

Schillergram

SCHILLER PARK UPDATES

Mayor's Update



Dear Residents,

Happy New Year! On behalf of the Village Board and I, we hope it has started out in a good way for all of you. Although weather was a trial with the snow and cold (and continues to be one), I believe we came through it fairly well with maybe just a few frazzled nerves. It was comforting to hear the

stories of neighbors helping neighbors with snow removal, grocery shopping or just plain calling to make sure they were okay. That is what community is all about.

As we look forward into 2014, the Village Board and I are committed to working together to accomplish our goals, being fiscally responsible, and increasing economic development that will ensure Schiller Park continues to be a thriving community. These past seven months since I've been in office, we have been working diligently to open the lines of communication, start and plan new programs, bring in new businesses and look to Schiller Park's future. This would not be possible without the dedication of our Board, Village employees and all the residents who volunteer and/or serve on committees, commissions and work at our many special events.

And of course the big news, Schiller Park turns 100 in 2014! This year we have planned numerous events to celebrate our centennial. It kicks off with the Historical Society's open house on February 22nd and then continues with our Gala in March and our 100th anniversary parade in June. Be sure to stop by the Village Hall to pick up a Village Calendar to mark the dates for events. We hope all residents will plan to attend our Gala event and also purchase merchandise to commemorate our 100th year. You'll soon see banners flying around town that will highlight the festivities. Mark your calendars as we would like to see ALL Schiller Park residents take part in the events and be a part of history.

Stay informed throughout the year on Village news and events by visiting our website at www.villageofschillerpark.com, signing up for email alerts, downloading our App, following us on Facebook or simply reading the Schillergram. Also, if you'd like to receive phone updates about important information, you can sign up online or call the Village Hall. Be assured your phone number will not be used for anything other than messages from the Village.

The Village Board of Trustees and I look forward to seeing you and your families at our upcoming community events throughout the year. We are always interested in your feedback, suggestions and comments. We will be sure to inform all residents when our next Town Hall meeting will be held and any other new programs that will be implemented.

Wishing you and your family a healthy and prosperous New Year!
Working for you with a vision,

Mayor Barbara

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VILLAGE AUDIT COMPLETED

Recently, Mayor Piltaver and the Village Board authorized a comprehensive audit of the Village's finances for Fiscal Year Ending 2013 through GW & Associates, Certified Public Accountants which is the Village's new auditing firm. Mayor Piltaver is happy to report that overall the auditors found that the Village is in a sound financial condition. The full audit is available on our website for your review.



The Village is now sponsoring the Loaves and Fishes program that used to be held at St. Beatrice Church. This program feeds the homeless and those who are in financial distress and are in need of a hot meal. Every Friday starting the first Friday in October through the last Friday in April, a home cooked meal will be served at the Community Center, 4501 N. 25th Avenue. Doors open at 6:00 pm and dinner is promptly served at 6:30 pm. For further information or to volunteer to host one of the meals, call Kara, program coordinator, at (847) 833-9176. Also, if you would like to donate any non-perishable food items for the program, a basket for donations is available at the Village Hall.

CALENDAR CONTEST WINNERS HONORED

Mayor Piltaver awarded the prizes for the winners of the calendar contest on January 9th at the Village Hall and their pictures can be found hanging up in the Village Boardroom upstairs. It was a tough decision picking the winners as everyone who entered did such a wonderful job. Please take a minute to view all the entries when you visit the Village Hall. As mentioned, if you haven't picked up a Village calendar as of yet, please do so. They can be found at the Village Hall, the Recreation Center, Library and the Community Development building.

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WALL OF HONOR

Are you a Veteran or do you know of a Veteran who lives or lived in Schiller Park? Place their name on the Wall of Honor at Clocktower Park. The Village no longer charges for the engraving of names on the wall. Pick up a packet at the Village Hall for further information.

Police Chief's Corner



I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

With the new year, I want to inform all Schiller Park residents that the use of a cell phone while driving is a risky distraction that has led to many unnecessary deaths and serious injuries. It is a common belief among transportation safety experts that the actual number of crashes due to cell phone use

is considerably higher than reported. As a result, the legislature amended the Illinois vehicle code 12-610 (Electronic Communication Devices) which states, "A person may not operate a motor vehicle on a roadway while using an electronic communication device." I further believe that enforcement of this law is necessary and I hope that it will directly influence driver behavior. I also think this law has the potential to reduce severe injuries and prevent needless fatalities. Thus, the Schiller Park Police shall rigorously enforce this law beginning on January 1, 2014.

Furthermore, The Schiller Park Police Department strongly embraces the philosophy of Community Policing in all its daily operations and functions. Community Policing is based upon a partnership between the police and the community whereby the police and the residents share responsibility for identifying, reducing, eliminating and preventing problems that impact community safety and order. By working together, I believe that we can reduce the incidents of crime which will improve quality of life in the village. In this effort, the police and the residents work as partners to identify problem-solving strategies that impact crime while using police resources wisely. The benefits of Community Policing promote improved communication with the public, sharing of information, building trust and an improved police image in the community.

All in all, Community Policing strategies work because they mobilize the efforts and assets of the police, the community and the village. Together, we can eliminate or provide a better way of effectively responding to neighborhood problems. Therefore, if you have any questions regarding our Community Policing Programs such as Spot Crime, Citizen Assisted Radar Enforcement (C.A.R.E.), Neighborhood Watch (If You See Something, Say Something), Warrant Service Team or Crime Prevention Notices please contact Commander Ed Ladonsky at 847-678-4794. In closing, I would like to wish everyone a belated happy, healthy and prosperous New Year and remember to like us on Facebook.



Rain Barrel Program

The MWRD is making it easier for residents living in its service area to purchase rain barrels. Homeowners can collect and reuse stormwater by installing a rain barrel and they are now available year round for \$58 plus tax. The price includes an installation kit and home delivery for all residents living in the MWRD's service area. For more information please check out www.mwr.org or call the Village Hall at (847) 678-2550 with any questions you may have regarding the rain barrel program.

AIRPORT NOISE COMPLAINTS

With the opening of the new runway at O'Hare Airport, noise complaints have not only increased in our own town but in surrounding villages as well. You are encouraged to make your voice known by calling the O'Hare Noise Hotline at 800-435-9569 (you will be calling Chicago's 311 line) or visit their website at www.oharenoise.org/noise_complaints.htm. Registering your complaint will be compiled in the Chicago Department of Aviation's Airport Noise Management System report that is produced monthly. Sharp increases can significantly help us support our efforts in securing future soundproofing and runway allocation.



WATER RATES

For over two years, the Village has not raised water rates even though Mayor Emanuel has been raising the village's rate every year by over 15-20%. Another increase from Chicago took place on January 1st and has forced to Village Board to raise its rates by 15%. With increasing infrastructure repairs anticipated in the future and frequent water main breaks, we could no longer hold out. Schiller Park still will have one of the lowest rates compared to other surrounding villages. Effective with your March water bill the following rates will take effect:

Minimum Water	\$45.96
Minimum Sewer	\$6.00
Total	\$51.96
<i>Per 1,000 gallons charge:</i>	
Water	\$7.66
Sewer	\$1.00

Please see the enclosed tip sheet on how to save water around the house. Conservation is the best way to lower your bills.

COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

Besides the Village Board, are you aware of the other Boards and Commissions that the Village has and their members? Residents are encouraged to attend their meetings and give their input. For times and agendas, please see the Village Calendar. Mayor Piltaver hopes to start other commissions and boards that will serve our residents' needs and shape the future of Schiller Park.

Historical Commission – Meets 2nd Monday of every month
June Oulund, Hilde Killian, Edna Sztuk, Bonnie Gardeck, Peggy Chruciel, Robert Sztuk, Russell Klug, Warren Schuhrke

Library Board – Meets 4th Thursday of every month
Catherine Stachura, Carrie Jordan, Ellen Melnitke, Sandra Rosario, Malgorzata Rosteck, Jennifer Jones and Leticia Dominguez

Recreation Board – Meets 3rd Tuesday of every month
Philip Fanselow, Patricia Inendino, Cathy Russ, Richard Peterson, Beth Sanfilippo

Health Board – Meets 1st Monday of every month
Joyce Kasza, Reagan Bykowski, Rashmi Patel, James Lima, Irene Desimone, Jeffrey Ewanio, RN, Kathy Manis, RN, Bridgett McNeil

Zoning Board – Meets 1st Wednesday of every month or as needed
David Arnswald, John Fritz, Tim Sullivan, Chad Meyers, Robert Irsuto, Patrick Tutak, Joseph Kisiel, Jeannine Swerdon, Eric Blomquist and Joan Golembrewski

Fire & Police Commission – Meets 3rd Tuesday of every month
Glenn Rawski, Leroy Plier, Nick Caiafa, Gail Botti



Schiller Park Blood Drive

Valentine's Day Celebration

February 11, 2014 2:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Community Center 4501 25th Avenue

Come For A Chance to Win Blackhawks Tickets!

Every registered donor at the February 11, 2014 blood drive will be entered in a random drawing to win a pair of Prime Level Tickets to the March 21st Chicago Blackhawks game!

Have a Heart - please come and celebrate with us and give the gift of life in honor of Valentine's Day. Your donations are needed to save lives. As always we will be serving free homemade delicious cookies, hot coffee, juices and lots of snacks from LifeSource.

Here are some interesting facts: Did you know that a single blood donation can impact the lives of as many as three people suffering illness, or injury? Were you aware that 95% of all Americans will need blood products in their lifetime but only 5% of the eligible population donates? Lastly you should know that every 3 seconds someone in the United States needs a transfusion. All of these facts add up to the conclusion that blood donations are critical to helping people and keeping the country healthy.

We would also like to thank all who participated in the last blood drive in December when we had 31 donors. Many thanks go out to the Fire and Police Departments for sending out their members. We also want to give a special mention to our "Milestone Markers" in December; Tom Stepek (who reached 4 gallons) and William Giordano (who reached 9 gallons)!

If you have any questions about this event, please call the Schiller Park Blood Drive Coordinator, Reagan Bykowski, at (847) 671-3688. Let's reach our goal of having 40+ donors at every blood drive!



Recently Schiller Park has experienced several fires that occurred in kitchens of residents. Cooking fires are the number one cause of fires in the home and home injuries. The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking. It is important to be alert to prevent cooking fires. We would like to offer these helpful hints to prevent kitchen fires.

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stovetop or stove.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while cooking food, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire—oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains—away from your stovetop.

If you have a cooking fire

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 after you leave.
- If you try to fight the fire, be sure others are getting out and you have a clear way out.
- Keep a lid nearby when you are cooking to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stovetop. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

Around Town

Community Development News

Community Development Director John Zalud

Serdika Deli | 4750 25th Ave.

The Serdika Bulgarian Deli has moved to a convenient new location on the corner of 25th Ave and Lawrence Ave. This authentic Bulgarian delicatessen has many unique items to offer from specialty cheeses to assorted vegetable trays, and of course, imported dried meats! Deli lovers should stop in for a slice of Lukanka, Serdika's most popular dried salami straight from Bulgaria! And what better way to warm up on a cold winter's lunch break than with a heaping bowl of hot soup! The new Serdika Deli is now open, so stop by today to discover your new favorite local deli.

Shell | 4758 River Rd.

You may have noticed the Shell station on the corner of River Rd. and Lawrence Ave. has been undertaking a much anticipated renovation. This Shell station offers far more than just gasoline! With a new state of the art soft cloth car wash, residents can wash the harsh winter salt away and leave their car sparkling clean, while also enjoying a potential "per gallon" price reduction. Not only can you wash your car, but you can also wash your dog! Your dog will be howling with delight when getting scrubbed down in the enclosed, climate controlled, dog wash kiosk complete with all the necessary tools to wash behind those floppy ears. Shell will also be featuring an updated convenience store complete with a fried chicken franchise soon to come! Next time you need to fill up, stop by the Shell on River and Lawrence and take advantage of the new improvements today!

Construction on Crystal Creek Phase IIB Has Begun

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources ("IDNR") has directed their contractor to begin construction on Phase IIB of the Crystal Creek Project. This project is designed to further improve the flow of the creek during flood events and to eventually reduce the size of the floodplain map. Construction on the project began the week of January 13th along Denley Avenue primarily between Seymour Avenue and Sarah Avenue. During the duration of the project Denley Avenue will be closed between those streets to allow for the installation of an underground culvert. More details on the project can be found on the Village website www.villageofschillerpark.com. The Village hopes that the project will be completed by late summer but weather conditions and other potential issues could cause delays. Please contact the Village at (847) 678-2550 if you have any questions about the project.

Village is Awarded Grant from IEPA and WCCSWA

to "Keep Illinois Beautiful"

The Village of Schiller Park is proud to announce that it has been awarded a \$1,000 "Keep Illinois Beautiful" Grant from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("IEPA") and the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency ("WCCSWA") to aid the Village's community beautification efforts. The Village plans to use the funds to purchase additional community garbage cans and some trash pickers for the Citizens Cleaning Up ("CC-UP") Program started last year by Mayor Piltaver and run by community volunteer Beth Sanfilippo who can be reached at (847) 678-1218 or by email at bsanf57@sbcglobal.net. Please contact her if you are interested in being a part of this growing effort to help keep the Village looking its best. The Village thanks the IEPA and WCCSWA for the grant funds and hopes to use this opportunity to encourage the community to help Keep Schiller Park Beautiful!





Calendar of Events

Village Board Meetings

Thursdays, February 6th and 20th and
March 6th and 20th
Village Hall 2nd Floor Boardroom
7:00 PM

Historical Society Open House

February 22
Schiller Park Library
10.00 AM - 2:00 PM

Schiller Park Centennial Gala

Mirage Four Points Hotel
Friday, March 21
6:00 PM

Save the Date!

Upcoming Schiller Park Centennial Events

Earth Day / Time Capsule

April 22

Mayor Piltaver's Victorian High Tea

May 3

Village Centennial Parade

June 28

Historical Tour

July 12

Centennial Concert

July 26

Car Show & Family Fun Day

August 23

Salute to 100 Years of Schiller Park Veterans

November 9

*The Village welcomes your comments
and suggestions.*

Please email your comments to mayor@villageofschillerpark.com
or send them via regular mail to Schillergram Comments,
Village of Schiller Park, 9526 W. Irving Park Road,
Schiller Park, IL 60176.

*If you would like a response to your comments
please include your return address and phone number.
All information will be kept confidential.*

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Schiller Park's Best Dressed House



The results are in...and the winner is – resident Pat Jagelski. While not many houses were entered this first year of the event, a panel of two Recreation Board Members and the Recreation Director travelled the streets of Schiller Park looking at festive houses decorated with holiday lights. Residents were delighted to be acknowledged for their hard work and joined winners from the Village calendar contest for pizza and awards at a ceremony at the Village Hall in January. Mayor Barbara Piltaver presented the awards with the winning resident receiving a season pool pass along with a centennial shirt while the other participants each received five daily pool passes and a shirt. Director Bealer stated the new program should grow as more residents become aware of the opportunity to participate in this fun family event. The Recreation Department will be offering a Halloween decorating contest in the fall.

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TV Raffle

Laura Lakask (right) the winner of the LED - TV Raffle which raised \$500.00 for the Historical Society with Recreation Director John Bealer (left)

From the Heart of the Village The Schiller Park Historical Society

It is finally here, Schiller Park's 100th Anniversary! At the History Room we have been assembling many memories, facts, events and photos for the history book. It's a formidable task but also a great adventure. In recent months we have been "digging up" information and interviewing residents. A big thanks to all of you who have shared your memories with us.

First up the Historical Society, in conjunction with the Library, is holding a "Visit Historic Schiller Park" Open House at 4200 Old River Rd. Saturday, February 22, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. This is a family friendly event. You will enjoy it and your kids will learn all about their home town.

There are several other events on the calendar the first part of this year. We are celebrating the Centennial with a Gala Dinner Dance at the Four Points Sheraton on Friday, March 21st, marking the date of the Village's incorporation. Please visit the Village website for information on how to purchase tickets. Ladies, on Saturday, May 3rd, please come join us for the Mayor's Victorian Tea Party. Lastly on Saturday, June 28th there will be a Centennial Parade and other special events. Please stay tuned to the Village's various Facebook pages and the website for further information on all of these events.

The Historical Society will again offer both the trolley bus tour and cemetery walk later this year. Specific dates will be announced later.

Finally if you would like to be included in the history book this is your last chance to purchase an ad. Prices range from \$10.00 - \$100.00.



PREVENT WATER WASTE & HELP LOWER YOUR BILLS

#1 Check the toilet for leaks by putting a little food coloring in the tank. Or ask for test packets at the Village Hall front desk. Put food coloring or test strips into the tank and after a few minutes if the color comes through to the bowl you have a leak and it should be repaired immediately.

#2 Stop using the toilet as an ash tray or waste basket. Every time you flush a cigarette, a facial tissue, or a small bit of trash you waste 7 gallons of water or more!

#3 Put plastic bottles in your tank filled with pebbles, sand or water safely away from the operating mechanism. The bottles displace water in the tank and on average you will save ten or more gallons of water a day.

#4 Take shorter showers! Or, install water saving shower heads. If you take baths; fill the tub half way or fill it in as you're sitting in it.

#5 Turn off the water after you wet your tooth brush and on again to rinse it. Also, fill the water glass and set it aside.

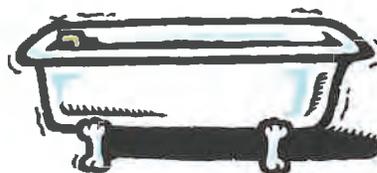
#6 Save while you shave! Fill the sink for rinsing your razor instead of having the water running.

#7 Fix your leaking faucets. You are wasting 20 gallons per day. Do an annual check around the house to detect leaks early. You might just have to change a washer.

#8 If you are able to locate your water meter to read the numbers, take a late night reading and an early morning reading (be sure no water was used over night). If the numbers have advanced, call the water department to schedule a water meter check to make sure there are no hidden leaks.

#9 Be sure your dishwasher has a full load in it. Small loads waste water.

#10 When washing dishes, do not let the water run. Wash some dishes, then rinse all at once. If you have a double sink, fill one sink for washing and one for rinsing.



You're invited to attend the

CENTENNIAL GALA

CELEBRATING SCHILLER PARK'S

100TH

ANNIVERSARY

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2014

6:00 P.M.

Mirage Four Points Hotel
10255 W. Irving Park Road

PROGRESS AND PROMISE

Starring Anthony "Frank" Cassano

1914 CENTENNIAL 2014
\$50 PER PERSON/\$500 TABLE OF 10

(INCLUDES DINNER, WINE & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT)

R.S.V.P. BY MARCH 14, 2014

CALL 847-678-2550 TO RESERVE YOUR SEATS FOR THIS ONCE-
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TO EVENT. PLEASE R.S.V.P. BY MARCH 14TH