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SCHILLER PARK UPDATES



Mayor's Update

Dear Residents;

I can't believe that I will soon be celebrating a year in office; and I do mean celebrating! Although we had to endure a tough winter (which still seems to never end), my first year contained a lot of good things that happened. Let me give a short rundown of some highlights.

Outreach

I have conducted several town hall meetings in order to gather resident input on issues that are of concern to them. I will continue to hold these to hear your voices. As always though, I urge residents to voice concerns through either email or voice mail to my office. I also started "Chat with the Mayor" on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Residents have the opportunity to make a personal appointment with me between the hours of 5-7 pm. Although I try to make myself available at all times for residents, this gives those residents who work a better opportunity to come see me. I am a full time mayor who keeps the door open, especially to residents. I may not please everyone, but I at least try to hear them out and help find solutions. Working together with positive attitudes helps everyone.

I have increased communication by putting out more Outreach calls. We urge all residents to sign up for our reverse 911 calls. These calls supply information to our residents about emergencies and upcoming events. Phone numbers are kept private and not shared with any other entity. See our website for more information.

Last summer, I held the first Mayor's luncheon for business owners to let them know the Village is here to help them succeed and support them as much as possible. Keeping the lines of communication open with our business owners is essential in moving the Village forward in development and encouraging new businesses to make Schiller Park their home. I ask our residents to support our local businesses as they are very generous in sponsoring our events and programs. They are a lifeline to our town.

Keep abreast of what's happening at the Village's website www.villageof-schillerpark.com. And for those of you with smart phones, don't forget to download the Village's APP which not only will keep you up to date with what's happening around town, but now offers a monthly coupon from a local business to save you money. Schiller Park also has a Facebook page. "Like" us at <https://www.facebook.com/VillageOfSchillerPark>

Schiller Park Centennial Celebration!

Our celebration started with the Historical Society's kick-off at the library and continued with the Gala event (where over 300 people attended) and the burying of our time capsule at Stalica Park. All the events have been well attended and went on without a hitch thanks to our competent and committed staff. We hope to see more residents take part in the upcoming events planned for this coming summer and fall.

Taxes & Appeals

I urged the Village Board to hold the line on our share of the property taxes by proposing a 0% Tax Levy. This passed and the Village **will not** be increasing our portion of the property taxes for 2014. Although difficult on the Village's budget, I felt the residents have been impacted enough with increases. We will be watching the Village's budget closely to be sure the residents receive the best possible services, all the while staying within our means.

I had promised that I would help with property taxes. I held two tax appeal seminars and helped over 500 residents appeal their taxes at no cost to them.

We had a success rate of over 75%! I will continue to make sure residents are aware of when they can appeal their taxes and urge them to do so every year.

Village Budget

After working diligently with the Village Manager, Kevin Barr, and our new finance director, Ed Setlik, a balanced budget was presented to the Village Board for approval without a property tax increase! The Village is in a good financial state and we are working to make it even better.

Events and Programs

The Village continues to offer free events such as Santa's Workshop, Car Show and Family Fun Day, Easter Egg Hunt, Concerts in the Park, Halloween Howl, and many more. This year in place of the first 4th of July Parade we had last year; we will be holding our 100th Anniversary Centennial Parade on June 28th. Afterwards, there will be a family picnic at Stalica Park with free food, games and fun!

We still offer the senior snow plowing program which was widely used this past winter and are happy to announce that we are now offering a grass cutting program for seniors and those with disabilities. We are also working with Leyden Family Services to expand their presence in the Village. Watch for times when they will be coming to the Village on a regular basis to help seniors and other residents.

In order to get the community more involved, I had conducted both a Calendar Contest and Village Sticker Contest with the area schools. We had a great response and hope to continue to get residents involved in more community events. We hope to soon launch a community garden and senior garden club and let's not forget CC-UP – Citizen's Cleaning Up. This program has taken off and with the resident's participation, is helping to keep Schiller Park clean.

Our Health Board is now more active in our community and is planning health fairs along with continuing their support of Life Source Blood Drives. These drives have saved countless lives and I hope more residents take the time to give blood in the future.

The Village now has its own t-ball team! This program organized by resident Pat Tutak, along with a few other volunteers, now has 15 team members and play with Franklin Park and River Grove. This is a start to bringing back organized baseball teams for youth to Schiller Park.

Looking to the future!

My vision is to advance Schiller Park into the future bringing in new businesses and revenues. We are currently looking at a potential \$200 million in new development, which if successful, will help bring in much needed sales tax and build our property tax base, easing the burden on our residents. This is exciting news! With the community's input and the village board's support, we can together make this happen.

I hope to see you all at our Centennial Parade and Picnic on June 28th. It should be an outstanding day!

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you.

Mayor Barbara

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Police Chief's Corner



According to Eric Holder U.S. Attorney General, the increase in heroin related deaths is now an urgent and growing public health crisis. The number of heroin related deaths in the Chicago area increased by 45% between 2006 and 2010. Hospitals and drug counselors have also noted an alarming spike in overdoses, while suburban police agencies scramble to address a drug onslaught once deemed the exclusive purview of big cities.

Although marijuana and crack cocaine had long been the mainstays in the defined universe of illegal drug users, I believe that the heroin market has expanded beyond the predictable clientele. It is now a common occurrence to see teens involved in the use of heroin. Even more troubling, people are dying; the price of heroin is dropping, the availability increasing while the purity of the drug is rising. This new heroin is five (5) times more powerful than thirty (30) years ago.

However, more disconcerting is the fact that the delivery form has changed making it more acceptable. Users no longer need to inject the drug but can now smoke or snort it to achieve their high. The danger of using a needle to inject heroin once kept many suburban teens away from the drug. But those barriers have recently fallen leading to the rise of young users risking their lives for a fix. This is the reason that the heroin epidemic is spreading quickly among teens in the suburbs.

Moreover, heroin is an opioid drug that you should never try. It produces an intensive hot seductive high that is so powerful you only have one choice, say no. Heroin depresses the central nervous system causing the heart to stop beating and suffocates the victim. This drug knows no boundaries, no neighborhood difference and can affect the rich and poor alike.

All in all, I trust that everyone can play a role in prevention. I further recognize that family involvement is the key to fight this scourge. We must be willing to talk about this difficult subject with our kids. We must make it clear to our vulnerable teens that this is an insanely dangerous drug that can claim your life in an instant. We have to impress upon them that under no circumstance should you use this drug. One try is all it takes to become addicted and your life will spiral out of control. Thus, I believe that heroin education leads to preventive solutions and plays a crucial role to cut off the demand side of the heroin equation. So, I hope this message resonates with everybody to take action, have the tough talk now before someone in your family becomes involved with this insidious drug.

Expanded Community Development Hours Announced

The Community Development Department has recently announced expanded summer hours of service to the residents and businesses in the community. Starting May 17th the Community Development Department's office at 4501 25th Avenue will be open on Saturdays from 9 AM to 12 Noon. The office will accept permit applications/fees, receive contractor license fees, and receive property maintenance and code violation complaints. Of course residents can always contact the Department by phone (847) 671-8555 or email at cd@villageofschillerpark.com. The expanded schedule will last from Saturday, May 17th until Saturday, August 30th this year. This new schedule will be evaluated after this year based primarily on the volume of customers who come on Saturday mornings.

Fire Department News

Timeline of a Fire

From 0-30 seconds:	Smoke Alarm goes off
Two-Three Minutes:	Firefighters are dispatched
Four-Seven Minutes:	Firefighters respond
Seven-Ten Minutes:	Fire equipment is set up
Ten minutes and beyond:	Fire is controlled and extinguished

How Hot is It?

Sparklers burn at:	1800 degrees F
Aluminum melts at:	1200 degrees F
Glass melts at:	900 degrees F
Wood burns at:	575 degrees F
Matches burn at:	325 degrees F

Lightning Safety (Part 1)

Thunder and lightning storms happen all the time. But did you know that lightning strike and lightning fire occur most often in the Summer? Do you know what to do to keep you and your family safe when it does strike?

If you hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning.

Fully enclosed metal vehicles such as cars, trucks and vans with windows rolled up provide good shelter.

Large, enclosed buildings tend to be safer during a thunderstorm than small gazebos or open eating areas.

There is no place outside that is safe during a thunderstorm. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder before leaving your shelter.

You don't have to be directly hit by lightning to be affected. Lightning can travel along the ground from a nearby strike to you. It can also jump from nearby objects that are struck.

Avoid water, high places such as cliffs, dunes and open spaces.

Avoid all metal objects, including fences, electric wires, machinery, motors, power tools, flag poles etc.

Unsafe places INCLUDE underneath canopies, small picnic or rain shelters or near trees.

Avoid being the tallest object. Seek ditches, trenches or low ground.

Get as low as you can, but don't lie prone to the ground. Instead kneel with your hands on the ground and your head low.

At the first sign of lightning or thunder, swimming pools and beaches should be evacuated. Seek shelter in a safe area.

Stay away from doors and windows.

Call J.U.L.I.E Before You Dig

Safe digging is no accident, know what's below Call JULIE at 811 before you dig.

Child Car Seats

The Schiller Park Fire Department recently had FF/PM Tim Bubis certified as a Children's Car Seat instructor. Please consult the Village website for dates and times when you can stop by for a "check up" on your car's child seat.

Citizen Fire Academy

The Schiller Park Fire Department is looking to hold a Citizen Fire Academy this Summer. Applicants must be 21 years old and have a Doctor's release. The class will run six weeks. Topics will include fire behavior, fire extinguishers, fire hose/streams, extrication, self-contained breathing apparatus, CPR. Fee: Resident \$25/ Non-Resident \$50.

End of School Year Ice Cream Social

The Schiller Park Firefighters Association will be sponsoring an End of School Year Ice Cream Social for local students and their families on Friday, June 6th from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at the Firehouse.



Outdoor Fireplaces

Hopefully by the time you read this newsletter the outdoor season will finally be here. Warm and inviting, a fire pit makes a backyard focal point. While the flames are mesmerizing, with the woodsy smell and crackling sounds, a fire pit's warmth also makes it possible for you to begin your outdoor entertaining a little earlier each spring, and extend it into the fall. As with any home accessory or appliance that involves fire, the utmost in caution is required. Village Ordinances allow outdoor fireplaces, only under the following circumstances:

- (1) Each outdoor fireplace shall be assembled following the manufacturer's requirements.
- (2) When in use, a portable outdoor fireplace unit shall be placed on a non-combustible surface and positioned away from any other structure or combustible object.
- (3) An outdoor fireplace or fire pit shall not be utilized during periods of high wind velocity.
- (4) No outdoor fireplace or fire pit shall be used unless a portable fire extinguisher, pail of water, or garden hose connected to a water supply pipe in close proximity to the unit.
- (5) At all times, the fire in an outdoor fireplace or fire pit must be watched over by an adult or be immediately extinguished.
- (6) Only hard woods shall be burned. Rubbish, refuse, yard waste, leaves and other similar materials shall NOT be burned.
- (7) The size and duration of any fire and/or smoke emitted from an outdoor fireplace or fire pit shall not infringe on any person's health, safety, comfort, or quiet enjoyment of his property; nor shall any fire in an outdoor fireplace be maintained when ordered extinguished by any member of the Schiller Park Fire Department or Police Department.

Please remember to be considerate to your neighbors while enjoying your fire pit. Although warm and inviting to you, it may be a cause for irritation and discomfort to others who suffer from allergies or breathing problems. Talk to your neighbors to be sure it doesn't inflict on their health.

A pamphlet on the use of outdoor fireplaces can be found on the Village website at

www.villageofschillerpark.com/assets/1/fire/Outdoor_Fireplace_Guideline.pdf

Vacant Property Watch Effort



There is a growing concern about the vacant properties in the Village of Schiller Park. Reviews of property records indicate that there are currently several dozen vacant properties within the Village. Vacant properties are especially susceptible to being vandalized, used as drug houses, subjected to teen mischief, and used as shelters by vagrants. As a result, these properties can become a problem in the community and some of them in the Village already have. Therefore, the Police Department is urging all residents to immediately report any and all activity occurring at a vacant property in the Village. This would be particularly important to consider as a mission for our Neighborhood Watch Program. It would also be helpful for residents living nearby to help out the community by keeping the front of these vacant homes clear of papers and debris. Immediate reporting helps ensure a timely police response and better enables apprehending perpetrators and the safeguarding of property values. Remember if you see something, say something...

Village of Schiller Park Clock Tower Park 2014 Concert Schedule

The Village's well received series of free concerts at Clock Tower Park is returning for another season of good music and family fun this coming summer. These family friendly events are always fun and you can't beat the price – they're free! Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or a blanket for seating. All times are 7:30 PM. We have our best variety of bands this year; you won't want to miss a single show!!

Friday June 6 • Big Band Boom! Featuring Kimberly Gordon
Start out the season with some big band era hits.

Friday June 20th • Tangent
Schiller Park's very own rock band, classic and modern rock hits.

Friday July 11th • Kaleidoscope Eyes
Celebrate the Beatles 50th anniversary with this fun Beatles band.

Friday July 18th • Wild Daisy
Break out the cowboy hat and enjoy current country, rock and pop hits. Music Festival Weekend!

Friday July 25th • Scraps of Brass
Lean, mean rocking horn rhythm and blues band.

Saturday July 26th • The Associates Band (Centennial Concert)
A popular rocking horn band that plays oldies, blues, rock, jazz, dance classics to modern day hits.

Friday August 8th • The Todka Vonics
Fun local band that performs country hits and 80's rock classics.

Friday August 15th • Tropixplosion
Finish the season with the ultimate summer island party band.



Crystal Creek Phase IIB Project Update

Good progress has been made on Phase IIB of the Crystal Creek project along Denley Avenue between Seymour Avenue and Panoramic Drive. The box culverts have been installed and the curb and gutter have also been completed. The final significant step in the project will be the resurfacing of a section of Denley Avenue which hopefully will begin soon. In total Denley Avenue from just north of Hartford Court to Sarah Avenue will be resurfaced. In addition there are a number of other smaller cleanup and wrap up items on the contractor's list. If you are aware of any outstanding issues regarding this project please contact the Village immediately so we can work with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources ("IDNR") and the contractor to address your concerns before they finish their work and leave the area.

Centennial Parade



The Village will be having a Centennial parade on Saturday, June 28 to celebrate 100 years as a Village. We are seeking past Village dignitaries (or their family members), past elected and appointed officials, past Village employees, former members of the Fire and Police Departments; anyone with historical significance to the Village. Over the past 100 years many have come and gone but their impact on the Village remains. If you are one of these individuals or a member of their family please consider coming back to Schiller Park for our parade. If you know of one of these people, please reach out to them or their families and get them our parade information.

Please join us as the parade will begin at 11:00 and proceed from the Community Center at 25th and Leland, south on 25th / Ruby to Irving Park Road, then east to Stalica Park. All Village residents, family and friends are encouraged to line the parade route to help us celebrate 100 years. Help us make this our best parade ever.

At the conclusion of the parade we will continue our celebration with a community picnic and barbeque at Stalica Park at the intersection of Irving Park Road and River Road.

Parade information and an application to participate can be found on our website

www.villageofschillerpark.com

VILLAGE OF SCHILLER PARK SENIOR/DISABLED GRASS CUTTING PROGRAM

Applications are available at the Village Hall, for download on the Village website, or by mail by calling (847) 678-2550.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Resident must be 65 or older. If under 65, resident must be medically disabled and have no other person residing in the household that is able to cut/mow the lawn.

Resident must obtain a medical verification note from their physician stating that they are unable to cut/mow the lawn. This will stay on file at the Village Hall.

GUIDELINES OF PROGRAM:

An application must be completed with requested services and signed on an annual basis.

The grass cutting services are done by an independent contractor that is hired by the Village. The following service will be provided to each applicant upon completion of the application and approval by The Village.

Lawn will be cut and edged once per week.

Sidewalks will be power blown to remove excess clippings.

A monthly bill will be sent to you from the Village. The charge is \$10.00 per cut. In the event payment is not received within thirty (30) days of the invoice, you will be removed from the program.

The applicant agrees to the following:

The lawn must be free of all feces.

The program does not include fertilizing, trimming of bushes, trees or plants, watering grass, plants, bushes trees, etc.



Centennial History Books Now Available

The new Centennial History Books are now available at the Village Hall or by calling the Historical Society at (847) 671-8513. Cost for a book is \$25.00 and all proceeds benefit the Historical Society. Own a piece of Schiller Park history to enjoy with your family for many years to come.

Wall of Honor Ceremony Armed Forces Day

Saturday May 17th 11:00 AM • Clock Tower Park

This ceremony honors Schiller Park Veterans at the Village Wall of Honor in Clock Tower Park. As part of the ceremony new names will be added to the Wall of Honor. Please plan to attend and share in this great opportunity to show your appreciation for the sacrifices these local veterans made for freedom and our great country.

Boy Scout Flag Retirement Ceremony

The local Boy Scout Troop 16 plans to conduct a flag retirement ceremony at Clocktower Park at 12 Noon on Saturday, June 14, 2014. This ceremony is an opportunity to acknowledge that our flag symbolizes the freedoms that every American enjoys and to remember the sacrifices that the members of our Armed Forces have made for those freedoms. Please bring your torn, tattered, and worn out flags and participate in this ceremony honoring America.

Water Park/Memorial Pool Information

Summer 2014

Registration Begins May 1, 2014

Schiller Park Recreation Center:
Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration Location

Schiller Park Recreation Center
9638 W. Irving Park Road
Schiller Park, IL 60176

Pool will open Saturday, May 24, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.

(Register on or before May 31, 2014 and save with discounted fees)

Hours:

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Adults Only (Weekdays)
(Resident senior citizens swim free during adult swim)

Individual season early discount passes
(Purchased on or before May 31)
3 yrs. old & up \$30.00 Res./\$45.00 Non-Res.

General Public:

1:00 – 8:00 p.m. Monday – Friday
11:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Saturday & Sunday

Individual season regular passes
(Purchased after May 31)
3 yrs. old & up \$35.00 Res./\$50.00 Non-Res.

Aquatic Programs

(\$15.00 One-time Registration Fee for Swim Lessons)

Swim Lessons

(6 yrs. & older)
Fee per session: \$35 Res./\$45 Non-Res.
10 lessons per session
1st session June 9 – June 20
2nd session June 30 – July 11
3rd session July 21 – August 11
Time: 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.
or 11:00 – 11:50 a.m.

Mom & Tot

(5 yrs. & under)
Fee per session: \$35 Res./\$45 Non-Res.
10 lessons per session
1st session June 9 – June 20
2nd session June 30 – July 11
3rd session July 21 – August 1
Time: 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Aqua Aerobics

(18 yrs. & over)
Fee: \$45 Res./\$50 Non-Res.
8 week session
Dates: June 10 – August 14
Tuesday & Thursday
Time: 12:00 – 12:50 p.m.

Daily Admissions

3-13 yrs. old \$6.00
14 & up \$8.00

Evening Admissions

3-13 yrs. old \$4.00
14 & up \$6.00

Aquatic Facility/Pool Rental

2 Hour 1-50 people
Resident Non-Resident
\$300.00 \$400.00
Does not include concession stand
(\$10.00 each additional person)





Calendar of Events

Village Board Meetings

Thursdays, May 15th and June 5th and 19th
Village Hall 2nd Floor Boardroom

Wall of Honor Ceremony

Saturday, May 17 11:00 AM
Clock Tower Park

Water Park & Memorial Pool Opens

Saturday, May 24 11:30 AM
4001 N. Scott Street

Memorial Day

Monday, May 26th
Village Offices Closed

Clock Tower Park Concert

“Big Band Boom” featuring Kimberly Gordon
(Big Band Music)
Friday, June 6th 7:30 PM
Clock Tower Park

Farmers’ Market

Thursday, June 12th 12 Noon – 5 PM
NW Corner of River Road & Lawrence Avenue

Blood Drive

Tuesday, June 17th 1:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Community Center

Clock Tower Park Concert

“Tangent”
(Classic and Modern Rock)
Friday, June 20th 7:30 PM
Clock Tower Park

Village Centennial Parade

Saturday, June 28th 11:00 AM
25th Avenue & Irving Park Road

*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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Mayor Declares May “Residential Beautification Month”

*Did you get a tax refund? Have you thought about
improving your home?*

In an effort to encourage residents to beautify or repair their homes and increase property values (especially after the harsh winter) Mayor Barbara Piltaver has declared May “Residential Beautification Month.” For the month of May all permit fees will be waived for residents who do home improvement projects; e.g., windows, doors, siding, roofing, driveways, etc. This does not apply to contractor license fees. Residents still need to apply for permits and provide all required documentation.

If you have any questions about this program please contact Community Development at (847) 671-8555.

Mayor Piltaver’s Featured Local Coupon of the Month

Mayor Piltaver is excited to launch a new program exclusive to The Village of Schiller Park’s smartphone App. The local coupon program is a monthly deal that residents can use at the featured business in the village. Simply download The Schiller Park mobile app, click the coupon icon to view the deal, and present. It’s that easy. This month’s featured coupon can be redeemed at Richie’s Restaurant & Sports Lounge. Located at 9812 Lawrence Avenue, Richie’s Restaurant is locally owned and operated. Whether you’re a long time customer or looking for a new favorite, there’s no better time to take advantage of what Schiller Park has to offer. 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. 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!



2013 Schiller Park Water Quality Report Now Available

The 2013 Village of Schiller Park Water Quality Report has been released and is now available for download as a PDF from the Village website. If you would like to have a paper copy of the report mailed to your home please call (847) 678-2550, or send a written request to Water Quality Report Request, Village of Schiller Park, 9526 W. Irving Park Road, Schiller Park, 60176. This report, available at the link below, contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water in 2013 and gives you an opportunity to learn more about this important subject.



www.villageofschillerpark.com/assets/1/documents/2013_Water_Quality_Report.pdf