



Schillergram

SCHILLER PARK UPDATES



Mayor's Update

WOW – What a Parade!

If you missed the Village's 100th Anniversary Celebration on June 28th, you missed one heck of a parade and picnic. We had perfect weather, over a hundred dignitaries, groups, and organizations participated and then afterwards had great food, drinks and a lot of fun. The Village's staff all worked together as a team to make sure the town looked good and the festivities went off without a hitch. I am so very proud to have been part of this historic occasion. There will be pictures posted soon on our website and Facebook and the whole hour and a half parade was also videotaped. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, participated and of course to those who came out and cheered everyone on! I hope you all enjoyed it.

In case you missed it Comcast will broadcast the Schiller Park Centennial parade on Channel 19 on Monday, July 14 at 5:00 pm, Monday July 21 at 5:00 pm, Thursday, July 17 at 4:00 pm and on Sunday, July 20 at 2:00 pm. DVD's will also be available for purchase at a later date.

O'Hare Noise

With the opening of the new runway at O'Hare last October, aircraft noise has dramatically increased over Schiller Park. I receive calls and emails from residents who are now suffering more or for the first time from the effects of aircraft noise and pollution. My own home is now bombarded with simultaneous takeoffs that apparently only end when the wind changes; and since we are not in the 65 DNL zone, we are not eligible for soundproofing; something I believe all of Schiller Park should have.

So what can be done or what is being done? I have expressed mine and my residents' concerns to the ONCC (O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission) and also to Congressman Mike Quigley, Senators and State Reps. I met personally with Congressman Quigley in an effort to have our voice heard and tell him we will not be ignored. He assures me he is making progress with the FAA and O'Hare and is working to get, at the very least, the 65 DNL zone lowered so the expansion of additional soundproofing can take place. However, that does not help us when we want our windows open or when we want to enjoy our backyards.

One thing that I am asking our residents to do is to **CALL AND LOG YOUR COMPLAINTS!** Without a paper trail showing an increase in complaints, we have no backbone to our situation. I have also asked the ONCC to consider having a dedicated 800# for O'Hare Noise Complaints instead of it going to the Chicago 311 system where some residents get confused or hang up because they think they are calling the wrong number. For now though, you may log your complaints at 800-435-9569 or visit oharenoise.org.



I have also reached out to the FAiR Coalition, a group that is pro-O'Hare and pro-community. The changes imposed upon our village and the surrounding communities without any substantive input, as well as the potential negative changes yet to come with future runways and utilization shifts, requires that homeowners, business owners and citizens have a real seat at the decision making table. I am hoping that working the FAiR, surrounding Mayors and State Reps., will show strength in numbers and help get our concerns to the right people. You can find out more about FAiR on their website fairchicago.org.

May you all enjoy a beautiful summer. Please come on out for our events. The concerts in the park are FREE and a wonderful way to enjoy an evening with friends, family and neighbors. Check out the calendar of events on the back page of our newsletter and mark your calendars! Do you have the Village's APP on your phone yet? This is another way of getting updates and information on upcoming events. You can also get a wealth of information from our website at www.villageofschillerpark.com.

Hope you all had a safe and wonderful 4th of July!

Working for you with a vision,

Sincerely,
Mayor Barbara

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Police Chief's Corner



Over a year ago, I was appointed as the Chief of Police. At that time, I had several goals in mind. First and foremost was to transform the Schiller Park Police Department into a better overall organization, committed to serving our community. I also wanted to implement community policing, increase training, create new opportunities/ assignments for Police Officers, improve the quality of life for residents

and provide the best possible police service. I am proud to report success on all these fronts.

This past year is best described as a year of change, growth and progress. The Police Department detailed an officer to the DEA Task Force, modified its command structure, completed a transition audit, and reviewed, evaluated and revised its policies, procedures and regulations. We also implemented several community policing initiatives.

“These programs were designed to improve police service, increase public safety and awareness, develop community involvement and enhance quality of life for residents.”

Our community policing philosophy encourages the Police Officers to form partnerships with the residents they serve, thereby reducing crime. I believe that these programs are applicable and crucial to effective law enforcement.

Furthermore, my staff and I are continually looking to identify priorities in the delivery of police service. Thus, I welcome community input from those we serve and protect. Moreover, the Police Department has expanded its training of police officers to instill professionalism, effectiveness and efficiency. For a detailed snapshot of the police department's operations and programs, please review the annual report at the Village of Schiller Park web site at:

www.villageofschillerpark.com/assets/1/police/Police_Department_Annual_Report_2014.pdf

Additionally, I would like to say a few words about our vision for the future. I see great things on the horizon. I know that our reputation and community outreach will only be enhanced through the efforts of my staff and personnel. Therefore, we will continue to ask for community participation and refine our community policing initiative. We will reduce fear and enhance personal security in the community, call offenders to account, continue to improve public safety, use financial resources cost effectively, use force only when necessary and reduce criminal victimization. As always, the Schiller Park Police Department will strive to ensure that our residents have the best law enforcement and public service possible. Together we can make a difference.

Schiller Park Job Opportunities

ATTENTION! Searching for qualified Schiller Park residents!!!

Pre Flight LLC. is very excited to be hosting a job fair at the Schiller Park Community Center on August 13th, 14th, 20th, and 21st. The new local business will be accepting applications from 8:00am – 12:00pm. Numerous openings include Shuttle Bus Drivers, Dispatchers, Cashiers, Porters, & Maintenance Workers. All workers must be 18+ & be authorized to work in the U.S. Those applying for driver positions must be 21+, have a valid driver's license, and be able to lift up to 50lbs. Pre Flight is a 24 hour operation; Positions for all 3 shift times are available in both full & part time rolls.



Fire Department News

Fire Department Extrication Training Class Held in Village

The MABAS Division 20 Training Officers held a vehicle extrication class May 12-16, 2014. MABAS Division 20 is the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System that provides fire department assistance to neighboring communities. Our Division is composed of 18 towns from Rosemont on the north to Broadview on the south and Norwood Park and Bensenville on the east and west.



The Office of the State Fire Marshal in Illinois has a 40 hour Vehicle Extrication program beyond normal training where firefighters learn advanced techniques in gaining access to cars and trucks. Often this is necessary when a person is trapped or entangled due to an accident. The class had 24 firefighters from throughout our division. Because of the uniqueness and intensity of the program, each class is limited to the number of students who can attend, with a ratio of 1 instructor per every five students. At the end of the class, students will challenge the State Marshal exam for certification.



The students over the course of a week had the ability to learn new car construction, work with hand and power tools with hands-on training. A total of 45 cars and vans were used and cut up during the week long class. Thanks go out to several local businesses and vendors who helped obtain cars and equipment to make the class successful. These include—Windy City Towing, Area Towing, AZ Supply, Amkus tools, Ajax Tools, and Air One Equipment.



Departments who participated included — Schiller Park, Rosemont, Franklin Park, Norwood Park, Elmwood Park, Northlake, Bensenville, Broadview, Bellwood, Hillside, Leyden and Westchester.



Outdoor Fireplaces



Fire and Burn Safety Tips for Summer:



Outdoor Fire Pit / Fireplace Safety Tips

Keep safety your first consideration when using an outdoor fireplace, fire pit or fire bowl. Whether wood, gel, or gas fueled, your outdoor fireplace or fire pit does contain fire when it is in use. Never leave an outdoor fire unattended. The wind can suddenly increase or shift direction, children or pets can unexpectedly bump into something or fall and adults can lose focus at inconvenient times...

Start with a small fire. The first time you use your outdoor fireplace or fire pit, use minimal fuel. Learn how your outdoor fireplace or fire draws air, how it responds to changes in wind direction and how long it burns before you need to add fuel.

Use a fatwood stick to light your fire. Fatwood is an all natural product, a selected part of pine trees “fat” with the highly combustible pine resin, sold in convenient sticks. Fatwood sticks light with a single match, even when wet. Never use chemicals to start your fire, especially gasoline or charcoal fire starters.

Select your firewood to minimize smoke. Well-seasoned hardwoods such as oak and hickory produce less smoke than unseasoned wood or softwoods.

Be prepared to extinguish the fire. Always keep a hose, water supply, sand bucket or fire extinguisher within reach when using your outdoor fireplace or fire pit. If relying on fire extinguishers, teach all family members how to use a fire extinguisher correctly and make sure the fire extinguisher is properly charged. At the end of the evening you will want to be sure your fire is completely out before leaving your outdoor fireplace or fire pit.

Use the screen. Most outdoor fireplaces and fire pits have mesh screens. After the initial flames have died down, place the screen in front of or over the fire. The screen is meant to control sparks and burning bits of debris, keeping them from exiting the fire area.

Use safety gloves. The same insulated, leather gloves you use for your indoor fireplace can serve you well with your outdoor fireplace or fire pit. Of course you know the screen, glass and all metal parts of the outdoor fireplace or fire pit are hot when in use, but it is surprising how many people forget that detail.

Use the protective covering. If your outdoor fireplace or fire pit comes with a protective cover, use it to shield your outdoor fireplace or fire pit from the elements.

Select stainless steel accessories. Stainless steel will not rust, so stainless steel fireplace tool sets which include fireplace tools such as tongs, shovels and pokers will be able to withstand the elements.

Put out the fire when you finish with it. Yes, your outdoor fireplace or fire pit is safe place for fire, but you never want to leave any fire

unattended. Even if the fire is dying down, do not just call it an evening and walk away. Put the fire out, completely out, before you leave it.

Use an ash bucket when you clean out your outdoor fireplace or fire pit. Remove the ashes to an ash bucket for added safety. Also, an ash bucket avoids having ashes blow into your face or onto your clean deck, sidewalk or patio.



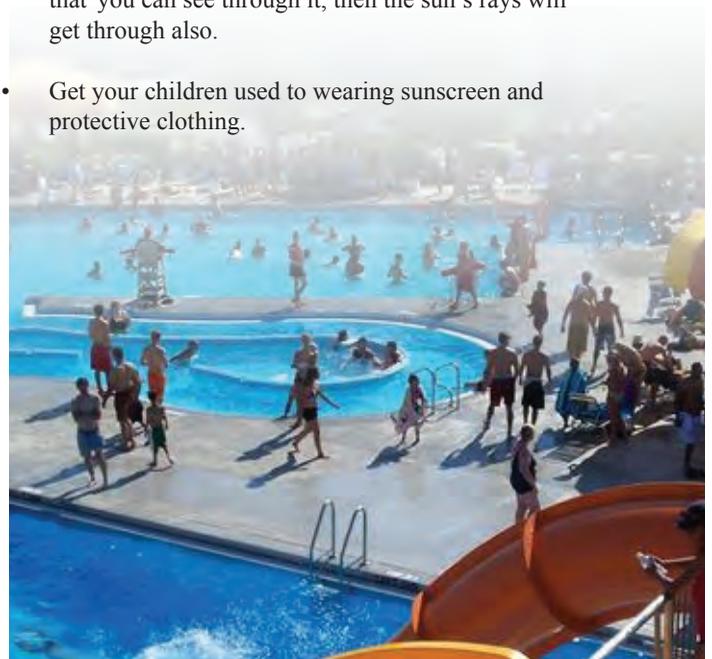
More Fire and Safety Tips for Summer:

- Sand or asphalt can severely burn your feet. Always bring footwear to the beach.



Ways to Protect Your Baby and Child from Sun Related Injuries

- Keep babies less than one year of age out of direct sunlight to prevent skin damage and dehydration.
- Remember that a child’s skin is thinner and more sensitive than an adult’s and needs extra protection from damaging rays.
- Don’t let infants or young children play or sleep in the sun in a playpen, carriage, stroller etc.
- Place babies in the shade, under a tree, an umbrella or a stroller canopy.
- Keep in mind the wet t-shirt offers minimal protection.
- Apply PABA-free sunscreen with SPF of at least 30, 15-30 minutes before going outdoors. Reapply every 2-3 hours, especially if children are playing in the water.
- Do not apply sunscreen to babies under six months of age. Keep them out of the sun.
- Dress babies and young children in light colored, lightweight clothing and always cover the head with a broad brimmed hat. Closely woven fabrics are the best. If a fabric is sheer enough that you can see through it, then the sun’s rays will get through also.
- Get your children used to wearing sunscreen and protective clothing.



- ● ● Village Needs Phone
- ○ ● Numbers for Reverse
- ● ○ 911 System

As many of you know the Village uses a Reverse 911 phone system from Connect CTY-Blackboard Connect to notify residents of emergencies and Village events. This system depends on having accurate and up-to-date information on residents phone numbers. Particularly in this era when more and more residents are foregoing landlines and using strictly cell phones to communicate it is important for residents to let the Village know how to reach them in an emergency. If you are new to town, have recently changed phone numbers, or have not been receiving the notification phone calls please contact Director Deegan of the Fire Department with your correct name, phone number, and address: **via phone at (847) 671-8545, or via regular mail at Reverse 911 Phone Number Directory, Attention Director Tom Deegan, 9526 W. Irving Park Rd., Schiller Park, IL 60176, or via email at firechief@villageofschillerpark.com.** You may also check the status of your Reverse 911 phone number account by visiting the Village website www.villageofschillerpark.com and clicking on the Connect CTY button at the bottom of the home page then following the instructions on the next webpage.

Ready to Help?

The Village's Emergency Operation Plan provides for opening temporary housing in time of emergency. The current designated shelters are the three public school buildings and the Community Center. Agreements are in place with School District 81 and the American Red Cross to open and staff these shelters when needed. Any one or all four shelters could be opened depending on the needs of the Village.

Opening shelters may at times exceed the capabilities of current Village staff, especially when emergency response and public works personnel are responding to the needs of residents. Shelter operations can also be highly technical and require special training and expertise.

The Village will be hosting a Red Cross Shelter Operations Course on Saturday, September 27 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The location will be determined at a later date. Residents completing the course will be placed on the list of personnel available to open and staff shelters during an emergency. **To register for this course contact Fire Chief Tom Deegan at 847-671-8545 or via e-mail at:**

firechief@villageofschillerpark.com.

Please consider being a part of our volunteer emergency response team by attending this course. Your Village needs you.

Village of Schiller Park Smartphone App

Hold Schiller Park in the palm of your hand, by using our smartphone app, of course! Downloads of the Village of Schiller Park smartphone app are booming, and if you don't have our app, you're missing out! Keep up to date with all of the upcoming events, breaking news, and even make a service request. Our most exciting feature on the app is "Mayor Piltaver's Coupons of the Month." Here you will find a scrolling list of local participating businesses that have special offers for our residents. Simply click the coupon icon to view all of the monthly deals, click on your favorite coupon, and present the coupon. The Village of Schiller Park App is available NOW for FREE DOWNLOAD on the App Store for Apple iPhones and the Google Play store for android smartphones. Our list of participating businesses is always growing, so if you are a local business owner interested in participating in the coupon program, contact Scott Bernacki at the Community Development Department (847-671-8560). Be sure to stay up to date with our app, these deals rotate monthly!



Community Development News

The Community Development Department has been very busy in the first half of the year. Exciting new developments are in the works. Be on the lookout for new businesses and significant developments in the coming months!!!

NEW LOCAL RESTAURANT!!

Mantra is the much awaited and newly renovated restaurant on Irving Park Road. The newest branch of the acclaimed Indian Garden restaurant in Chicago is now open here in Schiller Park. Nowhere else in the local area can you achieve "culinary nirvana" like at Mantra. Mantra offers a large variety of Indian cuisine paying special attention to the unique spices that make the dishes unforgettable. From chicken and lamb to vegetarian specialties, Mantra and their helpful servers take you on an unrivaled voyage into Indian cuisine. So come out this summer, order a round of Nimboo Pani (Fresh Indian lemonade) and enjoy a Tandoori Chicken kebab with friends. The relaxing outdoor patio is open!!



Schiller Park Police Neighborhood Watch

If You See Something...Say Something

Schiller Park Police and Fire Departments

National Night Out

August 5th 7:00—9:00 PM

We invite you to come to the Firehouse at 9526 Irving for Ice Cream, Games, Show and Tell, Music, D.A.R.E. and Crime Prevention and Fire Prevention information.

Notice Re: Electric Aggregation Bid

More than two years ago, Schiller Park residents voted to approve the Village Electric Aggregation Program (“Program”) which allowed the Village to bid for electric services. The Program worked, saving more than \$600,000 community-wide. The initial 2-year term is up in July of 2014. The Village sought bids to renew the program, but declined all offers as no supplier was able to offer a rate lower than ComEd. The Village estimates the ComEd rate will be as much as ½ cent lower per kilowatt hour than the lowest bid we received. You will be, or may have already received a letter from ComEd, telling you about this transfer.

“You do not have to do anything to make this transfer happen.”

The letter will tell residents that they may switch to another supplier at their option. If you choose to move to a new supplier you must do so within the first 60 day window. The Village anticipates trying to bid out electric service again in spring, 2015.

Residents should beware of door-to-door solicitors, and direct calls or direct mail pieces regarding electric supply and are advised to review contract terms to understand any floating rates or early termination fees. It is recommended that you do not release your account number to a solicitor under any circumstance, unless you have decided to move to that supplier.

The Illinois Commerce Commission has established a resource for residents to learn more about supplier choice: www.Pluginillinois.org. **Residents with questions about the current contract may call the Village’s supplier, FirstEnergy at 888-651-5200 or the Village’s consultant, NIMEC at 800-727-3820.** (When calling NIMEC, please leave your call back number and you will be contacted within 24 hours.)

Be assured the Village will continue to do all it can to keep power rates as low as possible for our residents. **If you have any questions for the Village regarding this process we recommend you call Brian at the Village Hall at (847) 671-8534.**



Village of Schiller Park – Commitment to Community Development



Village Hires Consulting Firm to Help Find & Secure Grants

Mayor Barbara Piltaver and the Village of Schiller Park have entered into a one year service agreement with a consulting firm that will aggressively focus on locating Federal, State and private grants to help offset costs associated with Village related projects and equipment. “In today’s society, no organization is immune to the economically challenged environment that currently exists. Administrators are now forced to cut budgets by any and all-necessary measures. With limited State, Federal and private funding available, it is difficult to designate an employee(s) to locate, research, prepare and (if awarded) maintain the monthly, quarterly and annual budget requirements for each grant. Administrative Consulting Specialists (A.C.S.) will provide these and many other services for the village of Schiller Park”, said Mayor Piltaver.

Based upon input received from residents, stakeholders, members of the Planning Commission, and Village Board, the Village has established both short and long term goals to help revitalize and transform Schiller Park into a highly sought after place to live, raise a family, retire, shop and work. “A.C.S. will help secure funds through traditional and alternative methods to make our goals a reality”, said Mayor Piltaver.

For over ten years, Administrative Consulting Specialists have worked with local law enforcement, fire, schools, municipalities and corporate entities to address any and all issues related to federal, state and private grants. A.C.S. provides grant research, writing, maintenance and support 24/7, 365 days a year. “Our goal with any of our clients is to provide funding solutions through cost savings measures”, said Todd Kupsak (Owner of A.C.S.). “The impact of our services is immediately seen through our low contractual fees, success in locating grants and our overall ability to allow our clients to focus on other administrative and leadership issues”, said Todd Kupsak.

A.C.S. will be available to all departments within the Village and will focus on obtaining grants along with preparing administrative projects that will help validate any future funding requests submitted by the Village of Schiller Park.

“It is the responsibility of this Village to exhaust all resources available to help secure funds for viable projects in Schiller Park. Working with A.C.S. is just another example of our commitment to development of this community”
said Mayor Piltaver.

Please direct any questions or comments you may have pertaining to this matter to Mayor Barbara Piltaver of Schiller Park at 847-671-8502 or mayor@villageofschillerpark.com.



Calendar of Events

Town Hall Meeting

Date to be Announced Soon

Clock Tower Park Concerts

(All Times 7:30 PM)

Friday, July 11th Kaleidoscope Eyes

Friday, July 18th Wild Daisy

Friday, July 25th Scraps of Brass

Saturday, July 26th The Associates Band
(Centennial Concert)

Friday, August 8th The Todka Vonics

Friday, August 15th Tropixplasion

Village Board Meetings

(All Times 7:00 PM)

Thursday, July 17th

Thursday, August 7th & 21st

Village Hall 2nd Floor Boardroom

Farmers' Market

(12 Noon – 5 PM) Thursday, August 14th
NW Corner of River Road & Lawrence Avenue

Street Sweeping

July 8th Odd Addresses / July 14th Even Addresses

July 22nd Odd Addresses / July 28th Even Addresses

August 11th Even Addresses & August 12th Odd Addresses

August 25th Even Addresses & August 26th Odd Addresses

National Night Out & Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, August 5th

7:00 PM — 9:00 PM

Irving Park Road Firehouse

Blood Drive

(1:30 PM – 6:30 PM) Tuesday, August 19th
Community Center

Family Fun Day & Car Show

(12 Noon – 5:00 PM) Saturday, August 23rd
Metra Station

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Leyden/Schiller Park Parent Advisory Board

Leyden High Schools is looking for Schiller Park residents with children that attend East Leyden High School to participate on our Parent Advisory Board. Leyden will be asking for your opinion and input on various school initiatives! There will be a maximum of two meetings this upcoming school year.

If you are interested, please
contact **Tony Pecucci**,
Director of Community
Outreach at 847-451-2464 or
tpecucci@leyden212.org.



Permits Now Required by MWRD

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) has become the storm water management agency for all of Cook County. They recently passed an ordinance requiring that all properties in a



floodplain or floodway have a permit from the MWRD in order to complete a development on the exterior of a home. This permit must also include an elevation survey and documents indicating compliance by a licensed engineer. The permit takes a minimum of 3 to 4 weeks to process, and there is a fee required. The

types of developments included are home additions, deck, or patio installations and garage expansions. Additionally, if you reside outside the floodplain, you may require a MWRD permit if your projected development is over 0.5 acres. **If you have questions, call MWRD at (312) 751-3255.**

*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.*