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BOARD HAPPENINGS

The following items have been approved by the Village Board:

- ✍ Accounts Payable dated July 17, 2017 totaling \$25,066.52.
- ✍ Treasurer's Report for month ending July 2017.
- ✍ Motion to convert accounting system to accrual starting FY 2018.
- ✍ Treasurer's Report - Monthly Revenues & Expenditures June 2017.
- ✍ Approval of additional mosquito spraying treatments, not more than \$1,000.
- ✍ Approval to clean storm sewers, not more than \$2,000.

SHOULD THE VILLAGE RAISE THE SMOKING AGE FROM 18 TO 21?

The Village is considering a proposal to increase the minimum age for buying and/or possessing tobacco products from 18 to 21. This would include e-cigarettes and other tobacco related devices as well. The Board would like your input on this issue.



Under state law, the minimum age to buy or possess cigarettes and other tobacco products is 18, but municipalities can set the threshold higher.

Please email the village with your thoughts and concerns on this issue at thirdlake@comcast.net

RECYCLE... THINK BEFORE YOU THROW ANYTHING OUT



Not sure what to put in your curbside recycling bin? Here are some Guidelines:

Metal: All clean and empty aluminum cans, foil and foil pans; steel and tin cans; spray cans and paint cans; kitchen pots, pans and trays; utensils.

Caps, lids, pull tabs and labels may remain on the containers. Place metal lids inside of empty cans.

Metal containers and foil should be clean, empty of all liquids and free of food residue.

Plastic: All clean and empty plastic household containers, bottles of any size; jugs; tubs; cups; clamshell style containers; reusable food containers; laundry baskets; hangers; buckets; storage totes; kitty litter tubs; plant pots; non-motorized toys; small non inflatable pools.

Caps, lids, rings, handles and labels should be left on the plastic containers.

Plastic containers should be clean, empty of all liquids and free of food residue.

Paper: Scrap paper; mail; envelopes, including window; copy paper; cards; shredded paper; cardboard boxes; cereal and frozen food boxes; newspaper; ads; inserts; catalogs; magazines; phone books; hardcover and soft cover books; paper egg cartons; paper cups; milk, juice and other paper beverage cartons; paper tubes; wrapping paper.

Shredded paper should be bagged.

Cardboard boxes should be flattened and must be cut down to pieces no larger than 3' x 3'.

Paper boxes and cartons should be clean, empty and free of all liquid, food residue or packing materials.

Glass: Clean and empty glass bottles and jars, all colors.

Remove all caps and lids.

Glass containers should be clean, empty of all liquids and free of food residue.

For more information on how to properly recycle or dispose of items not listed, please contact SWALCO at (847) 336-9340 or go to RecycleFirst-TrashLast.org

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY

911
POLICE / FIRE
(NON-EMERGENCY):

Lake County Sheriff:
847.377.4000

Grayslake Fire Department:
847.223.8960

ANIMAL CONTROL
847.377.4700

UTILITIES

Commonwealth Edison:
800.334.7661

Nicor:
888.642.6748

North Shore/People's Gas:
847.336.9300

AT&T:
800.244.4444

Comcast Cable:
800.266.2278

Waste Management:
800.796.9696

Lake County Public Works:
847.377.7500

AREA LIBRARIES

Grayslake Library:
847.223.5313

Warren Newport Library:
847.244.5150

AREA PARK DISTRICTS:

Grayslake Parks & Recreation:
847.223.7529

Warren Township Parks & Sports:
847.244.1101 x6

SCHOOL DISTRICTS
School District #46:

847.223-3650

Woodland District #50:
847.816-2530

Grayslake Central HS Dist. #127
847.223.8621

Grayslake North HS Dist. #127
847.986.3100

TOWNSHIP OFFICES
Warren Township:
847.244.1101

Avon Township:
847.546.1446



Village Hall Hours

M-F 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Closed Saturday and Sunday

EVENING HOURS

The Village Hall is open from 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm on evenings when meetings are held.



SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

Committee	September 5 (Tues.)
Working Meeting	September 11 (TBD)
Plan Commission	September 12 (TBD)
Board of Trustees	September 18
Lakes Committee	September 25

Meetings begin at 7:00pm at the Village Hall



FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR TIPS

Being on bad terms with your neighbor can make your life frustrating, day after day. But taking the time to establish good terms with your neighbors has numerous benefits. The community will be friendlier, the neighborhood safer, and the area a nicer and more comfortable place to live.

- ~ **Introduce yourself.** Whether you're new in the neighborhood or new residents have just moved in on your block, introduce yourself. Say hello, offer a welcoming gift (the classic homemade pie never fails) and share or ask about the local area: "Where's the nearest pizzeria?" or "The garbage truck comes by on Tuesdays and Fridays, usually around 10 in the morning, but sometimes he sneaks in at 8."
- ~ **Consider your neighbors' lifestyle.** Get to know your neighbors-- what they do for a living, what their schedules might be like, and so on. Sometimes, you can remedy problems before they even start; for example, if they work nights, quiet mornings will be important for them. If they have young children, quiet evenings will be very important to them. Similarly, give them information that'll help *them* be more considerate of your lifestyle. If you do a lot of yard work, or if your teenage son plays the drums, let them know in advance and mention that if it's getting too loud, they shouldn't hesitate to let you know.
- ~ **Control your dog.** Keep your dog on a leash if it has a habit of running rampant on your neighbors' lawns, especially if they have a cat or a dog of their own, and make sure to clean up after it. If you have a particularly noisy dog, this may also become a source of contention for your neighbor. Put yourself in their shoes and imagine how upset you'd be if you or perhaps your newborn was woken from a much-needed nap by the sudden yapping of a nearby dog. If you have problems controlling your dog's barking or whining, consider seeking advice from your local vet.
- ~ **Alert your neighbor to parties.** If you're planning a party, be sure to give

your neighbors plenty of warning, letting them know when it's going to start and how long you expect it to go on. Leave them a telephone number to contact if they need to ask you to turn it down. If you get on well with your neighbors, why not invite them too? When it comes to the party itself, stick to your agreed arrangements and ask your guests to be considerate when leaving.

- ~ **Keep your yard and garden tidy.** Weed your garden regularly, because the presence of weeds in your yard is not only unsightly but can also spread to your neighbor's yard. Mow your lawn regularly and keep your flowers, trees and bushes trimmed appropriately. Put equipment away as soon as you're finished with it. Ask if your neighbor has chemical sensitivities, small children or pets before applying pesticides.
- ~ **Put rubbish/garbage out on the right day.** Only put your rubbish/garbage out on the day it's due for collection. If you accidentally miss the collection, bring it back onto your property immediately and try to contain it well. Garbage can attract vermin, insects, and other pests, and is also unsightly. Keep your trash area clean and debris free. Wash your garbage cans if they begin to smell.
- ~ **If you have a snow blower and they don't, spend that extra 60 seconds to clear their walkway.** It will save them 60 minutes of hard work and they'll be grateful!
- ~ **If you live in Sunshine and are having guests, please have them park on one side of the street only.** It will allow traffic to easily pass through the neighborhood as the roads get very congested especially over the summer.

A
Bad neighbor is
A misfortune, as
Much as a good
One is a great
Blessing.

REMINDERS

- ★ **Inoperable Vehicles** - It is a violation of the Village Ordinance to park or store a vehicle which is inoperable or unlicensed in residential driveways.
- ★ **Clear Paths** - As a courtesy to Village residents and guests, property owners are required to trim trees and shrubs that extend into the sidewalks and streets. People should be able to walk on the sidewalks without bumping into them.
- ★ **Building Permits** - If you are unsure whether or not your project requires a building permit, please call the Village Hall for confirmation.

Some projects that you may not know need permits include:
 - Hot water heater replacement
 - Air conditioning unit replacement
 - Furnace replacement
 - Interior remodeling
- ★ **Overnight Parking** - There is no parking on Village streets between the hours of 2:00 am and 7:00 am. If you need to leave a car on the street overnight, you must call or email the Village Hall by 2:00 am. Leave a message including your name, address & the vehicle (s) license plate number (s). *** **PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO LEAVE THE LICENSE PLATE NUMBER (S)*****
- ★ **Pets and Pet Waste** - Pets are not permitted to roam the Village freely. All pets are required to be leashed when not on the owner's property. Allowing your dog to deposit waste on another resident's property or on Village sidewalks or streets and not picking up the waste is a violation of our Village Ordinance.



BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY....



Slow Down: Back to School Means Sharing the Road!

Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians:

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic.

- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way

Sharing the Road with Bicyclists:

On most roads, bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as vehicles,

but bikes can be hard to see. Children riding bikes create special problems for drivers because usually they are not able to properly determine traffic conditions. The most common cause of collision is a driver turning left in front of a bicyclist.

- When passing a bicyclist, proceed in the same direction slowly, and leave 3 feet between your car and the cyclist
- When turning left and a bicyclist is approaching in the opposite direction, wait for the rider to pass
- If you're turning right and a bicyclist is approaching from behind on the right, let the rider go through the intersection first, and always use your turn signals
- Watch for bike riders turning in front of you without looking or signaling; children especially have a tendency to do this
- Be extra vigilant in school zones and residential neighborhoods
- Watch for bikes coming from driveways or behind parked cars
- Check side mirrors before opening your door

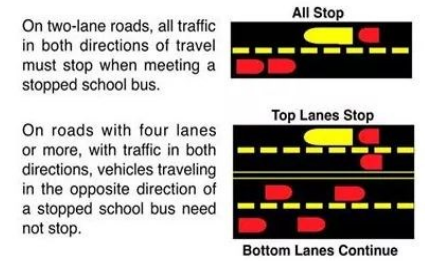
Sharing the Road with School Buses:

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

- Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus
- Be alert; children often are unpre-

dictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.

By exercising a little extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can co-exist safely in school zones.



If You're Dropping Off

Schools often have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year. Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids. More children are hit by cars near schools than at any other location, according to the National Safe Routes to School program. The following apply to all school zones:

- Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles
- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school
- Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school

DO NOT FEED WILD ANIMALS!!

Feeding wild animals on your property leads to rodents, skunks, opossum, and raccoons, not just on your property, but neighboring homes as well.

- rodents need only a ½ inch opening to gain access into your home
- animals such as skunks, opossum, and raccoons only require a hole large enough to get their head through to gain access into your home, garage, shed or decks
- electrical fires, damage to central heating systems, structural damage, flooding and other plumbing problems are often caused by rodents (squirrels & rats) and wildlife such as opossums, and raccoons
- diseases carried by wildlife and rodents can be transmitted through feces, urine, and ectoparasites (fleas, ticks, mites, etc) as well as direct contact.