also helps to increase the benefits of Village investments while reducing our costs.

In the last twenty years the Village has been making careful investments in the area of town south of the Metra commuter rail line in the so-called Central Range Economic Initiative Area. Part of this area includes the 640 acre Cornerstone business park. This approximate 1,500 acre area will host new businesses that will bring economic development benefits to the area. Our investments have included expansions to roads and intersections, watermains and sewer lines. In the last year the Village developed a private/public arrangement with The Alter Group providing for the construction of a new one million gallon water tower and new water agency connection point. These projects will cost \$4.6 million. Under this partnership The Alter Group will pay half of these costs. Since the Village planned to make these investments on-hand dollars will pay our share so no borrowing will be needed.

With the new water tower and water connection agreement in place The Alter Group proceeded to start development of the Cornerstone business park adding to the infrastructure of the area and creating shovel-ready business sites.

The Central Range is already the home to almost 2 million square feet of business building space including four national companies. These enterprises have created hundreds of new jobs benefiting the overall local economy and supporting our property values. Two more national firms, with over 400,000 potential square feet of space, are expected to locate in our economy in the next year.

In the long run the expansion of the local economy benefits the entire community. While the largest use of land in our area will be preserved open space, quality business development, when added to Grayslake's many other attributes, help create a balanced quality community.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have or any topics you would like to see addressed in the monthly newsletter.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor, Mayor

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## 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.

## Village Announcements

### Senior Citizen Electricity Surcharge Rebate

Beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, eligible individuals can submit copies of their past electric bills dated April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022 to [seniorrebate@villageofgrayslake.com](mailto:seniorrebate@villageofgrayslake.com). Residents may also submit copies in-person at Village Hall, 10 S. Seymour Avenue or by using the drop-box located just outside the Village Hall front door.

The Village's senior citizen electricity surcharge rebate reimburses individuals 65 years of age or older (as of April 1, 2020) for the amount of electricity surcharge paid on their electric bill during the previous year, not to exceed \$20. A valid driver's license or ID card is required. Past electric bills will be accepted April 1, 2022 - April 30, 2022.

### Grayslake Chamber Scholarship Applications



Over \$100,000 in scholarships given to Grayslake students!

**Scholarships**

Grayslake Chamber of Commerce  
The Non-Profit Alliance

Grayslake Chamber Scholarship applications are available now!  
Visit [www.grayslakechamber.com](http://www.grayslakechamber.com) or email [thegreatergrayslakechamber@gmail.com](mailto:thegreatergrayslakechamber@gmail.com) for an application today!

### Sustainable Landscaping Consultations

Openlands is now scheduling spring 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.

Openlands is a nationally accredited land trust serving northeastern Illinois since 1963. [Openlands.org/beautiful](http://Openlands.org/beautiful).

### Daylight Savings Time

Daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 13 at 2:00 a.m. Clocks will move forward one hour at this time.

The Village encourages all residents to change the batteries in their smoke detectors at this time.

### Grayslake Park District Digital Summer Camps Guide Coming Soon!

If you're looking for recreational opportunities then be on the lookout for the Grayslake Park District's digital Spring Program Guide on Tuesday, March 8. Registration for residents and non-residents will open the same day.

This spring the Grayslake Park District will offer all of your favorite programs, like Start Smart Golf, Little Soccer League, Flag Football, Youth Volleyball, and more. In addition, the Park District will be featuring a few new opportunities, such as Werq Dance Fitness, Equestrian classes, and Pickleball!

Looking for employment or volunteer opportunities? The Grayslake Park District is hiring for the Spring and Summer with positions like Summer Camp Counselors, Inclusion Aides, Concessions Staff, Park Rangers, Youth Sports Instructors, Park Laborers, Golf Course Cashiers, and more!

To FIND YOUR FUN, register for programs, or fill out an application visit: [www.glpd.com](http://www.glpd.com)

## Grayslake history is available in-person, online, or outside!

- Search & Share Genealogy. Share your genealogy triumphs and struggles with the Grayslake Historical Society on the first Wednesday at 2 PM of each month.
- "Social Clubs and Suffrage." Wednesday, March 9 at 7 PM, in-person and on Facebook Live. Dauntless efforts by women's clubs led to the Illinois Suffrage Act. Adrijana Bisevac and Jane Trump will salute Women's History Month with stories of the suffrage struggle and other concerns tackled by our local Woman's Club in its decades-long history.
- Take Home Kit. March 18-20. Pick up a fun activity for kids! Kits will be in the Heritage Center lobby during open hours and outside in the courtyard while the building is closed while supplies last.
- Brian Oberlin Concert. Sunday, March 20 at 7 PM. Join the Lake County Folk Club at Village Hall as they host Brian Oberlin. Oberlin is an internationally acclaimed mandolin player. Tickets are \$18/General Public, \$15/Seniors, \$13/Folk Club Members.
- Exhibit Spotlight. Friday, March 25 at 1 PM. Tune into Facebook Live for this month's Exhibit Spotlight! Each month we tell the story behind a photo or object on display in an exhibit.
- "Remembering 10 Grayslake Stories." Wed-Sat 12-4 PM. Some stories you may have already know, like Pat's Pizza or the Outdoor Theater. Others, like our namesake William M. Gray, you may have only wondered about.

For more information about these and other initiatives, visit [www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com](http://www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com), 847-543-1745, or email [mpoe@villageofgrayslake.com](mailto:mpoe@villageofgrayslake.com). For more information about the Grayslake Historical Society, visit [www.grayslakehistory.org](http://www.grayslakehistory.org), 847-223-7663 or email [charenehan@aol.com](mailto:charenehan@aol.com).

### Happenings at the Grayslake Area Public Library

Art Takes Over The Library in March-Community Art Fair: Astounding artwork will be displayed throughout the library by talented students from our community. New this year; featured art by adults from The Grayslake Arts Alliance!

Celebrate Women's History Month: Wednesday, March 16; 7-8 pm. Women have done big things, secret things, and even dangerous things! Martina Mathisen will represent famous and not-so-famous women throughout history who have made a difference in our American experience. Call 847-223-5313 or go to [grayslake.info](http://grayslake.info) for more information.

### CLC James Lumber Center 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary !

Ryan & Ryan - Wednesday, March 2 @ 7:30 p.m. This dynamic and inventive father-son piano duo will create a joyous concert experience with their Going Gershwin performance.

The Magic of Bill Blagg – Saturday, March 19 @ 3 p.m. This action packed spectacular filled with magic and jaw-dropping illusions will leave you in disbelief!

Visit <http://www.clcillinois.edu/tickets> call 847-543-2300 or email for more information: [clcboxoffice@clcillinois.edu](mailto:clcboxoffice@clcillinois.edu). Box Office Hours: Monday – Friday, noon to 5 p.m.

## Lake County Fairgrounds Events

- Grayslake Antiques & Flea Market: Saturday, 3/12 & Sunday, 3/13. \$7.00 admission, free parking.
- Lake County RV Outlet Show: Friday, 3/25 - Sunday, 3/27. Free admission and free parking.
- Arts & Craft Show: Friday, 4/1 - Sunday, 4/3. \$5.00 admission, free parking.
- Home & Garden Expo: Saturday, 4/23 & Sunday, 4/24 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Pulling in the Prairie Tractor & Truck Pull: Saturday, 6/25 at 12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.
- Slammeduff Chicago Car Show: Sunday, 6/26 from 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. \$25 admission (kids 10 & under are free).

## Elected Officials

### Mayor

Rhett Taylor [mayortaylor@hotmail.com](mailto:mayortaylor@hotmail.com)

### Trustees

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**To see our major meeting schedule, please visit [www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com).**