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# Village Vine

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## February 2022



## Village Hall Hours And Important Phone Numbers

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

### Village President

Rodney "Butch" Buckley  
847.223.8422

### Village Clerk

Michelle Smith  
847.223.8422

### Administrative Assistant

Victoria Stevens  
847.223.8422

### Treasurer

Carol Metivier  
847.223.8422

### Trustees

Bob Hameister

Bob Ruwitch

Linda Mateja

Dan Penny

Mary Honegger

Thomas Van Zeyl

### Police + Fire

(Non Emergency)  
Lake County Sheriff  
847.377.4000

Grayslake Fire  
Department  
847.223.8960

### Area Libraries

Grayslake Library  
847.223.5313  
Warren Newport  
Library  
847.224.5150

### 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

### Park Districts

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

### 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

### Township Offices

Warren Township  
847.244.1101  
Avon Township  
847.546.1446

### Animal Control

847.377.4700

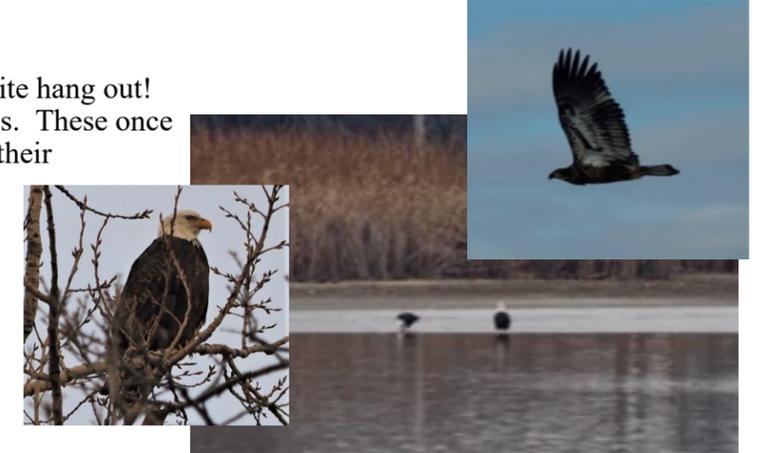
## February Meetings

Committee	February, 7th
Plan Commission	February, 15th
Board of Trustees	February, 22nd (Tues)
Lakes Committee	February, 28th

Meetings begin at 7:00pm at the Village Hall

### A Majestic Presence in the Air

A family of Bald Eagles have made our Lakes their favorite hang out! You can see them flying around both lakes in these photos. These once endangered birds are thriving due to the improvement of their environment. With the average lifespan of about twenty years, it takes five years before they mature, reproduce and acquire the white feathered heads. Take a minute to see if you can locate one of these majestic birds!



### The Village Hall is Getting an Update!



We have replaced all the old lights with more energy efficient LED lights. A business office was created as you enter to provide greater service to the visitors of the Village Hall. A special thanks to Linda Mateja and Michelle Smith for all their volunteer painting to finish off our new, brighter look. The new layout of the front lobby allows us to display our history. If you have anything relating to the Village of Third Lake you would like to donate for display, please contact us. We are looking for articles, photos or pieces of history to exhibit in the lobby.



### New Lakes Commissioner

Please welcome Todd Roesler, our newest Lakes Commissioner! Todd was sworn in at the January 18th Board meeting. Todd and his family have lived in Third Lake since 2016. Todd says, "Volunteering on the Lakes Commission seems like the ideal opportunity to give something back to the community while working on something our family thoroughly enjoys and values." We fully agree and couldn't be more happier to have you. Welcome Todd!



Want to be more involved in the community? Most Village meetings are held on the first, third and last Mondays of the month at 7 pm. The Lakes Commission consists of members who advise the Village Board on issues regarding the management of Druce and Third Lake. The Planning and Zoning Commission advises the Village Board on development within the Village. Be an active part of your community by attending any of the meetings or volunteering to be a member on a committee.



## Parking, Snow Removal And Plow Damage

As much as we love the beauty of fresh fallen snow, the roads need to be plowed. The plow operators do their best to provide clean streets, but occasionally may hit a mailbox or scrape a section of sod near the curb. If this happens, please report the incident to the Village by submitting a photograph of the damage to [thirdlake@comcast.net](mailto:thirdlake@comcast.net). Please include your name, street address and a contact method to facilitate follow-up action. A temporary mailbox will be provided until Spring or when a new post can be installed.

In general, a plow truck will make the first pass to open the roads and will come back at a later time to fine tune the rest, so please be patient.

Please remember to shovel your sidewalks and around fire hydrants to keep us all safe. Help the postal service by clearing in front of your mailbox as well.

Calling in a vehicle left overnight after a snowfall of one inch or more will not excuse you from receiving a violation and parking ticket. Note that there is no parking of any vehicle on the streets at any time within 12 hours after a snowfall of one inch or more according to Ordinance No. 21-03-02.

This ordinance will be enforced and will result in the issuance of a parking fine and or towed vehicle.

## Stay Connected



Want to know what's going on in the Village? Make sure you stay in the loop with important information on our website at **ThirdLakeVillage.com** and by connecting with us on Facebook.

It is also important that we have your email addresses and phone numbers for more time sensitive information and for those who don't use social media. If you are a renter, we need to hear from you too.

Feel free to contact us at 847-223-8422 or email us at [thirdlake@comcast.net](mailto:thirdlake@comcast.net).

## Snowmobile Safety On Trails And Lakes

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) reminds snowmobile operators and riders to focus on safety this winter.

Basic safety tips for safe snowmobiling include:

- Never consume alcohol or drugs before or during a ride.
- Know your equipment, and make sure that equipment is in proper working order.
- Wear sensible, protective clothing designed for snowmobiling, including a full-size helmet, goggles, or face shield to prevent injuries.
- Avoid wearing long scarves, which may get caught in moving parts of the snowmobile.
- Know the terrain you are going to ride.
- Drowning is one cause of snowmobile fatalities; when not familiar with the body of water or thickness of the ice, avoid these areas.
- Know the weather forecast, and especially the ice and snow conditions in the area.
- Always use the buddy system and never ride alone or unaccompanied.
- Be careful when crossing roads; come to a complete stop and make sure no traffic is approaching from any direction.
- Travel at a reasonable rate of speed for visibility and conditions.

For information about Snowmobile safety courses, please visit the Illinois Department of Natural Resources website.

## BOARD HAPPENINGS

The 2022 Village Meeting Schedule is currently posted on the Village website and Facebook. For further details of minutes and agendas go to [www.thirdlakevillage.com](http://www.thirdlakevillage.com).

### The Village Board has approved the following:

- Accounts Payable dated January 10, 2022 totaling \$35,754.50
- Approve nomination of Todd Roesler as Lakes Commissioner
- Approval for Village work truck with plow

Want to know more about your community? Attend any of the meetings or stop on by and say, "hi" anytime. Meetings take place at the Village Hall and the public is always welcome.

## LAKE NEWS



When is it Safe to Walk on the Lake?



4" 5-7" 8-12" 12-15"  
MINIMUM GUIDELINES FOR NEW, CLEAR ICE

Ice is never 100% safe!

Every year open ice areas can vary so be cautious of the changes and pay close attention to the weather. Make sure it's been below 32 degrees for some time to appropriately freeze. Even though the ice may look strong and safe, it may not support you.

**The Village would like to urge all Residents to be cautious when venturing out on the ice.**

Please remind children of the dangers and watch pets as it only takes a few seconds for a moment of harmless play to turn tragic. If you plan on venturing out on the lake, bring your cell phone with you and tell someone in your home where you are going.

For those interested in ice fishing, check out the Department of Natural Resources for tips, lakes and guidelines for licenses and up to date information for the area. Go to [www.ifishillinois.org](http://www.ifishillinois.org)

## ATTENTION RENTERS

Rental registration with the Village is due at the beginning of each year. Please make sure your landlord is compliant with the Village ordinance and that your rental home is on file with us.

If you own a home within the Village of Third Lake that you rent, please make sure you register that home with the Village at the beginning of each year.

Noncompliance of this ordinance requiring the registration of all rental properties may be assessed with a fine according to Ordinance 10-06-05. The registration form is available on the village website.



## Is Your COVID-19 Test Site Legit?

If you've been looking for a COVID-19 test, you probably know they are in short supply. Unfortunately, scammers love to "help" with shortages and pop up sites are everywhere. Here are some questions to ask when in doubt.

### Q: Who is authorized to perform COVID-19 tests?

A: It is not required under Illinois law to be a licensed healthcare professional to perform the test. Collection sites are not regulated, but the labs that test the samples are regulated by CLIA certified laboratory. You can ask where your specimen will be sent and for their CLIA number. Go to: <https://qcor.cms.gov> This website will show the "certificate type" for the lab and whether the lab is functioning under a CLIA certification.

### Q: Is it permissible for the testing site to ask me for payment for the test at the time of service?

A: The testing site should not ask you for payment for certain tests, but in some cases, yes. The IDPH said businesses are not allowed to charge for the test itself, but can charge a fee for administering the test. The Illinois Attorney General's office said, "Testing sites that charge a fee should be a red flag as there are many sites that provide testing with no out of pocket costs." Find out beforehand if the location plans to charge you for a rapid or PCR test. If you have insurance, the testing site may ask that information and bill your insurance. Report any issues to the Office of the Inspector General by calling 1-800-HHS-TIPS or at [TIPS.HHS.GOV](mailto:TIPS.HHS.GOV)

### Q: Are testing site allowed to ask for my personal information or protected health information before it conducts a test?

A: Yes, only contact and information related to health matters used as screening tools before doing the test. Any other information may violate the HIPPA act.

### Q: What is the best way to find a reliable COVID-19 testing site?

A: Testing is available at 10 free State community-based testing sites, listed at [www.dph.illinois.gov](http://www.dph.illinois.gov). You can reach out to a primary health care provider, nearest urgent care center, local pharmacy, and local health department for testing options.

### Q: What if I never receive my test results?

A: Regardless of symptoms, follow the (CDC) guidance on isolation, quarantine, and masking at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). While you are at the facility, make sure you get contact information in the event you don't hear anything within the time that is promised.

If you feel you were a victim of fraud, not charged at the time of service, but later receive a bill for testing, or if you experienced price gouging, go to <https://ccformsubmission.ilag.gov/>

You can contact the Village if you feel the facility is not a legitimate business. We require a license to operate in the Village Third Lake.

If you have a complaint please contact the Better Business Bureau (BBB) at [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org).

