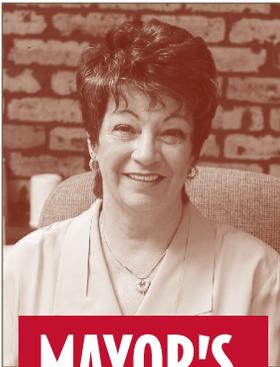


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MAYOR'S UPDATE

VILLAGE GEARING UP FOR BUSY 2012

The Village is getting ready for a busy 2012 with some significant projects planned for this upcoming construction season that aim to improve streets, parking lots, and our water & sewer system. I am happy to

report that despite the tough economic times the Village remains in a strong enough financial position to continue making these needed improvements.

First of all the Village hopes to add into the Fiscal Year Ending 2013 Budget ("FYE 2013") (which starts on May 1, 2012) a Street Paving Program for this upcoming spring/summer that aims to improve certain streets whose condition has dropped below Village standards. The streets likely to be included are: (1) a block of Rose Street north of Eastwood Avenue, (2) a block of Atlantic Avenue north of Irving Park Road and a connected segment of Montrose Avenue just east of 25th Avenue, and finally (3) the sections of Linn Avenue, South Avenue, and Ruby Street north of Irving Park Road and just west of the railroad tracks. All these areas need improvement and the goal is to complete at least some of them in 2012. Other streets sections are planned for 2013 through the use of Federal Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Funds.

Secondly the Village plans to repave the Village Hall Parking Lot just to the east of the Village Hall on Irving Park Road. This lot serves all the customers coming to the Village Hall, Police Station, Fire Station, and Public Works garage for public business as well as many of the businesses on Irving Park Road, and has fallen into a below standard

condition that needs to be rectified. The new lot will include improved lighting and drainage features as well as a complete resurfacing of the pavement. I am happy to be able to say that customers coming to the Village Hall will have a much improved parking experience once this project is complete – probably by early summer.

In addition we have our annual CDBG project for the 2012 construction year planned which involves an alley between Montrose Avenue and Moore Lane. This project is funded primarily through a Federal Government Grant and locations are limited based on their criteria. Also the Village continues its program of cleaning and televising of both sanitary and storm sewers throughout the Village to ensure that the system is free of significant defects and continues to operate near peak efficiency. Areas in need of repair are then fixed as part of this process. This ongoing effort is part of the Village's comprehensive flood control program that hopes to alleviate future flooding as much as is possible.

The Village Board and I continue to focus on good stewardship of the Village's resources while still making necessary capital improvements.

Yours for a better Schiller Park,



Anna Montana,
Mayor

ELECTRICITY REFERENDUM INFORMATION

On March 20, 2012, the Village will be seeking your opinion through a ballot referendum regarding your electrical supplier. Currently, 19 communities in Illinois are now buying their electric power from suppliers other than ComEd as they have passed a similar ballot referendum. These residents typically are saving \$150.00 to \$175.00 per year under this plan. This year 68 more communities are seeking approval from their residents to begin municipal electricity aggregation just like Schiller Park. ComEd continues to bill each resident, and continues to repair any outages in those communities.

The referendum would allow the Village to solicit bids on behalf of residents and small businesses to buy electric power on the open (deregulated) energy market. The goal is to secure lower electric supply rates for residents and small businesses in our community.

Since the State of Illinois deregulated electric power providers, 75 percent of commercial volume has switched to buy power from suppliers other than ComEd. Conversely, few residents have moved to lower-cost energy suppliers. As a result, the State of Illinois created

legislation allowing communities to leverage residential accounts by engaging in a process of “Municipal Aggregation,” thus enabling municipalities to solicit competitive bids from suppliers on behalf of the entire community.

In order for the Village to engage in the Municipal Aggregation process, residents must vote YES to give the Village that authority on the March 2012 ballot.

If the referendum passes, the Village is under no obligation to switch suppliers. The referendum simply gives the Village the right to solicit competitive bids. The Village can determine whether bid terms and pricing are compelling enough to move residents’ accounts en masse to a new, lower cost supplier. If not, all residents who have not selected other suppliers on their own will remain with ComEd power for the next 12 months. In NO case will changing providers cause your electric bill to be more expensive than if you had stayed with ComEd, it can only save you money.

ComEd service will not change: ComEd would continue to manage and maintain the network (of stations and wiring) that delivers your electric power. Residents

will continue to call ComEd in the event of a power outage. Residents will still be customers of ComEd’s delivery system and receive bills from ComEd with the only difference being the name on the line item for power supplier.

Should the municipality choose a new energy supplier, the supplier will contact each electric account to offer them the opportunity to “opt out” of the new plan. The resident can return a short form provided by the energy supplier, stating their desire to “opt out” and continue to purchase power from ComEd.

Residential electric rates are set once annually by ComEd. ComEd earns no income from the sale of electric power; they simply distribute it. As such, they are “indifferent” to which supplier a community chooses to buy its power.

Below is a sample of the referendum to appear on March 2012 ballot.

More information about the referendum including some frequently asked questions can be found on the Village website – www.villageofschillerpark.com.

Should the Village have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program? YES NO

ILLICIT DISCHARGE REPORTING

It is illegal to release anything other than storm-water which is free of pollutants to the maximum extent practicable to a storm-water conveyance system! Storm-water conveyance systems include streets, curbs and gutter, storm drains, and ditches.

You may call the local jurisdiction at 847-671-8554 to report an illicit discharge or a potential illicit discharge. Please provide a detailed account of the incident (i.e. date, time, location, responsible party, nature of the incident) when you call to report an illicit discharge.

VILLAGE STREET SWEEPING PROGRAM RESUMES IN LATE MARCH

Starting on March 19, 2012 the Village resumes its street sweeping program. This is the third year of the new program with the change being made two years ago to save money (an estimated \$150,000 already) during these difficult economic times, minimize the parking restrictions, and increase the reliability of the service. The work is now done by a private contractor, Hoving Clean Sweep, which submitted the lowest bid in a competitive bidding process several years ago that was organized by the Village.

The old program involved sweeping the entire town each week by covering a different section on each of five (5) weekdays per week (Monday through Friday). The new schedule streamlined this process by providing for street sweeping on only two (2) days per week instead of the old five (5). The new two (2) day schedule provides for sweeping the even numbered addresses side of each street on Monday and odd numbered addresses side on Tuesdays. The various Village parking lots and alleys will be swept on

Wednesdays. Additionally a sweep of town is done only two (2) times per month (the 2nd and 4th Monday and the 2nd and 4th Tuesday, April through November), with an additional winter cleanup sweep scheduled for the last week in March. In other words if your home has an even numbered address the edge of the street directly in front of your home will be swept on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month and the opposite side of your street will be swept on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Finally the sweeping hours will be expanded to 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM instead of the current 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Keep in mind that the May schedule this year is altered due to the 1st of the month falling on a Tuesday and the Memorial Day Holiday.

All of this means that there are parking restrictions on Village streets only during the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month and only on Mondays and Tuesdays during those weeks. The schedule showing the sweeping dates for this coming season is shown to the right.

As noted above the sweeping is now done by a private contractor which performs similar street sweeping work for a number of communities and did so successfully for the Village the last two years. Since Hoving Clean Sweep has a number of sweepers available it has been able to eliminate the delays and missed sweeps the Village experienced in the last years of the old program due to mechanical difficulties with the Village sweeper. This

has resulted in the increased reliability of the sweeping service.

The Village is happy to report that these changes have saved money, streamlined the sweeping schedule, improved the reliability of the service, and significantly reduced the number of days with parking restrictions. Please contact the Village at (847) 678-2550 if you have any questions about this program.

WEEKS WITH SWEEPING (MONDAY & TUESDAY):

- Sweep 1 March 19-20, 2012
- Sweep 2 April 9-10, 2012
- Sweep 3 April 23-24, 2012
- Sweep 4 May 8 (Tuesday Route) and 14 (Monday Route)
- Sweep 5 May 22 (Tuesday Route) and 29 (Monday Route - Holiday)
- Sweep 6 June 11-12, 2012
- Sweep 7 June 25-26, 2012
- Sweep 8 July 9-10, 2012
- Sweep 9 July 23-24, 2012
- Sweep 10 August 13-14, 2012
- Sweep 11 August 27-28, 2012
- Sweep 12 September 10-11, 2012
- Sweep 13 September 24-25, 2012
- Sweep 14 October 8-9, 2012
- Sweep 15 October 22-23, 2012
- Sweep 16 November 12-13, 2012
- Sweep 17 November 26-27, 2012

Even Numbered Addresses - Monday
Odd Numbered Addresses - Tuesday

CRYSTAL CREEK UPDATE

As residents have undoubtedly noticed work on the project has been delayed over the last few months. This delay, as previously reported, has been because of the need for additional relocation of utilities. As was explained in our December website update several utilities have been required to do additional relocating work on their poles or pipes to get them out of the way of the new creek channel in the area just west of 25th Avenue. The coordination and execution of these efforts has taken a significant amount of time during which work on the project has been stalled.

The Village is happy to report that Nicor has completed their work already and that ComEd has begun the process of relocating their poles. The additional ComEd work needed additional easements from residents before relocation could begin. The Village thanks these civic minded residents for their valuable cooperation to move forward with this added work. ComEd's work when completed will enable construction on the project to resume. It is currently hoped that work on the block wall channel will resume in April once the utility relocations are completed. This is, of course, subject to change and dependent on good weather conditions during the relevant periods.

The Village will continue to provide updates on our website as further progress is made. As always, we appreciate the patience and understanding shown by our residents as this long and often messy project continues. If you have further questions regarding this project please contact the Village Hall at (847) 678-2550.

AROUND TOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

SCHILLER PARK DID YOU KNOW?

36% of the Village of Schiller Park is open space – 486 acres!

Julia Marenga Kolze, daughter-in-law of founder William Kolze, became the Mayor of Schiller Park in 1932 - the first woman mayor in the State of Illinois.

CONSTRUCTION SEASON IS COMING - DO I NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?

Many are now planning good weather construction projects. The purpose of a building permit is to ensure that work is done correctly. Our building department employees are professionals in every area of construction. Their only goal is to protect businesses and homeowners with quality construction built to last.

Opening the walls: It's safe to assume that if your project involves removing drywall and working in the walls of your home that the work requires a building permit.

Fences and Windows:

Please contact the Community Development BEFORE buying fencing or windows, or signing a contractor for professional installation. Your fence or window may not comply with village ordinances or state energy laws.

Red Flags that something is wrong: A 'contractor' that is in a hurry with a 'today only' deal. A 'contractor' that wants you to get the permit.

Protecting Schiller Park Residents: Schiller Park licenses all contractors in every trade. This includes verifying they have the proper state licenses, training, insurance, bonds, etc. Schiller Park licensed contractors are qualified to complete your project professionally. A good contractor will be helpful and patient, holding a price for you and offering to obtain the proper building permit.

The Community Development Department has information sheets on virtually every type of construction. These can be downloaded from the web site or found in our lobby at 4501 N. 25th Avenue. If you ever have any question, please call 847-671-8555 or email us at cd@villageofschillerpark.com

SCHILLER PARK COMMONS CONSTRUCTION ENTERS FINAL PHASE

The new stand-alone Chase Bank is complete and open for business at the corner of Irving Park and Old River Roads. Installation of storm water detention vaults under Schiller Park Commons

parking lot has been accomplished. In 2012, the eastern portion of the mall (old Chase Bank) will be demolished to build a new addition for an expanded Aldi's.

SPRING ALSO SPRINGS OUR ANIMAL FRIENDS

Our furry friends wake from hibernation and resume their activities. Please do not feed wild animals. Nature has a system for regulating its critter population. If you need a trap for skunk, raccoon, opossum, etc. please contact Community Development at (847) 671-8555.

SCHILLER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARD

Our Village Community Center and Community Development Department at 4501 North 25th Avenue has a new electronic sign to inform our residents of events and emergencies.

HEALTH UPDATE

The Village Board of Health provides numerous health-related events throughout the year:

- Quarterly Blood Drive – April 17th, June 19th
- Lifeline Health Screening will be conducted at the Recreation Center on

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Tuesday, March 20, 2012. This program screens for heart disease, osteoporosis, stroke, and other common conditions. Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-690-6313

SCHILLER PARK WELCOMES O'HARE BLUE SKY PARKING

O'Hare Blue Sky Parking recently opened an airport parking facility at United Parkway and Mannheim Road. Blue Sky offers indoor parking for vehicles of all sizes. This is another new business resulting from the O'Hare Business Park renovation of 2011 by KTR Capital Partners.

STARTING A BUSINESS IN SCHILLER PARK

If you are thinking of starting or relocating a business to Schiller Park, your first stop is the Village Hall. Applying for a business license early can prevent trouble later. The Village reviews applications for zoning and fire regulations. If requested, Community Development and the Fire Department will visit the property you are looking to lease and review any necessary code updates. Business owners have

found this to be valuable before they sign a lease.

FRANKLIN PARK/SCHILLER PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Our Chamber of Commerce sponsors numerous events every year serving the businesses in our area. These activities include tours, education, seminars, social mixers, the annual golf outing and many more.

- Opportunities for networking with other businesses in the area
• Marketing and advertising opportunities
• Plant tours
• Seminars to help you run your business better

UPCOMING EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

- April: Community Policing Update
May: Meet Your Mayors
June: Meet Your State Representatives
August: Community Development Annual Update

Membership is quick and inexpensive. Please visit www.chamberbyohare.org to join today!

YARD WASTE & BRANCH COLLECTION PROCEDURES

If you're planning on doing some yard work this spring and summer you might want to brush up on the Village's processes for yard waste and branch collection. Since there are different rules and pickup days for yard waste and branches it is important to know and understand the specific rules for each program.

YARD WASTE

This includes items like grass clippings, twigs, shrubbery, and dead plants or flowers. Collection is made by GROOT (our normal garbage hauler) on the normal pickup day of Friday - starting March 30th this year. You have two options for curbside disposal of yard waste - (1) Utilize a 30 gallon or smaller generic, biodegradable, paper bag, or (2) Use a 35 gallon (or less) size garbage can for landscape waste only (this must be marked with Village supplied stickers stating "landscape waste"). These stickers can be obtained at Village Hall and are free. This service is provided until November 26th.

BRANCH PICKUP

This service is provided directly by the Village's Department of Public Works and is done on Monday throughout the spring and summer - starting on March 26th this year. Please ensure your branches are out at the curb prior to 7:00 AM on Monday morning. The Public Works crew will come by and "chip" the branches into woodchips. The chips are then used by Public Works in various projects in the Village. If you have questions about the branch pickup program or you are interested in getting some woodchips from the Village's stockpile please contact Joseph Meyers, Director of Public Works at (847) 671-8554.

If you have any questions about either the yard waste program or the branch pickup program please don't hesitate to contact the Village at (847) 678-2550.

NEW BUSINESSES IN SCHILLER PARK

- O'Hare Blue Sky Parking 10509 United Parkway
Accessory Deluxe of NY..... 9555 Foster
Essaar Inc. 9555 Foster #425
Payless Car Imports 5135 Pearl
Kosher Nostra9950 Lawrence Ave
Bulstate Corp 9418 Irving Park Rd
Smart Trans LTD 9418 Irving Park Rd
Summit Martial Arts4936 N. River Road
Baylink Global Logistics Inc. 9950 W. Lawrence #101J

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

PUT A LID ON KITCHEN FIRES

The Schiller Park Fire Department offers these tips on how to prevent cooking fires and how to fight them if they get started.

- Pay attention to your cooking. Don't overheat grease. Watch to make sure grease from cooking does not overflow and start a fire. If you have to leave the stove to answer the phone or doorbell, turn down the heat. If you'll be gone more than a few minutes, turn it off.
- If your children help you cook, make them aware of cooking hazards. Turn skillet and handles toward the center of the stove to prevent accidental overturning.
- Don't leave towels or napkins on or near the stove. Don't wear frilly garments—especially those with loose, floppy sleeves—while cooking.
- Keep a Class ABC fire extinguisher in or near the kitchen. (An ABC rating indicates the fire extinguisher can be used on fires involving grease, paper towels, electrical appliances and other materials commonly found in the kitchen.)
- If the grease fire is small, you may be able to stop it with a handful of baking soda (bicarbonate of soda) if available. Do not use baking powder, which contains flour or starch and could spread the fire. And never use water on a grease

- fire; it also increases the chance of this type of fire getting out of hand.
- Always have a pot cover or lid handy to smother a small grease fire.
- Don't try to move or carry a pan in which there is a grease fire. Even though moving the pan is a common reaction when a grease fire is discovered, it often results in burns to the carrier and additional damage.
- If a fire is a big one, don't try to fight it—call the Fire Department.

Cooking, especially when it involves grease, is one of the leading causes of fire in the home. While kitchen fires seldom kill people, they injure thousands and cause property damage in the hundreds of millions of dollars each year.

THUNDERSTORMS

About 10% of the thunderstorms that occur annually in the United States are classified as severe. Even those that are not can still be dangerous. Lightning in particular is a threat, though it may seem that a thunderstorm is miles away.

Before a Thunderstorm Strikes:

- Cut down dead trees and clear branches from around your house.
- Secure loose outdoor objects such as patio furniture.
- Shutter the windows and secure the doors.

During a Thunderstorm:

- Get or stay inside if, after seeing lightning, you cannot count to 30 before hearing the thunder.
- Do not shower or bathe.
- Do not use a corded telephone, except in an emergency. Cell phones and cordless phones are OK to use during a storm.
- Un-plug electronics and turn off air conditioners.
- If outside in a forest, take shelter under a thick growth of small trees.
- If outside in an open area, move to a low spot such as a ravine or valley- but beware of flash flooding.
- Never stand under a tall, isolated tree, on a hilltop, in an open field, on the beach or near open water.
- Stay away from metal equipment and apparatus such as fences, tractors, pipes and bicycles.
- If swimming or boating, get out of the water immediately and take shelter.

If You're About to be Struck:

- Feeling your hair stand on end means lightning is about to strike nearby. Make yourself into a small target.
- Squat down on the balls of your feet—do not lie flat on

the ground.

- Place your hands over your ears and tuck your head between your knees.

TERMS TO KNOW

SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH

Severe Thunderstorms are likely to occur.

SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING

Severe thunderstorms have been spotted, and people in the path of the storm are in danger.

On the average, in the United States 100,000 thunderstorms occur each year.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Heart attacks, stroke and trauma are major causes of death and disability across the United States. The number of deaths can be reduced and permanent disability can be minimized with timely first aid and emergency medical care.

The Village of Schiller Park recognizes the need for effective emergency medical care for its residents. The Schiller Park Fire Department is always ready to respond in the event of an emergency. The goal is to provide emergency medical care to residents, visiting guests and the many people working in Schiller Park.

The Schiller Park Fire Department operates 2 Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulances and 1 ALS Engine, staffed, around the clock, by cross-trained

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Firefighter/Paramedics. Their task is to reduce suffering from illness and injury, with the ultimate goal of saving lives.

Our Emergency Service Personnel must be able to identify all types of medical emergencies—from anxious parents with sick children to sudden heart attacks—and institute appropriate medical treatment operating under medical orders. They further carry out their responsibilities by working as a team, receiving orders from emergency department physicians at our EMS System hospital. Patient evaluation and relevant information can be relayed to the physician who in turn directs any additional necessary medical treatment.

Medical treatment in the field ranges from the immobilization of simple fractures to the advanced medical treatment of a cardiac patient. These medical procedures may span a time period from five minutes to over an hour, depending on the type of emergency encountered. After receiving appropriate treatment, the patient will be transported to the closest appropriate medical facility, or at the direction of the medical control doctor, to the closest appropriate specialty medical center.

Emergency Medical Service should be called in cases of sudden collapse, sudden onset chest pain lasting more than 10 minutes, severe difficulty breathing, traumatic injuries when home first aid is insufficient, drowning, emergency childbirth, serious burns, or any case in which you feel you have a serious emergency.

In all these cases we ask that you dial 9-1-1 and NOT the firehouse directly. Tell the dispatcher the exact nature of the emergency. The dispatcher may ask you various questions in order to provide important information to the responding unit(s). Try to stay calm when you talk to

the dispatcher. When the call is complete, return to the side of the patient and try to help until the responding unit(s) arrive.

After dialing 9-1-1, there are several things you can do before help arrives. These simple procedures will greatly aid paramedics and the patient they will treat.

- 1) Make sure the door is unlocked and/or open. If it is nighttime, please make sure the front light is on.
- 2) If available, send someone to the front of the building so that they may guide the paramedics to the patient.
- 3) If you determine that the patient is pulseless begin cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). If they are not breathing, perform rescue breathing - but only if you have been trained in these lifesaving techniques.
- 4) Stay calm. Try not to get excited. Reassure the patient that help is on the way. If you stay calm, this might help calm the patient.
- 5) Remember times. This is very important. When was the last time you talked to the patient and they acted normal? If the patient is not responding to your voice, how long have they been unresponsive? If this is an ongoing medical situation, how long has condition existed?
- 6) Make sure the patient is as comfortable as possible.
- 7) Try to gather all medications that the patient may be taking. This will help the emergency responders better determine the medical history of the patient.
- 8) Try to move any obstacles, including furniture, out of the way, if possible, so that responders have easier access to the patient. Make sure all pets are

secured in another part of the house. Please remember pets (especially dogs) can react to strangers during stressful situations, such as ambulance responses.

- 9) The emergency responders can take full advantage of their training only if you let them. Their job—administering advanced medical life support—requires the cooperation of all citizens. Our personnel are disciplined in the job they perform. Only with your help can they execute their duties with skill, pride, and dedication.

STAFFING CHANGES IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

On October 17, Lieutenant Scot Anderson retired from the Fire Department. Scot began his career as a Firefighter on October 15, 1983 and was promoted to Lieutenant on January 8, 2008 and served in that capacity until his retirement. We thank Scot for his 29 years of service to our Village.

On October 25, 2011, Firefighter/Paramedic Jerome Budnik was promoted to Lieutenant. Jerry began his career on September 27, 1993 and has achieved several State Certification levels. He rose to the top of several well-qualified applicants during the competitive testing process. Congratulations to Lt. Budnik on his career advancement.

On January 10, 2012 the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners administered the Oath of Office as a Firefighter/Paramedic to candidate Jessica Arquette. FF/PM Arquette is completing her basic training and probationary requirements to become a Basic Certified Firefighter. We welcome Jessica as she joins the department's other 27 full-time, professional firefighters.

SCHILLER PARK FIRE DIRECTOR WINS "PATRIOTIC EMPLOYER AWARD"

The Illinois Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), an agency of the Department of Defense, recognized Schiller Park Fire Director Thomas F. Deegan with the ESGR "PATRIOTIC EMPLOYER AWARD" in recognition of his extraordinary support of a member of the United States Army Reserve.

The award was presented on November 22, 2011 during a Schiller Park Village Board meeting. Michael Holub of the Illinois Committee of ESGR presented the PATRIOTIC EMPLOYER AWARD with thanks for the continued support of the men and women in uniform, who play a critical role in our security at home and around the world. Joining in making the presentation was Schiller Park Firefighter/Paramedic Jeremy Solona, who nominated Director Deegan for recognition, and who is a Sergeant with the U.S. Army Reserve.

The PATRIOTIC EMPLOYER AWARD is presented after ESGR receives a nomination from a Guardsmen or Reservist in Illinois. When preparing his narrative for the award Jeremy Solona, stated, "I just want to thank my employer for supporting me and my family. I had to leave for a few months on a mission over the summer. I have 2-year-old twins and Schiller Park made sure that my family was well supported during my leave." FF/PM Solona, a member of the 801st Combat Support Hospital from Fort Sheridan, IL added, "I'm very proud to be a part of the Schiller Park Fire Department. I know that when I get called up for wartime or peacetime operations, I will be supported 100%."



REC DEPARTMENT NEWS

2012 SUMMER DAY CAMP

Registration has begun for the Schiller Park Recreation Department Summer Day Camp. New for this year we will be incorporating swim lessons within our day camp! We offer three week sessions throughout the summer. We accept children from ages 5 - 13 years old in the Day Camp and ages 2½ - 4 in the Mini Camp. The kids visit various sites including the Anna Montana Water Park/Memorial Pool, the surrounding parks, The Schiller Park Recreation Center, etc... We schedule one off site field trip for every session. We also do on site events such as Hawaiian Day and Pajama Day. The children will do arts & crafts, have picnics and enjoy a special visit from the Schiller Park Fire Department for a fun "Water Day". These are just some examples of what your child will enjoy if they participate in the Schiller Park Recreation Department Summer Day Camp. For additional information please call 847-671-8580.

2012 EASTER EGG HUNT

Come out and meet the Easter Bunny at our annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 7th beginning at 11:00 a.m. All boys and girls are invited to the Kennedy School field to hunt for eggs and goodies left by the Easter Bunny! Please bring a basket for all your goodies. Hunt times are as follows: Toddler - 4 year olds 11:00 A.M. and 5-10 year olds 11:20 A.M. This is a free event for all Schiller Park residents. Hope to see you there!

POLICE ADD NEW TAHOE COMMAND VEHICLE



In recent weeks you may have noticed the Police Department patrolling the village with a brand a new Chevrolet Tahoe which also bears the department's new eye-catching, high visibility graphics.

Following the Blizzard of 2011, the Mayor and the Village Board recognized the need for a medium-duty, four wheel drive vehicle in order to ensure prompt response to emergencies in inclement weather. Likewise, the broad range of equipment that our police officers must have immediate access to was out-growing the squad cars.

Funding was approved and the Tahoe was finally delivered in November of 2011. The Tahoe was then sent to be outfitted with the latest in emergency lights, radios, and a mobile data terminal.

What sets the Tahoe apart from other police SUV's is that ours is configured with a custom-built equipment organizer that can be extended from the rear tailgate. Aside from instant access, this organizer provides for the safe and efficient storage of a wide array of equipment, some of which includes:

- A long rifle
- A bulletproof shield
- An automatic external defibrillator (AED)
- Camera and related equipment
- Various pry bars & entry tools
- A battering ram and bolt cutters

- Crime scene processing equipment
- Additional scene lighting
- A dry/erase command board
- Road flares, crime scene tape, and measuring equipment for accident scenes

The Tahoe is expected to provide years of dependable service to the Village in most any critical situation that we are likely to encounter.

WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT?

The Community Development Department is broken down into five areas:

PLANNING & ZONING:

- Assists property owners, developers, and business owners with existing and proposed projects to ensure consistency with the Village's development goals
- Promotes development and redevelopment of properties for a stronger property tax base
- Assists with zoning use variances and special use requests
- Reviews construction plans and business license applications for zoning compliance

BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

- Processes building permit applications ensuring contractors are properly licensed and insured
- Reviews project plans for Building Codes' minimum construction standards
- Assists property owners, designers, and builders through the construction process
- Conducts inspections to ensure work is up to code
- Licenses signs and annually inspects elevators

MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING:

- Annually inspects every multi-family dwelling (3 units or more) in the Village to safeguard tenants' health and safety
- Ensures buildings are in compliance with the Village Codes and Ordinances
- Inspects hotels and common areas of condominium buildings

CODE ENFORCEMENT/PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:

- Investigates and responds to property complaints (long grass, abandoned cars, vacant houses)
- Enforces the Property Maintenance Code for the Village to help keep neighborhoods sound and keeps property values up
- Animal control

HEALTH DEPT:

- Inspects all restaurants and food service establishments to ensure the health and welfare of the community
- Investigates and responds to complaints along with emergency response situation

FROM THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE

THE SCHILLER PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our Village will be 100 years old in just 24 months! At the History Room we are pulling together information on the town's earlier days as we begin compiling a new history book. We are asking residents to recall their memories of life, of places that used to be, of people who have been meaningful in their lives. Don't be surprised if we call on you. The excuse that you don't know anything won't wash. We will help you recall.

We are hosting our second annual Victorian Tea Party, Saturday, March 24 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Community Center. Tickets are \$10.00. Please keep in mind that the seating is limited and there aren't many seats left. Call (847) 671-8513 to get tickets. Come out and enjoy this fun event!

Also we are on Facebook. We are very pleased to see so many people wanting to know us. We will keep you posted with the highlights. We also have a link on the Village website. Now that the Library has finished reconstruction, (and doesn't it look fantastic?) the History Room will be open on the second Saturday morning of each month. We are there for "workday" every Monday morning.

One more thing – we need workers. There is a backlog of material that needs to be sorted and catalogued. If you are a serious history buff and you need to scratch that itch, please come see us. The pay is good conversation, plenty of humor, and hot coffee.

SCHILLER PARK FIREFIGHTERS DONATE TO CANCER RESEARCH

The Schiller Park Firefighters Association made a donation of \$10,000 to the Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation on January 10, 2012. The association along with members of the Schiller Park F.O.P. and the Village front office staff worked very hard over the past year in an effort to raise the money by selling Schiller Park Fire Department breast cancer awareness t-shirts, tank tops, and coffee travel mugs. Schiller Park Firefighter Association President Blaine Schneider, Treasurer Lt. Anthony Hatcher, Vice-President Greg Swiontek and FF/

PM Mike Miletta presented the donation to the foundation in a ceremony at Prentice Women's Hospital.

The Schiller Park Firefighters Association is made up from members of the fire department, both past and present. The association is a non-profit charitable organization which shares the belief that a strong community begins with the kind act of giving back. The association supports local and national charities as well as the general welfare and interests of the members of the Schiller Park Fire Department.



STORM-WATER AWARENESS

WHAT IS STORM-WATER RUN-OFF?

Storm-water runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent storm-water runoff from naturally soaking into the ground.

WHY IS STORM-WATER RUNOFF A PROBLEM?

Storm-water can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants

and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the bodies of water we use for swimming, fishing and that provide drinking water.

WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS OF POLLUTION?

Polluted storm-water runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals and people.

Sediment can cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow. Sediment also can destroy aquatic habitats.

Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms. When algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose in a process that removes oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't exist in water with low dissolved oxygen levels.

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Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards, often making beach closures necessary.

Debris - plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles, and cigarette butts - washed into waterbodies can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life like ducks,

fish, turtles, and birds.

Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil, and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life. Land animals and people can become sick from eating diseased fish and shellfish or ingesting polluted water.

Polluted storm-water

often affects drinking water sources. This, in turn, can affect human health and increase drinking water treatment costs.

WHAT ARE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP MITIGATE THE PROBLEM?

Recycle or properly dispose of household products that contain chemicals, such as insecticides, pesticides,

paint, solvents, and used motor oil and other auto fluids. Don't pour them onto the ground or into storm drains.

Don't over-water your lawn. Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.

Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals

in the recommended amounts. Use organic mulch or safer pest control methods whenever possible.

Compost or mulch yard waste. Don't leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains or streams.

Cover piles of dirt or mulch being used in landscaping projects.

WE WANT YOUR OPINION! The Village of Schiller Park values your opinion and offers this opportunity for residents and business people to communicate with your elected officials and the administration. Your advice, suggestions, questions and opinions are appreciated. If you need more space, attach a separate sheet. As a resident of Schiller Park, it is my opinion that...

Kindly check if you would like your name kept confidential. YES NO

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