



Schillergram

SCHILLER PARK UPDATES

Mayor's Update



Dear Residents,

Hopefully, by the time you read the newest Schillergram, the weather has made a turn for the better. At the time of this writing, we just went through another snowstorm and expect weather conditions to go from zero to forty in record time; then plummet back down! Guess the groundhog was correct in predicting six more weeks of winter. However, spring isn't far off and let's keep hoping for improved and much warmer conditions.

As mentioned in the last "gram", our 100th anniversary celebration has kicked off with first the open house at the Historical Society and then our big Gala on March 21st. We are hoping for a large number of residents to attend. Live entertainment, dancing and guest appearances are planned and we wouldn't want you to miss it. We are especially hoping to have our longtime residents attend; those who have been around to see the many changes Schiller Park has gone through and honor them at the event. If you haven't ordered your tickets yet, please call Sandra at 847-671-8502.

The Village just recently welcomed a new finance director, Ed Setlik. Ed comes with a strong background in municipal finance and accounting and looks forward to working with village officials on the upcoming fiscal budget.

The Village Manager, Kevin Barr, reports that Schiller Park has shown a strong increase in sales tax revenue these past few months which seems to indicate that more people are out shopping, dining out in restaurants and that our economy just might be picking up a bit. This is great news and with many new businesses and development planned for the village, revenues should increase which could result in a welcome relief to the already overburdened taxpayer.

I encourage residents to email me or call my office to discuss anything that might be troubling them or they have questions on. I'm more than happy to meet with anyone one on one to talk out their concerns or for them to hear the facts. See page 2 also for information on "Chat with the Mayor" days. I feel our town is filled with residents who can offer a lot of positive feedback to help improve our community and I'd love to hear from you.

THINK SPRING everyone and I look forward to seeing many of you at the 100th Anniversary Gala!

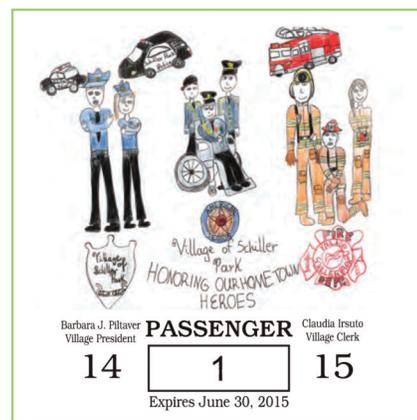
Working for you with a Vision

Mayor Barbara

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VILLAGE STICKER CONTEST

Recently, Mayor Piltaver and the Village Board sponsored a Design Our Vehicle Sticker Contest with the theme "Honoring Our Home Town Heroes." We had a tremendous response from the area schools and although judging was difficult, here is the new sticker. Designed by Kamila Obrzut, a 6th grader from Lincoln Middle School, we believe the sticker not only represents outstanding artwork but represents the theme very well. Kamila won a \$100 cash prize and of course the honor of having her sticker represent Schiller Park on residents' vehicles. All entries will receive a certificate of participation and three other winners won runner-up prizes. They were Anthony Rodriguez, 2nd Grade, Kennedy School \$50 cash prize, and the winners of a season pool pass are Gregorz Libera 5th grader at Washington School and Daniel Libera of Kennedy School. Congratulations again to Kamila and to all participants. Everyone did a wonderful job and showed GREAT community spirit by taking part.



2014 Easter Egg Hunt

Come out and meet the Easter Bunny at the annual Village Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 19th beginning at 11:00 a.m. All boys and girls are invited to the Kennedy School field to hunt for eggs and goodies left by the Easter Bunny! Please bring a basket for all you goodies. This is a free event for all Schiller Park residents.

Hope to see you there!



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Police Chief's Corner



In today's changing world, domestic violence is still a disturbing common occurrence. It is all too familiar to read about or to see television news accounts about people being shot and killed by family members or intimate acquaintances. Police Officers routinely respond to domestic violence incidents. These incidents are often the most dangerous and can become deadly because of the presence of firearms in the residence.

The reality of firearms in the home is that thousands of people die annually as a result of gun violence. The presence of a gun in the home makes it more likely that you or someone you love will be killed. Abusers frequently use firearms as a means to intimidate partners during domestic violence incidents. Moreover, abusers who possess firearms tend to inflict more severe abuse which may be a key factor in the escalation of domestic violence incidents.

Accordingly, the combination of firearms and domestic violence can be lethal. Time and time again, victims are shot during the course of domestic disputes. Abusers who possess firearms are more likely to use a gun in an extreme fit of rage. Thus, police agencies recognize the fact that access to firearms increases the risk of homicide. The presence of a firearm in the home presents a credible threat to the victim as well as the police officer. That is why the implementation of the Firearm Conceal Carry Act will prove to be challenging. Police Officers will have to discern who is legally allowed to carry a handgun. I also believe that Police Officers will encounter more firearms while responding to calls for service.

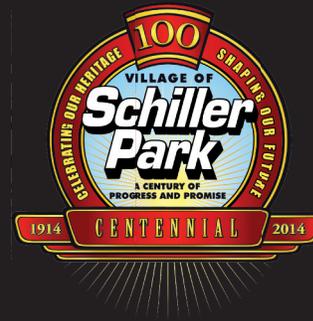
Consequently, the Schiller Park Police Department views firearm safety and security very seriously. Although I am not advocating banning firearms, I do believe that they need to be properly secured in the home. Therefore, I am requesting all residents who possess firearms keep them secured and unloaded at all times in their homes. I trust that this will ensure that your loved ones do not become victims of gun violence and that the safety of police officers will be preserved.

CHAT WITH THE MAYOR

The Mayor in an effort to keep the lines of communication open with the residents and what might be on their minds, will be taking appointments once a month at Village Hall between the hours of 5-7 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Appointments will be necessary in order to allow each resident an opportunity to sit and talk with the Mayor. First session will be April 9. This is your opportunity to talk about problems you may be having, bring ideas to the table, suggestions, and hopefully positive solutions to concerns. The Mayor always says, "It's easy to complain, it's harder to come up with solutions or suggestions." Although residents can always make appointments to come and visit the mayor, this will allow those who work an opportunity also. To schedule a one on one, call Sandra at 847-671-8502.

Centennial Gala Reminder

The Village Centennial Gala is now only a couple of weeks away. The date and time of this wonderful celebration of the 100th Birthday of Schiller Park is Friday, March 21, 2014 at 6:00 PM at the Mirage Four Points Hotel (10255 W. Irving Park Road). Tickets are \$50 for residents and can be purchased at the Village Hall or by phone at (847) 678-2550. The price includes dinner, wine, and live entertainment. Please RSVP by March 14, 2014. Also Centennial Merchandise, such as t-shirts, glasses, mugs, and coins, remain on sale at the Village Hall. Details about the offerings, including an order form and pictures are available online at the Village website (www.villageofschillerpark.com).



Please consider buying a piece of history!

Village Electric Aggregation Update



As many of you might remember the initial two year term of the Village Electric Aggregation Program will expire in July of 2014. The Village has already begun preparations for the next phase of the process with plans to go out to bid this spring to see if we can once again beat the ComEd rate and save the residents and small businesses money on their electric bills.

The current rate available to residents and small businesses is 4.85 cents per kilowatt hour which was initially more than 40% cheaper than the ComEd rate available at that time. While electricity prices on the open market have gone up in the last two years the Village is still hoping it can get a better rate than the ComEd rate and will not commit to a process that does not guarantee residents the best possible available rate.

The Village anticipates it will be able to report back to residents with further developments on this issue in a future issue of the Schillergram. Of course, residents with any questions can contact the Village Hall at (847) 678-2550.

Emergency Medical Services

This issue we will be discussing stroke/brain attacks and the warning signs. We will also provide some guidance if you suspect you or a loved one might be having a stroke. According to the American Stroke Association, stroke is the number 4 cause of death among adults in the United States and is largely preventable. In fact, approximately 80% of strokes can be prevented. More females than males die of stroke (60% of stroke deaths occur in women) In fact, women are twice as likely to die from stroke than from breast cancer.

If you or a loved one begin to experience signs of stroke, it is critical to activate an EMS response as quickly as possible. If someone is having some facial drooping on one side of the face, is experiencing difficulty speaking clearly, is slurring their speech or using inappropriate words, call 9-1-1 and let the call taker know what is going on. If it is you and you cannot speak, calling 9-1-1 might be enough. If the call taker cannot speak to the caller, they will dispatch emergency personnel to investigate.



Please do not wait to see if the patient's condition will improve on his or her own. Two million brain cells die every minute during a stroke. The good news is that of our two closest hospitals, Resurrection Medical Center is a Stroke Center and in many cases; a stroke can be stopped, or even reversed, depending on the type and how long it has been going on.

If you think a stroke is happening, then say so. One very important thing you will need to tell the paramedics is when the patient was last seen acting normal. This means speaking clearly, walking normally or otherwise behaving as usual. If you awaken to find someone with stroke signs it is important to know when they were last "seen" acting normal. If they had gotten up during the night to use the washroom, then that might be the time. If they spoke to you after that then that would be the time to tell the paramedics. Knowing the time last seen normal helps to determine the type of hospital treatment that will be best for the patient. Certain medications can only be used during a certain time window.

There are risks factors that lead to stroke. Some can be controlled and some cannot. If you are over 55 years old, there is an increased risk of stroke. Family history is another factor. If a direct family member (parent, grandparent or sibling) has had a stroke, you are also at risk. Similarly, if a family member has had a heart attack you might be at risk, since the underlying disease process might be related. Being African-American or being diabetic are also risk factors. While you cannot change those things, by being aware, you might be able to reduce the risk.

Some risk factors, including high cholesterol, high blood pressure, heart disease, atrial fibrillation and carotid artery disease can be controlled and managed with the help of healthcare professionals. Factors you can control yourself include not smoking, watching what and how much you eat and limiting alcohol consumption.

For more information on stroke please go to the National Stroke Association

www.stroke.org

or

The American Stroke Association

www.strokeassociation.org/letstalkaboutstroke

Around Town

Community Development News

Community Development Director John Zalud

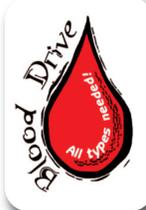
Spring Savings!

Many businesses call Schiller Park home, from small local establishments to large multibillion dollar operations. In an effort to further support the fantastic businesses in our Village, the Mayor is excited to introduce the "Featured Local Coupon of the Month". Each month a new Schiller Park business will offer a special coupon that will be made available on the Village of Schiller Park's Smartphone App. Simply present the coupon on your phone, and enjoy the savings. Be sure to stay up to date with the app as the plan is for the coupons to be constantly rotating. From restaurants to auto service, you never know what the next month's coupon will be. The Village of Schiller Park App is available for download NOW on the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store and is compatible with both Apple iPhones and Android smartphones. Mayor Piltaver's Featured Local Coupon of the Month will be launched this spring! If you are a local business owner and are interested in participating in the coupon program, contact Scott Bernacki at the Community Development Department (847-671-8563).

New Developments in Our Community!

Core Commercial, LLC. | 4849 N. Scott St. Suite LL-11

Location Location Location! Whether you are a first time home buyer or a small business owner, Core Commercial can help you find the space that suits your needs. This real estate broker specializes in finding convenient local office space for small to medium sized businesses. You can find more information on Core Commercial at office-chicago.com



Schiller Park Blood Drive

Tuesday, April 8, 2014 2:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Community Center 4501 25th Avenue

Please come out to the blood drive and donate some blood – please bring a friend!

Here are some interesting facts that bear repeating: 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 February when we had 32 donors who donated a total of 35 units despite the cold weather.

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

Garbage Pickup Rules Refresher

The Village has been made aware that a number of residents are not following the proper procedures for garbage disposal and pickup. In the interest of keeping our Village looking beautiful, we thought it wise to remind everyone of the proper procedures again. Please adhere to the following rules:

- Do not put your carts at the edge of the street until after 6:00 PM on Thursday
- Do not put loose garbage around your carts on the ground – Use the carts because these items can blow around in the wind and make a mess
- Do not put large garbage items (i.e. things that won't fit in your carts) out at the street earlier than Thursday at 6:00 PM – Put these items out at the same time you put out your carts
- Do not put out construction debris at the street as this is not picked up as part of your regular garbage and must be arranged with GROOT or another licensed garbage hauler
- Please put only recyclable items in the recycling carts – put everything else in the garbage cart

Violating these rules can lead to enforcement actions such as a ticket so please keep these rules in mind when dealing with your garbage. Also please be aware that the Village offers the option of having a second large garbage or recycling cart for a small fee (\$2.25 per month on your water bill) for those of you that have more garbage each week than can properly fit in a single large cart. Additionally, if you have a small garbage and/or recycling cart and would like a larger version, please let the Public Works Department know at (847) 671-8550 and they can provide a larger cart. Lastly, if your cart is damaged or worn out please also contact the Public Works Department so they can provide a replacement.

Pickup After Your Pets!

The Village has received multiple complaints about some dog owning residents not picking up the droppings of their dogs when they are being walked around Village streets. This is unsightly, a health hazard, and most importantly a violation of Village Ordinances. The Police and Code Enforcement personnel have been instructed to watch for this behavior and to ticket when appropriate. It is important to be prepared while on a walk by bringing plastic baggies to pick up your dog's waste and dispose of it properly. Please do your part to help keep Schiller Park beautiful by picking up after your pets.



If you're planning on doing some yard work this spring and summer 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 – starting April 4th this year. 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 Monday throughout the spring and summer – starting on March 31st this year. 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 John Piltaver, 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.

Schiller Park's 1st Annual CC-UP (Citizens Cleaning - Up)

COME ONE – COME ALL!
See how you can get your FREE Volunteer CC-UP T-Shirt

PLEASE JOIN US
SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2014
For more information on this Event go to
www.villageofschillerpark.com
Or Call: Village Hall 847-678-2550
Beth CC-UP Coordinator 847-678-1218

Meeting at Public Works Department
(Behind Village Hall)
9526 W. Irving Park Road
9:30am to 2:00pm
Coffee and Donuts will be served

Join us, CC-UP: Citizens of Schiller Park, Coming together, volunteering some time to help keep our Village Clean. We will spend a few hours fanned out around the village picking up garbage and debris that has been hiding in the winter snow.

A Great way to get some Fresh air, meet some of your neighbors and help your community at the same time. Feel free to bring the family or a friend.

REWARD REWARD

The Schiller Park Police Department and the Family of George Markopoulos are offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and subsequent conviction of the person or persons involved in the Murder of George Markopoulos and Wendy Bonder on January 27, 2011. If you have any information which would be helpful, you can call the Schiller Park Police Department's Tip Line at 844-SPPD-TIP (844-777-3847) or contact Detective Frank DeSimone or Brian Norris directly at 847-671-8519.

Donations are also being taken for this purpose. Interested parties willing to donate should contact your local Chase Bank and reference the reward fund for "The Estate of George Markopoulos."

Remember If You See Something! Say Something!



SCHILLER PARK TO HOST "ON THE TABLE" EVENT

Mayor Piltaver and the Village of Schiller Park will be a host for one of the "On the Table" conversation events being held on May 12 and sponsored by the Chicago Community Trust, one of the nation's oldest philanthropies. They are looking for 10,000 people of all ages and from all walks of life to sit down for a meal and talk about, well, anything. Actually, the trust folks hope the conversations "generate new ideas, inspire bold solutions and cultivate relationships and collaborations to improve communities region-wide." Mayor Piltaver would also like the conversation to focus on building a stronger community spirit and finding ways to get more people involved.

The "On the Table" conversations are expected to take place in people's homes, community centers, restaurants and elsewhere across the Chicago region. Schiller Park's conversation will take place in Village Hall. Twelve invitees will be treated to a meal hosted by the Mayor. However, to promote a little community involvement, guests will be asked to provide a dessert to share, possibly one that may represent their ethnicity.

The Mayor will be sending out invitations soon and if you'd be interested in taking part in the conversation, send an email to her at mayor@villageofschillerpark.com and let her know why you'd like to get involved in talk at the dinner table. She is looking for all ages and different ethnicities to take part and people who are not afraid to speak their minds in a POSITIVE manner. Emails must be received by April 1st. For further information on the "On the Table" event, visit onthetable2014.com or call 866-737-6951.

Recreation Department News

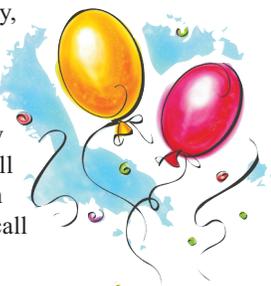
Summer Day Camp



The Recreation Department will again be offering its popular day camp program for children ages 5 to 13 years old. Children enjoy field trips, visiting the pool, theme days, arts and crafts, and many more activities. A swim lesson option is available for those parents interested in having their children attend lessons during the morning. For more information please contact the Recreation Department by calling (847) 671-8580.

Planning a Party?

Schedule your graduation or birthday party, wedding or baby shower at the Schiller Park Activity Center and let us do the set-up for you. Tables and chairs will be arranged and can comfortably accommodate 50 guests. Residents will enjoy our reasonable rates and clean facility. To schedule a tour or book a date call (847) 671-8580.



National Severe Weather Preparedness

Severe weather, in the form of tornadoes, lightning, flash floods, damaging winds, and destructive hail, strikes Illinois and Indiana each spring, summer and fall, sometimes with incredible violence.

The National Weather Service (NWS) urges you to develop a safety plan for use at your home, workplace, school, vehicle, and for outdoor activities. Be aware of severe weather safety rules. Planning ahead and knowing what to do might save your life. For more information visit the Illinois Emergency Management Agency web site at <http://ready.illinois.gov/>.

The National Weather Service is building a "Weather-Ready Nation". The purpose of the Weather-Ready Nation initiative is to save lives and livelihoods. By increasing the nation's weather-readiness, the country will be prepared to protect, mitigate, respond to, and recover from weather-related disasters.

The NWS urges you to become a "Force of Nature". Being a force of nature goes beyond taking appropriate preparedness action. It's about inspiring others to do the same. The NWS is asking people not only to be prepared, but also to encourage their social network to act by texting, tweeting, or posting a Facebook status update. For more information visit:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/severe.html>

Do You or Someone You Know Need Health Insurance?

Leyden Family Service & Mental Health Center Can Help



Leyden Family Service & Mental Health Center can help you understand the Affordable Care Act. We can help you enroll in a new, affordable health insurance plan now available with healthcare reform. Please call (847) 451-8300 to schedule an appointment. Available in English, Spanish, and Polish.



Newly Assigned Commander Mike Cesaretti is Awarded His New Badge by his wife Tammy



Calendar of Events

Village Board Meetings

Thursdays, March 6th and 20th and
April 3rd and 17th
Village Hall 2nd Floor Boardroom
7:00 PM

Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, March 9th
Move Clocks Forward
Change Smoke Detector Batteries

Centennial Gala

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

Schiller Park Blood Drive

Community Center
Tuesday, April 8, 2013
2:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Good Friday

Friday, April 18th
Village Offices
Closed 1:00 PM

Easter Egg Hunt

Kennedy School Field
Saturday, April 19th
11:00 AM

Easter Sunday

April 20th

Earth Day/Centennial Time Capsule

Stalica Park
Tuesday, April 22nd
10:30 AM

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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Village Street Sweeping Program Resumes in Late March

Starting on March 24, 2014 the Village resumes its street sweeping program. This is the fifth year of the new program with the change being made to save money (an estimated \$300,000 already) during these difficult economic times, minimize the parking restrictions, and increase the reliability of the service. The work is now done by a private contractor, Hoving Clean Sweep, which submitted the lowest bid in to the Village in a competitive bidding process several years ago.

The old program involved sweeping the entire town each week by covering a different section on each of five (5) weekdays per week (Monday through Friday). The new schedule streamlined this process by providing for street sweeping on only two (2) days per week instead of the old five (5). The new two (2) day schedule provides for sweeping the even numbered addresses side of each street on Monday and odd numbered addresses side on Tuesdays. The various Village parking lots and alleys will be swept on Wednesdays. Additionally a sweep of town is done only two (2) times per month (the 2nd and 4th Monday and the 2nd and 4th Tuesday, April through November), with an additional winter cleanup sweep scheduled for the last week in March. In other words if your home has an even numbered address the edge of the street directly in front of your home will be swept on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month and the opposite side of your street will be swept on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Finally the sweeping hours will be expanded to 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM instead of the current 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

All of this means that there are parking restrictions on Village streets only during the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month and only on Mondays and Tuesdays during those weeks. The schedule showing the sweeping dates for this coming season is shown below.

As noted above the sweeping is now done by a private contractor which performs similar street sweeping work for several dozen other communities and has done so successfully for the Village the last four years. Since Hoving Clean Sweep has a number of sweepers available it has been able to eliminate the delays and missed sweeps the Village experienced in the last years of the old program due to mechanical difficulties with the Village sweeper. This has resulted in the increased reliability of the sweeping service.

The Village is happy to report that these changes have saved money, streamlined the sweeping schedule, improved the reliability of the service, and significantly reduced the number of days with parking restrictions. Please contact the Village at (847) 678-2550 if you have any questions about this program.

Weeks with Sweeping (Monday & Tuesday):

- Sweep 1: March 24-25, 2014
- Sweep 2: April 8 (Tuesday Route) and 14 (Monday Route), 2014
- Sweep 3: April 22 (Tuesday Route) and 28 (Monday Route), 2014
- Sweep 4: May 12-13
- Sweep 5: May 27 (Tuesday Route) and 28 (Monday Route – Due to Holiday), 2014
- Sweep 6: June 9-10, 2014
- Sweep 7: June 23-24, 2014
- Sweep 8: July 8 (Tuesday Route) and 14 (Monday Route), 2014
- Sweep 9: July 22 (Tuesday Route) and 28 (Monday Route), 2014
- Sweep 10: August 11-12, 2014
- Sweep 11: August 25-26, 2014
- Sweep 12: September 8-9, 2014
- Sweep 13: September 22-23, 2014
- Sweep 14: October 13-14, 2014
- Sweep 15: October 27-28, 2012
- Sweep 16: November 10-11, 2014
- Sweep 17: November 24-25, 2014



Even Numbered Addresses - Monday
Odd Numbered Addresses - Tuesday

