



Schillergram

SCHILLER PARK UPDATES

Mayor's Update



Spring is hopefully on the horizon (March 20th) and we are all looking forward to sunnier/warmer days.

When thinking spring, you think of new beginnings. At this time, the village board and I are diligently working with the finance director and department heads developing a new fiscal budget. Budget meetings are tentatively scheduled for March 23, 25, 26 and April 1st if needed. These meetings are open to the public so you can hear what is being discussed. Meeting dates and times will be posted if you are interested in attending.

Mark your calendars for the Historical Society's 25th Anniversary Open House on Saturday, March 14th. This is a wonderful opportunity to come and learn about Schiller Park's rich history. It will be held at the Schiller Park library from 1 to 4 pm.

Schiller Park is a member of the Suburban O'Hare Commission or SOC. You may have read in the newspapers that SOC recently hired two nationally recognized aviation expert firms to explore solutions to reduce the effects of airplane noise on residential areas around O'Hare. Their job will be to collect technical data and advocacy assistance. They will also study the effect of airplane noise on residential areas that include homes outside the 65 DNL zone that the FAA defines as being most affected by jet noise. These homes currently are not eligible for federally funded sound insulation.

SOC feels that gathering this information will give us a game plan that stands up to scrutiny when we present it to Chicago and the FAA. SOC hopes that working together as a team with other advocacy groups such as FAIR and having expert information behind them will get our voices heard and solutions for everyone involved. I will continue to keep you informed as to the progress of our meetings and to our goal of achieving quieter skies for residents.

As always, my door is open to residents who have concerns or questions. Working together, we can find solutions and build a better Schiller Park.

THINK SPRING EVERYONE! And please join us for the many village events planned in the upcoming months, some of which are described in this newsletter. Happy St. Patrick's Day and also Happy Easter!

Working for you with a vision.

Mayor Barbara
 mayor@villageofschillerpark.com
 847-671-8500

Attention Ladies

The Schiller Park Historical Society, in cooperation with the Village, will again be hosting their annual Victorian Tea Party. This popular and growing event is a favorite among all the ladies in the area. The Fashion Show is back and also the popular raffle. So break out those pearls, hats and gloves and mark your calendars for **SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH FROM 1-4 PM.** Register early as space is limited. Tickets are \$15 each and tables of ten can be purchased. Contact June for ticket information or if you'd like to donate a raffle prize at 847-671-8513 or email spmetownnews@yahoo.com.



Looking forward to seeing many lovely ladies there!

Schiller Park Library Wins Grant!

The Schiller Park Library has won an Illinois Public Library Per Capita Grant of \$14,741.25 from the State of Illinois to help address patron and community needs. Public Libraries are an important part of our communities and help people become better educated. Public Libraries also help people improve their lives by being the most reliable resource Illinois citizens have to obtain information. Mayor Piltaver and the Village Board congratulate the Library on winning this grant and wish them continued success in serving the citizens of Schiller Park.

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Police Chief's Corner



Recent police shootings across the country demonstrate the profound dangers Police Officers face and witness on a daily basis. Police Officers put their lives on the line every day to confront criminals and violence in our community. They do this because Police Officers take an oath to safeguard the residents they serve. Furthermore, Police Officers believe in this oath and feel an allegiance to serve and protect their community.

However, the disturbing reality is that Police Officers are now being targeted just for wearing a uniform. This is unacceptable behavior and I believe the public should be outraged. I think it is important to remember that Police Officers are not the enemy and are here to protect the public. They are fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, daughters and sons.

Even though inflammatory rhetoric and public demonstrations against the police have aroused passions and violence, targeting the police is not the answer. Police Officers have the right to go home safely at the end of their tour of duty. Still, current news reports have been igniting false perceptions about Police Officers, asserting that the police have less honorable intentions. That is not the case. Therefore, we must change these misconceptions about Police Officers through honest open discussions.

Thus, I trust that it is important that we continue to work together to strengthen police community relations, engage in constructive dialogue and stand united to support all Police Officers, just like we support our military. Together we can enhance the quality of police service, increase the ability to protect residents and reduce crime in our community.

Meet Your Police Officers

Sergeant **Steve Lee** studied at Loyola University and is a graduate of Northwestern University School of Staff and Command. As a 25 year veteran of the Schiller Park Police Department, Steve has served as a patrolman, detective, gang crimes specialist, field training officer, crime scene investigator, firearms instructor and a member of NIPAS from 1997 to 2001. He also has many certifications which include, range master, urban and tactical assault rifle course and handgun armorer's certification. Steve is currently assigned as the watch commander of squad 4, where he actively utilizes his experience and knowledge to train subordinates in weapons and police tactics. Moreover, Steve has been recognized as a leader who mentors, coaches and provides guidance to the officers under his command. As a result, Schiller Park residents benefit from his effectiveness. Steve can be reached at 847-678-4794.



Detective **Kevin Ramirez** is a 14 year veteran of the police department. Kevin earned his associates degree in Criminal Justice from Triton College. He has several certifications which include, evidence technician, field training officer (FTO), and gang specialist. Kevin was recently reassigned to the Detective Division in 2014. He is also a member of the West Suburban Major Crimes Task Force as a forensic evidence technician. His primary duties include

investigating preliminary reports filed with the patrol division. Kevin states that he welcomes the opportunity to meet residents and enjoys serving the community. Please contact Kevin directly at kramirez@schillerparkil.us.



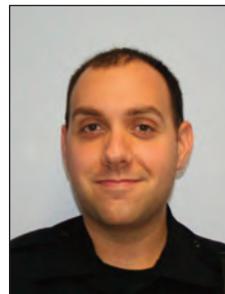
Detective **Jonathan Schu** was reassigned to the Detective Division in 2014. Jonathan has a Master's degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Columbia Southern University and earned his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). He has several certifications which include gang specialist, breath alcohol operator and a member of the warrant service team. Jonathan is also a certified Crash Reconstructionist having completed training at Northwestern University. Prior to becoming a Schiller Park Police Officer, Jonathan worked for the FBI and the Park Ridge Police Department. Jonathan believes that his dedicated work ethic, education and commitment to developing strong relationships with the community are essential to have effective policing. Jonathan can be reached at jschu@schillerparkil.us.



Police Officer **Oliver Roberts** has been a member of the department since 2010. Oliver was born and raised in Chicago and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from ITT Tech. Oliver is also a certified defensive tactics instructor, a member of the warrant service team and was recognized by the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists for his DUI enforcement. He is currently assigned to the Patrol Division, where he conducts preliminary investigations. Oliver states that he looks forward to serving and

protecting the residents and can be reached at the Schiller Park Police Department.

Jeremy Chernikovich earned his bachelor's degree in Sociology with an emphasis in criminology from Northern Illinois University. He began his police career in 2010 with Schiller Park and was the valedictorian of his police academy class. He is a member of the ICAC (Illinois Crimes Against Children) Task Force, a defensive tactics instructor, a member of the warrant service team, a breath alcohol operator, a gang enforcement officer and certified in computer crimes. Jeremy has also completed advanced DUI training and is recognized by the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorist as having the most DUI arrests in the department, the past four consecutive years. Jeremy's 170 DUI arrests have also distinguished him from his peers. Jeremy states that his zero tolerance approach for impaired drivers makes our streets much safer.



Franco Bottalico is the newest member of the Police Department. His Italian heritage has instilled hard work, integrity and dedication to duty. Franco previously served as a part-time Police Officer, dispatcher and 16 months as a full time Police Officer for Franklin Park. Franco earned his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Governors State University in 2011. As lifelong resident of Schiller Park, Franco brings an exclusive perspective to the community policing initiative which allows him to interact

daily with residents on and off duty. Franco takes pride in serving Schiller Park which has sentimental value, and he believes being a Police Officer is more than "just a job" to him.



Schiller Park Fire Chief Retires

After nearly 36 years with the Schiller Park Fire Department, Chief Thomas F. Deegan retired. Chief Deegan started off with the department on June 1, 1979 as a Firefighter/EMT. When he was first eligible to take a promotional exam he passed ended up number one on the list. When a vacancy occurred in 1988 he was promoted to Fire Lieutenant on August 15th. As a Fire Lieutenant he was assigned as a Shift Officer and appointed to the position of Training Officer for the Department. He continued not only as the Training Officer under Chief Davis and Chief Preiss, but had the added responsibilities of Administrative Assistant for the Fire Department. With Chief Preiss retired in 1995, the Village appointed Lieutenant Deegan to Fire Chief of the department February 19, 1995. With Chief Deegan at the helm he quickly developed strategic goals for the fire department including a Mission Statement and a "2000 Outlook". Chief Deegan was able to modernize our fleet of vehicles during his tenure from vehicles dating back to the 1950's to a modern fully functional department. Chief Deegan also incorporated the Emergency Medical Services Department into the Fire Department. Chief Deegan advanced our department as a Member of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association and as an officer with the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs and MABAS Division 20. Chief Deegan was also tasked with working on the Villages Notification System, 911 Board, Disaster Planning, working with the Red Cross on shelter operations, and planning the Centennial Parade amongst the hundreds of other projects threw his way. Chief Deegan has been a life-long resident of Schiller Park having grown up here, gone to school here and investing himself and his family in the community. We appreciate his dedicated services to Schiller Park in making our community and work places a better environment. Congratulations !!



Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Neighborhood Watch is one of most effective crime prevention programs utilized by communities across the country. As a result, the Schiller Park Police Department will be expanding the community policing initiative to include quarterly neighborhood watch meetings. The meetings will take place at the community center beginning at 7pm, the dates are as follows: June 2, September 1 & December 1, 2015. All residents are encouraged to attend.

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Comments on Our First Neighborhood Watch Meeting

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Chuck Ciancanelli commented on [Schiller Park Police Department's status](#).

Chuck Ciancanelli • March 4 at 10:35am

I attended the first neighborhood watch meeting last night. I would like to thank the speakers from the Police, Fire and Building Department for making me proud to be a Schiller park resident. Witnessing first hand the professionals that spoke with years of knowledge and information to help me and my neighbors feel more secure with the great leadership we have running our Village.

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David Stachura • March 4 at 11:35am

Very informative with knowledgeable speakers, thanks for the shared information about what's going on in our village!

Like Comment Share

NEW LIFE FOR OLD BAGS

Don't know what to do with all those plastic bags you get from the grocery store? Well, drop them off at the Schiller Park Village Hall or Community Development Department. Those bags are needed for the volunteers who turn them into mats for the homeless.

"New Life for Old Bags" (NLOB) is a collaboration of folks of all ages and abilities making sleeping mats for the homeless out of used plastic bags. NLOB is intergenerational and green.

Volunteers for NLOB meet at several locations to create "plarn", roll it into balls and create mats. Each six-by-two foot mat uses between 500 and 700 shopping bags and requires 80 man hours, taking into account the sorting and cutting of the bags, the making of the plarn and finally the crocheting. The mats are lightweight and dry easily and are a comfort to people living outside. According to the originator's estimates, over 700,000 bags have been kept out of landfills thanks to around 80,000 hours of labor.

Besides helping over a thousand homeless people be more comfortable and recycling tens of thousands of plastic bags, the project brings people together. It's good for the homeless, green, and it's something anyone can participate in. All ages are welcome to participate.

Some of the locations where the making of these bags takes places are as follows:

United in Faith Lutheran Church, 6525 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago. 1st Saturday of every month from 10 am to 1 pm. Site Coordinator: Chrissy Batorski.

Bethesda Home & Retirement Center, 2833 N. Nordica, Chicago, Every Thursday from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Site Coordinator: Mary Moy

For more information or to join the cause, please check out our Facebook page (New Life for Old Bags) or email them at nlob-join@hotmail.com You can also contact Judy Giordano, a Schiller Park resident, or Mary Moy at 773-543-9083.



New State Farm Agent Opens on Irving Park Road!

The Village of Schiller Park is excited to introduce one of our newest businesses the Mario A. Rodriguez State Farm Agency, recently opened on Irving Park Road, which brings over twenty years of experience in the insurance and financial services industry. The Team's mission is to help individuals and families create a well-balanced life where financial security meets personal fulfillment. At its most basic the team strives to help people manage the risks of everyday life, recover from the unexpected, and realize their dreams.

Meet your neighborhood State Farm office which consists of: Mario A. Rodriguez (Agent), Jesus Lopez (Office Rep.), Josselyn Guzman (Licensed Rep.), and Andrea Martinez (Licensed Rep.) all of whom are committed to providing quality service and representing the State Farm brand successfully. They are pleased to be serving a fine community like Schiller Park and all would be happy to answer questions or provide a free quote. You can contact them at the address or number below.

Consider visiting Mr. Rodriguez and giving him and his team a chance to impress you with their knowledge and passion for serving their clients. A formal ribbon cutting / grand opening is planned for this coming spring.

9446 W. Irving Park Road, Schiller Park, IL 60176
Phone: 847-916-2602
Fax: 847-789-9403



2015 Easter Egg Hunt

Hey Kids! Come out and meet me on Saturday, April 4 from 11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

I will be located at Kennedy School Field where the hunt is being held I have eggs and goodies for you (please bring a basket)

Hunt times are from:
Toddler-5 year olds 11:00 a.m.
and 6-10 year olds 11:20 a.m.

Come meet the Easter Bunny at our annual Easter Egg Hunt

This is a FREE event for all Schiller Park Residents



The Pneumonia Vaccine Can Help Residents Stay Well



Have you had your pneumonia vaccine yet? According to the Centers for Disease Control, every year, about 1 million people are hospitalized with pneumonia and 50,000 people die from the disease. Many of these deaths are preventable with a vaccine. The CDC now recommends both Pneumovax 23 and Prevnar 13 to provide better protection than either vaccine alone. Lower your risk of disease by getting the vaccine(s). One local option for getting the vaccine(s) is to visit your local Walgreens store where the staff can help you determine which vaccine(s) is right for you. Additionally you should know that Medicare and most insurance cover the costs of the vaccine(s).

Schiller Park Community Garden

The Recreation Department is excited to announce that we will be hosting a community garden in the Spring. Residents will have an opportunity to plant and maintain their own garden plot. Due to limited space, if we receive more interest than plots that are available then names will be drawn by lottery. To register you must reside in Schiller Park and be 18 or older. Planting will begin in May. Additional information will be available in the Spring brochure. To register your name for the lottery, please call (847) 671-8580.



Chamber by O'Hare Scholarship Program Announced

The Chamber by O'Hare (Franklin Park, Schiller Park, & River Grove) is now accepting applications for its annual scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic year. Advancing the educational aspirations of local students to become professionals, leaders and valued citizens of our communities supports the purpose of the Chamber to create a strong association between three villages to promote business growth.



The Chamber is very pleased to announce there will be two scholarship opportunities for the upcoming year. Both are open to all Franklin Park, Schiller Park, and River Grove residents. One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a full-time student accepted at an accredited college, university, or community college; with a minimum GPA of 2.8. The second \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a full-time current or incoming Triton College student with a minimum GPA of 2.8 and pursuing a degree in an engineering technology manufacturing-related academic area.

Applications for these scholarships may be obtained by contacting the Scholarship Chair, at info@chamberbyohare.org or patzinga@triton.edu. Please include a contact phone number with your email. The Chamber must receive completed applications and all required information by May 1, 2015. The award selection will be completed by June 1, 2015. Please direct any inquiries to info@chamberbyohare.org or patzinga@triton.edu.



Public Works Update

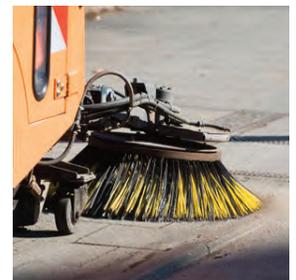
BRANCH COLLECTION BEGINS MARCH 30TH

Branch pickup services are provided by the Village Public Works Department during the spring, summer, and fall. Public Works begins the process of picking up branches on Monday mornings starting at 7:00 AM. In order to ensure your branches are picked up please leave them at the curb before 7:00 AM on Monday. The amount of time the branch pickup process takes varies and sometimes is not finished until Tuesday so please be patient. The branches are turned into wood chips which are used in various projects throughout the Village. They are also made available to residents and businesses. If you need woodchips you may request some from Public Works by calling (847) 671-8554.



STREET SWEEPING BEGINS MARCH 30TH

The Village sweeps all the streets in town twice per month during the period April - November with an additional spring cleanup sweep being done in late March. The sweeping is done in the second and fourth weeks of the month. The sweeping occurs on Monday-Tuesday with even numbered side of the street being swept on Monday and the odd numbered side of the street being swept on Tuesday. Signs are posted on each block that prohibit parking on the side of the street that will be swept that day. Failure to obey these signs may result in a parking citation.



YARD WASTE COLLECTION BEGINS APRIL 3RD

Yard waste pickup is handled by the Village garbage contractor GROOT and is picked up on Fridays along with residents' regular trash and recycling pickup. Yard waste must be put out in 32 gallon containers marked with at least two Village yard waste stickers or in biodegradable paper bags which are folded at the top. Yard waste that is too large for bags (such as branches or brush) may be tied up using biodegradable twine and left at the curb with other yard waste.



POTHOLE SEASON IS HERE!

Winter is finally over but unfortunately the results of all that snow and ice are the potholes left behind. Potholes are caused by moisture getting below the road surface and expanding as it freezes. Please be aware and drive accordingly. The Public Works Department will be working diligently to patch potholes on Village maintained roads but if you find them first please report them to the Director's office at 847-671-8554. Potholes found on state roads (Irving Park, Mannheim, Lawrence and River) should be reported to IDOT at 847-705-4227.





Calendar of Events

Village Board Meetings

Thursdays, March 19th, April 2nd and 16th, and May 7th
Village Hall 2nd Floor Boardroom 7:00 PM

Historical Society Open House

Saturday, March 14th
Schiller Park Library 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Autumn Leaves Senior Club Meetings

Tuesdays, March 24th and April 14th and 28th 1:00 PM
Community Center

Branch Pickup Begins

Monday, March 30th

Good Friday

Friday, April 3rd
Village Offices Closed 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Victorian High Tea

Saturday, April 11th 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Community Center

CC-UP Clean Up Day

Saturday, April 18th 9:00 AM – 12 Noon

Blood Drive

Tuesday, April 21st 1:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Community Center

Street Sweeping Schedule

Monday, March 30th Even Addresses and
Tuesday March 31st Odd Addresses
Monday, April 13th Even Addresses and
Tuesday April 14th Odd Addresses
Monday, April 27th Even Addresses and
Tuesday April 28th Odd Addresses
Monday, May 11th Even Addresses and
Tuesday May 12th Odd Addresses

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 CC-UP PROGRAM (Citizen's Cleaning UP!)

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR NEXT CLEAN UP

We are looking for a few good men, women and children to help out around town for a few hours and pick up debris and garbage that has been hiding in the winter snow. With Earth Day just around the corner, we'd like our town to shine!

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2015

MEET AT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

(Behind Village Hall)

9 am to 12 noon

Come dressed for dirty work.

(And don't forget your smile!)

For further information contact the Mayor's Office at

847-671-8502



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