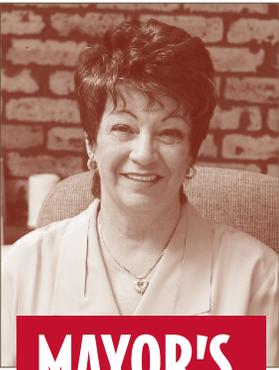


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MAYOR'S UPDATE

FURTHER FLOODING STRIKES VILLAGE

As most of you are fully aware the Village suffered yet another record setting rainfall on July 23, 2011 which caused flooding throughout town. This storm is at least the fourth major rainstorm that caused flooding to hit the Village in the last 4+

years. I know that this has been a very difficult period for many Village residents and I sincerely hope that our luck with respect to these horrible storms improves considerably in the coming years.

To add the proverbial insult to injury the Village was informed by the Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in late August that Cook County's request for an official disaster declaration relating to the July 23, 2011 flooding was denied. This decision by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency ("IEMA") meant that no assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") or the State of Illinois will be available with respect to the July 23, 2011 flood.

As I reported in a September 1st letter to affected residents I was very disappointed in this decision by the State and shortly afterward protested it in a letter to the IEMA Director. However I was subsequently informed in a September 23rd responsive letter from the IEMA Director that my protest did not change the decision. In his letter the IEMA Director stated that the reason for this decision by the State was that the amount of damage that was suffered by Cook County as a whole did not come close to the amount needed to justify the involvement of FEMA. I can assure all of you that the Village did everything it could to help Cook County with this process but there was simply not enough damage.

In the meantime I can tell you that the Village's aggressive ongoing efforts to deal with the recurring flooding problem continue. Several years ago the Village implemented a substantial program of cleaning, televising, and repairing our storm and sanitary sewer systems to ensure they are operating at peak efficiency. We have also increased our preparations for flooding by keeping a large supply of sandbags on hand at fixed locations and by using mobile trailers. In addition we have started two resident grant programs - we have a sewer check valve grant program, to help residents purchase and install a flood protection device, and a generator grant program to help residents power a sump pump during a power outage. Lastly, construction on the Crystal Creek project continues with some benefits of the project already in evidence. Additional information regarding Village programs to combat flooding past, present, and possible future - along with copies of the various letters mentioned above can be found in a news article on our website, www.villageofschillerpark.com.

Any resident impacted by any or all of these terrible flooding incidents has my sincere and heartfelt condolences for their losses and suffering. You can be assured that I will continue to pursue any and all avenues available to me to improve our defenses against flooding, to improve our emergency response when flooding occurs, and finally to fight for emergency relief for our residents when flood damage occurs.

Yours for a better Schiller Park,



Anna Montana, Mayor

HALLOWEEN HOWL

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 31 - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
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.

HALLOWEEN CONCERT AND COSTUME CONTEST!

The Village and Autumn Rise Horror Shows are cooperating to offer an exciting event to the Village of Schiller Park community for the 2nd straight year. On Sunday October 30th at 5:00 PM at Clocktower Park on Irving Park Road an event will be held. Live music including many Halloween favorites will be offered as well as a costume contest. Other treats and prizes will also be offered. Come dance, sing-a-long, and have some spooky fun at this free family friendly event.



CRYSTAL CREEK UPDATE

Work on the project has been progressing nicely. The contractor has completed work on the concrete block walls in the section of the creek between Montrose Avenue and the existing concrete channel, with landscape restoration and permanent fencing still remaining. Currently work is being done on the box culverts that have been placed under Montrose with the eventual goal of reopening the road.

The next step will be to begin work on the concrete wall sections between the end of the existing concrete channel and 25th Avenue. Elsewhere, Wehrman Avenue has been reopened with full restoration to follow later.

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.



SANTA'S WINTER WONDERLAND

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 - 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. The Village hopes you and your family will be able to enjoy this free family event. Remember to bring your camera! For further information about this event please contact Audrey Meyers in the Mayor’s Office at (847) 678-2550.



NEW DRIVE-UP DROP BOX AT VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall has a new drive-up drop box located near the rear of building by the existing US Mailbox. This new box replaces the old drop box that was located near the front of the Village Hall. It is still used to drop-off water bills, parking tickets, or other envelopes addressed to the Village. Please do not include cash when using the drop box. We hope residents enjoy the convenience of the drive-up option.

VILLAGE CAR SHOW A BIG HIT AGAIN!

The Village's Car Show and Family Fun Day proved to be a big success on September 11th as once again more than 150 cars registered for the event. The weather was wonderful again and another large crowd turned out to view the cars and enjoy the free activities and rides with their kids. Additionally numerous local restaurants once again turned out to offer some tasty options. It was a terrific event that exceeded our expectations yet again.

Mayor Anna Montana and the Village Board wish to heartily thank all the volunteers who turned out for the event and helped make

it such a big success. Their hard work and good planning led to a wonderful event with terrific results. Also appreciated were the local restaurants who shared their culinary talents. In addition thanks go out to the organizations/companies that lent trucks/vehicles free of charge to the event. Finally an extra special thank you from the Village goes out to Philip Meier of Castle Metal for being such a big help in putting on the event. Mr. Meier graciously allowed his property to be used for the car registration process which was a big help in making the event run so smoothly.

The Mayor and Village Board hope that all of the residents who attended had a good time and were able to spend some quality time with their families. The Village looks forward to making the Car Show & Family Fun Day a successful and fun event for many years to come!

FROM THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE SCHILLER PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

As I sit at my computer thinking about what I want to say, the sound of the bell echoes in my mind. You know, the bell rung by the Fire Department Officer at the 9-11 Ceremony on that recent beautiful Sunday afternoon.

Many of us began that day by attending a church service, afterward we headed to the Metra Station area for the Village Car Show & Family Fun Day. We admired and discussed the cars on display.

I personally "fell in love" with a 1930 Ford Coupe with a rumble seat. We all ate our fill of the great food, the kids took advantage of every amusement, and we enjoyed being outside interacting with our friends and neighbors.

Then it was time for the 9-11 Ceremony. I was happy to see so many Schiller Parkers gathering to give honor to those who were "first responders" and to the flag that represents our freedom. The audience included long-

time residents, newcomers, the young, and their elders. We were reminded to be thankful for our land, and to be grateful for those who are now risking their lives, and those who have already given their lives, so that we remain free.

My heartfelt thanks go out to the Honor Guard, the Lincoln School Band, and all of our own officers for participating in the ceremony and reminding us of these important things.

In the days ahead the Historical Society continues to prepare for the Village Centennial. Look for announcements of events scheduled for 2012. Check the Hometown News each month so you can mark your calendars. Also we are actively hunting down photos and people who have stories to tell for the History Book so please contact us at (847) 671-8513 if you have something to share.

SCHILLER PARK POLICE GET A DARE CAR

This year the Schiller Park Police have an addition to their fleet of police cars that serve the Village. Schiller Park's new Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) car that you might have seen around town was purchased with seized drug monies by the Mayor, the Village Board and Police Chief this year. These monies can only be used for very limited purposes and utilizing them in this way in essence cost the village nothing. The car, a 2010 Dodge Charger that was purchased used and has a custom "wrap" over its paint so it can be removed later when it is time to rotate the car out of service.

A number of DARE programs in local police departments have vehicles marked as police cars to promote the DARE

program. The car is also used to send the message that drug dealers forfeit their glamorous trappings when they get caught.

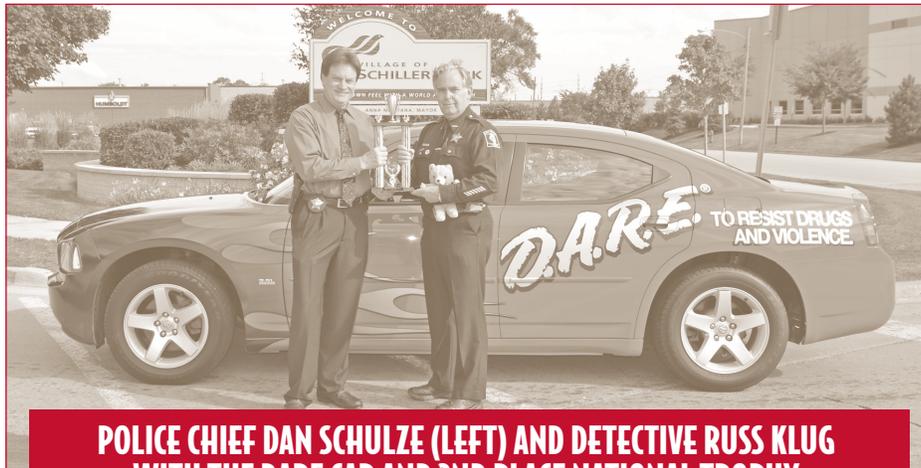
It is currently driven by the DARE Officer Detective Russell Klug who has been the DARE Officer for 19 years. Detective Klug takes the DARE car to all the schools during the school year and the children love it. The parents of the children also have given Detective Klug

a lot of compliments as well. The DARE Program, which teaches children how to make wise choices in their lives, is taught by Detective Klug throughout the year at local schools.

Detective Klug recently attended the International DARE Conference in Nashville, Tennessee where he entered the car into the DARE car show with many other DARE cars from around the country. His car took 2nd Place in his division.

The DARE car was also entered in the Village's Third Annual Car show.

Detective Klug hopes that the people of Schiller Park enjoy the new DARE car as much as he and his DARE students do.



POLICE CHIEF DAN SCHULZE (LEFT) AND DETECTIVE RUSS KLUG WITH THE DARE CAR AND 2ND PLACE NATIONAL TROPHY

AROUND TOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

SCHILLER PARK WELCOMES HELLMANN WORLDWIDE LOGISTICS

Founded in 1871 by Carl Heinrich Hellmann using a horse-drawn cart in Osnabrueck, Germany, Hellmann is occupying the new distribution facility at 3801 N. Rose Street. Hellman operates in 157 countries providing air freight, contract logistics, customs brokerage, e-Commerce, road freight and sea freight.

The new Rose Street facility features 128, 837 square feet of space with 39

loading docks, a 10,000 lb. scale, bonded container freight station (CFS), and CCSP Certified Screening Facility. It is temperature controlled and has a 24 hour security system for the gated property.

Hellmann services include international air & ocean freight forwarding, domestic air & ground transportation and customs house brokerage services. Hellmann offers short and long term warehouse storage with contract logistics consulting with pick & pack, receiving operation capability.

Hellmann's global network of offices and warehouses is connected by a fleet of 5,000 trucks, agreements with 50 shipping lines and 55 airlines, and cutting-edge IT and communication systems.

Having a new business occupy this previously vacant property improves our tax base and brings as many as 100 jobs to the community.

Welcome to Schiller Park!

AROUND TOWN: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS CONTINUED

FRANKLIN PARK/SCHILLER PARK CHAMBER PRESIDENT, KEN KOLLAR, HONORED BY DISTRICT 212

It is a long-standing tradition at District 212 to honor those who share their talents, skills, experience, and time with Leyden students. In March, Leyden announced Kenneth Kollar of Franklin Park, as one of the two people selected, as a Loyal Eagle Award Winner for the 2010-2011 school year. Both recipients were recognized by board members in April.

Ken Kollar is the president of the Franklin Park/ Schiller Park Chamber of Commerce. During the past three years, Kollar has been active in the district's Career Fair and Job Expo event by encouraging local businesses to participate as exhibitors and to explore employment opportunities with students and community members who attend. He also is one of the forces behind Leyden Manufacturing Renaissance Partnership, a group that partners Leyden's Maintenance, Industrial Technology, Science, and Business Departments with local businesses and post-secondary educators. The group is currently working on an alternative energy project. In addition, Kollar's networking skills have rendered Leyden students the opportunity to visit the Grand Ridge Wind Farm, located in Marsailles, Illinois, that has 65 wind turbines generating 99

MW of power for northern Illinois. Kollar says he "loves working with Leyden students" and finds them to be an inspiration.

SCHILLER PARK COMMONS CONSTRUCTION IN HIGH GEAR

The new stand-alone Chase Bank is in full construction at the corner of Irving Park and Old River Roads. Phase 2 is the emplacement of stormwater detention vaults under Schiller Park Common's parking lot. This project involves extensive excavation and installation of underground water tanks and piping designed to hold rainwater. These enhancements improve the overall storm water management capacity of the property.

These projects are underway simultaneously. Schiller Park Commons will hang the 'Pardon our Dust' sign for a few weeks until the phase is completed. Phase 3 involves demolition of the old Chase

Bank and adjoining stores to make way for a re-built Aldi grocery. This large redevelopment project will bring improved shopping opportunities to our Schiller Park community.

NEW BUSINESSES IN SCHILLER PARK

10201 Belle Plaine Oasis Sbarro

9950 Lawrence Suite #101H Legal Services Support

9950 Lawrence Suite # 312 Consolidated Insurance Partners

4825 Scott St #68 Lorig Construction

9435 Irving Park Rd Divaz Electronics

9950 Lawrence #305 Universal Lenders

9451 Seymour Innoved Institute

4849 Scott # 111 Benevolent Home Health Care

9420 Byron Vic's Towing

4217 United Parkway Midwest Gaming

3801 Rose Hellman Worlwide Logistics

FRANKLIN PARK / SCHILLER PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

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

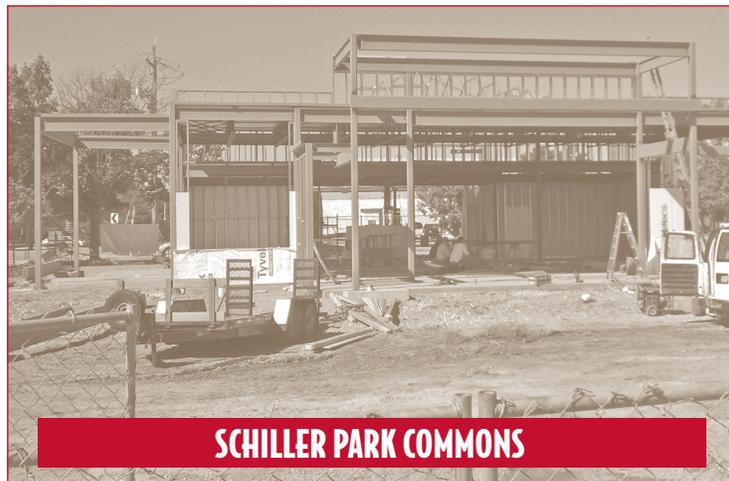
UPCOMING EVENTS:**NOVEMBER 2**

Career Fair and Business Expo at East Leyden High School

NOVEMBER 17

Business After-Hours at Leyden Credit Union

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



SCHILLER PARK COMMONS

FITNESS MEMBERSHIPS OFFERED TO RETURNING MILITARY VETERANS

Mayor Anna Montana and the Village Board have approved a program to be offered through the Recreation Department to provide a complimentary 1 year fitness passes for military veterans returning to the community from active duty. A similar program is offered through our Special Recreation Association – NEDSRA, and was modified to meet the needs of our residents of Schiller Park. In a show of gratitude for veterans service, the Village is offering this free membership to the fitness center and basketball courts located at the Recreation Center.

To qualify they must be a resident of Schiller Park and be returning from active duty in the military. Veterans may present their discharge paperwork and proof of residency at the Recreation Center between 9 AM and 5 PM on Monday thru Friday. For more information or to schedule an alternative time please call (847) 671-8580.



RECREATION DIRECTOR JOHN BEALER WITH SERGEANT NATHANIEL NAZARENO (RIGHT) OF THE U.S. ARMY WHO SERVED IN BOTH OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (IRAQ) AND OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (AFGHANISTAN). WELCOME HOME SERGEANT NAZARENO!



SEYMOUR AVENUE SIDEWALK PROJECT IS COMPLETE!

Construction of a new public sidewalk on Seymour Avenue, from Wesley Terrace to Bobby Lane on the north-side of the street is now complete.

Funds for this project were obtained from the Federal Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Program for the 2011 Program Year. Existing driveways were not disturbed to complete the sidewalk.

The Village hopes area residents are able to take advantage of this new amenity in their neighborhood.

LOCAL CHEF WINS AWARD!

Joe Aiello, Chef and Owner of Apropos Catering located on Old River Road in the Village, has won the Immediate Past President’s Award from the American Culinary Federation in honor of his dedication to the organization, which includes his past service as National Treasurer for the Board of Directors. The Village congratulates Chef Aiello on his accomplishment and wishes him continued success with his business in the future.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

HOLIDAY SAFETY

During the fall months two holidays occur that can impact the safety of our families. The Schiller Park Fire Department encourages families to sit down regularly and discuss safety plans and issues around the home and seasons.

During October we celebrate Halloween. This is a child's delight as they go from home to home Trick or Treating. It is a time where children dressed as ghosts, witches, or goblins are in search of their favorite treats. However, the excitement of the night can cause children to forget to be careful.

There is no real "trick" to making Halloween a real treat for the entire family. Here are some things we can do to make this Halloween safer for everyone.

PARENTS:

- Make sure the pathway to your home is well lit. If you are using candles to light the way, make sure they are a safe distance from the sidewalk and driveway. Some children wear items made of paper or carry paper bags.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs, heaters, etc.
- Purchase only costumes, wigs, and props labeled flame resistant or flame retardant.

- Keep hemlines short enough to prevent tripping.
- Use battery powered lights or glowsticks in decorations and costumes.
- Make sure an adult or older responsible youth will be supervising the outing for children under 12.
- Plan a route for children to follow while trick or treating and establish a return time.

TRICK OR TREATERS:

- Stay on sidewalks in familiar neighborhoods and obey all traffic signals.
- Wear a watch you can read in the dark.
- Trick or treat in a group and be accompanied by an adult. Never enter a house or an apartment unless you are with an adult.
- Approach only houses that are lit.
- Carry a flashlight to see and be seen. Use reflective tape on costumes and bags.

DRIVERS:

- Go slow all evening.
- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians, and curbs and darting out from between parked cars.
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.
- Enter and exit driveways and streets slowly and carefully.

TREATS:

- Make sure children eat an early meal before going out.
- Inspect all candy and throw out anything that looks

tampered with.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

- Teach children their home phone number and how to call 9-1-1 if they have an emergency or become lost.
- Review the principle of Stop-Drop-and Roll, should their clothes catch on fire.

The fourth Thursday November is where Americans

The fourth Thursday in November is where Americans celebrate Thanksgiving. An estimated 4,300 Thanksgiving Day fires occur annually in the United States causing 10 deaths, 50 injuries, and \$30 million in property loss.

On Thanksgiving Day, many families customarily spend the holiday inside their home or the home of a friend or family member with the family dinner being the highlight of the day. Because of this holiday custom the average number of fires nearly doubles on Thanksgiving Day to 49%. Cooking is by far the leading cause of all Thanksgiving Day fires accounting for nearly 69% of the fires this day.

We ask that all family and friends take additional time to practice fire safety. Have working smoke detectors and a working fire extinguisher. Realize that if you are going to use deep fryers that all directions are followed and

NEVER place a frozen turkey in boiling oil.

With these helpful hints we can appreciate each other and share a true thanksgiving holiday.

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

November 6, 2011 ends Daylight Saving Time and we return to Central Standard Time. This means that we turn our clocks backward and "gain" an hour. This is also a good time to replace your batteries in BOTH your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detectors.

These two relatively inexpensive devices are the cheapest forms of property and life insurance that are on the market. For the price of a battery you may save your life and belongings. But you can only accomplish this by replacement of those batteries.

NUMBERS YOUR FAMILY SHOULD KNOW

79 Number of seconds on average between house fires in the U.S.

135 Number of minutes on average between house fire fatalities in the U.S.

5 Percent of all home fires and deaths can be attributed to candles. December has the highest number of candle fires

114,000 Average number per year of reported home fires

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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS CONTINUED

associated with cooking equipment, resulting in an annual 290 deaths and 4,380 injuries.

1 Number of times a month each smoke alarm in the home should be tested. All the batteries should be replaced once a year.

2 Minimum number of times a year families should practice their escape plan. Extra practice for families with children or adults 65 and older because they are twice as likely to die in a home fire.

10 Number of years a smoke alarm typically lasts. They become less sensitive over time.

1 in 4 Families in the U.S. that have developed and practiced a fire escape plan.

WATER AND ELECTRICITY DON'T MIX

Summer is a season for swimming and boating. Awareness of electrical hazards around water can prevent deaths and injuries.

Some tips that you can use to prevent injuries include using electrical covers on outdoor receptacles near swimming pools. Keep cords and electrical devices away from pools. Never handle electrical items when you are wet.

Use Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) to help prevent electrocutions and electrical shock injuries. These are similar to mini circuit breakers to help prevent you from being injured.

Electrical devices such as circuit breakers, fuses, GFCIs, receptacles, plugs and switches can malfunction when water gets inside.

Do not allow power cord connections to become wet.

Do not use electrical appliances that have become wet. Water can damage the motors in electrical appliances, such as furnaces, freezers, refrigerators, washing

machines, and dryers. Electrical parts can become grounded and pose an electrical shock or overheat and cause a fire. A qualified service technician should check out this equipment.

LIGHTNING HAZARDS

Lightning strikes are fatal in approximately 10 percent of strike victims. Another 70 percent of survivors suffer serious long-term effects.

Outdoors is the most dangerous place to be during a lightning storm. Because lightning can travel sideways for up to 10 miles, blue skies are not a sign of safety. If you hear thunder take cover. If possible, go indoors. Once indoors, stay away from windows and doors.

SILENT CALLS

The Illinois State Statutes regulate the use of emergency lights and sirens on approved appropriate vehicles. The Schiller Park Fire Department complies with these rules and policies outlined by national standards. These include responding to certain "Calls" where the department can respond non-emergency.

The department will limit or restrict the use of our lights and sirens in the following situations:

- Board Trouble Alarms- these alarms come to our dispatch center indicating that an installed fire alarm system may have a problem with it. The alarm is NOT indicating that a fire was detected. These calls are responded to "On the Quiet" which means a fire department response without lights and sirens.
- Basic Life Support Calls (BLS)- These are non-life threatening calls where the drive to the hospital is not critical. We will follow all normal traffic flows.
- Invalid Assists- These calls are for those with a disability where they may need assistance into bed or into a chair with NO other potential medical reason.
- The Schiller Park Fire Department is required to respond to emergency calls for fires and ambulance calls with lights and sirens in most other situations. Rarely can a resident request that these devices not be used. The medical call may be an "emergency" as deemed by Medical Control.

We request that everyone use 9-1-1 when they need emergency services. Calling on our business line may not ensure that someone is in the firehouse at that time. If you think that you need our services and are calling the firehouse, then use

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Most of the students take the yellow school bus to and from school. Other students walk to school. Whether you walk to school or ride the bus there are some safety rules that everyone must follow so that we do not get hurt. The school bus is bigger than all of us and there are times when the bus driver may not see students around the bus. It is therefore important that when near the school buses we use caution and practice bus safety.

1. Do Not play in the street while waiting for the bus or others to get on and go home
2. Line up facing the bus, not along side of it unless told otherwise by an ADULT
3. Move immediately onto the sidewalk and out of traffic after getting off the bus
4. Wait for a signal from the bus driver before crossing the street and walk at least 10 steps away from the front of the bus so the driver can see you

GETTING YOUR HOME READY FOR WINTER

Before winter catches us off guard, there are a few things that you will want to do and/or have done around your home. Have your furnace cleaned and or inspected to make sure it will function properly. Have a supply of new filters on hand. Filters need to be changed regularly to have your furnace operate more efficiently. Make sure the area around your furnace and water heater is clear from combustibles. If you have an indoor fireplace, when was the last time your chimney was cleaned or inspected? Time to check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they are functioning properly. Replace batteries. State law requires a carbon monoxide detector within 15 feet of

all sleeping areas. Smoke detectors are required in the sleeping rooms and one on each level of your home.

Check the exterior of your home. Inspect doors and windows to make sure they close and seal properly. Replace weather-strips as needed. Look for cracks or crevices around the foundation or other entry points around pipes to make sure everything is caulked and sealed properly. Make sure your gutters are cleaned and downspouts are draining the water away from your foundation. Do not direct water at the neighboring home. Drain your garden hoses and disconnect from the spigots. If you have an internal shutoff, make sure

they are off to prevent your pipes from freezing. Insulate any exposed pipes.

If you are planning any winter remodeling projects, contact the Community Development Dept. to see if a building permit is required. All contractors that work in town are required to be licensed, bonded, and insured. Make sure your contractor has a permit before allowing any work to begin. This will ensure a smooth process once the work has begun. If you have any questions about the permit process or contractors in general, feel free to contact the Building Dept. at (847) 671-8555 Monday thru Friday from 9-5.

VILLAGE LOOKING FOR SNOWMOBILES

As we prepare for the winter season the Village would like to find out if any residents have snowmobiles and whether they might be willing to assist the Village during a major winter storm.

As you may recall last February a snow storm dumped 20" of snow on Schiller Park causing transportation issues for emergency vehicles. Though emergency calls were handled, according to Fire Director Tom Deegan, "things might have been a little easier in some circumstances if the department had the use of a few snowmobiles". If some residents have snowmobiles and are willing to help, Village Officials will develop a policy for how the residents' snowmobiles would be utilized. If interested please contact the Fire Director at 847-671-8545 or by email at tdeegan@villageofschillerpark.com.

POLICE DEPARTMENT DEBUTS NEW SQUAD CAR COLOR SCHEME

The Police Department's latest additions to the vehicle fleet are catching people's eyes, and for good reason: the vehicles sport highly reflective decals which improve their visibility to pedestrians and other motorists. These vehicles sport improved 3M reflective decals which the Police Department hopes will help deter crime and enhance safe operation of the vehicles at accident scenes.



PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

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 26th.

BRANCH PICKUP

This service is provided directly by the Village's Department of Public Works and is done on Mondays through November 21st (In an added note Street Sweeping also ends for the season on November 22nd). 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. Doing so is illegal because 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. Additionally and 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.

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.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

SCHILLER PARK ACTIVITY CENTER (READY FOR YOUR NEXT PARTY!)

The Recreation Department's "Activity Center" Building, located at 9630 Irving Park Road, is available to rent for parties, showers, and meetings. Details about the rates and other important information about a rental can be obtained from the Recreation Center or by calling (847) 671-8580. You may also download the rental form from the "document archive" of the village website.

PROGRAMS OFFERED FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

The Village of Schiller Park is a member of Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association (NEDSRA), which provides recreational opportunities to both children and adults with disabilities. NEDSRA is a cooperative of eight park districts and three village recreation departments in northeast DuPage and west Cook Counties, formed in 1976 to combine resources and avoid duplication in providing recreation programs and services for people with disabilities. Our mission is to serve as an integral partner with our member park districts and villages to positively impact people with disabilities through diverse recreation opportunities and community services. NEDSRA's primary purpose is to improve the quality of life for individuals with disabilities in our member communities by providing recreation services comparable to those available to people without disabilities, thereby helping each individual reach their highest level of independence.



VILLAGE HOSTS DISTRICT 81 CHARITY 5K RUN/WALK

On Sunday October 2nd the Village hosted a 5K Run/Walk for charity called "Project Heart Well" sponsored by the District 81 Outreach Committee. The wonderful event featured a course that wound through the streets of Schiller Park and featured both Kennedy and Lincoln schools. Mayor Montana was on hand to offer some inspirational words and to thank the race organizers, including DJ Narvaez, and the local businesses that supported the event. Event proceeds will benefit special projects for the School District 81 kids, A Gift From the Heart (a local organization that provides medical assistance to needy children), and lastly will provide help to a small village in Uganda to get water via a solar powered well. This event shows how when we work together we can accomplish great things. Thanks also go out to the Village Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments who helped provide safety for the runners and the walkers.

POLICE DEPARTMENT HIRES NEW MEMBERS

The Police Department recently swore in several new members to their ranks. Oliver Roberts, Nick Brzezinski, and Jesus Duron were all hired by the Department and sworn in by the Board. Welcome them to Schiller Park if you see them out in the community!

PRESCRIPTION DROP OFF DAY

**NATIONAL TAKE BACK INITIATIVE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2011
10:00AM TO 2:00PM**

This fall the Schiller Park Fire and Police Departments will be participating in the "National Take Back Initiative" which is a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) national program aimed at

reducing prescription drug abuse and accidental overdoses by encouraging residents to turn in unneeded prescription pills.

On Saturday, October 29, 2011 from the hours of 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, residents can come to the rear of the Fire Department located at 9526 W. Irving Park Road and turn in any unneeded prescription pills to a police officer. The DEA will later destroy the pills, which is safer for the environment than throwing old drugs in the trash or flushing them down a toilet.

The only requirement is that the medication be in pill form (i.e. capsules or tablets). Liquids and needles will not be accepted.

Medications will be accepted with no questions asked and citizens further concerned about privacy can also remove or black-out prescription labels before handing any bottles over.

Anyone with questions can contact Lieutenant Ed Ladonsky in the Police Department at 847-678-4794.

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

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

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

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



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