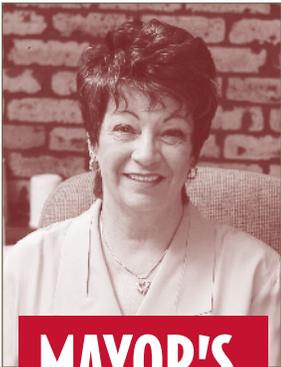


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MAYOR'S UPDATE

VILLAGE REACHES OUT WITH NEW COMMUNICATIONS OPTIONS

I am excited to announce that the Village is reaching out to residents using new technology options. These new initiatives are part of a longstanding effort to improve transparency and communication

between the Village government and residents. Earlier phases of this effort in recent years were successful and included a new modern website with enhanced content, two new electronic signs at the Village Hall and Community Center, and the Reverse 911 system.

The first of the new options is a new email newsletter that will be sent out monthly to residents that subscribe and will contain information about Village news, events, programs, and other items. The e-newsletter will provide more frequent communication than is possible using printed newsletters and will be a very cost effective way to supplement our efforts to inform residents. It will also permit us to more effectively direct residents to specific items on the Village website that might be helpful to them. Residents interested in signing up for this monthly e-newsletter can email their request along with any email addresses they want added to the Village distribution list to my staff at: enews@villageofschillerpark.com.

The second new communication option is a new free smartphone mobile application or “app” that will give

residents instant access to Village government while on the go. It will allow users of Android and iPhone smartphones to send in service requests, access directories of Village phone numbers, contact elected officials, and much more. The ability to take a photo of a problem spot and then attach it to a service request seems like a particularly impressive way to utilize the powerful smartphone technology. To get the free Schiller Park “app” for iPhone you can search for “Schiller Park” in the App Store and to get the free Schiller Park “app” for an Android phone you can search for “Schiller Park” in Google Play/Play Store – both the Android and iPhone versions should be available for download by November 1st.

I believe that using new technology to reach out further to residents is something that government should do so I supported these new efforts. I hope residents enjoy and appreciate these new communication options and use them to connect with us whenever they feel the need. Of course Village staff is always available to answer a simple phone call or to meet with you in person if that is what you prefer.

Yours for a better Schiller Park,



Anna Montana,
Mayor

CRYSTAL CREEK UPDATE

The Village is pleased to announce further progress on the project. At this point the contractor has essentially completed work on the concrete block walls in the sections of the creek to the east and west of 25th Avenue. Work now remaining to be done includes landscaping, fencing, and pavement restoration and the hope is for substantial progress to be made on these issues before winter sets in. There are also some rear yard drainage issues that need to be resolved in the closing stages of the project.

The Village will continue to provide updates on our website as further progress is made. As always, we appreciate the patience and understanding shown by our residents as this long and often messy project continues. If you have further questions regarding this project please contact the Village Hall at (847) 678-2550.

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.

VILLAGE SEWER MAINTENANCE & CLEANING PROGRAM

In the last few years the Village has continued its practice of having a vigorous program for cleaning and televising its sewer system to ensure the capacity of the sewers is maintained and to identify any needed repairs. The goal continues to be to keep the system in good working order and operating as close to peak efficiency as possible. The recommended interval for cleaning and televising an entire sewer system is every five (5) to ten (10) years.

The Village has a program to complete the cleaning and televising of the sanitary sewers in the entire Village every five (5) years. In 2011 the Village completed cleaning and televising the sanitary sewers in the section of the Village bounded by Irving Park Road on the north, Waveland Avenue on the south, River Road on the east, and Ruby Street on the west. Another section of the Village's sanitary sewer has been contracted to be cleaned and televised this fall (specifically the area bounded by Lawrence Avenue on the north, Irving Park Road on the south, 25th Avenue on east, and the Illinois Tollway on the west) as the Village proceeds with the next stage of the program. Though residents in this area may notice some trucks and personnel from our contractor while this work proceeds, there should be no disruption in their sewer service during this project.

In the area that was televised and cleaned in 2011, the system was found to be in good condition, with only about 200 feet of non-emergency repairs needed out of a total of roughly 20,000 feet inspected. The Mayor and Village Board recently awarded a contract to perform the minor repairs on the sanitary sewer system that were discovered. Whatever minor repairs might be found in the area being televised and cleaned this fall are already tentatively scheduled for next year.

HALLOWEEN HOWL

**7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST
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 & 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 3rd straight year. On Sunday, October 21st from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Clocktower Park across from the Village Hall a fun family friendly 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.

SANTA'S 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. 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.

THE VILLAGE IS GOING GREEN!

The Village of Schiller Park has recently finished the installation of New LED lights in the Village Hall’s newly repaved parking lot. This project is part of a Village initiative to consume less energy while saving money. The new light fixtures installed in the Village Hall’s parking lot will consume substantially less energy in addition to lasting far longer than the Metal-Halide lights they replaced. The Recreation Department has also recently replaced the lights in the gymnasium and racquetball ball court at the Recreation Center with induction lighting. The new induction lighting consumes 50% less energy and since they are “instant on” (i.e. requiring no warm up period), the recreation staff is able to turn off the lights when the gym and racquetball court are not in use saving additional energy. Both of these projects used Department of Community and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) grant money to help offset the replacement cost.

The Village has recently completed a free energy audit

of numerous Village buildings using a Smart Energy Design Assistance Center (SEDAC) grant. In this audit, other areas have been identified for energy savings. One such project identified that the Village intends to pursue is the replacement of all internal lights in the community center along with office lighting throughout the Recreation Center. It is anticipated that grants will be able to pick up over 90% of the project cost.

Another area the Village has identified for energy savings is the Village’s vehicle fleet. The Village recently started to purchase more efficient vehicles for all departments. In the past two (2) years the Recreation and Community Development Departments have replaced larger vehicles such as the Crown Victoria with smaller Ford Fusion and Focus vehicles that get at least 25% better fuel economy. In addition, the Police Department just recently received two (2) of the new locally manufactured Ford Taurus Police Pursuit Vehicles to replace the old Crown Victoria squad cars. These new vehicles again are anticipated to decrease fuel consumption by a substantial amount.

HAVE ANY SENSITIVE PERSONAL DOCUMENTS YOU WANT SHREDDED?

The Village may have an opportunity that would interest you. The Mayor and the Village Board want to announce a Village sponsored shredding event for residents! On **Saturday November 10th from 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon** behind the Village Hall (9526 W. Irving Park Road) at the Street Department Garage the Village will have a shredding truck available to shred your sensitive personal documents. Village residents (no businesses please) will be permitted to bring boxes for shredding. Please feel free to contact Brian Bursiek at the Village Hall (847) 678-2550 if you have any questions about this event.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Village of Schiller Park Police Department has recently seen some comings and goings. It is with great honor and respect that we salute the retirement of Detective and D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) Officer Russ Klug. Russ has been the D.A.R.E. Officer for twenty years and a police officer for the Village for thirty years. Thank you, Russ for all your years of service and dedication to the children and community! Russ will be missed.



DETECTIVE TOM HENN

Taking Russ' place as D.A.R.E. Officer is Detective Thomas Henn. Tom has been diligently serving the Village for twenty-five years as a police officer/detective and has occupied



DETECTIVE JEFF SNARSKI

of Police Dan Schulze has asked Officer Jeff Snarski to assume the role. Jeff has been with the Police Department for over fifteen years and brings his experience of working in Patrol, as a Field Training Officer, and as one of the Department's Public Information Officers. Congratulations Jeff!

numerous roles including working in Patrol, Community Policing, and the Detective/ Investigations Bureau. Congratulations, Tom!

Another change will be taking place in the Police Department. The retirement of Russ Klug has left an open position in the Detective Bureau. After much consideration, Chief

MANNHEIM ROAD / UNITED PARKWAY TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN

Construction of a new modern 4-way traffic signal for the intersection of United Parkway and Mannheim Road is underway. Construction of the roadway improvements and the new eastward leg expansion is expected to take several months with completion of the new traffic signal to take a few additional months after that. When fully complete the project will result in a partial new roadway east of Mannheim Road and new 4-way traffic signal at the intersection. There will also be a new turn lane allowing turns into United Parkway from Mannheim Road. This project is designed to provide substantial aid to economic development efforts in that area of the Village.

VILLAGE HOSTS DISTRICT 81 CHARITY 5K RUN/WALK

On Sunday, September 30th, the Village hosted the 2nd Annual "Project Heart Well" 5K Run/Walk sponsored by the District 81 Community Outreach Committee. The wonderful event featured a course that wound through the streets of Schiller Park and featured both Kennedy and Lincoln schools. Many thanks go out to teacher 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 will also provide help to a small village in Uganda in accessing water via a solar powered well. In addition, donations will be made to support two local Loaves and Fishes programs that help feed the needy right here in our own community. This event shows how when we work together we can accomplish good things. Thanks also go out to the Village Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments who helped ensure safety for the runners and the walkers.

VILLAGE OF SCHILLER PARK RECOGNIZED

EXCELLENT FIRE PROTECTION WITH A PUBLIC PROTECTION CLASSIFICATION 4

The Village of Schiller Park has received notice that the Insurance Services Organization (ISO) Public Protection Classification (PPC) has improved from a 5 to a 4. ISO recently conducted an extensive review of the Village's fire protection capabilities including our water supply, dispatch capability and firefighting operations. This evaluation was last completed in 1992 resulting in a rating of 5. The grading is on a 1-10 scale with 1 being the best overall rating. Of the 2,408 fire departments in Illinois only 469 are rated ISO class 4 or better.

ISO collects and evaluates information from communities throughout the United States on their structure fire suppression capabilities. This data is analyzed using their Fire Suppression Rating

Schedule and then a Public Protection Classification number is assigned to the community. Statistical data on insurance losses bears out a relationship between excellent fire protection, as measured by the PPC program, and low fire losses.

Most U.S. insurers use the PPC to make their decisions on the premiums they charge their policyholders. In general the price of fire insurance in a community with a good PPC is substantially lower than in a community with a poor PPC. This new classification takes effect October 1, 2012.

The overall report will be carefully reviewed and as always we will be working diligently to make sure we are providing the best fire protection we can to our residents and businesses. The Village will continue to work over the next 15 years to maintain or improve this rating at the next evaluation.

If you have any questions please contact Fire Director Tom Deegan. This is significant for our Village and our fire department. Our firefighting personnel are thrilled to have received this improved rating.

PARK IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY

VILLAGE IMPROVES STALICA PARK

The Recreation Department has begun work on the 3rd phase of renovating Stalica Park. During the first two phases the play equipment for ages 2-5 was replaced, drainage was added to the ballfield, new ornamental fencing was installed and landscaping improved.

Phase III will focus on replacing the ages 6-12 play equipment from 1997 with new equipment improving the safety and ADA accessibility for children using the play equipment. An exciting addition to the play area will be a berm or small hill that will be covered in artificial turf and has some of the play equipment built on it. The basketball courts will be resurfaced and landscaping will be used to provide more separation from the playground.

This project is expected to be primarily completed in the fall, depending upon weather. For additional information please contact Recreation Director John Bealer at jbealer@villageofschillerpark.com or by calling (847) 671-8580.

WEHRMAN/IRVING VILLAGE ENTRY

A new Village sign and landscaping will soon improve the corner of Wehrman Avenue and Irving Park Road. Improvements to this previously vacant lot will include a new Village sign, both perennial and annual plantings, trees, a bench and a pathway connecting Wehrman Avenue to Judd Avenue. When completed, the open lot will be a village entry with a park-like setting.

4TH VILLAGE CAR SHOW A BIG HIT!

The Village's Car Show and Family Fun Day proved to be a big success on September 9th as roughly 150 cars registered for the event. The weather was wonderful yet 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 Car Show 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!

AROUND TOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

LEO'S PIZZA OPENS ON IRVING PARK ROAD

Schiller Park recently welcomed a new restaurant – Leo’s Pizzeria Restaurant at 9438 Irving Park Road. Leo’s features real brick ovens and old world ambiance. The menu includes numerous unique pizzas, calzones, burgers, sandwiches, appetizers, salads and more. www.leospizzeriarestaurant.com

SCHILLER PARK WELCOMES PRECISION POUCHES

Precision Pouches recently opened their first production facility on United Parkway following an extensive west-suburban property search. Precision Packaging produces pouches for snack food, dried fruit, pet food, and other misc. food and non-food items. Products you buy in their pouches include dried fruit, chicken, and

rice. Precision receives the raw ‘film’ to form the package and prints the product information on the outside. Pouches can be stand-up or lay-flat. Chances are good you have Precision Packing pouches in your pantry at this very moment. Welcome to Schiller Park, Precision Packaging!

SCHILLER PARK “DID YOU KNOW”? ILLINOIS TOLLWAY OASIS

Did you know the Tri-State Tollway’s O’Hare Oasis is in Schiller Park? The latest addition is a new KFC / Taco Bell. Please patronize these Schiller Park businesses!

NEW ALDI CONSTRUCTION WELL UNDERWAY

Complementing the new Chase Bank Building at Schiller Park Commons at River Rd. and Irving Park will be the rebuilt Aldi. Construction is going quickly with a proposed

move-in date around the end of the year.

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, the 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.

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

NATIONAL TAKE BACK INITIATIVE

Building upon previous successes and positive feedback from residents, the Police and Fire Departments once again participated in the “National Take Back Initiative” which is a national Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) program aimed at reducing prescription drug abuse and accidental overdoses by encouraging residents to turn-in unneeded prescription pills. In our events, residents have turned in more than 175 pounds of prescription drugs!

The most recent Take-Back event was held on Saturday, September 29, 2012 at the rear of the Fire Department where residents turned in their unneeded prescription pills to a police officer. The DEA later properly destroys the pills, which is safer for the environment than throwing them in the trash or flushing them down the toilet. The only requirement is that the medication be in pill form (i.e. capsules or tablets). Liquids and needles are not accepted. Medications are accepted with no questions asked and residents further concerned about privacy can also remove or black-out prescription labels before handing over any bottles.

More collection events are planned for next year – please pay attention to this newsletter, the Village website, and the electronic signs at the Village Hall or Community Center for an announcement of future events. Anyone with questions about these events can contact Lieutenant Ed Ladonsky of the Police Department at 847-678-4794.

NEW BUSINESSES IN SCHILLER PARK

Elk Grove Auto	3700 Rose
L.A. Surplus	9555 Foster #285
Advanced Security	4741 N. 25th Ave.
Affordable Auto Repair	4900 N. River Road
Stars Jewelry Resale	9435 Irving Park Rd
Trio TV	9437 B Irving Park Rd.
Leo’s Pizzeria	9438 Irving Park Rd.
Pharbest	9446 Irving Park Rd.
Precision Pouches	4328 United Parkway
Mladost Grocery	9800 Lawrence Ave.
Primary Financial Solutions	9950 Lawrence. Ave.
KFC/Taco Belle	10201 Belle Plaine

DID YOU KNOW THE VILLAGE OF SCHILLER PARK HAS 43 ELEVATORS?



MEMORIAL DEDICATION AT CLOCK TOWER PARK



FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL PROVIDING STATION AND EQUIPMENT DEMONSTRATIONS DURING AN OPEN HOUSE ON SEPTEMBER 22ND.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Patriot Day - On September 11 the Village of Schiller Park again remembered the victims of September 11, 2001 with a remembrance at Clock Tower Park. Speakers included Mayor Anna Montana, Army Sgt. (retired) Joseph Lukowski, Chaplain Rob Schultz, Police Detective Frank DeSimone, Firefighter/Paramedic Blaine Schneider and Fire Director Tom Deegan. During the ceremony a new 9/11 Memorial was unveiled as a permanent way to honor and remember the victims of this tragedy. The designer of the Memorial, Brandy Rinehart spoke about the significance of the design. Music was supplied by the District 81 band and choir and the American Legion Post 104 provided military honors. Colors were presented by the Division 20 Fire Department Honor Guard. Please visit the new 9/11 Memorial at Clock Tower Park.

FROM THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE SCHILLER PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The green of summer has gone, yielding to the red and gold of fall. September is "sweater weather". It has been a very active month beginning with a pleasant Labor Day weekend. First was the picture perfect Car Show, followed by the beautiful 9/11 Memorial Dedication Service, the community-wide garage sale, and finally a visit to the Fire Department. We hope you took the time to enjoy them all.

It's time to gear up for the coming seasonal events. Watch the Historical Society

Newsletter, the Village Communicator, and Village marquees for the dates.

At the History Room there is increasing activity as we prepare for Schiller Park's 100th birthday. It is only 17 months away. For the past several months we have been searching for rare photos. To mention a few, the portables that sat at Lincoln School in the 50s-60s, 9501 Club, Big Top, Joe's Hot Dog stand, Fairview School, and the Soda Fountain at the old Rexall Drug Store.

Recently we received a WWII Memorial board that had hung at Lincoln School probably in the 50s. About 150 names of guys (and gals) that were graduates circa 1936-38 and who served our country are listed. Who remembers this historic artifact? We are also searching for information about the War Memorials that stood, one in front of the old Village Hall, the other at Lawrence and 25th. Do you remember them and/or what happened to them?

Those of you who have already been interviewed have

supplied us with important information and delightful stories about our town and we say thank you. But there are more stories to be told. Come see us, share your recollections of life in Schiller Park. Our deadline for assembling all of this into an updated history book is the first of the year so please don't delay.

One more thing, do any of you "old timers" remember playing on baseball teams such as the Schiller Park Seals, in the 30s - 50s?

FROM THE BUILDING OFFICIAL

FALL & WINTER TIPS FOR AROUND THE HOME

It is important to prepare our homes for the cold winter months ahead. Here are a few items to consider:

- Verify seals and weather strips around doors and windows are in good condition. This can help reduce heating costs.
- Remove debris from gutters and downspouts.

- Watch for condensation around windows or on exterior walls. This may be a sign of cold air leakage or inadequate insulation.
- Allow proper air circulation adjacent to exterior walls to help reduce the likelihood of mold and mildew growth.
- Be sure to use your exhaust fan when taking a bath or shower to remove excess moisture.
- Do not vent your clothes dryer into your house or garage. Make sure the vent is cleaned and unobstructed.
- Have your furnace checked by a qualified professional to make sure it

is in proper working order. Make sure you have the appropriate air filters on hand.

- If your home has a fire place, make sure this is also inspected and cleaned annually.
- Make sure you have a screen large enough to block flying embers.
- Only burn appropriate materials such as seasoned firewood or commercially manufactured logs.
- Do not leave fires unattended.
- Clean and maintain your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Be sure to change batteries as necessary.

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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