

# Communicator

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## MAYOR'S UPDATE

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SALES TAX REVENUES

**S**The Village believes that a strong business base is essential for a strong community.

Seeking out and promoting new business development is a key part of this process. Because of our location, the Village is a draw for

certain types of industrial development, particularly those associated with the Airport. Quality development adds to the tax base, which helps to keep the property tax burden on our homes as low as possible.

Of particular interest is the development of properties that add sales tax revenue for the Village. This is not always that easy, again primarily because of our location. Since the Airport and Forest Preserve surround Schiller Park, it limits the type of retail uses we can attract. For instance, "big box" stores want to be surrounded on all sides by potential residential customers, which is why they will not locate here.

Nevertheless, municipal sales tax revenues have increased by more than 10% per year for the last three years. This revenue allows the Village to better maintain or improve services, construct various improvements to facilities like parks and recreation buildings and maintain roads. This revenue helps the Village to maintain operations with little or no increase in municipal property taxes. Perhaps best of all, people who don't live in the Village pay a significant portion of sales tax revenues. We know that considerable sales tax revenues are derived from

places like Willow Electric on River Road (opened in March), Russo Hardware on Irving Park (opened in 2005), Krystina's Deli on Irving Park (opened earlier this year) and even the Tollway Oasis (renovated and re-opened several years ago). Restaurants are also a significant source of sales tax revenue. As such, we welcome newer facilities, such as Tacos Locos, the Subway and Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins on River Road, Perillo's and Gianotti's on River Road and the Starbucks at Irving Park and 25th.

Given all of this, it is worth remembering that the community benefits if you buy goods and services in the community. Eat at our restaurants, shop at Aldi's or Super Low Foods, buy hardware at Russo or Totem, and buy your gas at local stations and shop at Walgreen's or our convenience stores. In short, support our local businesses. This helps to make Schiller Park a better community for all of us.

As we move towards the winter months, on behalf of the Village Board and myself, I wish you all a happy and healthy season.

Yours for a better Schiller Park,



Anna Montana,

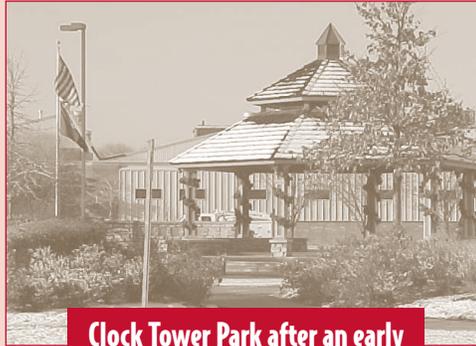
Mayor

## SNOW REMOVAL

Snow is plowed from heavily traveled arterial streets before it is removed from less traveled side streets. Parked cars must be removed from Village streets after a three-inch snowfall. Without parked cars, snow can be removed from curb- to- curb to allow proper drainage of snow and to prevent ice patches. The parking ban remains in effect until streets and curbs have been completely cleared of snow. The police will ticket vehicles in violation of the parking ban, except on certain streets where parking is allowed after a snowfall.

Do your part to keep our streets clear of snow and ice. Do not shovel or blow snow onto Village streets. Snow deposited on the streets interferes with efficient snow plowing operations, impedes traffic flow and creates a danger to motorists. The danger is created when the deposited snow is compacted and hardens into ice patches.

If you have a fire hydrant in front or near your home or business, help the Fire Department by making sure the hydrant is clear of ice and snow at all times and is able to be seen from the street.



**Clock Tower Park after an early season snow in November**

## FALL LEAF CLEANUP TIPS

It is that time of year again... time to start raking those leaves! The Village has a couple of important tips to pass along about taking care of your fallen leaves:

It is important to avoid placing your leaves in the street. The presence of large amounts of leaves substantially slows the process of street sweeping and can damage the sweeper. The sweeper is not designed to clear large volumes of leaves. Lastly and most importantly leaves left in the street can clog the Village's storm sewers and end up causing flooding of the street.

If you want to have GROOT, the Village's garbage hauler, take away your leaves you can use the same procedure as you use for landscape or yard waste. In the case of yard waste you may use either a 30 gallon (or smaller) biodegradable paper bag or a 35 gallon (or smaller) trash can used exclusively for yard waste. Your yard waste cans must be marked with a printed yard waste sticker(s) that can be obtained for free at the Village Hall during normal business hours (9-5 Monday-Friday and 9-12 on Saturday). If you do not properly mark your yard waste cans, or you mix your yard waste with other trash, your cans will not be picked up.

### BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR - TRIM YOUR BUSHES

Another yard care issue the Village wants to bring to your attention is regarding trimming your bushes. The Village encourages residents to be good neighbors by keeping their bushes properly trimmed – especially those located along your property line(s). This will earn you good will with your neighbors and improve the appearance of your property.

## PREVENT WATER LINES FROM FREEZING

To prevent water main breaks, keep your water pipes warm by adequately heating the building, using heat tape on outside wall water pipes and turning off outside faucets. Let water trickle in a sink to prevent water lines from freezing when temperatures fall to zero or below.

## VILLAGE HOLIDAY EVENTS

*The Village of Schiller Park will be sponsoring the following events during the upcoming holiday season:*

### SANTA'S JINGLE BELL EXPRESS

Sunday, November 25th  
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Franklin Park Metra Station  
(25th & Belmont)

Reservations Required – Space is Limited - Registration Deadline is Friday November 16th (Forms can

be obtained at the Village Hall) - Cost is \$7.00 per Adult with up to 3 children free (Children must be accompanied by an adult).

Ride the Metra Train to Union Station (North Pole) with Santa, Mrs. Claus, & Rudolph – a sing-along will commence upon arrival along with some wonderful

surprises – lunch is on your own at the food court with the return train leaving 2 hours after arrival.

### WINTER WONDERLAND

Saturday December 8th  
3:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
Community Center  
(4501 25th Avenue)

Santa & his friends will be there to ring in the holiday season – activities will include visiting with Santa, face painting, balloon animals, and refreshments – remember to bring your camera – the event is free.

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

## "AROUND TOWN"

*While many villages have experienced a construction slow-down, Schiller Park continues to experience strong residential and commercial construction.*

### STARBUCKS

The long-awaited Starbucks opened on August 3rd. True to the corporate theme, it is an inviting and comfortable gathering place offering premium food and beverages.

### IRVING PARK ROAD AND JUDD

The old Clark station plans to reopen this fall with new fuel pumps and expanded food and convenience items.

### IRVING PARK ROAD AND 25TH AVENUE

Marathon should soon begin a full rebuilding this fall with increased floor space and a car wash.

### RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS

One Park Place (Leland & 25th) and the Ruby Condos (3831 Ruby) are structurally close to complete. They will be 'weathered in' for interior build-out through the winter. Sales offices are being set up and there is sales information on the signs. Eden's Garden (the Wehrman Townhome project) plans site work and masonry work this fall. Two of the five new homes on

the 9700 block of Ivanhoe have started construction with a spring completion projection.

### 9509 FOSTER

Wilson, the international sporting goods manufacturer that is headquartered here in Chicago is renovating this building to set up a product testing facility. It will feature tennis and golf product testing as well as high-speed video for individuals' swing analysis by trainers. Professional athletes that Wilson sponsors will probably visit on a regular basis. This is an international facility coming to Schiller Park!

### 3801 ROSE

The existing 194,000 square foot building (actually a 50+ year old building with 11 additions) will soon be demolished to accommodate a new 128,000 square foot building. There will again be jobs and tax revenues from that site. The rusting water tower will be removed as well.

### HOME EXPANSIONS/SECOND FLOOR ADDITIONS/TEAR-DOWNS

As you've probably noticed around town, we have many existing home renovations. The Village has recently updated zoning laws to make these easier, safer, and more attractive. There are, however, many regulations beyond the village's jurisdiction (federal floodplain, county sewer, etc) that may require more planning time than anticipated. There may also be structural issues with the existing home. A common issue for second floor additions is the condition of the foundation and whether it can support the weight of the new construction. We can guide you through this process. If you have an extensive remodel in mind, please contact Community Development to help start your project in the right direction. A summer 2008 project is best planned in autumn and winter 2007/2008.

### NEW BUSINESSES IN TOWN

The Village issues 60 to 70 new business licenses per year in

addition to renewals. The licensing program makes every attempt to help the new business owner consider every facet of setting up shop. If you are considering a new business, please contact the Village Hall for a license application and further information.

### BUILDING PERMIT INFORMATION HANDOUTS

Community Development has several helpful project-specific handouts located in the Community Development Department lobby at 4501 N. 25th Avenue. These answer frequently asked questions about common home improvement projects (patios, window replacement, decks, etc.).

### WEST GATEWAY

The last of the buildings to be demolished this year will be the Northwest Mack/Celli building on Belle Plaine. We are on track to begin redevelopment construction in the spring.

## SCHILLER PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT EARNS 2006 LIFE SAFETY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Schiller Park Fire Department has been presented with a Life Safety Achievement Award for 2006 by the Residential Fire Safety Institute (RFSI).

For years, the Life Safety Achievement Award has recognized local fire prevention activities that contributed to reducing the number of lives lost in residential fires. The Schiller Park Fire Department qualified for the award in 2006 because it recorded zero fire deaths in

structures during that year.

This is the eighth time that the Schiller Park Fire Department has received this important life safety award.

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EDITOR

## EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM AVAILABLE

The Emergency Telephone System Board (“ETSB”) recently contracted with the NTI Group to provide the Village with access to a notification system capable of calling designated phone numbers to deliver an emergency or informational message. These types of systems are often referred to as “Reverse 911” systems. This phone system is capable of quickly contacting all phone numbers within a designated area, or all phones within the Village to deliver a pre-recorded message. This message could be anything from an emergency evacuation request due to a chemical release, to a notification of a impending water shutoff due to a main break - therefore giving the resident time to prepare for the water shut-off, or possibly a request to help police find a missing child. According to Fire Chief Tom Deegan, “We have already found this system to be an

effective tool for notifying residents about emergency situations. It has upgraded the Village’s emergency response capabilities and enhanced the safety of all our residents.”

Residents need to know this system exists and be ready for pre-recorded messages from the Village. This system may be used periodically for routine issues but is expected to be used mainly for emergency messages. If you would like to verify your contact information, or would like to add additional phone numbers or an e-mail address for notification go to our web site, [www.villageofschillerpark.com](http://www.villageofschillerpark.com) and click on the Connect-CTY link provided on the main page. If you have any questions about this notification system feel free to contact the Fire Chief at 671-8545 or via email at [firechief@villageofschillerpark.com](mailto:firechief@villageofschillerpark.com).

## VILLAGE ADOPTS NEW BUILDING CODES

Recognizing a need to update the Village’s building codes, the Village Board recently adopted the most recent versions of the widely used standard codes series, known as the 2006 International Codes. In addition, the 2004 Illinois Plumbing Code, the 2005 National Electrical Code and several local amendments to the code were also adopted. Construction occurring in the Village pertaining to commercial and residential buildings, energy conservation, mechanical systems, fuel gas, property maintenance, as well as fire and life safety will be governed by these codes.

The purpose of these codes is not to increase the construction costs of or to restrict the use of new materials, products or construction methods. They are used by almost all municipalities nationwide to assure quality construction and provide a means to protect the public health, safety and welfare of residents. A further benefit of using these widely adopted standard codes are that almost all experienced contractors and developers are therefore familiar with them, resulting in less confusion and mistakes during construction.

Another issue residents should be aware of is that the Village has adopted a select number of local amendments to the 2006 International Codes. These changes were made by the Village for a variety of reasons including enhancing life safety and local climate and weather. Copies of the codes and detailed information about the specific changes made by the Village can be reviewed at the Village Clerk’s Office and the Building Department. Please contact the Building Department at (847) 671-8555 if you have any questions about the new codes or amendments.

### “DO I NEED A PERMIT?”

If you are planning a home improvement project or other construction, one of the first questions you should ask is “Do I need a permit?” Since there are only a few projects that do not require a permit the answer is almost certainly yes. It is also important to contact the Building Department about getting a permit as early as possible during your planning so your project is not delayed.

In addition to getting any necessary permits contractors doing work in town must be licensed by the Village while homeowners that are performing their own work must complete a “Certificate of Responsibility”. Bonds are required when public areas are involved, such as curbs and parkways. For exterior work, a plat of survey is required showing the proposed construction. For interior work a detailed floor plan must be submitted. All permitted work must be inspected and a minimum of 24 hours notice is required to schedule inspections.

If you have questions about the process of obtaining a permit please contact the Community Development Department at (847) 671-8555. Someone will be available to assist you from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday-Friday.

## HALLOWEEN HOWL

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31  
7-8:30PM

RECREATION CENTER - 9638 IRVING PARK ROAD

Grab your goodie bag and head on over to the Recreation Center for a “spooktacular” night of fun activities, games and goodies. The Village sponsors this great indoor event offered as a safe activity regardless of the weather. Don’t forget to wear your costume and bring a bag for your goodies.

Thank you to the many kind businesses in the community that donate to this special event and the volunteers who make sure everyone is having fun. The Halloween Howl is intended for children ages toddler – 10 years old. For additional information contact the Recreation Department at (847) 671-8580.

# VILLAGE RECEIVES GRANT MONEY FOR EMERGENCY GENERATOR & ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING

In March the Fire Department received notification from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) that the Department's grant application to purchase and install a new emergency generator had been approved. The generator will replace the aging 39-year old unit that currently provides back-up power to the Village Municipal Complex including the 911 Dispatch Center, Police Station, and Fire Station. The purpose of the DHS "Assistance to Firefighters" Grant Program is to protect the health and safety of the public and Village personnel. DHS has determined that this much-needed project was consistent with the program's purpose and worthy

of an award of \$47,500. This was approximately 60% of the anticipated project cost.

While awaiting notification of the Fire Grant the Village identified some electrical upgrades that were needed so the new generator could function properly. Grant money was requested through the Northwest Municipal Conference's Cy Pres Committee to complete the electrical upgrades and to help pay the remaining cost of the emergency generator. Though the exact grant amount has not been decided at this time the Village is confident it will be awarded a substantial portion of the monies requested. The new generator

installation and related electrical upgrades are expected to be completed by the end of this year.

Finally, over the past few years the Village has been working with a lighting consultant to install modern, energy efficient lighting within the Village Municipal complex. During this process grant monies were requested from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation. The Village was awarded \$9,490 to be used for energy efficient upgrades to the indoor lighting systems. The energy efficient lights are better for the environment because they last longer and reduce the Village's electrical usage. This work was

completed this past spring.

Each of the above projects will provide significant benefits to the Village in the coming years. Even better these grant monies allowed them to be done at little cost to the taxpayers of the Village. The Village wants to thank the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("Assistance to Firefighters" Grant Program), the Northwest Municipal Conference (Cy Pres Committee), and the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation for providing these much needed funds to the Village, as well as the Fire Department for working to secure these funds.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

### VILLAGE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE HOLDS SUCCESSFUL 3RD ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF OUTING

The Schiller Park Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 170 3rd Annual Golf Outing was a success again this year. Held on Friday, September 7th at Maple Meadows, the outing was well attended and a great deal of fun was had by all. The Schiller Park FOP would like to thank the sponsors and those that donated prizes for helping to make the outing a success. FOP Lodge 170 would also like to thank Mayor Anna Montana, Trustee Rodney Tole, and the Schiller Park Firemen's Association for their continued support. For more information on the Schiller Park FOP or if you would like to make a tax deductible donation please contact Frank Stoffel at (847) 678-4796 or stop by the station.

### "MOVIES IN THE PARK" COMPLETES SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Once again the "Movies in the Park" program, sponsored by the Mayor and Village Board and the Police Department, was a success this past summer as three movies were shown, with a fourth unfortunately being rained out. The Village is very happy with the turnout which was normally about 75-100 people. The Police Department wants to thank the Mayor and the Village Board for allowing these movies to be shown in Stalica Park, Audio Visual One for donating the equipment used to show the movies, and the Recreation Department for getting the park ready for the events. The Village anticipates bringing the program back next year with a slate of four movies – we hope to see you then!

### LIFE LINE SCREENINGS OFFERED AT COMMUNITY CENTER

On Monday, November 5, 2007 Life Line Screening will be offering low cost preventive health screenings at the Schiller Park Community Center on 25th Avenue. Ultrasound screenings, completely painless and non-invasive, can detect problems that can lead to strokes, heart attacks, and osteoporosis. Finger stick blood testing for lipid profiles and glucose levels is also available. Appointment times are between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM and pre-registration is required. A flyer containing further information about the screenings can be obtained at the Village Hall or Building Department. Any questions regarding the screenings can be directed to the Village Health Officer, Dan Sliwicki at (847) 671-8555.

### WEST COOK HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

On Saturday, October 20th, 2007 the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency will be offering a Household Hazardous Waste Collection for area residents. The event will be located in the Triton College, Northwest Parking Lot, 2000 Fifth Avenue, River Grove, IL 60171 from 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM. For more details, including a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable wastes, please contact the WCSWA at (708) 453-9100 or visit [www.westcook.org](http://www.westcook.org). Detailed flyers about the event can also be obtained at the Village Hall.

# RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

## DOOLEY PARK UPDATE

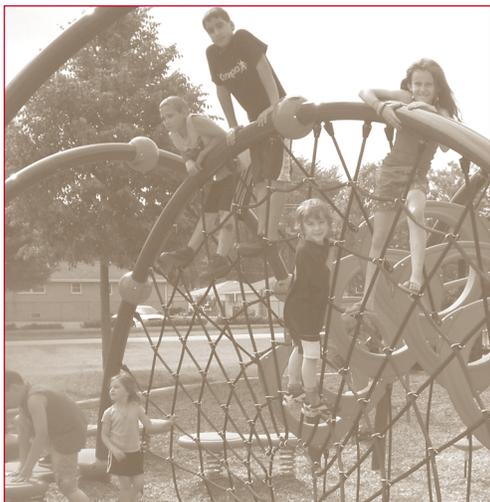
The Village has begun reviewing options for replacing play equipment at Dooley Park during the fall. While the park received some new equipment for the age 6 – 12 play area two years ago, this second phase will replace the age 3-5 play equipment with a modern play structure that will meet current safety and accessibility guidelines. In addition, two spring toys will be installed and the entire play area will be covered with a new layer of engineered woodchips. Maintenance workers from the Recreation Department will be removing existing equipment and installing the woodchips.

This project will be managed by Dave LeMar, Superintendent of Parks, who is a certified playground safety inspector. Completion is expected during the fall (weather permitting).

## SCHILLER PARK TO HOST PLAYGROUND EVENT

Landscape Structures, Inc. has chosen Schiller Park for the sight of an upcoming playground event. Village and Park District employees from around the state will be invited to Kennedy Park to see their innovative new line of equipment called "EVOS". Schiller Park was the first community in Illinois to install this new play system with other communities soon following, including Park Ridge and Clarendon Hills.

Landscape Structures, Inc. will provide a catered lunch to the professionals attending this event and have offered the Village a discount on our next order of play equipment.



## ANNA MONTANA WATER PARK & MEMORIAL POOL COMPLETES SUCCESSFUL FIRST SEASON

Opening to the public on July 1, 2007 the much anticipated new aquatic facility has broken attendance and revenue records in just two months of operation. Families enjoyed hours of fun and entertainment at the pool. The slides proved to be very



popular along with the vortex and zero depth (beach) entry area. Little ones enjoyed the interactive water toys while older children played at the basketball feature. Parents could relax on the sundeck area while everyone took advantage of the great food and reasonable prices offered by

*"I love this water park. Now I don't need to leave town on vacation to take my kids to a water park, we will just come here!"*

*- (Pool Patron)*

the concession stand. The Village is proud to offer a modern aquatic facility designed to meet ADA and safety guidelines while providing years of family enjoyment.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Schiller Park Fire Department provides Community Service and Public Relations throughout the year. The most visible activity that is associated with fire departments and public education is Fire Prevention Week.

Each year the week of October 8th is designated as National Fire Prevention Week. This was done to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

Members of the Fire Department request permission to go to all five schools in Schiller Park each year and do fire safety presentations. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) chose as the theme for this year, "Practice Your Escape Plan". Class and age appropriate lessons are given to nearly 2000 students each year.

The fire department works with District 81 reviewing

their disaster plan and also to be part of the assemblies that the schools have throughout the year as well as with the Catholic schools in their carnivals and Bon Fires. During May the department visits again for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week.

While Fire Prevention Week is most closely associated with the fire service, Schiller Park firefighters promote fire

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## COMMUNITY POLICING CORNER – HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

The Police Department and Community Police Officer Frank DeSimone want parents and children to be safe this Halloween and offer the following safety tips for the spooky holiday:

### TRICK-OR-TREATERS

- Carry a flashlight
- Walk, don't run
- Stay on sidewalks
- Obey traffic signals
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods
- Don't cut across yards or driveways
- Wear a watch you can read in the dark
- Make sure your costume doesn't drag on the ground
- Shoes should fit and be comfortable (even if they don't go with your costume)
- Avoid wearing masks when walking from house to house
- Carry only flexible knives, swords, or other props
- Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape
- Approach only houses that are lit
- Stay away from and don't pet animals you don't know

### PARENTS

- Make your child have dinner before setting out
- Ideally children of any age should be accompanied by an adult
- If your children go on their own, be sure they

wear a watch (preferably one that can be read in the dark)

- If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame retardant material
- Children on their own should know how to reach you and when to be home
- You should know where they're going
- Tell children to bring their candy home to be inspected before they eat any of it – you should look over the wrapping and toss out anything that looks suspicious

### HOMEOWNERS

- Make sure your yard is clear of such things as ladders, hoses, dog leashes, and flower pots that can trip up the young ones
- Pets can get frightened on Halloween – secure them to protect them from cars and to prevent them from inadvertently biting a trick-or-treater
- Battery powered pumpkin candles are preferable to a real flame
- If you do use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing
- Make sure paper or cloth yard decorations won't be blown into a flaming candle
- Healthy food alternatives for trick-or-treaters include packages of low fat crackers with cheese or peanut butter filling, packaged fruit rolls, mini-boxes of raisins, and single serve packets of low-fat popcorn that can be microwaved later
- Non-food treats: plastic rings, pencils, stickers, erasers, and coins

# FROM THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE

## THE SCHILLER PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A few weeks ago this historian embarked on a mission to fulfill a final promise to a dear friend. It entailed traveling by bus over four states and included unforgettable experiences.

Traveling by bus requires a hardy, intrepid spirit accompanied by an avid curiosity. One of my first encounters were the three ladies from Michigan who were on their way to Grand Forks, North Dakota. I asked if they were visiting family. "No" they replied, "we are going to rescue a car"! The car had been "borrowed" from one lady and the "loanee" had forgotten to see to its return.

Then the little lady who let me share her seat. She promptly told me she was Pentecostal, from Tennessee going to Wyoming to visit a daughter she hadn't seen in eight years. She also confided that she was really too old to be taking such a long trip, she was after all 75. She seemed a bit shocked when I told her I had already passed her up.

The fragrance of harvest time even penetrated into the bus. Wheat, soy, and corn fields boasted shades of green and gold. Minnesota's white bladed windmills against a blue sky pumped energy to power stations.

A young student heading to classes at Mankato State regaled me with his plans and hopes, and was curious about where I was going and why.

On one stretch we had a bus driver who was also a "tour guide". There wasn't much we didn't know about the area we were riding through by the time we got to Sioux Falls.

The scenery shifted as we headed west. Cattle, sheep, and horses dotted the rolling hills. A young man from Johannesburg, South Africa told us about

his adventures in the United States. He worked on farms and ranches here as it is hard to make a living in his country. A couple of fellows from Michigan told us they had worked on Wyoming farms during the summer as the pay was better there than at home.

A woman in a wheelchair was brought on at Minneapolis by way of the emergency door, her chair strapped down to the floor. Of all the people I met she left the deepest impression. In her forties, confined to that chair she could have been bitter. Her smile and her ability to chat with fellow passengers about their interests helped make the trip to Milwaukee seem a bit shorter. I rented a car to accomplish my errand and had the pleasure of traveling country roads at a relaxed speed. The only traffic was combines and wagons loaded with hay bales.

There were so many interesting people who are shared their stories, it would take several pages to tell about them all.

What did my trip have to do with the Historical Society or this Village? It was the stories. And, like the men and women traveling with me, you, the residents of Schiller Park, have your own stories to share. We have interviews already recorded but we are looking for your story. Whether you are a long time resident or came here more recently your experiences and images of Schiller Park are important. We live in a village that has a rich and exciting history, along with a now that is continually evolving, changing, and stretching. We want to interview you. Our number at the Historical Society is (847) 671-8513.

June Oulund, Historian

**FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE** - *continued.*

safety and public education throughout the year.

Members are beginning a program of a Firefighter Adopting A Class of school children and trying to be not only a mentor but a role model. Each month or more often they visit their class and see how the children are doing and provide them with incentives and stories. They also volunteer to read on Dr. Seuss night in the schools and regularly sit down for lunch with the students.

Many children wonder about what goes on in the firehouse behind the bay doors. The Schiller Park Fire Department provides tours and demonstrations to schools and civic groups throughout the year. Almost 300 visitors walk through the firehouse doors each year to get a peek into life in the firehouse.

During the summer months the fire department attends Block Parties and works with residents and local businesses having picnics in the Forest Preserves.

The Fire department also helps Santa arrive during the Christmas Season by escorting him to the schools and others who are homebound. The department members keep the fires burning during the annual Santa House at the Community Center.

Some of the other activities during the year include participating in - Career Days with the Schools, participation with the Boy Scouts of America at their Flag retirement ceremony, Girls Scout/Brownies for Merit badges, National Safety

Stand Down Day, Participation in 4th of July parade, 9/11 Remembrance, publication of the Departments newsletter the Booster Line, participation in the Halloween hay Down, Silent Parade, Prom Night assembly at East Leyden, Armed Forces Day, Open House at the fire station, participation with the Historical Society. Members participate in the activities sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion throughout the year.

**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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