

Hainesville Village News



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NEW DOG ORDINANCE

At our October meeting the Village Board passed a new ordinance pertaining to the control of domestic pets. This change was prompted by a number of incidents where residents were threatened by or had their pets attacked by unleashed dogs. Fines for violations have been dramatically increased from \$25 minimum to a \$100 minimum and a \$750 maximum. You can view the ordinance on the Village website by clicking the "Village Ordinances" button in the lower left corner and then typing 6.04 into the search line.

HAINESVILLE'S CIVIL WAR EVENT – A GREAT SUCCESS

The event this past October 19-20th was an unqualified success. The weather was exceptional. Everyone with whom I spoke (re-enactor, presenter and visitor) was very complimentary. Many said they would return next year. Those who had not been to our events previously were very positively impressed.

The attendance was better than last year, and those in attendance (according to the re-enactors I talked to) said the interest was very high and the questions were smart and probing. It gave the re-enactors opportunity to show their knowledge of the period and their characters. A teacher mentioned to me that they don't teach the depth of knowledge that they got at our event and were thankful for it.

Special thanks to the exceptional help from Mike DePouw and his Public Works crew, Dave Schultz, the great ladies of our office staff who helped throughout the year, volunteers from the Great Age Club, Grayslake Central and North High Schools, Trustees Mary Koval and Georgeann Duberstein who staffed the Parking Fee and Information Booth, the officers of the Grayslake/Hainesville Police Department with Mobile Eye and the Round Lake Area Fire Protection District and their EMS support. We are very grateful to the Northbrook Sports Club for both hosting this event and providing logistical support as well as being our premier sponsor. Thanks also to the rest of our sponsors whose donations made this event possible. Thanks, as well, to all of the re-enactors and presenters whose efforts were at the center of this event and to Andy Sparaco who lent his time and talent in making a video record of this event. We also appreciate the various vendors and contractors that provided the necessary additional logistic support. Note, too, the great articles with pictures in the Daily Herald and Lake County News Sun after the event. Thank you all for your support. It definitely helped make this event a great success.

Trustee George E. Duberstein, Event Chairman

VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

November 27th, 28th, 29th, December 24th through January 1st, 2020.

The Mayor and staff will be monitoring emails and voicemail. If you have a Public Works emergency

call 911 and the appropriate personnel will be dispatched.

LEAF VACUUM SERVICE – YARD WASTE PICK-UP SINGLE FAMILY HOMES

Leaf vacuuming service will be offered on Wednesdays which started October 23rd and will be ending on November 27th. Please be aware that due to the volume of leaves any particular week, the leaf collection truck may not always arrive at your home at the same time each week. Please have your leaves ready for pickup by 6:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. Last day for yard waste pick-up is also November 27th.

INSTRUCTIONS: Leaves should be raked into a pile or row within 3 feet of the curb but remaining well off the street. **Please make sure to keep the leaves on the parkway and not in the street.** Please do not mix large tree branches, grass, or brush with your pile of leaves as these items will damage the vacuum truck. **If the weather won't cooperate & there is bad weather on a Wednesday, the leaves will be picked up the very next day or ASAP. Any questions call Advanced Disposal 847-623-3870.**

GUN CLUB NOISE COURT CASES

The following statement, is a quick summary of an Illinois Appellate Court Ruling that, in essence, removes the option of Hainesville developing a restriction on the noise emanating from the Northbrook Sports Club. The case is entitled: Shepard v. Pollution Control Bd. Appellate Court of Illinois, Second District May 4, 1995 2-94-0864.

“The court held that the sports club **is exempt from** Illinois Pollution Control Board **noise standards** pursuant to the applicable statutory provisions and those statutory provisions do not provide for a general cause of action. The court affirmed the Pollution Control Board's order dismissing the resident's complaint against the sports club and the Village.”

Additionally, the following statutory provisions of Public Act 94-387, which became effective on 7-29-2005, prevent the Village from taking action against the Northbrook Sports Club on the basis of noise or sound emissions.

(740 ILCS 130/5)

Sec. 5. Firearm ranges; liability.

(a) As used in this Section, "firearm range" means a rifle, pistol, silhouette, skeet, trap, black powder, or other similar range in this State used for discharging firearms in a sporting event, for practice or instruction in the use of a firearm, or for the testing of a firearm. "Firearm range" also includes licensed shooting preserves and public hunting areas operated or licensed by the Department of Natural Resources.

*(b) An owner or operator of a firearm range in existence on January 1, 1994, is immune from any criminal liability arising out of or as a consequence of noise or sound emissions resulting from the normal use of the firearm range. **An owner or operator of a firearm range is not subject to any action for public or private nuisance or trespass and no court in this State shall enjoin the use or operation of a firearm range on the basis of noise or sound emissions resulting from the normal use of the firearm range.***

In summary, based upon the Appellate Court's decision and the state law, the Village of Hainesville has no legal right nor ability to impose control over the hours or the noise level of the gun club.