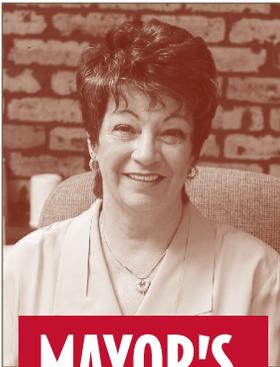


# Communicator

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## MAYOR'S UPDATE

# VILLAGE BALANCES BUDGET

I am writing with some positive news, once again the Village has passed a balanced budget for the upcoming year. This continues the tradition here in Schiller Park of balancing the Village budget each year and offering good stewardship of the Village's financial condition. The new budget maintains our current strong level of services to our residents while still offering many capital improvement projects to improve and maintain our infrastructure.

Among the many projects planned for the new fiscal year are those that I already mentioned in my March 2012 Communicator message – namely paving the Village Hall parking lot, our annual federally funded CDBG Project - the alley between Montrose and Moore, and perhaps most importantly paving various streets in the Village. Other projects planned include improvements to the water system, storm water improvements, new fuel efficient vehicles for several departments, and protection systems for several key

facilities damaged by lightning in recent years.

I am very pleased to report our continued success in managing the Village's finances including maintaining strong reserves for the general fund as well as solid balances in our water fund and other capital funds.

One other thing I wanted to mention, with summer just around the corner, is the Village's strong slate of summer family friendly activities including Clocktower Park Concerts, Movies in the Park, Farmers' Market, Car Show & Family Fun Day, and lastly another season of the Water Park. Details on these fun activities can be found within this newsletter – I hope you and your family can come out and enjoy some of these wonderful events.

Yours for a better Schiller Park,



Anna Montana,  
Mayor

## CRYSTAL CREEK UPDATE

Unfortunately the delays that have plagued the project in recent months have continued. The most recent delay during April was caused by AT&T. They were slow to relocate their wires out of the way of the remaining portion of Creek work. It is currently hoped that by early May work will have resumed on the project. This is of course subject to change due to weather conditions and other potential problems.

Once work on the project resumes the contractor's main focus will be on completing the concrete block walls in the section of the Creek west of 25th Avenue. Other items remaining are installing fence and finishing landscaping throughout the project.

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.

# WATER PARK & MEMORIAL POOL NEWS

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT MAKES CHANGES FOR 2012 SEASON

After 5 years of operation with no increases, the Recreation Department has updated and implemented several policies and fees at the award winning Anna Montana Water Park and Memorial Pool. To address a concern about daily fees being collected for both afternoon and evening sessions, the pool will now be open from 1-8 PM combining both sessions on weekdays and only charging one fee. While the daily fee has been increased by \$1, swimmers will enjoy a much longer public swim session that will basically double the length of swimming time. In addition, we are offering a reduced evening session fee of \$4 for children 3-13 years and under and \$6 for individuals 14 years and over. This evening session fee is available on weekdays from 6-8 PM and is meant to benefit families with working parents or individuals who want to swim only in the evening and not have to pay the full daily fee.

In evaluating surrounding community pools we have simplified the season passes this year. Instead of several different age categories and complicated family pass options, we now offer an individual pass. In fact the new individual pass cost less than last year's individual pass for youth or adult residents. Families of 2 or 3 will pay less than last year while a family of 4 pays just \$5

more than in the past. You will only need to buy individual passes for those family members who will be coming to the pool. Families or individuals who visit the pool just once a week during the season, will save money by purchasing a season pass this year.

Last Summer the pool sold about 700 passes (most of which were purchased by Schiller Park residents) and collected money for approximately 10,000 individual daily visits. Revenue for pool rentals and swim lessons were at their highest levels last Summer with most swim lesson sessions filling to capacity. Also new for this year, we are offering a swim lesson option to our day camp program. This will benefit working parents who are unable to attend our morning swim lesson times.

In addition to providing an excellent and affordable leisure opportunity for Schiller Park residents, the pool also provides over 50 jobs for young people in the community.

Registration for season passes, swim lessons and aquatic fitness programs will be accepted at the Recreation Center beginning May 1st. For more information visit the Village website at [www.villageofschillerpark.com](http://www.villageofschillerpark.com) or call (847) 671-8580.

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# ANNA MONTANA WATER PARK & MEMORIAL POOL INFORMATION

## REGISTRATION TIMES & LOCATIONS

### SCHILLER PARK RECREATION CENTER

9638 W. Irving Park Rd • (847) 671-8580  
Monday – Friday • 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday • 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### ANNA MONTANA WATER PARK & MEMORIAL POOL

4001 Scott St. • (847) 671-8585  
Saturday, May 19 • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 23 • 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

*Register on or before June 1 and save with discounted fees.*

## POOL HOURS

*Pool opens Saturday, May 26 at 1:00 p.m.*

### ADULTS ONLY

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.  
(Monday-Friday)  
Resident senior citizens swim free during adult swim.

### GENERAL PUBLIC

1:00 – 8:30 p.m. (Monday-Friday)  
11:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
(Saturday & Sunday)

## ADMISSIONS

Individual Season Early Discount Pass  
3 years old and up  
(On or before June 1) .....\$30 .....\$45

Individual Season Regular Pass  
3 years old and up  
(After June 1) .....\$35 .....\$50

Replacement Pass .....\$5

## DAILY ADMISSIONS

3 - 13 years old.....\$ 6  
14 and up.....\$ 8

## EVENING ADMISSIONS

3 - 13 years old.....\$ 4  
14 and up.....\$ 6

Residents must show proof of residency.

A parent signature is necessary for those under 18, when purchasing a pool pass.

**IN DISTRICT**  
**OUT OF DISTRICT**

## AQUATIC PROGRAMS

Swim Lessons ..... \$35/\$45 Non Res.  
10 lessons per session

1st session June 4-June 15  
2nd session June 25-July 6  
3rd session July 16-July 27

Mom & Tot .....\$35/\$45 Non-Res.  
11-11:30 a.m. • 5 years & younger

*(\$15 one-time registration fee for swim lessons.)*

## AQUATIC FITNESS

\$50 Res./\$55 Non-Res.  
Dates TBA  
*(\$15 registration fee not applicable for Aquatic Fitness)*

## AQUATIC FACILITY/POOL RENTAL

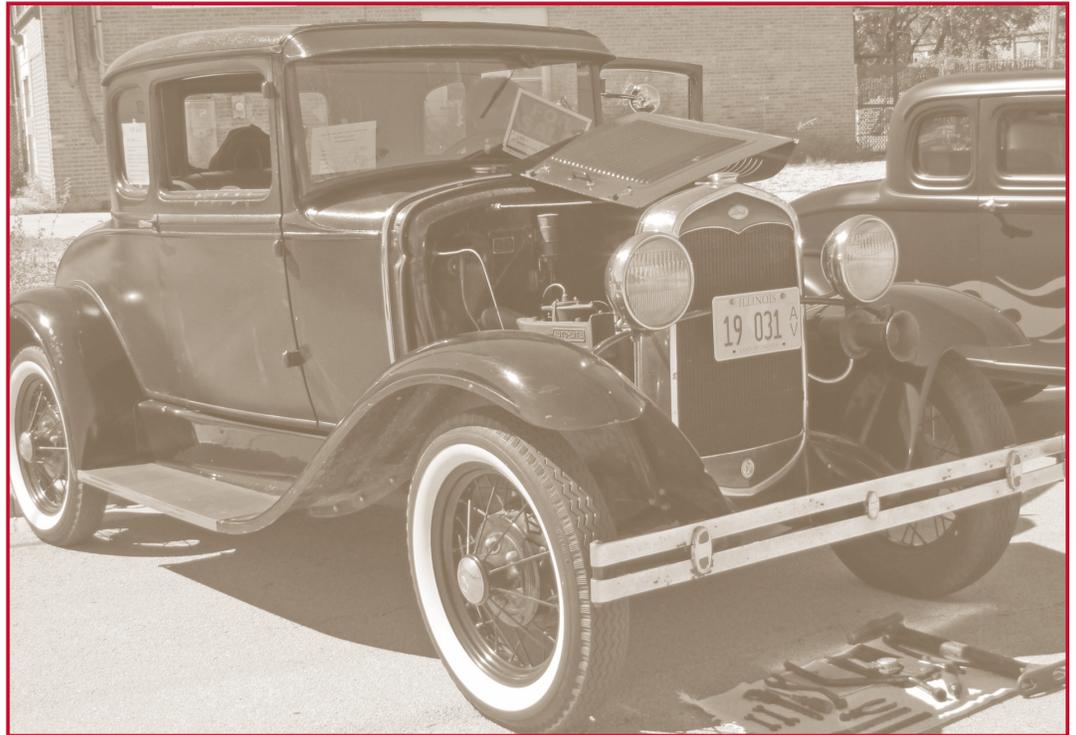
2 hours • 1-50 people  
Resident .....\$300  
Non-Resident.....\$400  
*Does not include concession stand.  
(\$10.00 each additional person)*



# VILLAGE CAR SHOW & FAMILY FEST

The Village will be hosting its 3rd Car Show and Family Festival this fall on Sunday, September 9th from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the Metra Station on Ruby Street. This wonderful family event will include a car show and a host of other family friendly events and activities. Among the activities already planned are a D.J., pony rides, and “touch-a-truck” (including both Police and Fire Department emergency vehicles), with more to come. Also local restaurants will be on hand to serve some tasty favorites.

If you are interested in registering your car for the car show applications are available at the Village Hall. If you have any other questions about this event please contact Audrey in the Mayor’s Office at (847) 678-2550.



**SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2012**

## FROM THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE SCHILLER PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

It’s probably late for the trolley tour – the registration deadline is May 10th. But in case you are still interested - the tour is Wednesday May 16th at 10:00 AM – give us a call anyway there just might be a seat left!

On another note there are only 19 months left to get ready for the Village’s 100th Birthday!

We need “History Detectives”!

Here is a challenge for you. We are looking for photos of the 9501 Club (the trailers/huts that housed kids at Lincoln School in the 1960’s?), Rudy’s Hardware, and Fairview School. That’s for a start.

Next you need to exercise your memory bank for these clues. Several people have told us about gravestones located between River Road

and the River at Cullom. They remembered as kids playing around them. Another subject that encourages speculation – was there a fireworks factory in Schiller Park? If so, where?

The region north of Lawrence Avenue was mostly farms for many years. We have heard from many that a bit further north towards Foster there were a piano factory, a crayon maker, a construction

company, even a school.

Meanwhile, back in the History Room we are deep into research, interviewing residents, old and young, old-timers and newcomers. Some have been brave enough to offer to be interviewed. How about you? Call us at (847) 671-8513, email us at [sphometownnews@yahoo.com](mailto:sphometownnews@yahoo.com), or come see us – we are in on Mondays before noon.

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

### 2012 SUMMER DAY CAMP

Registration has begun for the Schiller Park Recreation Department Summer Day Camp. The Big Camp will be held at Kennedy School and Mini Camp at the Schiller Park Activity Center. We run (3) three week sessions throughout the summer, in addition to a one week extended camp. We accept children from ages 5 - 13 years old in the Big Camp and 2½ - 5 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 e.g.: Navy Pier, Lincoln Park Zoo, Bowling and more. We also do on site events such as Hawaiian Day, Pajama Day and more! 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 some examples of what your child will be enjoying while in the Schiller Park Recreation Department Summer Day Camp. For additional information please call 847-671-8580.

### SCHILLER BARK PARK

Enjoy Schiller Parks' dog park located on Ruby Street (by the Metra Station). Dog owners that get their required dog license (obtained by showing proof of current rabies vaccine and paying a fee) can use the dog park. The fee is \$5 (resident - until June 30) or \$7 (non-resident). Owners will receive their standard collar license tag which will allow access to the dog park. Current dog license tags are good thru June 30, 2012 and must be renewed annually. These tags can be obtained at Village Hall, the Recreation Center or Community Development.

## FARMERS' MARKET RETURNS THIS JUNE!

The Village of Schiller Park is pleased to announce that the Village Farmer's Market is returning starting next month! The Market will once again be held every Tuesday from 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM starting June 12th and will last through September 25th. As with last year the Market will be held in the Metra Station parking lot and will feature a variety of fresh food and other goods. Please come out and enjoy this fun activity!



## MOVIES IN THE PARK

The Mayor and the Village Board are proud to be sponsoring another season of Movies in the Park this summer. The schedule is to show four (4) movies on Saturday evenings, weather permitting. All movies will start at dusk. Don't forget to bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating. The Village hopes many residents are able to come and enjoy these free events.

### JUNE 9, 2012

*Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 2*  
Stalica Park

### JULY 21, 2012

*Dolphin Tale*  
Float & Flick  
Water Park

### AUGUST 18, 2012

*Smurfs*  
Kennedy Park

### SEPTEMBER 15, 2012

*Twilight: Breaking Dawn – Part 1*  
Stalica Park

# FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

## TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

Traumatic Brain Injury was in our local news much of this spring. This past hockey season saw one of the stars of the Black Hawks sitting out for over twenty games because of a concussion. Former pro-football stars have seen tragedy, including suicide, resulting from previous TBIs. Soldiers are treated for TBIs after roadside bombs go off. But here at home, it could be as simple as running into something, or falling off a bike, skateboard or rollerblading. In the past, a concussion was usually not taken too seriously by many people. In sports, the player would likely be allowed to resume full activity within a very short period, or worse yet, to shake it off and get back in the game. Now the medical community recognizes that there can be long-term effects of concussion. Schools have rules in place to monitor this type of injury. At home, we need to take steps to minimize the risk as well. While not all bumps to the head result in a TBI, you should recognize the signs and symptoms.

“A Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) is caused by a bump, blow or jolt to the head or a penetrating head injury that disrupts the normal function of the brain...” The majority of TBIs that occur each year are concussions or other forms of mild TBI.” This is how the Centers for Disease Control explain it. In short it is a contusion or laceration to the brain after coming into contact with the inside of the skull. Signs may include a

brief period of being stunned, or unconsciousness. There might be some amnesia of the event, a sudden, severe headache, nausea or vomiting. If any of those signs are present, the person should receive medical care. Call 9-1-1 for the paramedics. They are happy to evaluate and make recommendations for follow up. More important is how do you prevent it?

If your child is riding a bicycle, roller blading, skateboarding or participating in activities where there is a possibility that their head will make a sudden stop against a hard surface, they need to wear an approved helmet. This is doubly important for adults. Not only do they protect the head from scrapes and cuts, they are designed to cushion the brain from a sudden jolt. The most common excuses for not wearing them are that they mess up the hair, or look foolish. Or, that they are only riding in front of the house or on the sidewalk. Parents should not accept this reasoning. Parents can also set an example by wearing the helmet when they are riding too.

Should you suspect a concussion has occurred, you need to remember that the signs and symptoms may not immediately appear. It can be more than 24 hours after the event that the victim begins to exhibit symptoms. If the victim suddenly begins to vomit, or have vision troubles, it is a true emergency and 9-1-1 should be called immediately.

When the paramedics arrive, provide them with as much information about how the injury occurred as possible. At the hospital, brain scans may be taken to pinpoint the problem.

Your doctor will provide post concussion care instructions. Sometimes they will include not watching television or working on a computer for a number of days. The brain might require some time to rest after a concussion, and visual stimulation can prolong the effects. The best course of action is to prevent getting a concussion in the first place. So as the summer sport equipment is readied, be sure proper head protection is there as well. Helmets should be inspected for damage and replaced if the liner is cracked.

## CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS AT THE END OF THEIR LIFE

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms manufactured after August 1, 2009 are required to have an “end of life” signal. The signal is to activate once the device reaches its projected end of life. The specific product life is based on the design of the device.

A CO alarm will have three (3) signals - alarm, trouble and end of life. An activation for a CO alarm would be a series of four (4) rapid beeps followed by a five (5) second pause and then repeating. A trouble signal, indicating some type of fault or low battery, is a ½ second beep every 30-60 seconds – just like a low battery alarm on a smoke alarm. The end of life signal may be a distinct signal, or the

same signal as a trouble alarm, providing that there is a visual indicator on the CO alarm to indicate that it is an end of life alarm.

Depending on the manufacturer, some end of life signals can be silenced for up to 30 days, others cannot. What is important is that when an end of life signal is sounded, the CO alarm must be replaced. This is true if the unit is a “standalone” CO alarm, or a combination unit with a smoke alarm.

Since January of 2007, it has been the law in Illinois to have a working CO alarm in all dwelling units. Many CO alarms now in service were made prior to the incorporation of the new requirements and will not have an end of life signal. As a result, many of these alarms may not function, now, as designed. If your alarm does not have the end of life feature, was manufactured prior to August 2009, or you cannot find a manufactured date (located on the outside back of the alarm) consult any paperwork that came with the unit, or research the company’s website for further information. If none is found then serious consideration should be given to replacing the CO alarm.

Illinois law requires that CO alarms must have battery power as the primary or secondary power supply. They cannot be solely electric powered.

# FROM THE BUILDING OFFICIAL

## CONSTRUCTION SEASON IS HERE

With the warmer weather, come projects around the house. Building Permits are required for most remodeling projects (fences, patios, kitchen remodel). Guidelines and applications are available on the Village Website at [www.villageofschillerpark.com](http://www.villageofschillerpark.com), or at the Community Development Dept. located at 4501 N. 25th Ave.

If you are unsure whether or not your project requires a permit, feel free to contact us at (847) 671-8559. If a contractor is going to be doing the work for you, they must be licensed, bonded, and insured to work in the Village. Most contractors will take care of the permit process for you. Beware of contractors that ask the property owner to pull the permit or tell you a permit is not required. A simple phone call can prevent delays in the middle of your project. Homeowners are allowed to do most of their own work. You will be asked to provide a Certificate of Responsibility form along with your permit application and information for the type of work you will be doing. The more information (spec sheets, plat of survey, blueprints) you can provide when applying for your permit the better, it will help the process proceed more smoothly.

If we can provide any assistance with your project, feel free to contact us at the number listed above. Someone is available, Monday – Friday from 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

# CLOCKTOWER PARK

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The Village's well received series of free concerts at Clocktower Park is returning for another season of good music and family fun this coming summer. These family friendly events are always great fun and you can't beat the price – they're free! Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or a blanket for seating. The following is the updated schedule for this summer:

Wednesday, June 20, 2012 • 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
Tangent (Classic Rock)

Wednesday, July 18, 2012 • 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
Scraps of Brass (Classic Rock/Variety)

Wednesday, August 15, 2012 • 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM  
White Saddle Band (Country & Western)

# SCHILLER PARK POLICE FOP LODGE 170

## 8TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

**FRIDAY AUGUST 17**

Fox Run Golf Links • 333 Plum Grove Road • Elk Grove

Registration	10:30AM
Lunch	11:00AM
Shotgun Start	12:00PM

Golf, Dinner and Open Bar:	\$125.00 per golfer \$150.00 at door
Dinner Only:	\$40.00 per guest
Hole Sponsorship:	\$150.00 per hole

### AWARDS WILL INCLUDE:

- Closest to the pin
- Longest drive
- Lowest team score
- Hole in one contest

### ALSO AT THE OUTING:

- Door prizes
- Raffle prizes
- Split the Pot

If you cannot attend our outing, donations are always accepted and appreciated. All monies raised from the outing will benefit local charities. Please contact the FOP members below for more information.

- Frank DeSimone.....847-489-9536
- William Martin .....847-812-7875
- Brian Norris.....847-208-8922

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation.

# GRASS NOT BEING CUT?...CALL THE VILLAGE

It is the obligation of every property owner in the Village to maintain their property. The requirement that homeowners maintain their property is part of the Village Code and is enforced by the Community Development Department. This is important because properly maintained homes help the appearance of the neighborhood and keep property values strong.

Proper maintenance includes the building(s) and any yard that may be attached to it. Properly maintaining the yard requires, at a minimum, cutting the grass throughout the growing season. The Village would appreciate your help to ensure that the grass

is cut regularly at all properties within the Village. The Village tries to identify all the properties where the grass is not being cut but sometimes one may escape our notice so it helps to have observant residents help us keep our list complete.

If a property is not being mowed, please contact the Community Development Department at (847) 671-8555 or [cd@villageofschillerpark.com](mailto:cd@villageofschillerpark.com). We will post a pink doorknob hangar asking the owner to mow. If you see a pink doorknob hangar already on the home, the Village already has the property on our 'mow list' – so it is not necessary to call. Thank you for helping keep the Village a beautiful community.

**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...

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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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