

SHOUT OUT

The Village would like to take a few moments to recognize those who were such a big part of making the holiday season bright for our residents. Holiday Helpers for organizing and making sure all our residents had a good Christmas. Volunteers who organized the Olde Fashioned Christmas in the Village that provides a traditional Grant Park event for our residents. Christmas Day, Inc. volunteers, who make Christmas Day entertaining and merry for those residents who are alone or in need. The volunteers who helped us put up trees, reindeer, ornaments, lights, snowflakes, evergreens and other festive touches to town. The High School students who painted windows in the chamber of commerce member's windows. The Grant Park Foundation and Douglas Graves for providing tax tips for a year that may be the best time to give to a charity. To our Maintenance team who get up early and stay up late to keep our roads as clear as possible in adverse conditions.

BECOME A VILLAGE VOLUNTEER TODAY

Just call the hall. Whatever you are good at we can use! You can reach us at 465-6531. It's a great way to meet people, have a lot of fun, and of course, many hands make light work. Much of what is done is behind the scenes, some is even done on the phone. So even if you can't make meetings or spare a day, you can still be a big part of activities. We can help you find your niche!

GPVBSA

Grant Park Youth Baseball Softball Association sign up dates are January 14 and 28 and February 11, 2017 from 10am until noon at the Grant Park Elementary Cafeteria.

RECYCLING CANS

Recycling cans **must be** out by 6:00 AM. Our driver has been having to pick some recycle cans and put them in regular trash (augh!) because they were not out early enough. This is because we only have one driver and his first run through town is for the recycle cans. He then makes a second run back through town for trash. Like regular trash, recycling cans may be set out the night before pickup.



VILLAGE BOARD

The following people will be running for Village Board positions on April 4th. Everyone who is running has been a Grant Park resident for 20 years or more and are all vested in making the Village the best it can be.

- Village President:** (4 year term)
Current Board President Marty Roth and Adam Ekhoft
- Village Clerk** (4 year term)
Current Village Clerk Scott Dillman
- Village Trustee** (1) 2 year term
Current Trustee Dana Dickson and Bill Coats
- Village Trustee** (3) 4 year term
William Gerry Morgan

Two Trustees will need to be appointed by the Village President after the election. The appointees will serve two years and will need to run in the next election. For those of you who are interested in finding out about the candidates and their positions, the Chamber of Commerce plans to hold a forum in the spring prior to the election.

The best voters are informed voters!

ICE AND SALT

It's important to remember the fact that salt isn't very effective against ice in bitterly cold temperatures. At a

temperature of 30 degrees, one pound of salt will melt 46 pounds of ice. As the temperature drops, salt's effectiveness slows so that when you get down near 10 degrees and below, salt hardly works at all. This is for nighttime temperatures; salt is effective at these very cold temperatures in sunshine.

However, even this can be dangerous when salt is applied to some snow and melts it, because then if the overnight temperature drops below 15 degrees, that snow melt can refreeze into a layer of ice. Unfortunately we may occasionally have to live with ice and packed snow on our streets, because applying salt during the day would have just created more ice at night and made the salted streets MORE treacherous.

Please be extra careful and patient during frigid weather.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 2 Village Hall is closed
- 3 Village Board Meeting
- 6:00 @ Village Hall
- 14 GPVBSA sign up 10-2 @ GP Elementary cafeteria
- 16 Village Hall & library closed
- 17 Village Board Mtg
- 6:00 @ Village Hall
- 18 School Board Mtg
- 7:00 PM, Middle School
- 23 Library Board Meeting
- 5:00 @ Library
- 28 GPVBSA sign up 10-2 @ GP Elementary cafeteria
- February
- 11 GPVBSA sign up 10-2 @ GP Elementary cafeteria
- 20 Young At Heart
- Seniors Mtg 1PM till 3PM
- @ Community Center

BE SAFE OUT THERE

Remember, always be careful during times of bitter cold temperatures. This means a lot more than just bundling up. Pay extra attention to the pavement you are walking or driving on, so ice doesn't sneak up on you and cause you big trouble.

GRANT PARK LIBRARY

New patron cards are now available with barcodes that allow for quick check outs. In addition to the full use of the Library, patrons can now use the internet to look for and put items on hold to pick up in town that may actually be housed at other libraries in Northern Illinois and can be used at those libraries if you are vacationing nearby. Computers and Wi-Fi are available for you as well. Drop by for your new cards (free of charge for Village residents) to check out our new books and DVDs.