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MAYOR'S UPDATE

VILLAGE BATTLES FLOOD WATERS

As you are very aware the Chicago region was struck with major flooding last month due to an unprecedented amount of rainfall – a record setting amount in a single day - about 7 inches - and a two day total of almost 9 inches.

Unfortunately such a large amount of rain in such a short period of time led to substantial flooding around the region – the worst since the 1987 flood.

Among the impacts were the flooding of numerous basements, some homes and the closings of Irving Park Road, Lawrence Avenue, and Des Plaines River Road, as well as local roadways. A great amount of garbage and debris was also generated leading to a major cleanup effort over the following week.

Village emergency personnel and public works crews were called out in the early morning hours to begin working on the problem. In addition, I ordered the opening of both the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the Village Hall and the Emergency Shelter at the Community Center.

As part of that process the Acting Director of the Cook County Emergency Management Agency, Robert King, came to the Village Hall personally with a member of his staff to begin arranging for Cook County to provide the Village with additional sand, sandbags, and other assistance as needed. He then operated out of the Village Hall to direct relief efforts around the County for most of the day. Having high level assistance from Cook County directly available during the early part of the crisis facilitated quicker help to the Village. This assistance was so rapid because the Village was one of the first

communities in Cook County to open our EOC and to issue a proclamation of a disaster emergency.

I also want to take this opportunity to dispel a rumor that the flooding was worsened due to the City of Chicago supposedly releasing storm water from O'Hare Airport -- this is absolutely not true. The Village was in regular contact with senior airport officials throughout the weekend and they did not release any water. In fact senior airport staff was helpful and informative and worked with the Village to address our common concerns.

The Emergency Notification System ("Reverse 911") was used to notify the entire community and ask for volunteers to assist in the filling of sandbags. These were then used by homeowners and businesses to protect their property. I am grateful that so many of our residents, employees, and their families came out to assist with this effort. I also want to thank The Great Escape restaurant for providing food to the volunteers. It was a remarkable demonstration of community solidarity and was a welcome positive sign in the midst of the crisis.

I want to thank all of our employees for their hard work during this crisis and extend a special thanks to all of the Village residents who helped their neighbors and fellow residents.

Yours for a better Schiller Park,



Anna Montana,
Mayor

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 30 • 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Franklin Park Metra Station (25th & Belmont)

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.

Reservations Required – Space is Limited - Registration Deadline is Friday November 14th (Forms can be obtained at the Village Hall) - Cost is \$7.00 per adult with up to 3 children (Children must be accompanied by an adult)

WINTER WONDERLAND

Saturday December 13 • 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.

For further information about these wonderful family events please contact Audrey Meyers in the Mayor's Office at (847) 678-2550.

HALLOWEEN HOWL

7:00-8:30 PM - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31
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.

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 snowmelt 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.

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 RESIDENT DON LOHENRY HONORED

In July longtime Village resident Don LoHenry was honored by being appointed American Legion 9th District Commander. Mr. LoHenry has been a member of the American Legion for over 30 years and has been an active member in numerous other community organizations in the Village for many years. He has also been a regular donor to the Village Blood Drive for many years and has served on the Village Board of Health since 2003. Congratulations to Mr. LoHenry for this recent honor and for his many years of distinguished service to the Village community.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

As the Village is sure most residents have noticed, Irving Park Road has been resurfaced and is vastly improved. In addition, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will be resurfacing River Road this fall as well. With the previous resurfacing work done on Mannheim Road and part of Lawrence Avenue virtually all of the state controlled highways in town will have been resurfaced in the past 2 years.

With regard to our local streets the Village has been busy as well. In the last several years Jill Lane, Suzy Lane, Sally Lane, and the connecting alley have all been reconstructed, partially using Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Also Ruby Street, Lawrence Court, and Leland Avenue in the area of the new Metra Station were resurfaced recently.

This year the Village is resurfacing Sunnyside Avenue (Scott Street to 25th Avenue), Sunnyside Court, Agatite Court, Wilson Avenue, and Hirschberg Avenue (Montrose Avenue to 25th Avenue). The Village is also resurfacing Kolze Avenue and Lawrence Court (Rose Street to Kolze Avenue) this fall after replacing the water main on Kolze Avenue earlier this summer. The Village also has funding in place to complete additional streets next year. The Kolze Avenue and Lawrence Court resurfacing is being partially funded through State of Illinois grant funds that were secured by the combined efforts of the Mayor & Village Board, State Representative Angelo "Skip" Saviano, and State Senator Don Harmon

In the works for next year is a major project on 25th Avenue including pavement patching and new sidewalk. This project is also being primarily funded through a grant – in this case a federal grant distributed by the North Central Council of Mayors (NCCM).

The Village is pleased so many street resurfacing projects have been completed recently and that many of these projects have been partially funded through grant funds from the State and Federal governments. Maintaining the streets of the Village has always been a priority and these projects are evidence of that commitment.

VILLAGE PURSUES VISUAL IMPROVEMENTS

The Village has been active this year in making landscaping and other visual improvements to our community. A number of wonderful projects have already been completed this year and still more are planned for this fall. Projects include new landscaping, sidewalk improvements, new irrigation systems, and new parkway trees.

Among the completed projects include new landscaping design at the Village entry sign on Irving Park Road located west of Mannheim Road. This is part of an ongoing program to keep the Village entry signs looking fresh and appealing to those entering our town. In a related project a beautifully designed new entry sign location and surrounding landscaping were installed at the corner of the 25th Avenue and Rose Street near the brand new ML Realty building. This project was made possible due to financial support from ML Realty and the cooperation of Humboldt Manufacturing for the use of their property during construction.

Other landscaping projects included installation of an underground irrigation system and new plantings at the Michigan Avenue and Forster Avenue Loop to beautify that corner of the Village. Supplemental plantings were also added at Clocktower Park and the Metra Station as part of a continuing effort to keep those key locations looking great. In another transportation related issue, several of the aging bus shelters in town will be replaced this fall as part of the Village's efforts to keep things in town looking good.

The Village also anticipates the installation of new "streetscape" improvements on Irving Park Road before the end of the year, including both sidewalk replacement and new brick pavers to brighten up the Village's "main drag". New trees will also be planted on Irving Park Road as part of this project to bring even more green to the area. Work is also planned on Lawrence Avenue from Forster Avenue to River Road. Lastly the Village plans for a round of tree plantings elsewhere in town as part of the Village's 50/50 Tree Program and to replace the handful of trees lost to disease, accident, or weather this past year.

The Village is very happy to report on these wonderful projects designed to keep our terrific town looking its best. The Village intends to continue working on these kinds of projects in the future as maintaining the pleasant appearance of the community is an important goal.

FROM THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE SCHILLER PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In a recent newscast a couple of announcers said they had no news. There were no local teams playing that day and the weather would continue to be as pleasant as it had the previous days. So the sportscaster and the weatherman had nothing to report.

In the History Room at the Library on Monday mornings we are never short of new things to discuss. From trading neighborhood news to world current events we are as busy as any newsroom.

One day there will be a discussion of where the next historic site signs will be placed – by the way have you seen the three that were placed last year? Then on another day we will be

gearing up for programs with the schools. One morning was spent researching Village architecture, which led to a discussion of the possibility of a house walk.

Then there are the requests. Most often it is someone looking for "lost" relatives. The revived interest in family trees has sent many people to our archives searching for answers. Recently we received our first such request from overseas, Croatia to be specific, a country that not so long ago was under Communist rule.

The door is always open Mondays 9:00 AM – Noon, and on the second Sunday of the month from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM, come join us! Please call (847) 671-8513 for more information.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

FIREWOOD

Great wood is useless if it has not been stacked properly. Consider a stack of firewood piled haphazardly in the backyard. It will soak up moisture, attract bugs and quickly decompose.

Select a spot, away from your house, that receives direct sunlight and good airflow. Correct placement will keep insects away from your house and good airflow will keep the wood seasoned. Set the wood base three inches from the ground: stack it in crisscrossed layers, and protect it from bad weather and it will fuel your home throughout the winter months.

No wood, regardless of its density, will burn unless it has been seasoned properly. Once cut into logs and split into pieces for the fireplace, wood must be stacked outdoors to dry for six months to a year. When the moisture content of the wood has dropped from about 45 percent to 20 percent, the wood will burn efficiently.

DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT FIRE PREVENTION WEEK?

Fire Prevention Week was established to memorialize the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. This tragic fire killed more than 250 people and left countless thousands homeless. The fire began October 8th with the majority of the fire damage occurring the following day of the 9th.

Also occurring on October 8th, 1871 was an even bigger fire known as the Peshtigo Fire, the most destructive forest fire in the history of our country. The Peshtigo fire was responsible for the destruction of 16 towns in northwest Wisconsin: 1,152 people perished in this fire.

In 1920 President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 8th falls.

WINTER DRIVING SURVIVAL KIT

It is a good thing to keep a winter survival kit in your vehicle. Having essential supplies can provide some comfort and safety for you and your passengers should you become stranded or stuck.

CHECKLIST

- Nylon carrying bag
- Ice scraper/snowbrush
- Shovel
- Bag of sand or kitty litter
- Tow rope or chain
- Maps
- Jumper or Booster cables
- Tire repair kit
- Road flares or warning lights
- Gas Line Anti-Freeze
- Fully charged cell phone
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Transistor radio with extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Fire Extinguisher
- Small tool kit
- Extra clothing and footwear
- Regular blanket or sleeping bag
- Non perishable energy food—granola bars chocolate, soup
- Can opener
- Bottled drinking water
- Candles and a small empty tin
- Matches
- Extra doses of prescription medicines
- Cash
- Change of Clothes

Remember, you may be stranded for as much as 72 hours. Make sure you have enough supplies to meet your needs. Stay with your car! If you are in a remote area, remember that your vehicle is easier to spot

from the air and your vehicle can provide you with shelter.

COMMON SENSE IS THE BEST DEFENSE...

- Wear layers of warm, dry clothing including hat and gloves; wet clothing negates insulating effect
- Cover exposed skin surfaces as protection from frostbite (numbness, white nose, chin, fingers, forehead, stiff cheeks); warm gradually by wrapping or placing next to warm skin; do not rub affected areas.
- Be aware of hypothermia (body temperatures 95 degrees or less); stiff muscles, puffy face, slowed breathing, poor physical condition, mental confusion; if these signs are recognized call 9-1-1 immediately.
- Drink non-alcoholic beverages such as tea, coffee, hot chocolate and soup.
- Maintain good nutrition and obtain plenty of rest.
- Prescription drugs may increase vulnerability to cold; check with you doctor or pharmacist.
- Be aware of elderly and disabled persons living alone; offer assistance.
- It is dangerous to use an oven as a heating device. All space heaters are a fire risk if used improperly
- Individuals 65 and older should obtain a flu shot every year.

Winter can bring with it dangerously cold temperatures that can cause health and safety problems if you are not prepared. If you have older relatives, neighbors or friends, check on them often to make sure they are okay.

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

With the end of Daylight Savings Time at 2:00 AM on Sunday

November 2nd, this is an ideal time to replace your old smoke detector and carbon monoxide batteries with fresh ones that will be sure to sound the alarm. It is recommended that you change your smoke detector and carbon monoxide battery at least twice a year. Why not do it at the time you change your clocks.

STORM EMERGENCIES—WHEN NOT TO CALL 9-1-1

Storm situations tax emergency services resources. 9-1-1 is often swamped with non-emergency calls during severe storms. Residents should call 9-1-1 only when there is an emergency such as a medical call, arching power lines, fires, or accidents.

DURING SEVERE WEATHER:

9-1-1 should NOT be called to ask why the tornado sirens have activated. Residents should take shelter immediately and monitor the weather situation on the radio or television.

9-1-1 should NOT be used to report power outages, please call Commonwealth Edison at 1 800 EDISON 1. 9-1-1 dispatchers can not speed the return of the power and they do not have information about when the power will be restored.

9-1-1 should NOT be used to report flooding streets unless they pose a life hazard such as someone is trapped in a vehicle in a flooded street. Even if a home is being flooded, it will be some time before assistance can get to you as higher priority calls will be handled first.

9-1-1 should NOT be used to report bad traffic conditions. There is very little that can be done and callers have tied up emergency lines to argue with call takers over

something they cannot control.

Please do not call 9-1-1 unless it is truly an emergency. Using 9-1-1 to report the non-emergency situations described above might prevent those with true emergencies from getting the assistance they urgently need.

A WORD TO THE WISE ABOUT HOLIDAY LIGHTS: TAKE THEM DOWN IN 90 DAYS OR LESS

Did you know that each year faulty electrical wires injure

2,000 people and cause over \$500 million in property damage? Such incidents are avoidable.

The national Electrical Code states that any temporary lighting is not to be maintained for longer than 90 days. This includes any decorative holiday lighting. This requirement exists for your protection. Leaving such lighting up all year round is a fire safety hazard.

The National Fire Protection

Association also suggests throwing away any cords that are frayed, or have loose or damaged sockets. Varied weather conditions or animals may cause such damage. Not only does this render the temporary lighting unusable in the following season, but more importantly increases the risk of fire.

For your safety we encourage you to take down any and all temporary lighting immediately after the holiday season.

RESPONSE TO ANONYMOUS

The Village recently received an anonymous complaint from a resident criticizing the Fire Department and Firefighters for building a small deck on the roof just outside the Fire Department. The exit stairs were built primarily to provide an emergency exit for the Department's personnel from their living quarters. Some additions were made to provide a spot for the Firefighters to relax and get some fresh air during their 24 hour shifts. It should also be noted that the emergency stairs and deck were built by the Firefighters themselves with only the materials being provided by the Village. The Village is disappointed that a resident would criticize reasonable efforts to provide relaxation space for our emergency responders during their shifts.

THE BENEFITS AND CARE OF TREES

WHO OWNS PARKWAY TREES?

It is important for residents to understand that the Village owns the trees located in the parkways of streets throughout the Village, not the homeowner, and that these trees cannot be trimmed or cut down without the approval of the Village. The parkway is normally the area located between the sidewalk and the street in front of residents' homes, but can vary based on location. Therefore if it's possible that a tree you want to trim or remove may be in the parkway please contact the Department of Public Works at (847) 671-8554 to determine ownership before you take any action. In this way you can avoid inadvertently damaging or destroying Village property.

BENEFITS OF TREES

Many residents probably don't know that one mature tree can add as much as \$10,000 to the value of their property. But more than this, trees contribute to the health and well-being of the people fortunate enough to live in their shade, and play a critical role in absorbing and using carbon dioxide, considered one of the key culprits in global warming. Some of the other benefits of trees include:

One mature tree can produce enough oxygen in one growing season to equal what 10 people inhale in a year.

Trees help minimize noise from cars, buses, trucks, and block unsightly views.

Trees provide food and shelter for wildlife.

In warm weather tree shade can reduce temperatures in your yard and home by as much as 20 degrees and lower your cooling bills in the summer months.

Trees fight soil erosion, conserve rainwater, and reduce water runoff and sediment deposit after storms –which can help prevent flooding.

Given all of the benefits mentioned please take care of your trees and plant more when you can. The Village encourages tree planting in parkways through our 50/50 program and offers assistance to homeowners with questions about their parkway trees. Please help the Village make sure that Schiller Park remains a place for mature and wonderful trees!

MULCHING 101

Any tree can benefit from mulching, whether it's new or old. The idea of mulching is to protect the roots, not the tree. Mulch holds in moisture, insulates against the summer heat and winter's bitter cold. It adds nutrients and helps the soil structure as the mulch breaks down. Mulch also protects the soil from foot traffic and keeps grass from growing close to the tree. A mulch bed around the tree also keeps lawnmowers and string trimmers away from the base of the tree where they might damage or injure it.

Mulching only takes a few minutes, but since bad mulching can actually do more harm than good, it is important that you do it right.

Follow these tips to help you:

Choosing organic mulch is the best. Anything made from plants will be fine. Leaf mulch or shredded hardwood will break down faster and need to be replaced more often than bigger chunks of wood, such as wood chips.

Don't pile up the mulch – you are protecting the roots not the trunk. Piling up the mulch against the trunk can trap moisture that leads to rot or can harbor rodents or insects that can damage the tree. Keep the mulch a few inches from the bark.

Spread the mulch 3-4 inches deep in a flat circle around the trunk. A thicker layer is not necessarily better. Three 2-cubic foot bags should be a good start for a normal sized tree. Don't bother removing the grass first – it will die under the mulch.

VILLAGE OFFERS FREE WOODCHIP MULCH

If you are interested in mulch for trees as discussed in the preceding article or for some other reason the Village maintains a stockpile of woodchips accumulated during our branch pickup each week during the spring, summer, and fall. Woodchips from this stockpile are free to residents and can be put to use in projects around your yard. Furthermore the Village saves money by distributing these woodchips free of charge to residents and not having to pay to haul them away each year. Please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 671-8554 if you want woodchips from the Village stockpile.

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 4th annual Golf Outing was a success again this year. Held on Friday, September 5th at Fox Run Golf Links 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 Firefighters 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 DeSimone at (847) 678-4796 or stop by the station.

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 sure your child has 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

PUBLIC WORKS: YARD WASTE & BRANCH COLLECTION PROCEDURES

If you're planning on doing some yard work this fall, 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. 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 sized 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 21st.

BRANCH PICKUP

This service is provided directly by the Village's Department of Public Works and is done on Mondays through November 17th (In an added note street sweeping also ends for the season on November 17th). 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.

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:

First 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. Most importantly, leaves left in the street can clog the Village's storm sewers and end up causing flooding of the street.

Second if you want to have GROOT, the Village's garbage hauler, haul 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.

AROUND TOWN: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

ATLAS TOYOTA WINS NATIONAL AWARD

Toyota Material Handling, U.S.A., Inc. (TMHU) recently awarded Atlas Toyota Material Handling of Schiller Park, Ill., its highest dealership honor, the President's Award, for 2007. Atlas Toyota Material Handling is one of 15 elite recipients of this distinguished award and was selected from TMHU's nationwide network of 68 dealers and 190 dealership locations.

Toyota's highest honor, the President's Award recognizes companies for demonstrating excellence in parts, service and equipment sales, customer satisfaction and overall dealership operations. Atlas is located at 5050 N. River Road and online at www.atlastoyota.com. Congratulations!

NEW SCHILLER PARK WELCOME SIGN AT ROSE AND 25TH AVENUE

The old "Welcome Sign" has been moved to a newly constructed and landscaped area at the 'triangle' at Rose and 25th. Funds for construction of the sign were provided in part by ML Realty, the developer of the new facility at 3801 Rose. In addition, Humboldt Manufacturing was kind enough to let us use

their parking lot and property during construction. The new sign highlights the continued redevelopment of this industrial area.

SCHILLER PARK / FRANKLIN PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber of Commerce provides a number of services for the residents and businesses of Schiller Park. The Chamber seeks improved business for the community.

ANNUAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BREAKFAST

October 9 • 8:00 AM
Hampton Inn

BUSINESS EXPO AND JOB FAIR

November 6 • 10:00 AM
West Leyden High School

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR

December 11

These events are informative and informational with networking opportunities. For more information go to www.chamberbyohare.org, or stop by an event!

NEW CONDOMINIUMS FILLING UP AT ONE PARK PLACE

The new condominiums on Leland and 25th are welcoming a steady stream of new residents. For more information go to www.oppschiller.com.

Next to open will be Ruby Condos on the 3800 block of Ruby Street. For more information go to www.3831rubysquarecondos.com.

Eden's Garden: Still under construction are the townhomes on Wehrman Avenue. For more information go to www.sergioandbanks.com

NEW BUSINESSES IN TOWN CHIP IN TOURS & TRAVEL

9950 Lawrence Ave. Suite 109

ADVANTAGE CAR RENTAL

4825 N. Scott Street

A.K. INTERNATIONAL

9950 Lawrence Ave. Suite 315

VIP TRAVEL INC.

3916 25th Avenue

Please patronize Schiller Park businesses!

HOT FUN IN THE SUMMERTIME WITH NEDSRA!

This summer, special education students at Kennedy School splashed and played their way through an after-school program provided by NEDSRA (Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association) in cooperation with School District #81.

Participants enjoyed a variety of community outings, including weekly trips to the Anna Montana Water Park. When the 3-week summer program concluded, the students were able to extend their summer fun through other NEDSRA summer programs offered in neighboring communities! One student joined the Schiller Park Day Camp, with inclusion assistance provided by NEDSRA.

Another program called "Little Tykes" was held at the Schiller Park Activity



Gabriella, a resident of Schiller Park enjoys her afternoon with NEDSRA at the Anna Montana Water Park!



Center. The primary goal of this preschool camp was to prepare the children for the start of the new school year. The camp attracted eight children who not only benefited from sensory and community integration activities, but made new friends in a fun and safe environment.

The summer went way too fast, but for some Schiller Park youths, they had hot fun in the summertime with NEDSRA! The Village of Schiller Park partners with NEDSRA to provide recreation opportunities for both children and adults with disabilities. For more information about NEDSRA services, please visit the Web site at www.nedsra.org, or contact Jeena Greenwalt at (630) 620-4500, extension 132.

ANNA MONTANA WATER PARK

COMPLETES SUCCESSFUL 2ND SEASON

Residents enjoyed a full summer season of swimming and aquatic activities at the new water park. Season memberships, daily attendance, concession sales and swim lessons all surpassed projections for this year despite a cool summer with only a handful of 90 degree days!

Providing 50 jobs for young people in the community and a valuable service for the residents, the water park opened June 9 and closed after Labor Day weekend. Many children enjoyed a birthday party at the water park with

friends and lots of fun! The concession stand offered an extensive menu with pizza, hot dogs, pretzels, fountain drinks and ice cream products.

Daily activities started in the morning with swim lessons and by noon the adult open swim and aquatic fitness class were in full swing. The afternoon general swim was followed by a one hour break before the evening general swim and rentals concluded a sometimes 12 or 13 hour day for a facility which was open to the public seven days a week.

Please email your comments or questions about the water park to John Bealer (Recreation Director) at jbealer@villageofschillerpark.com or call (847) 671-8580. Thank You.

HAPPENINGS

PARK UPDATES

Fall Recreation Department projects include the installation of playground equipment at three Village parks. Kennedy Park is receiving the playground equipment during a "Phase II" portion of the playground renovation. Last year this park received some equipment as part of the "Phase I" plan including the EVOS system. This system of play equipment was the first to be installed in Illinois. Phase II will include three new components in the 6-12 year old play area with pod steppers running between components to create connective play features. Also, the 2-5 year old play area will receive two new features.

Dooley Park and Fairview Park will be receiving new swing sets replacing the older sets. In addition, a new age 6-12 play feature will be installed at Dooley Park. The new equipment will meet the current safety guidelines. Further information is available via email to John Bealer (Recreation Director) at jbealer@villageofschillerpark.com or call (847) 671-8580.

WATER PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The Village added two new interactive spray toys to the tot area of the water park. Before opening in June, contractors installed these fun new water toys designed to be interactive with parts that the children can turn. The equipment was enjoyed by hundreds of children each week.

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.

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