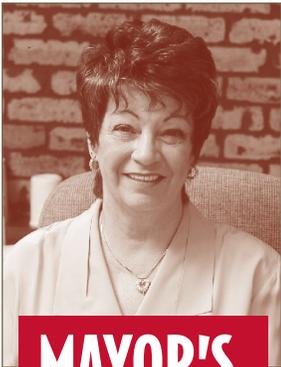


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MAYOR'S UPDATE

STREET PAVING, VILLAGE CENTENNIAL AND MORE

Despite the continued tough economy I am happy to report that the Village is planning on additional street paving for this upcoming construction season. This comes on the heels of the significant

paving that was done in the past year. In 2012 the Village paved a block of Rose Street, a block of Atlantic Avenue, and Linn Avenue, South Avenue, and Ruby Street north of Lawrence and west of the railroad tracks. This is in addition to our ongoing “street patching” program to deal with problem areas.

In 2013 the Village plans on paving the block of Kolze Avenue south of Irving Park Road using Federal Government Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and the block of Wesley Terrace south of Irving Park Road with State of Illinois Grant Funds. There are also preliminary plans to pave Grace Street south of Irving Park Road with CDBG funds in 2014. I hope we are able to continue with such an aggressive construction program in the coming years.

I also would like to comment on our ongoing plans to celebrate the Village’s Centennial in 2014. The Village Board and I have been putting aside funds to help create a fun and informative series of events to celebrate the 100 year milestone of Schiller Park. An article detailing the current status of the planning is contained later on in this newsletter. I hope all of you are able to partake in what should be a fun celebration of our wonderful town.

I would also like to point you in the direction of another article contained in this newsletter. This article details our efforts to “Go Green” in Village Government over the past few years and into the future. I have long believed that these efforts can both help the environment and save money and have asked my staff to pursue grant opportunities whenever they make sense for Village taxpayers.

Lastly I would like to comment on the near completion of the Crystal Creek project. The portion from Wehrman Avenue north to the Des Plaines River is complete. Construction of the last phase should begin this year. When the final phase is completed it will pave the way for a remapping of the flood plain which should result in over 100 residents seeing reduced flood insurance premiums. I am pleased to report that virtually all of flood control portions of the project are now complete and working well to avert flooding in the affected area. This completed project is the result of a tremendous amount of effort expended over many years for the betterment of the community as a whole, and I am proud of what was accomplished.

Yours for a better Schiller Park,



Anna Montana,
Mayor

VILLAGE KICKS-OFF YEAR LONG CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Did you know that our Village will be turning 100 years old next year? To celebrate this milestone, Mayor Anna Montana appointed a Centennial Celebration Committee to create a yearlong series of family friendly, fun-filled events that will promote our Village's remarkable accomplishments and honor our unique heritage. The Centennial Celebration will culminate in a Gala Ball on March 14, 2014.

"I am thrilled to launch our Centennial Celebration as we take a year-long look at our distinguished history," said Mayor Anna Montana. "But I am equally excited to kick off a new exciting, century of progress and promise."

Throughout 2013, the Village will celebrate its 100th Anniversary with a variety of

special events and activities. A true community celebration; our schools, students, veterans and businesses will all participate.

Among the planned events, timed to coincide with Earth Day is, "Our Heritage, Our Community, Our Earth". One hundred new plants will be placed at Stalica Park by community volunteers. The event will be held Saturday, April 20 at 11:00 AM and there will be live music, free hot dogs and refreshments.

In July, a Centennial Concert "From Ragtime, Through the Jazz Age to the New Age", will highlight music from throughout the last century. This special evening, also at Stalica Park, will include wine tastings and food samplings from some of the area's best restaurants.

November will see over 100 flags from around the country waving proudly at Clocktower Park as we honor over 100 years of military service from the citizens of Schiller Park.

Other events being considered include a Pot Luck picnic featuring historical games and activities, a Centennial Parade, trolley tours of historical sites, and an expanded Classic Car Show with cars from every decade exhibited.

In addition, our library will feature historical displays including photos of our town from the days it was founded through our modern time.

Mayor Montana is also asking high school and middle school students to submit ideas for a new time capsule to be placed next January. "It will be fascinating to see what our

students of today think will be of interest to our citizens in 25 years," Mayor Montana stated.

"I invite everyone to get involved, volunteer, participate and enjoy as we celebrate our heritage and shape our future," the Mayor concluded.

For details about the Centennial Celebration, to volunteer for events or to submit ideas, call (847) 678-2550 or visit the Village's Centennial Celebration webpage at <http://www.villageofschillerpark.com/about/centennial.aspx>. We will continue to update you on all the festivities on that page and through the new Village email newsletter that you can sign up for by sending an email requesting signup to enews@villageofschillerpark.com.

CRYSTAL CREEK PROJECT NEARS FINAL COMPLETION!

Good news continues regarding the creek project. All primary work on the creek has been completed. This means that virtually all the flood control relief for Schiller Park residents is already in place and working. Last month's torrential rains, with frozen soil, showed this to be the case as the water flowed easily through the new portions of the creek with plenty of room to spare. This means that all Schiller Park residents benefit, including those south of Irving Park, because the storm water flows more quickly out of their neighborhood. This winter storm could have caused more problems if this work had not been completed.

There is one more phase of this project to be completed. The good news is that on February 12 the Village Board approved the last two required property rights agreements, including a substantial intergovernmental agreement with the Tollway, needed to complete the project. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), which designs and constructs

the project, is now in a position to take this last phase to bid. Work is expected to begin later this year. The entire cost for design and construction is paid for by the IDNR.

This last phase will primarily benefit Franklin Park from a storm water control perspective. The primary benefit for Schiller Park is that part of our agreement with the IDNR is that they will complete a new "flood map" at the completion of all phases of the project. We expect that more than 100 Schiller Park residents will see a reduction in flood insurance costs as a result of this new map. The project must be entirely complete, however, before IDNR can create the new map. That is why we continue to work towards completion as quickly as possible.

We will continue to provide updates. If you have further questions regarding this project please contact the Village Hall at (847) 678-2550.

EMS BUREAU UPDATE

The Fire Department's Bureau of Emergency Medical Services provides not only excellent paramedic services to the community, but prides itself on the public awareness and education programs they have been conducting for many years. We are one of a small number of communities, where the fire department regularly teaches public access CPR programs. We also provide training in the use of AEDs (automated external defibrillators). The bureau has been offering monthly senior citizen blood pressure screenings for over 30 years. In the past, the bureau has also participated in vial-of-life programs and other initiatives to provide useful patient information in time of emergency.

One service that has been available for a number of years is the ability for people with special medical needs to register with the Village to be added into the dispatch database. Once enrolled, when the 9-1-1-call taker receives an emergency call from a resident, they can see that a special needs patient is involved. This information can be relayed to the emergency responders. The Village program preceded, by many years, a statewide program (The Illinois Premise Alert Program); the decision was made recently to reintroduce this program to the public. In order to comply with the Illinois PAP Act, participants will also need to re-register every two years. To enroll in the program, which is confidential, free and completely voluntary, a registration form is available at the Village Hall, Police and Fire Departments. If you have Internet access you may download the form from the Village web site document archive – you may search for the document SPFD Premise Alert Enrollment.

For more information on this or any other of the public programs offered by the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, please feel free to contact EMS Director Rick Nosek by email at rnosek@villageofschillerpark.com or by telephone (847) 678-2550

VILLAGE STREET SWEEPING PROGRAM RESUMES IN LATE MARCH

Starting on March 25, 2013 the Village resumes its street sweeping program. This is the fourth year of the revised program with the change being made to save money (an estimated \$250,000 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 has 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 spring 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 Memorial Day Holiday falling on the fourth Monday – that Monday's normal route even addressed route will be done on Wednesday the 29th instead.

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

WEEKS WITH SWEEPING	
Sweep 1:	March 25-26
Sweep 2:	April 8-9
Sweep 3:	April 22-23
Sweep 4:	May 13-14
Sweep 5:	May 28 (Tuesday Route as Normal) & 29 (Monday Route on Wednesday Instead)
Sweep 6:	June 10-11
Sweep 7:	June 24-25
Sweep 8:	July 8-9
Sweep 9:	July 22-23
Sweep 10:	August 12-13
Sweep 11:	August 26-27
Sweep 12:	September 9-10
Sweep 13:	September 23-24
Sweep 14:	October 8 (Tuesday Route – Odd Addresses) & October 14 (Monday Route – Even Addresses)
Sweep 15:	October 22 (Tuesday Route – Odd Addresses) & October 28 (Monday Route – Even Addresses)
Sweep 16:	November 11-12
Sweep 17:	November 25-26

**EVEN NUMBERED ADDRESSES - MONDAY
ODD NUMBERED ADDRESSES - TUESDAY**

coming season is shown above.

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

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THE VILLAGE CONTINUES TO GO GREEN!

Last year in the October Communicator Newsletter the Village of Schiller Park informed residents that it had recently finished the installation of New LED lights in the Village Hall's brand new parking lot. This project was part of a Village initiative to consume less energy, while saving money. The new light fixtures installed in the Village Hall's parking lot consume substantially less energy in addition to lasting far longer than the Metal-Halide lights they replaced. In addition residents were told that the Recreation Department also replaced the lights in the gymnasium and racquetball ball court at the Recreation Center with induction lighting. The new induction lighting consumes 50% less energy and since they are "instant on" (i.e. requiring no

warm up period), the recreation staff is able to turn off the lights when the gym and racquetball court are not in use saving additional energy. Both of these projects used State of Illinois Department of Community and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) grant money to help offset the replacement cost.

The Village also completed a free energy audit of numerous Village buildings using a Smart Energy Design Assistance Center (SEDAC) grant. In this audit, other areas were identified for energy savings. Current projects that are either completed or are in the process of completion are the installation of new energy efficient lights in the rest of the Recreation Center, and control units in most Village heating and air conditioning units

to allow them to run more efficiently. Both of these projects were completed using little to no Village funds as state grants were again used. Moving forward the Village is pursuing the replacement of all internal lights in the Community Center along with other lighting and electrical upgrades to the facility. It is currently planned that this project will take place this spring. The majority of the light replacement in this building again will be paid using state grant funds.

Another area the Village mentioned in the article as having worked on for energy savings was the Village's vehicles. Over the past several years the Village purchased more efficient vehicles for all departments. In the past two (2) years the Recreation and Community

Development Departments have replaced larger vehicles such as the Crown Victoria with smaller Ford Fusion and Focus vehicles that get at least 25% better fuel economy. In addition, the Police Department just recently received two (2) of the new Chicago manufactured Ford Taurus Police Pursuit Vehicles to replace the old Crown Victoria squad cars. These new vehicles again are anticipated to decrease fuel consumption by a substantial amount.

Lastly the Village is now pursuing the feasibility of replacing the street lighting on 25th Avenue with new energy efficient lighting element of an induction or LED variety. The goal of this project would be to again save energy costs and with the projected longevity of the bulbs save on maintenance

costs as well.

Overall the goal of these various projects is to make the Village more energy efficient and save the taxpayers and the community money. In summary the Village has received more than \$45,000 in energy efficiency grants for the projects mentioned here over the last several years. This substantial amount is in addition to the more than \$55,000 in grant money the Village received for upgrading the traffic signals in the Village to modern, low maintenance, energy efficient, LED lights several years ago. The Village pledges it will continue to seek out opportunities to go green in the future, find additional grants beyond the \$100,000 already received, and ultimately save additional energy costs for taxpayers.

FROM THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE

SCHILLER PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Do you feel like you have been catapulted into 2013 way too fast? First there was no snow and the kids were unhappy, then too much and the snow shovel broke.

At the History Room the days

are hastening by as research on the history book for the Village Centennial commences.

You can help us by exercising your minds and memories. Who can fill us in on the Schiller Park Municipal Baseball Team? In 1926 the team won the season championship, the award being a huge trophy. Who played in that league? And what about the baseball team that went to the state finals in the '80s, was this the only time it happened?

We are still looking for pictures of the portables at Lincoln

School, '50s-60s.

At one time there were two bakeries in town, also a little dime store on Irving near Kolze. Did you shop there?

What about the turtle races at Rog's? Did you have a favorite "runner"?

What was your favorite treat at the soda fountain at Orange Drugs? Did you tell Jack how much you missed it?

If you are in possession of a local phone book from the 1950's, late '60s, or 1970s and

are willing to give it up, we have use for them.

We still need someone who recalls the Veterans Plaque that hung at Lincoln School. It has the names of many eighth graders who served in WWII. The kids were students circa 1930-1935. We would like closure on this.

Finally, there are only a little over nine months until Schiller Park celebrates its 100th Birthday. Keep your ears and eyes open for upcoming events. To help, please call us at 847-671-8513.

VILLAGE CONTINUES PARK IMPROVEMENTS

STALICA PARK

During the fall, the Recreation Department completed work on the 3rd and final phase of renovating Stalica Park. During the first 2 phases the play equipment for younger children was replaced, drainage was added to the ballfield, new ornamental fencing was installed and landscaping improved.

Phase III focused on replacing the rest of the play equipment from 1997, improving the safety and ADA accessibility for children using the play equipment. A berm (small hill) was added to the play area separating it from the basketball courts. It is covered with artificial turf and incorporated into the play area providing the separation and is an innovative

feature for children to enjoy. The basketball courts were resurfaced and landscaping improved.

According to Recreation Director John Bealer, the Village has succeeded in providing another well planned park for residents to enjoy. The play equipment and basketball courts are built on top of underground water storage tanks, utilizing space efficiently, while providing a fun and innovative play area. The softball field, picnic shelter and walking path also offer residents additional leisure opportunities.

WEHRMAN/IRVING VILLAGE ENTRY

Work is complete on the vacant lot located in a floodway at the corner of Wehrman Avenue and Irving Park Road. The Village has improved this area by enhancing the landscaping including both perennial and annual planting beds, planting several trees, installing a new Village sign as well as a two benches and a pathway connecting Wehrman Avenue to Judd Avenue. Located on a busy road, this park-like setting provides a visually appealing entrance to the Village.

2013 EASTER EGG HUNT

Come out and meet the Easter Bunny at the Annual Village Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 30 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 you 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!

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Village the last three 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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PURCHASES NEW AMBULANCE

The Fire Department will be accepting delivery this spring of their newest ambulance. It is a custom-built, 2013 Medium Duty, Mobile Intensive Care Unit, built on a Freightliner chassis. It was purchased from Foster Coach Sales, of Sterling Illinois, and manufactured by MedTec, a subsidiary company of Oshkosh Corporation. This vehicle builds on the successful design of the department's current ambulances. Improvements in technology result in a more fuel-efficient vehicle, with a reduced carbon footprint. The department is utilizing more energy efficient LED lighting in both the emergency lighting and in the patient treatment area. There is more useful space in the patient treatment area, due to some design modifications over the older ambulances. This vehicle is anticipated to have a useful service life of between 12

to 15 years. Once delivery is made, the EMS System and the Illinois Department of Public Health will license this ambulance for service after final inspection. While the anticipation of the public should be that they hope to never be in the back of an ambulance, our residents can be assured that they will continue to receive the best paramedic service available and be transported in a safe and comfortable manner.



FIRE DEPARTMENT YEAR IN REVIEW

As stated in our Vision Statement, “We value the faith and trust of the community, and continually work to deserve that confidence through our attitude, conduct, and accomplishments.”

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2012

The Department responded to a total of 1,784 incidents including 1,008 emergency medical calls, 85 fires (grass, car, dumpster, cooking and building), 84 calls for hazardous conditions (gas leaks, odor investigations, fuel spills carbon monoxide incidents and electrical issues), 353 false fire alarms and false calls and 254 various service calls to assist residents as needed.

An independent evaluation by the Insurance Services Organization resulted in an improved fire protection classification for the Village. This rating is used by most insurance companies and should result in better insurance rates for residents and businesses.

The Firefighters Association funded and coordinated the construction and dedication of a memorial in honor of the victims of September 11th. This memorial was dedicated on Patriot Day and is located in Clock Tower Park.

The Department was recognized by the Department of Defense as a “Patriotic Employer” for support of the Guard and Reserve.

The Department appointed Father Rob Schultz from Saint Beatrice Parish as its first Fire Department Chaplain. Father Schultz will be on call to the

department to assist residents when facing crisis or emotional support.

Several times a month, through the Public Education Bureau the Department conducts school visits, station tours, CPR classes, and visits block parties and school and community events.

All Village-owned fire hydrants were inspected and maintained. Reflective tape was installed on the hydrants so they can be easily located.

Through the Fire Prevention Bureau all commercial and industrial occupancies were inspected to assure compliance with the current fire codes. Several personnel received updated training to keep up-to-date with codes and new technology.

The sign on the front of the fire station was upgraded to LED lighting. This reduces maintenance cost and is more energy efficient.

Personnel continue to maintain all Department vehicles and facilities through the Maintenance Bureau. In addition the Training Bureau schedules regular training to maintain the medical and firefighting skills of all personnel. During the year personnel received several certifications through the Office of the State Fire Marshal in various disciplines. In addition the Department was recognized by the Office of the State Fire Marshal after all personnel completed an Autism Awareness program. Regular maintenance of the station, vehicles and personnel assure a Department ready to rapidly respond to any type of emergency.

HOME REMODELING PROJECTS

Most projects around the house will require Building Permits. Permits verify the work is being done properly and according to Building Codes. The Village website does list quite a few projects that would require a permit, but is not all inclusive. Before you get started, you may want to contact Community Development to make sure if your project requires a permit or not. If hiring a contractor, they will need to

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AROUND TOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

2012 IN REVIEW

The Village of Schiller Park issued 535 building permits and did over 1,000 inspections. These building permits reflect \$7 million of new construction in the Village. Schiller Park’s Community Development Department’s lucky number: 65!

- 65% of our permits are roofs, flat work (patios, driveways, sidewalks, etc.), plumbing, windows & doors, and fences
- 65% of our permit revenue comes from commercial projects, roofs, flat work, and windows & doors.

- 65% of our permits are issued May through October.

REDEVELOPMENT AT MANNHEIM ROAD AND UNITED PARKWAY

InterPark, a national parking garage company, will build a three-level facility on Mannheim Road at United Parkway. This will be the first privately-owned parking garage in the O’Hare market. The brand is Pre-Flight Parking. Adjacent to the O’Hare BP, this 1,600 – spot parking garage will provide a much-needed service to the O’Hare Airport market. The Village will benefit from property tax and parking tax revenues, helping to keep residential property taxes low. This facility will bring many consumers to Schiller Park benefitting our other businesses. Plans are to add a fourth deck onto the garage when demand increases.

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VILLAGE PRESENTS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SEMINAR

We would like to thank all that attended the disaster preparedness seminar presented by Chasing4Life. In case you were unable to attend, here is a summary of topics that were discussed.

- How to put together a disaster preparedness kit for you and your family
- The amount of dependency that is placed on local first responders and the lack of preparedness by many citizens
- Amazing statistics that show just how underprepared many are; for example if a natural disaster were to strike our community, the ratio of rescuers to residents in our community would be about 1 rescuer

for every 1,375 residents

- Disasters can strike at any moment and the moment to prepare is now, not later
- If a disaster were to strike, it could be days, maybe even weeks before first responders would be able to reach you and your family
- Local first responders are overwhelmed during the first few days after a disaster strikes

For more information on how to prepare you and your family for a disaster please visit the following websites.

www.chasing4life.org

www.fema.gov/plan-prepare-mitigate
www.ready.illinois.gov

The Village urges you to review the recommendations at these sites and at a minimum put together a disaster kit to make you household self-sufficient for at least 72-hours. This would allow emergency responders the ability to concentrate on those that truly need emergency services. While most would still be in emergency mode you and your family could already be well on your way to recovery.

If you have any questions about how to help your family prepare for an emergency, feel free to contact Fire Director Tom Deegan at 847-671-8545.

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3738 RIVER ROAD

This former woodworking facility has had substantial interest from manufacturing business, especially small metal shops. The Willow/Byron industrial area continues to host a number of metal-related small manufacturers – tool-makers, stamping, powder-coating, etc.

HORSESHOE INN

A tragic fire in 2011 nearly destroyed Schiller Park's historic Horseshoe Inn. After a zoning variance and careful design, the Horseshoe will retain its historical significance but return as a Schiller Park meeting-place. Permits have been issued and work will begin when the weather accommodates.

HUMBOLDT EXPANSION

Humboldt Manufacturing at 25th and Rose is planning an expansion of their facility and production capabilities. Humboldt moved to Schiller Park from Chicago in 2008 and has prospered in our community.

LOTS OF CHANGE ON LAWRENCE!

9826 Lawrence Avenue

This abandoned house was purchased well below market value by the Village and will be demolished for future development along Lawrence Avenue.

9815/9817 Lawrence Avenue

Paramedic Medical Services of Illinois purchased the burned house next door and has expanded their parking lot. Lawrence Avenue omits a troubled property and helps a long-time Schiller Park business expand their operation.

9812 Lawrence Avenue – NEW! Richie's Restaurant and Sports Lounge

Featuring a full menu and open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, Richie's has nightly specials and catering or take-out. Stop in at Richie's or order at www.richiesrestaurantandsportsbar.com

HOSTESS

Schiller Park "Home of the Twinkie" made national news

in late 2012 as Hostess/Interstate Brands slipped into bankruptcy and ceased operations at their bakery on Rose Street. The Village has been in constant communication with Interstate, the unions, and any interested parties. This story will play out in bankruptcy courts and board rooms, but every indication is that this facility will be reoccupied to bake tasty treats. The Village is monitoring the situation and doing everything possible with the help of Cook County to bring these jobs back to Schiller Park.

NEW BUSINESSES IN SCHILLER PARK

Schiller Park had 34 new businesses in 2012, or almost three per month! In the last five years, even through the Great Recession, we have averaged 3 to 4 new businesses per month.

4900 N. River Road
Affordable Auto Repair

9201 Irving Park Rd.
Cammpa Automotive

3907 Wesley Terrace
W.M Recovery

3700 25th Ave
Elk Grove Automotive

9207 Ivanhoe Suite B
Trancor Transmission

4849 N. Scott Street LL17
American United Limo

4560 Ruby
Sherman Painters

10521 United Parkway
Ecker Enterprises

9830 Irving Park Rd
24/7 Schiller Park Taxi

3910 Wesley Terrace
Jabon Maravilloso

9800 Leland
O'Hare Auto Center

5112 Pearl
Builders Chicago

3828 River Road
UVD Electrical Supplies

9276 Irving Park
Ploutus Software

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be licensed, bonded, and insured with the Village. This is for the property owner's protection and helps to assure you are dealing with a more reputable company. When picking a contractor, speak to family, friends, or neighbors that have had work done previously. If they had a pleasant experience, they will be willing to share. Check with the BBB to see if any complaints have been lodged. Ask for references. A reputable contractor will not be offended by anyone asking for these things.

The building permit process: All of our applications are available on the Village website, or at the Community Development Dept. located at 4501 on 25th Ave. Your contractor should take care of this for you since they are used to the procedures. Depending on the type of project determines what will be required. (architectural drawings, Plat of Survey, just to name a few.) They will need a signed proposal or contract along with a building permit application. If there is plumbing, mechanical, or electrical work being done, there are supplements that need to accompany the permit application. Homeowners

are allowed to do most of the work themselves. If this is the case, the homeowner must fill out a Certificate of Responsibility form. This states that they are doing the work themselves and are the responsible party. Beware of contractors that ask the homeowner to get the permit.

If you have any questions regarding building permits or the process of applying for one, feel free to contact the Community Development Department at (847) 671-8555. Located at 4501 N. 25th Ave. Open 9-5 Monday thru Friday.

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

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

(Responses cannot be provided if name and address are not given) PLEASE RETURN TO: COMMUNICATOR - VILLAGE OF SCHILLER PARK - 9526 IRVING PARK ROAD - SCHILLER PARK, IL 60176



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