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Grayslake Bike Share to Launch Spring 2021

First Bike Share Program in Lake County Set in Motion

GRAYSLAKE, IL – Grayslake Bike Share recently announced it has partnered with Koloni, Inc. to roll out Lake County's first bike share program in spring 2021. Grayslake Bike Share is a partnership between the Grayslake Community Park District, the Village of Grayslake, Grayslake Area Public Library, College of Lake County, and Grayslake resident Mary Klees.

Grayslake Bike Share aims to address community needs related to health and wellness, recreation, community building, the local economy, transportation, and environment concerns. The local districts and Ms. Klees have been working collaboratively for over two years in the development of the bike share program. The two-year pilot program will offer bike rentals at various locations throughout Grayslake.

Grayslake Park District Executive Director Kristin Splitt looks forward to the program's rollout. "With over 22 miles of bike trails throughout Grayslake, our town is an ideal location to introduce a bike sharing program," Splitt said.

Splitt explained that a majority of the Grayslake Park District's 33 parks have greenway connections. "The Grayslake Bike Share will improve access to parks and also provide a way for residents to stay active while enjoying time outside in nature," she said.

The bike share program aligns with GO Grayslake, the Grayslake Park District's initiative designed to promote community health through outdoor movement. Providing easier access to bikes and the many trails throughout Grayslake presents another way for the community to be healthy and active outdoors.

A bike share program provides shared bicycles available for use on a short-term basis for a small fee. Individuals will be able to rent a bike using a phone app and will have use of the bike for as long as the user wants, after which the bike must be returned to designated racks throughout Grayslake. More information will be available closer to the launch of the program this spring.

About the Grayslake Park District:

Established in 1959, the Grayslake Park District has 33 park sites with over 240 acres of open space, wetlands, playgrounds, and ballfields. It offers hundreds of programs including youth and adult sports leagues, youth sports classes, a dance studio, a public golf course, adult day trips, fitness classes, day camps, family special events, and much more. Find Your Fun at www.glpd.com or follow @grayslakeparkdistrict on Facebook and Instagram.