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Village Vine

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Village Hall Hours

Weekdays: 8:30am-2:30pm
Weekends: Closed
Open 30 minutes prior to all scheduled meetings (6:30-7pm)

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Police + Fire (Non Emergency)
Lake County Sheriff
847.377.4000

Grayslake Fire Department
847.223.8960

Gurnee Fire Department
847.599.6600

Area Libraries
Grayslake Library
847.223.5313
Warren Newport Library
847.224.5150

Utilities
Commonwealth Edison
800.334.7661
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

Animal Control
847.377.4700

School Districts
School District #46
847.223.3650
Woodland District #50
847.816.2530
Grayslake Central HS District #127
847.223.8621
Grayslake North HS District #127
847.986.3100

Park Districts
Grayslake Parks & Recreation
847.223.7529
Warren Township Parks & Sports
847.244.1106 x6

Township Offices
Warren Township
847.244.1101
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847.546.1446



Website: WWW.THIRDLAKEVILLAGE.COM

Meetings

Committee	July 3rd
Plan Commission	July 11th
Board of Trustees	July 17th

Meetings begin at 7:00pm at the Village Hall

Congratulations Dylan!



The Village congratulates Dylan Van Zeyl for achieving highest rank of Eagle Scout. Dylan collected scrap metal for his Eagle Scout project and used the money to purchase items for Love Inc., an organization whose mission is to transform lives and communities. Please join the Village in congratulating Dylan on this achievement.

2023 Fishing Derby



Thanks to all participants and volunteers who helped with the 2nd annual fishing derby. Special thanks to Margie Freeman for providing coffee and donuts, Todd Roesler for the many prizes and Chris Trendle for the grand prize remote control fishing boat.



BOARD HAPPENINGS

The Village Board has approved the following:

- Accounts Payable dated May 8, 2023, totaling \$35,062.18
- Resolution R23-05-01 Adopting the 2022 Lake County All-Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan
- Resolution R23-05-03 Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Johnson Controls
- Resolution R23-05-02 Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Nearmap US, Inc.
- Ordinance 23-05-01 Waive bidding and approve a proposal from Aldridge Electric, Inc.

Blue Green Algae and Our Lakes

What is Blue Green Algae?

Blue-green algae blooms can be harmful when they produce toxins that may make humans and animals sick. Most blooms are not harmful. You can't tell by looking at a bloom so if in doubt, stay out. Blue green algae prefers warm, calm, sunny weather, and water temperatures higher than 75° F. It is impossible to completely eliminate blue-green algae from the lakes, so it is important to do what is in our control to reduce the overall intensity and the frequency of the blooms.

What is the Village Doing?

- Testing visible blooms
- Monitoring lake conditions on a weekly basis
- Partnering with the Lake County Health Department on ways to control algae blooms
- Notifying residents when toxin levels are unsafe
- Only treats invasive vegetation in the lake so that the native vegetation can thrive
- Passed ordinances banning the use of coal or tar and banning phosphorus containing fertilizer
- Researching ways to improve the quality of the water entering the lakes from outside of Village limits
- Collaborating with other communities in the watershed
- Maintains the aerators in Third Lake

What Can You Do?

- Do not remove all vegetation from the lake bottom
- Report an algae bloom to the Village hall for further testing of the bloom
- Stay out of the water if a bloom is suspected
- Don't allow pets to drink from the lake if a bloom is suspected
- Check the Village website if you see a yellow flag
- Avoid using fertilizers and other chemicals on lawn
- Do not feed geese/ducks, remove pet waste
- Lakefront owners - create a buffer zone at the water's edge to reduce surface runoff. Native plants are more effective at filtering runoff than residential lawns
- Learn about the benefits of aquatic vegetation (watch our website, social media and the newsletter for additional information and opportunities.
- Join the Friends of the Lake group! Contact the Village Hall for more information



MOSQUITOES BUGGING YOU?

Standing water means you could be raising mosquitoes! Here are some things you can do to help minimize the mosquito population in your yard:

- Get rid of tires, buckets, or any water holding containers
- Fill in or drain any low places in yard
- Cover trash containers to keep out rain water
- Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets
- Empty plastic wading pool at least once a week and store it indoors when not in use
- Make sure your backyard pool is properly cared for while on vacation
- Fill in tree rot holes and hollow stumps that hold water with sand or concrete
- Change the water in bird baths and plant pots or drip trays at least once each week
- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well trimmed around the house so adult mosquitos will not hide there

A Message from the Mayor

Last month, we had a fire in a detached garage that was the original meeting place for our trustees soon after the village was formed over 60 years ago. The Grayslake Fire Department did a great job putting out the fire but left the garage unusable and unsafe. Luckily, no one was hurt, and the residents still have their house. The outpouring of neighbors that came out the next day demonstrated how wonderful our residents are and how much they care. Each person that showed up without being asked helped with whatever was needed, and it turned into a giant block party. People were helping move things, tracking items, or even making food for the others to eat while they worked on helping this resident out. Seeing how people act after this devastating event made me so proud to live in Third Lake. This village keeps its small town feel while being in the middle of a very busy and crowded Lake County. Our residents volunteer for anything from clearing invasive species, picking up trash along the roads, packing food for others, to coordinating special events. I could go on and on but I'm sure people would love to hear why you think this is a great place to live. Please send us a note saying why you love living in the Village of Third Lake. We would like to share your thoughts with others.

HELP WANTED

Looking for a part time job with flexibility, close to home, good pay and lots of fun? The Village is looking for an administrative assistant who can commit to 3 or more days a week. The job involves processing permits, updating website and social media, composing the Vine, answering questions from residents and other office related duties. The perfect candidate is a go getter who is organized, friendly, and committed to the Village. The Village Hall is open from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please contact the Village hall with any questions.



Mark your calendars for these upcoming community events and important dates:

- ◆ July 11 & 25 - Women On Water (WOW) Group
- ◆ July 4th—the Village Hall will be closed in observance of the 4th of July
- ◆ July 29th - Venetian Night Parade

PET WASTE

We love seeing our furry friends enjoying our community but please remember to pick up their waste and to take it back home with you. Please do not place in someone else's garbage can.

VENETIAN NIGHT PARADE July 29th, 2023

The annual Venetian Night Parade will be held on July 29th. Don't miss this fun, family friendly event with prizes! It's an "anything goes" theme so if you can dream it, then build it! Winners are judged on creativity based on theme, costumes, music, and decorations. First Place Judges Choice wins a 2024 boat registration sticker and a village launch key.

Runner up will be the People's Choice based on the most votes from calls, emails, and Facebook. The parade can be viewed from any of the Third Lake boat launches, fire lanes or join your neighbors on Third Lake.



Village of Third Lake

WOW

Women On Water

Join WOW on Third Lake as we will Kayak/Canoe around the lake while meeting new neighbors and catching up with old ones. We will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake Ave boat launch. Join us every second and fourth Tuesday of the month, weather permitting. Bring a friend, bring a beverage/snack and come enjoy a sunset on the water.

*Men can attend at their own risk :)

CAN YOU DIG IT? CALL JULIE

Are you **planning** to dig this year for projects such as planting a tree or shrub, installing a fence or mailbox, building a deck, pond or patio and other DIY projects? You can put yourself and community at risk by not submitting a locate request. Call 811 or (800) 892-0123 at least two business days beforehand to keep yourself safe.



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

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Enjoy the Lake Make Sure to Have Your Sticker

Boat stickers and keys are available for purchase as listed below:

Non-Motorized Craft over 10 ft	\$10.00
Craft with Electric Motors	\$15.00
Gas Motorized Craft:	
25 Horsepower or Less	\$25.00
Over 25 Horsepower	\$45.00
Village Boat Launch Key (one per household)	\$10.00
Non-resident, 3 consecutive day guest pass	\$55.00